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2011 AGM RESULTS

The 89th Annual OASA Annual General Meeting was held November 19th, 211 in Markham, ON. Prior to the AGM, the OASA honoured 4 Eastern Canadian and 5 Canadian medal winning teams with a meet and greet.

A new executive was elected as follows:

<u>President</u>	Roy Patenaude, Toanche
<u>Executive Vice President</u>	George Ryder, Port Dover
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	Bill DeHaan, New Hamburg Brad Thomson, Kitchener
<u>Secretary</u>	Randy Bridge, Toronto
<u>Treasurer</u>	Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan
<u>Executive Elect</u>	
	Giles Butcher, Kitchener
	Dave Northern, Pickering
	Jamie Simpson, Cambridge
	Al Staats, Brantford
	Garry Waugh, Woodstock
	Bruce Young, Waterloo

Scholarships winners were Steven Ashbridge and Ben Kinsella

No Hitters awards were presented to Dustin Veenhof, Ian Wallwork, Andrew Pearn, Stephen Mallot, Braden Berten,

The amendments and actions that were taken are as follows:

OASA Annual General Meeting
Passed Amendments

November 19, 2011

Page references are from the 2011 Rulebook. Changes are in bold when required to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Sections may require renumbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

	Mover	Description
1.	Men's Committee	Resolutions Page 55 New Resolution #1 To create a new classification for Jr. Men under 23 and plan for a provincial tournament. <i>Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Garry Waugh. Carried</i>
2.	OASA Executive	Operating Rule 1.2 Fees (c) Page 57/58 Remove "The OASA Registrar.... Current fee schedule" <i>Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Roy Patenaude. Carried</i>
3.	Men's Committee	Operating Rule 3 Team Eligibility b) ii) Page 59 Add after will be created Masters "B" will follow all current Masters Rules except for the following: a) No Current ISC Players b) No underage players (age 35-39) <i>Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by George Ryder. Carried.</i>

4. Men's Operating Rules 4.3 c) Intermediate Page 63

Committee Remove and Add

Players on a current ISC roster are not eligible to play in the intermediate BC championship with the exception of affiliated Jr aged players.

Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Jamie Simpson. Carried

5. OASA Operating Rule 5.2 Certification Pg. 66

Executive Change

All OASA affiliated teams must have at least one coach with NCCP certification (or equivalent as recognized by Softball Canada).

i) Junior Mite Technical 1 or **“Learn to Coach**

ii) Mite & Squirt Technical 1 or “Keep Coaching”

ii) Peewee Fully Certified Level 1 or **“Competition-Introduction “What to Coach”**

iii) Bantam – Junior Fully Certified Level II or **“Competition – Introduction “How to Coach”**

b) All teams entering a tournament, leading to a Canadian Championship, excluding Eastern Canadians, must have at least one fully certified Level II or Competition – Introduction – “How to Coach” Coach.

c) Eastern Canadian for PeeWee and Bantam require a Level 1 or Competition – Introduction – “What to Coach”

Amended by Bruce Young, Dave Reynolds. Carried. Original moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Bruce Young. Carried

6. OASA **Operating Rule 7.1 x) Page 70**

Executive Add

Add the word **“may set”** after OASA Executive

Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Dave Northern. Carried.

7. OASA Executive Add Operating Rule 7.1 a) xi) Page 70
- The tournament draw is provided by the OASA Executive, scheduled **in consultation with** the Host Association and sent to the OASA Tournament Convenor.
- Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Roy Patenaude. Carried.*
8. Men's Committee Add Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules Bats Pg. 81
- ADD from Resolution #1 2010
- In all sanctioned OASA Tournaments sticker.**
- Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Dave Northern. Carried.*
9. COBOURG MINOR BALL Add Rule Variation Chart Rule 8-9 s Pg. 83
- In junior mite the runner from third cannot steal home.**
- Moved by Mike Gibson, seconded by Leanne Ashbridge. Carried.*
10. Minor Committee Change Rule Variation Chart Mercy Rule 5-6a Pg. 84
- Resolution:**
- a) **Substitute the word Bantam for Midget**
b) **Substitute Peewee for Bantam**
- Moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Bruce Young. Carried.*
11. Minor Committee Change Rule Variation Chart Pitching Rule 6 Pg. 85
- Resolution:**

Junior Mite pitcher not to pitch in more than 2 consecutive innings with a maximum of 4 innings. Inning defined as 3 outs or 6 runs. Amended by Mike Clements, seconded by Mark Hooey. Carried. Original moved by Bob Abbot, seconded by Bruce Young.

