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MEN'S TOURNAMENT RULES

Junior and Senior Men's Division Tournament Rules

1. All players and coaches must sign in prior to participating. Teams should be at the park a minimum of 1 hour prior to their first game for registration. *This will allow ample time to sign in at OASA Headquarters and have **all bats approved by the Umpire and Chief***
2. Players are required to provide identification upon sign in. Birth certificates, Health Card, driver's license, passport are acceptable documents.
3. Teams must provide the tournament convenor with a contact number where they can be reached throughout the tournament to be advised of schedule changes that may be required due to weather or other circumstances beyond the control of the convenor.
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5. Pre-game warm ups are not allowed on the infield before games.
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8. The Softball Canada pitching rule will be enforced

9. Line up cards are required for all games and will be provided to a team rep by the convenor ½ hour prior to game time and must be submitted to the convenor at least 15 minutes prior to the game start time. Teams must be at the diamond and prepared to play up to ½ hour prior to the scheduled game time.
10. Mercy Rule – seven (7) or more runs after five (5) or six (6) innings in all games - Fifteen (15) or more runs after three (3) or four (4) innings in all games.
11. International Tie Breaker Rule to be in effect starting in the top of the 8th inning, with the exception of the Championship game(s).
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14. Equipment deemed unusable by the umpire will be removed from the game and handed over to the tournament convenor for the duration of the tournament. It is the team's responsibility to collect any equipment upon their elimination from the tournament or at the conclusion of the tournament. The OASA is not responsible for equipment not picked up by the owning team.
15. No smoking is allowed on the player's bench or the playing field.
16. Alcoholic beverages are **NOT ALLOWED** within the playing field or parking lot. Infractions of this rule will be dealt with severely.
17. Gorilla grip is allowed to be used by pitchers.
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Intermediate Men's BC Division Tournament Rules

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- *****NEW 2011***Pitchers that are on any of the following team rosters are not eligible to pitch but are allowed to play another position**
 1. ISC Roster
 2. OASA Sr. Eliminations Roster
 3. OASA Great Lakes Roster
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OASA GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

The OASA Great Lakes is still accepting teams. **The Championship takes place from July 29-31 at Doug Fischer Park in New Dundee, ON.** We are looking for 16 teams. Entry will be granted to the first 8, 10, 12, and 16 teams that submit their tournament fee and initial roster. If your team is considering this tournament please get your entry in ASAP to secure your spot.

Great Lakes Championship Notes:

Entry fee is \$500. Entry granted to the first 8, 10, 12, 16 teams paid (team will be put on waiting lists until the tournament reaches the above number of teams

- Over \$6000 in total prize money will be awarded based on 16 teams
- Pool Play with payout per win
- Host Hotel – Conestoga Residence and Conference Centre
- Teams entered will have opportunity to represent Ontario at the Senior B Championships in Owen Sound September 2-4, 2011
- Winner will also receive a paid berth to the 2012 ISC World Tournament.
- Please make entry cheques payable to the OASA and mail to:

Mary Myers
44 Hilltop Blvd.
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Gormley, On
L0H 1G0

Registration forms can be found on the OASA Website www.oasa.ca by clicking on the information tab and then forms section of the website

Or by contacting Brad Thomson at thomson.brad@gmail.com

MINOR COMMITTEE REPORT

The OASA and its Minor Committee have been busy working behind the scenes to organize minor tournament play for the upcoming season. The OA continues to work closely with the affiliated centres and appreciates those centres that are able to step forward and host a tournament (Elimination, Qualifier or Provincial). At this point the OA is still looking for a Midget B/C Provincial host for August 13, 14. Depending on Mite affiliation numbers, an Eastern Mite Qualifier site for July 23-24 may also be needed.

Soon after the affiliation deadline (May 25 or June 10), minor Division Coordinators will be contacting the affiliated teams with more information about their particular upcoming OASA tournaments. Once again, the DCs will be the affiliated centres first line of contact for more information about OA tournament play. Working together with the affiliated teams and the host centre the OA hopes to offer an exciting summer of competitive fastball for our teams. As well, this summer the OA plans to send four midget teams to the Canadians in New Brunswick and two clubs from each of the Pee wee, Bantam and Midget divisions to the Eastern Canadians in late August.

Bruce Young
Minor Chair

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AFFILIATION DATES

DEADLINE DATES

AFFILIATION DATE - Jr. Mites, Mites, Squirts, **June 15th, 2011**

Int. Med Men, Sr. Men, Masters, Orthodox **June 10th, 2011**

TEAM CERTIFICATES - Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget & Jr. Men **June 10th, 2011**

- All other divisions on line by **July 1st, 2011**

SIGNED COPIES TO REGISTRAR - Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, & Jr. Men **June 25, 2011**

- All other divisions by **July 10th, 2011**

GREAT LAKES TOURNAMENT - Team must registered by **July 1st, 2011**

2011 TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

DIVISION	DATE	LOCATION	CONVENOR	U.I.C.
Pee Wee Elimination	July 8th, 9th, 10th	Toanche	Bob Abbot Bill DeHaan	Tony Dickson
Bantam Elimination	July 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Stratford	Garry Waugh Jeff Geddes	Larry Sloat John Snook
Midget Elimination	June 24th, 25th, 26th	Napanee	Paddy Fitzgerald- Nolan Bob Whitfield	Sal Gara George Findley Chris Lamer
Junior Men's A	July 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Owen Sound	Brad Thomson Al Harrison	Dave Mills Mitch Zuk
Senior Elimination	July 29th, 30th, 31st	New Dundee	Roy Patenaude Christine Patenaude Bob Abbot	Jim Herbert Tim Whitelaw
Great Lake's	July 29th, 30th, 31st	New Dundee	Roy Patenaude Christine	Jim Herbert Tim Whitelaw

