

O.A.S.A. High & Inside

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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Ontario Amateur Softball Association

It has been an excellent year for the OASA working with our hosts to operate over 25 provincial and elimination tournaments. Congratulations to all of the teams that participated in the 2010 OASA tournaments. From these tournaments, sixteen teams represented the OASA and the province of Ontario at Canadian and Eastern Canadian Championships. Eleven of those teams were medal winners including six gold medal champions. The OASA would like to congratulate Owen Sound and Napanee, hosts for the 2011 Softball Canada Senior Men's Championship and the Junior Men's Championship respectively.

OASA Honouary President and Vice President

The OASA is proud to announce the appointment of two outstanding members of the softball community to the position of OASA Honouary President and Vice President for 2011 and 2012. Bill Simpson of Owen Sound will be the Honouary President and Ewart Timlin of Cobourg will be the Honouary Vice President.

OASA Orthodox Fastball Provincial Championship

The OASA is in negotiations to host a provincial championship for Orthodox fastball teams in 2011. Look for announcements in High and Inside or our website. More information may be obtained from OASA Vice President George Ryder (519-583-3544).

OASA Host

As we look forward to 2011 the OASA encourages communities interested in hosting an OASA tournament to go to the OASA website at www.oasa.ca for application forms or contact OASA Secretary Christine Patenaude (705-549-4389) for questions regarding hosting an event. The OASA covers many

of the costs involved in operating the tournament and groups can use these events as fundraising activities for their association or team. As of December the following tournaments already have hosts in place.

Peewee Eliminations	July 8-10	Toanche
Midget Eliminations	June 24-26	Napanee
Junior Eliminations	July 1-3	Owen Sound
Senior Men's Elimination	July 29-Aug 1	New Dundee
Great Lakes Tournament	July 29-Aug 1	New Dundee
Mite A/B Provincial	Aug 13-14	Pt. Perry
Peewee Provincial	Aug 13-14	Ponsonby
Masters Provincial	July 15-17	Bracebridge
Squirt Qualifier	July 16-17	Niagara-on-the-Lake

OASA Insurance

Team and association insurance provided by Pearson and Dunn is now available by contacting Ron or Sharon Taylor (705-778-2637) or downloading the application forms from the OASA website at www.oasa.ca. For other fundraising events, liquor liability insurance is available.

High and Inside

High and Inside is the OASA electronic newsletter. It is sent monthly by email and contains items of interest to the softball community. If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter or know a friend that may be interested in receiving it please contact Jeff Geddes (519-674-1823). If you have questions regarding articles in the newsletter contact the editor Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan (705-924-2952).

Rule Changes for 2011

At the recent Softball Canada Annual General Meeting there were a number of rule changes that will affect the game next year. To view these changes go to the Softball Canada website www.softball.ca. The OASA Annual General Meeting was held this year in Markham. Below are some of the changes that were voted on by the members. Additional clarifications will be published in future High and Inside articles.

a) A maximum of two (2) additions or changes to the Official Minor Team Certificates will be allowed through the Registrar up until 7 days prior to the team's first OASA tournament date. Additions will only be allowed for players who reside in their home centre. Additions or changes will only be allowed to certificates that had originally been submitted by the required due date.

b) If more than 1 team affiliates per centre they must be treated equally. If a minor player wishes to play for another centre, he/she must get a release from all teams in the centre.

c) In all OASA sanctioned tournaments bats must be checked and an OASA approved sticker be placed on the bat to be used in the tournament.

d) In an OASA tournament a catcher's mask must be worn by anyone warming up a pitcher.

e) When a game is suspended in an OASA tournament it shall be resumed during the tournament time period at the point it was suspended.

f) Gorilla Gold pitching substance is allowed to be used by pitchers

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the OASA, the Executive and Advisory Council I would like to extend to the softball community a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year. The OASA has enjoyed working with the many community members that have supported the OASA in the past and look forward to your continued participation in the future.

Gary Wren

OASA President

From the SECRETARY'S DESK

The 88th Annual OASA Annual General Meeting was held on November 20, 2010 in Markham, ON. Prior to the AGM, the OASA honoured all 11 of its Canadian and Eastern Canadian medal winning teams with a small reception. We are very proud of all of our teams.

A new executive was elected as follows:

President	Gary Wren, St. Thomas
Executive Vice President	Roy Patenaude, Toanche
Vice President -	George Ryder, Port Dover Brad Thomson, Elmira
Secretary	Christine Patenaude, Toance
Treasurer	Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, Warkworth

Executive Elect

Gilles Butcher, Kitchener
Jeff Geddes, Ridgetown
Dave Northern, Pickering
Jamie Simpson, Owen Sound
Garry Waugh, Woodstock
Bruce Young, Waterloo

Of the 28 amendments proposed, 26 passed as written and 2 passed with slight amendments to wording.