12. Minor
Committee

Rule Variation Chart Substitution Rule 4 – 7 Page 86

Change

Resolution:

In the Squirt category there will be unlimited defensive substitution of players that are on the lineup card while maintaining a 9 player batting order.

Amended by Karen Mills, Roger Mills. Carried. Original moved by Bob Abbot,

Seconded by Bruce Young. Carried.

F.R. FEAVER MEMORIAL TROPHY

2011 F.R. FEAVER MEMORIAL TROPHY

The thirty-ninth winner of the F.R. Feaver award is Mr. AL Harrison of Wingham.

Al Harrison at the local level; twelve (12) years as manager of the Wingham B.A. Fastball Team. In 1979 was finalist in O.A.S.A. Intermediate "C" Championship. In 1989 as Executive of the Wingham Juniors, won O.A.S.A. Junior "C" championship. From 1982 to 1986, he coached in the Wingham Minor Ball Association where his sons played. Al was a great supporter of the Whitechurch Juvenile/Junior Softball teams as they won several O.A.S.A. championships.

Al was a founding member of the Blue Water Fastball League from which annually teams registered in O.A.S.A. competition.

The O.A.S.A. Softball bug got to Al Harrison. Former O.A.S.A. Secretary Bill Martin invited Al to attend an O.A.S.A. meeting. Al attended the O.A.S.A. Annual Meeting which was held in Sudbury in 1984. Al got involved. He was appointed to the O.A.S.A. Executive Committee at the meeting.

Al Harrison was elected O.A.S.A. President in 1993 -1994. He served as O.A.S.A. Liaison to Softball Ontario; was appointed to Softball Ontario Board of Directors and served as Chairman in Rotation.

As a long-time O.A.S.A. Executive member and Chairman of the Past Presidents Council, Al continues to be a voice for Softball.

Al has a lengthy involvement representing the O.A.S.A. at Softball Canada. As O.A.S.A. President, attended Softball Canada Annual Meetings, member of the Board of Directors, Eastern Canadian Championships, and chairman of this Board for several years.

Al Harrison was a member of Team Ontario coaching staff. Al considered this accomplishment as a major personal highlight.

Actively involved in Canadian Summer Games, his team won Gold medals in 1997 and 2001.

Al and wife Jo-Anne have two boys and five grandchildren. The Harrison family have been and continue to be volunteers in their community of Wingham. Softball, hockey and scuba diving are some of the family activities. Al is a long-standing member of the Canadian Legion Branch #180 and has served as Chairman.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there is no doubt that Al Harrison is most deserving of the F.R. Feaver Award recognition for his long outstanding service to our sport of Softball and his community.

The O.A.S.A. is most proud to again acknowledge Al Harrison as our 2011 F.R. Feaver

Memorial Award Recipient.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another year with the OASA. This year looks to be very interesting for me as the new OASA President. I am looking forward to working with the teams and hosts to see what we, as an Executive, can do to increase enrolment in our tournaments.

The Advisory Council, under the direction of Gary wren, has been entrusted to do some Vision planning for our future. They will be looking for input in this process as we move forward.

Springboards will continue but we are looking for hosts. George Ryder is heading up this endeavour and would welcome your input.

Something new for this year will be the U23 Provincial tournament which will allow play another couple of years before moving to Intermediate ball. Watch the OASA Website for up to date information.

Tournament dates and hosts have been updated on the website. Still looking for a few host centres.

If you have any comments for me, feel free to contact me at rpatenaude@hotmail.ca

Yours in Softball
Roy Patenaude

MINOR NEWS

Each year the Minor Committee invites interested individuals to come forward and offer their insights and experience and enthusiasm to provide direction, oversight and be the primary liaison to all minor divisions in the OASA. It is my pleasure and privilege to have been asked to chair the Minor Committee for 2012. Thank you to Bruce Young for his strong leadership in chairing the Minor Committee for the past several years. Thank you to the 2011 members of the committee for their contributions.