			Patenaude Bob Abbot	
Masters	July 15th, 16th, 17th	Bracebridge	Bob Abbot Paddy Fitzgerald- Nolan	Peter Kluszczyński
Orthodox	July 2, 30th, 31st	Scarborough	George Ryder	Mike Anklewich
Junior Mites	August 6th, 7th	Stouffville	Mary Meyers Cliff Dunkeld	
Mite	August 13th, 14th	Port Perry	Randy Bridge Dave Northern	Mike Crowder
Mite	August 13th, 14th	Belleville	Dave Reynolds	
Squirt	August 6th, 7th	Niagara On The Lake	Mike Goodridge Gene Rouselle	Krawchuk
Squirt	August 6th, 7th	Springbrook	Larry Sherwin Bob Whitfield	Colin MacKay
Pee Wee	August 13th, 14th	Ponsonby	Garry Waugh Gilles Butcher	Mike Nalysnyk
Pee Wee	August 13th, 14th	Ottawa	Bob Abbot	
Bantam	August 6th, 7th	Cobourg	Paddy Fitzgerald- Nolan Leanne Ashbrige	Matt Allen
Bantam	August 6th, 7th	New Hamburg	Bill DeHaan Jeff Geddes	Andrew Clark
Midget A	July 23rd, 24th	Warton	Bill DeHaan Roy Patenaude	Rock Nolet
Midget B/C	August 13th, 14th	OPEN		
Junior Men's B	July 15th, 16th, 17th	NEW DUNDEE	Garry Waugh Mary Myers	Joel Balberman
Men's B/C	August 19th, 20th, 21st	Toanche	Christine Patenaude Stephen Hall	PaulTanti
Mite Qualifiers	July 23rd, 24th	Kitchener	Randy Bridge	Matt

		Waterloo	Grace Stone	Coombe
Mite Qualifiers	July 23rd, 24th	OPEN		
Squirt Qualifiers	July 16th, 17th	Niagara On The Lake	Randy Bridge Mike Goodridge	Lee Johnson
Squirt Qualifiers	July 16th, 17th	Belleville	Dave Reynolds Keith Fleming	Doug Plummer

Sport – a way of life in Napanee

Napanee is a true Canadian sports town. The men and women here have been active their whole lives, and their kids were practically born with either baseball bats, hockey sticks or curling brooms in their hands.

Everyone is out and about in the spring and summer months participating in fast pitch, slo-pitch, swimming, soccer, horseback riding, fishing, golf - the list goes on and on. Our roadways are enjoyed by countless cycling enthusiasts that take full advantage of our award winning County Trails network. There is always something to do or watch in our great outdoors.

The fall and winter is spent by most of us at the rink, whether it is the hockey rink, curling rink, backyard rink, or all of the above. Everyone participates - even our own Avril Lavigne laced 'em up for the NDSS Hawks high school hockey team. Our Napanee Raiders have won the Empire Jr. C title many times and routinely pack the building, especially when the rival Amherstview Jets come calling. The local curling club is hopping from September to April, and as long as there is 8 inches of ice on Hay Bay, the shanties are strategically placed over the hottest fishing spots.

It just keeps getting better for our sporting enthusiasts! Local residents not only get to watch their hometown hero's play, but also Canada's finest athletes. We have hosted 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Championships, and in 2008 the National Women's Under-18 Hockey Championship captivated audiences. In 2010, Glenn Howard and the province's best curlers came to town for the 2010 Ontario Men's Curling Championship. The event was so successful that the 2012 M&M Meat Shops Canadian Junior Curling Championship will rock Napanee with some of the sport's most promising athletes.

This August, the U23 Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship will entertain fans from all across the country when it hits the Napanee Fairgrounds Sports Complex from the 8th to 14th. The stands will undoubtedly be packed with fans cheering on two Napanee teams as they compete for the Canadian Fast Pitch supremacy, including the defending champion North Key Construction Napanee Express who is attempting to win back-to-back National championships.

Week passes are selling fast for the U23 Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship. For only \$50, you will have an all-access pass to the action. Get yours today by calling 613-354-4423 or by visiting the Strathcona Paper Centre, located at 16 Macpherson Drive in Napanee. For more information, please visit www.NapaneeU23.com.

By Rob Plumley

The Award of Excellence

Congratulations to Larry Lynch

Larry was recognized for his participation and influence spanning five decades in fastball and was presented with a plaque with the following wording:

"For more than 34 years, Larry has been a fixture in local fastball, as a player, manager/coach, supporter and advocate. Larry has led teams to local, provincial, national and international championships, emphasizes the benefits of team sport, and has been and continues to be a significant contributor to the sporting fabric of our community."

Larry has been a key volunteer in the evolution and sustainability of senior men's fastball in Ontario. His personal growth from a player, to a coach, to a field manager and general manager of a club team, has had a significant and on-going positive impact on the sport.