Scholarships were presented to Fred Hermack, Oshawa and Corey Way, Waterloo.

No Hitter awards were presented to Jeff St. Pierre, Port Perry, Matt Eizenga, Stouffville, Brock Fencott, Belleville, Ben Broek, Campbellford and Jeff Murphy, Cobourg.

A Perfect Game award was presented to Josh Lockridge of Napanee.

President's awards were awarded to Bruce Young, Waterloo and George Ryder, Port Dover.

Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll awards were presented to Jim McKinnon, Port Elgin and Ian Griffin, Port Perry.

The F.R. Feaver Award was presented to John Mather of Oshawa.

The 89th OASA Annual General Meeting will be held in Markham on November 19, 2011.

Respectfully submitted
Christine Patenaude
OASA Secretary

O.A.S.A. SCHOLARSHIP

The OASA is pleased to offer two \$1 000 scholarships at today's AGM meeting. The OASA has set up this fund to receive contributions exclusively for its Scholarship Program. Such donations can be made at any time by sending a cheque payable to the OASA Scholarship Fund to the OASA treasurer. The association also sponsors the Jack Cook Classic (Masters) Tournament each year with all proceeds going to future scholarships. Winners of the scholarship must have played OA junior or midget competitive ball in the year in which they applied. Academic, athletic and community service criteria are used to help determine the worthy scholarship recipients.

This year's recipients are:

Fred Hermack

In 2010 Fred culminated his minor OA career with a Canadian Midget bronze medal while playing with the Oshawa Double B's. He has played with the Double B's since 2008 and the Oshawa fastball organization since 2002. A strong all round player, Fred was complimented by his coach as a "mainstay of the team" and "gentle giant who plays the game hard". As well as competing in numerous school sports he also helped coach minor hockey and softball teams. As a community volunteer Fred helped out at the Eastview Boys and Girls Club and as a camp councillor.

Fred graduated as an Ontario Scholar and is now attending Trent University and is enrolled in the Forensic Science program.

Corey Way

Corey ended his minor OA career going out as a winner. As a "pick up" player for the Walkerton Wild he helped his new team win Midget gold at the Canadians in Stratford this past August. Corey played his entire minor career in the KW area. His first six years were with the Waterloo Twins and his final three in midget with the Kitchener-Waterloo Twins. His teams medalled twice at the Eastern Canadians and numerous times at the OA provincial level. His coach has stated that Corey was "a keenly compassionate and highly intelligent ballplayer who was passionate in making himself and his team mates the best that they could be". Corey was an accomplished volleyball and hockey player as well. Over the past several years he has been involved in assisting at skills' clinics for both hockey and fastball. Corey also volunteered at the local elementary school as a classroom assistant.

Corey graduated from Sir John A McDonald Secondary School and is now studying at Laurier University where he is enrolled in Contemporary Studies in Education.

Congratulations to Fred and Corey on their many contributions and achievements in school, sport and for their local community. Thank you also to the others who submitted applications for this award. The OA has many fine young ballplayers that also succeed at school and contribute to their community through volunteering. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee (Randy Bridge, Leanne Ashbridge, Garry Waugh and myself) thanks to all our OA athletes, students and community volunteers.

Bruce Young
Scholarship Chair

F.R.FEAVER MEMORIAL TROPHY

The F.R. Feaver Memorial Trophy is awarded annually in memory of Frank Feaver who was the O.A.S.A. secretary from 1943 to 1956. Frank's dedication, service and devotion played a major role in the expansion and development of the game of softball. This award was first introduced in 1972. This award is presented to a player, official or officer of any league, or association who, in the opinion of the Feaver Awards Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the game of softball. The Feaver Award for 2010 is presented to JOHN MATHER of Oshawa.

John Mather has made an outstanding contribution to the game of softball locally, provincially, and at the national level. John is the Past President of Woodview Park Association, President of Oshawa Double B Sports Club, Executive Member of Oshawa City and District Fastball League, and is currently a member of the Ontario Senior Games Committee, being hosted by the City of Oshawa. John's contributions do not stop there; he is also the Coach and Manager of the Oshawa BB Juniors and Intermediate Men's teams. "Who you goanna call" is a current catch phrase that exemplifies John in action for softball over the years.