If you are interested in joining the Minor Committee for 2012 in one of the following capacities please contact me at dave.northern@sympatico.ca or 905-420-0628 (H#).

Division Convenor - Junior Mite through Midget, Select

Member at Large - assist at Springboard, attend meetings, Tournament Convenors

At the 2011 AGM held November 19, 2011 in Markham several motions raised by the Minor Committee or Minor Associations were passed that support Long Term Player Development (LTPD) efforts to enhance the development of players at all ages.

The following motions per age classification were passed:

Junior Mite - no stealing of home - to encourage development of pitching and hitting; pitchers will be capped at 12 outs / 4 innings per game - to develop more pitchers; round robin (3 game guarantee) vs. double knockout format - to provide increased participation by all teams

Mite - round robin (3 game guarantee) vs. double knockout format - to provide increased participation by all teams

Squirt - unlimited defensive substitutions - to increase player participation

Peewee - no changes

Bantam - mercy rule reduced to 7 runs from 10 runs - to reflect the increased competitive level in Bantam

Midget - no changes

Each year the OASA requires hosts for Qualifiers, Eliminations and Provincial Championships. If you are interested in hosting one of these tournaments please check out the OASA website for a listing of the current divisions that we are still looking to fill. Application forms are available on the website as well. www.oasa.ca

Each April the OASA holds two Springboard events (one in the east and one in the west ideally) to provide player instruction (pitching, hitting, fielding, base running) and coaching instruction. Plans are starting to formulate and potential hosts sites are being identified. If your centre would be interested in hosting one of these events or you would be interested in assisting in one of these events please contact myself or George Ryder, Executive Vice President.

If you have any input, feedback or comments regarding how the Minor Committee can enhance any facet of the rules, tournaments or anything please feel free to contact myself or any member of the committee at any point in time.

Dave Northern

Chair, Minor Committee

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2012 TOURNAMENTS

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST AWARDED</i>	<i>PENDING</i>
Peewee Elimination	July 13 - 15		
Bantam Elimination	June 29 - July 1	Napanee	
Midget Elimination	July 6 - 8		
Junior Elimination U21	June 29 - July 1	Keady in Owen Sound	
Junior U23			
Men's /Sr. Elimination	July 28-29	Jarvis	
Jr. Mite,	August 11-12		
Mite	Aug. 18-19		
Squirt	Aug. 11-12	Stouffville	Springbrook

PeeWee	Aug. 18-19		Campbellford
Pee Wee	Aug. 18-19	Ponsonby	
Bantam	Aug. 11-12	Port Perry	
Bantam	Aug 11-12		
Midget	July 28-29		
Midget	July 28-29		
Junior B	July 13-14		
Men's B	Aug. 11-12	Sudbury	
Masters	July 13-14	Bracebridge	
Orthodox			
Mite Qualifier	July 28-29	Palmerston	
Squirt Qualifier	July 21-22		

WAIVER'S

Many of you probably read this judgment or have seen it from your insurance provider. It involves waivers. This happened in Mission, BC with SPN Slo-pitch.

go to this site:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/sports/Sports+groups+must+ensure+signees+understand+waivers+judge+says/5711122/story.html#ixzz1dpLbOgkR>

Sports groups must ensure signees understand waivers, judge says

By Gordon Hoekstra, Vancouver Sun November 15, 2011

Sports organizations must ensure they make it clear to participants they are signing away their right to sue, according to a B.C. Supreme Court judgment released Monday.

Although Danielle Arndt had signed a document to play in the Ruskin Slo-Pitch Association league in Maple Ridge, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mary Humphries ruled that because the sign-up sheet also

acted as a waiver, it was not clear enough to waive her rights to sue.

The front of the document was signed as a roster, and the back included the explanation of the release of liability.

While there were the words "I agree to waiver" on the front, the lines were so faint as to be almost undetectable, said the judge.

Arndt told the court the document was handed out on a clip-board during a warm-up.

"I am of the view that one would not normally expect a signature on a team roster to also be a waiver of liability," Humphries said in her ruling.

The judge also noted the defendants - which include the local slo-pitch league and Slo-Pitch National Softball Inc. - didn't take reasonable steps to explain that the document was both a roster and waiver.

The ruling stems from a suit brought by Arndt when she injured her knee stepping in a hole while running to catch a fly ball in a June 2009 game.