John is a recently retired teacher. He taught at Durham College for over 30 years and during this time he developed an ability to ensure that everyone that he dealt with was treated fairly, equitably and with dignity. Although fiercely competitive by nature, he never let the will to win cloud his judgement in dealing with a player, an umpire or an opposing team or player. John is a tireless volunteer worker in softball, in youth programs and in his community for over 35 years. HE has had the complete support of his wife of 35 years, Donna, and his now grown family, Tim and Brian, who both play softball and his daughter Julie. His unlimited devotion to softball is well known. At one point, John coached two minor teams while at the same time, he and his family ran the concession stand at Durham Fields. This lasted for three years. For the past five years, they have operated weekly bingos. All the proceeds from both these endeavours go to the softball program with any excesses, after expenses, donated to community charities. He gives his time freely in reaching out to our youth and to the needy, which has contributed greatly to the betterment of Oshawa and the whole community.

The O.A.S.A. is honored to present the 2010 F.R. Feaver Memorial Trophy to JOHN MATHER of Oshawa.



2011 O.A.S.A. INSURANCE APPLICATION FORM

ASSOCIATION OR LEAGUE INFORMATION

Association Name:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Address:

Postal Code:

Province:

City:

Email Address:

Web Site:

Fax Number:

Liability Insurance

Accident Insurance*

Number of Non-affiliated Teams

\$24.00/team

Number of Adult Teams

\$32.50/team

Number of Affiliated Teams

\$22.00/team

Number of Minor Teams**

\$27.00/team

Total Liability Insurance: \$

Total Accident Insurance: \$

Total Due: \$

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ALL TEAMS YOU ARE INSURING ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

* Accident Insurance is NOT available unless Liability Insurance has been purchased. must have only players under 19 years of age

** Minor Teams

Please include the information below regarding Non-affiliated (House League) Teams only. Do not count players or teams involved in your Representative Program in the fields below. To ensure players are properly recorded, please count each player only once. For example, a player who plays both House League and Select counts as only one (1) player.

Player Information

Please indicate the number of Male and Female players registered in each age group (Player age as of January 1, 2011).

Program Information

Please check (X) all programs your Association offers, and indicate the number of players in each program.

Table with columns for Male/Female, Under 8, Under, Adult, Programs Offered (Learn to, BlastBall, T-Ball, Coach, Select, Other*), and Number of players.

Team Information

Please indicate the total number of teams registered in your Association, as well as the average number of Players per

of Male Teams: # of Female # of Co-Ed Average # of Players /

Coaching Information

Please indicate the total number of male and female coaches, as well as the total number of

of Male # of Female Average # of # of

NOTE: Competitive Teams may be required to submit further information to become affiliated with the OASA.

Make Cheques payable to the Ontario Amateur Softball Association or O.A.S.A.

Send to: Ron / Sharon Taylor

R.R. #2, S 1, CA23
17, F.R. #44, (Round Lake)

Havelock, ON

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O.A.S.A. Insurance Coordinators

Telephone: (705) 778-2637
Fax: (705) 778-2713

E-Mail: srtaylor@heydon.com

OASA Web Site: www.oasa.ca

Please note that your insurance coverage and membership with the Ontario Amateur Softball Association expires on January 1 following the year in which your fees are paid. **POLICE RECORDS CHECK POLICY:** It is the policy of the OASA that a current (3 years) Police Record Check is required for any individual who is in a position of trust or authority while working with youth (under the age of 19). It is the responsibility of each team, league or association to ensure that Police Record Checks have been completed.

PRIVACY ACT: By providing the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) with your Association's information on this registration form, you are giving consent to the OASA to collect and use your Association's information for the following purposes: of receiving communications from the OASA and Softball Ontario, the publication of your Association's contact information on the OASA's and Softball Ontario's web site to assist in promoting registration, and the reporting of registration information to Softball Ontario. Association contact information and program offerings will also be released to potential participants to assist in placing them in a local association.

I understand that I may withdraw consent to the collection, use or disclosure of my Association's information at any time by contacting the OASA.

Exec.
12/10

Signature _____

Date _____

ONTARIO AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
2011 INSURANCE SUMMARY

GENERAL LIABILITY

- a) **Limit - \$5,000,000 each occurrence**
- b) **Directors & Officers (Wrongful Acts/Errors & Omissions) Liability Limit - \$2,000,000**
- c) **Insured - The Association & Affiliated Clubs/Teams including Participants, Officers, Directors, Coaches, Managers, Members, Volunteers & Employees**
- d) **Sponsors, Government Departments & Municipalities can be added as additional insured at no extra cost (a separate certificate will be issued by Pearson Dunn)**
- e) **Participant coverage is included in addition to 3rd party exposure**
- f) **All appropriate riders included such as Cross Liability, Non-Owned Automobile, Tenants Legal Liability, etc.**

- g) This policy does NOT cover equipment, supplies or contents of Concession Stands etc.
- h) **WORLD WIDE COVERAGE**
- i) **\$500.00 Deductible**

ACCIDENT

- a) **Accidental Death & Dismemberment Limit - \$10,000**
- b) **Permanent Total Disability \$20,000**
- c) **Accident Reimbursement Limit \$10,000**

i.e. costs not insured by Provincial Medical Plan, e.g. Medical Braces, Emergency Ambulance, Excess Physio, Prescription Drugs for the injury, etc.