Derek Mah, Arndt's lawyer, said his client has told him the slo-pitch league has already taken steps to change their waiver procedure.

"When you are asking people to give up their legal rights, you have to make it abundantly clear what they are doing," said Mah, who practices with Vancouver firm Murphy Battista.

The league has more than 400 players, and is a member of Slo-Pitch National Softball Inc.

The slo-pitch national organization's B.C. office referred questions on the waiver to its lawyers, who could not be reached for comment.

B.C. injury lawyer Erik Magraken said the real lesson to be learned from the case is if you want to use a waiver, make it clear and make it separate.

"Don't try to tuck it into another document," said Magraken, a partner in Victoria with MacIsaac and Company.

It's not clear how many sports and other organizations Mon-day's ruling could affect, but ensuring that waivers are clear and understood is an ongoing issue, said Vancouver lawyer Rose Keith.

Ski hills now require people to sign separate waivers when they buy season passes, she noted.

Sports BC president Tim Gayda said sports organizations are already becoming more aware of the issue. For example, Sports BC just conducted a session for its organizations on the topic.

"Some sports are more sophisticated than others and have more resources, and also have more inherent risk. So they are all at different levels, but as our society gets more litigious these things become more important," said Gayda.

Sport BC is an umbrella organization for more than 50 provincial sports organizations, including alpine skiing, boxing, curling and football.

The lessons on waivers need to be passed all the way down to the club level, noted Gayda.

The judgment dismisses the defendants' request that Arndt's lawsuit be dismissed on the basis of the waiver. The suit remains unresolved and a trial is scheduled for May 2012.

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2012 O.A.S.A. INSURANCE APPLICATION FORM

Team or League Information

Team Name: _____
 Person: _____ Phone Number: _____
 _____ Postal Code: _____ Province: _____
 _____ Email Address: _____
 _____ Fax Number: _____

Insurance Details

Liability Insurance		Accident Insurance*	
Non-affiliated Teams (House League)	_____ \$24.00/team	Number of Adult Teams	_____ \$32.
Affiliated Teams	_____ \$22.00/team	Number of Minor Teams**	_____ \$27.
Total Liability Insurance:	\$ _____	Total Accident Insurance:	\$ _____
Total Due:		\$ _____	

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

Liability insurance is NOT available unless Liability Insurance has been purchased.

*** Minor Teams must have only players under 19 years of age.*

NOTE: UMPIRES SHOULD OBTAIN THEIR INSURANCE FROM SOFTBALL ONTARIO

Registered (House League) Registration Details

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

Player Information				Program Information		
Provide the number of Male and Female players registered in each age group (Player age as of January 1, 2012)				Please check (☑) all programs your Association offers, and in the number of players in each program.		
Under 8	_____	Female	Under 8	_____	Programs Offered (☑)	Number of Players
Under 10	_____		Under 10	_____	Learn to Play	_____
Under 12	_____		Under 12	_____	Blast Ball	_____
Under 14	_____		Under 14	_____	T-Ball	_____

Under 16	_____	Under 16	_____	Coach Pitch	_____	_____
Under 19	_____	Under 19	_____	Select	_____	_____
Adult	_____	Adult	_____	Other *	_____	_____
				*Please Specify:	_____	

Team Information

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

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

Coaching Information

Please indicate the total number of male and female coaches, as well as the total number of volunteers in your Association.

of Male _____
 # of Female _____
 Average # of Coaches / _____
 # of Volunteers: _____

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	O.A.S.A. Insurance Coordinators	
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	Havelock, ON	E-Mail: rstaylor@xplornet.ca	
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Insurance & Privacy Act

your insurance coverage and membership with the Ontario Amateur Softball Association expires on January 1 following the year in which your insurance coverage expires. 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 working with youth (under the age of 19). It is the responsibility of each team, league or association to ensure that Police Record Check is completed.

By providing the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) with your Association's information on this registration form, you are giving your Association's information for the following purposes: of receiving communications from the OASA and Softball Ontario, the OASA's and Softball Ontario's web site to assist in promoting registration, and the reporting of registration information. Association contact information and program offerings will also be released to potential participants to assist in placing them in a local association. I may withdraw consent to the collection, use or disclosure of my Association's information at any time by contacting the OASA.