- d) **Dental Accident Limit Up to \$5,000**
- e) **Fracture Indemnity From \$50.00 to \$500.00**

f) **No deductible**

g) **COVERAGE IN CANADA ONLY**

h) **Does not cover lost time or wages**

i) **Does not cover over use injuries**

- **Treatment under c) and d) you must have required and received medical /dental treatment commencing within 30 days of the accident.**
- **The insurer will pay with respect to each insured that sustains bodily injury as a result of an accident, all reasonable medical expenses resulting and incurred within 52 Weeks from the date of accident.**
- **This plan is secondary to any existing medical plan.**

The description of coverage contained herein is not complete, and reference must be made to the actual

terms and conditions of the applicable policy forms Underwritten by Lloyd's

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association (O.A.S.A.) MUST be notified of any claim within 30 days of the incident and claim documentation to be provided to Pearson Dunn Insurance within 90 days.

OUT OF COUNTRY ACCIDENT/SICKNESS INSURANCE:

Please note that your O.A.S.A. Accident Insurance is only effective in Canada. Out of Country Accident/Sickness Insurance is available through Pearson Dunn Insurance. Please contact Rosemarie Dunn at Pearson Dunn Insurance at 905-575-6809 ext. 133 or by email at rdunn@pearsondunn.com . The application form for the Out of Country Accident/Sickness Insurance is available on the O.A.S.A. website at www.oasa.ca .

NOTE:

- **Softball Canada and Ontario Amateur Softball Association (O.A.S.A.) rules should be followed, with the exception of house league rules.**
- **Policies re: Police Record Checks (for all people involved with youth, under the age of 19) and Anti Harassment Policies must be followed.**

- All Ontario Amateur Softball Association (O.A.S.A.) policies and procedures are available on our web-site at www.oasa.ca.

Exec. Dec. 6, 2010

**ONTARIO AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
2011 LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM**

SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT FOR LIQUOR LIABILITY

YOU MUST HAVE REGULAR LIABILITY INSURANCE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT FOR LIQUOR LIABILITY.

TOURNAMENT OR BANQUET/DANCE WITH BEER/LIQUOR

<u>No. of people</u>	<u>1 day</u>	<u>2 days</u>	<u>3 days</u>	<u>4days</u>	<u>5 days</u>	<u>6 days</u>	<u>7days</u>	<u>8 days</u>	<u>9days</u>	<u>10 days</u>
under 100	\$170	\$290	\$410	\$530	\$650	\$770	\$890	\$1,010	\$1,130	\$1,250
101-250		\$230	\$374	\$518	\$662	\$806	\$950	\$1,094	\$1,238	\$1,382 \$1,526
251-500		\$320	\$561	\$802	\$1,043	\$1,284	\$1,525	\$1,766	\$2,007	\$2,248 \$2,489
over 500	RATES ON REQUEST									

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS TO BE BASED ON THE TOTAL POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT THE BEER TENT (OR BALL PARK IF TOTAL PARK IS LICENSED) AT ANY ONE TIME.

A SEPARATE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY IS REQUIRED FOR EACH LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTE: ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT MUST HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE.

OTHER FUND RAISING EVENTS

Clinics, Demonstrations, etc. \$1.60 per participant

Affiliated/Associate Teams/ Associations:

A Special Events Application form MUST be filled out with an attached cheque made payable to the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (O.A.S.A.) and received seven (7) days prior to the event. This form can be found on our website at www.oasa.ca.

NOTE: Activities outside normal softball, e.g. (Winter Tournaments with beer/liquor WILL NOT be covered).

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE DIRECTED TO:

Sharon Taylor

Ron Taylor

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**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:
THE ONTARIO AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (O.A.S.A.)**

Exec. Dec. 6, 2010

INSURANCE

O.A.S.A. team insurance is available by selecting the application on the O.A.S.A. website www.oasa.ca or by contacting Ron and Sharon Taylor srtaylor@heydon.com 705-778-2637

Please send your news article/stories/tournament information to Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan fitznol@hotmail.com by the 25th of each month.

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