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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. *Who is eligible to attend the OASA AGM?*

Every centre that affiliates with the OASA (enters a team) has 3 votes at the Annual General Meeting. If a centre has more than 1 team, they still get 3 votes. Example: Kitchener Waterloo has 3 minor teams and 2 men's teams. They still only get 3 votes and can decide amongst themselves who get the votes.

2. *Why should I attend the OASA Annual General Meeting (AGM)?*

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is a volunteer board who determine how the Association operates through your input and its Constitution and Bylaws. At the AGM, there are proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws that are voted on by the members present. **Your vote counts.** These become part of the C& B Rulebook immediately upon being passed.

The OASA recognizes athletes that have pitched no hitters or perfect games. This year we are honoring our teams that medaled at Canadians with a Meet and Greet from 12 – 1 p.m. prior to the AGM. What better way to celebrate your successes than by being honored by your peers.

3. *How long is the meeting?*

Generally the meeting goes from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. depending on the issues.

4. *Where can I find the Nominations and Amendments for 2011?*

They are located on our website at www.oasa.ca under AGM information.

5. *Where can I get more information?*

You can email Christine Patenaude, Secretary at lat@love-a-tree.com or call or email any Executive member.

This is your Association. Please come out and support our work.

By Christine Patenaude

C & B

Highlights of the Draft Constitution & By-Law Re – Structuring for 2010 AGM

Please refer to the draft copy on the OASA web site – www.oasa.ca

In general, we have attempted to re-arrange the book to consolidate references to the same item (e.g. player eligibility, discipline, membership, residency, rules, etc.) and to clarify interpretations. The Softball Canada game rules will be used in all OASA games subject to the modifications identified in the Rule Variation Chart. Changes made that are changing tense, correcting grammar; spelling or placement of clauses are considered housekeeping.

- 1. No changes to the intent of the existing (2010) document's content have been made because of the re – structuring. Where changes were required to clarify and to reflect current practices, amendments have been prepared. These changes are identified in **RED**.*
- 2. Constitutional articles and bylaws describe who we are and how the Executive is determined. The internal operations of the OASA are clarified with responsibilities and accountabilities identified. Amendments to these sections need 2/3 majority vote at AGM to pass. These sections should require a minimum of annual amendment. Standing Committees and their purposes and Job Descriptions for the various positions are clearly stated.*
- 3. The Operating Rules connect the OASA organization to the membership and the game. They describe how the OASA interacts with affiliated members (teams*

and associations). The assignment of teams to categories is clarified. The ground rules for the determination of Provincial Champions and representatives to Canadian and Eastern championships are clarified. Where policies are required (e.g. interpretations of an Operating Rule or By-Law), they are communicated to the membership for consistency in decision making.

4. The Rule Variation Chart consolidates the differences between the Softball Canada rules and the OASA's. This makes it easier for the teams and umpires.
5. Definitions: The definitions are currently under review and will be finalized in the 2011 book. They are included in this draft as a guide where necessary. Only minor clarifications are anticipated.

Amendments will be presented (see AGM notice) regarding this re-structuring. There are several other amendments not related to the re-structuring and any that are successful will be reflected in the 2011 document using the appropriate format.

Please review the revised document and send your comments to Dave Reynolds (drrey@explornet.com). There will be no time for discussion of the document prior to the AGM.

Dave Reynolds, Peter Handley & Leanne Ashbridge

Date: 1 November 2010

BIDS to HOST

OASA Minor Tournament Bids

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association depends on its affiliated centres to offer to host our Qualifier, Provincial and Elimination Tournaments. To give all centres an opportunity, a bid process has been established. Hosts are selected for OASA Elimination Tournaments from all bids that are received before February 1 two years before the event. For Qualifiers and Provincial Tournaments the selection date is November 1 the year prior to the tournament. Centres are selected based on bid applications received, quality of site and location. Ideally the OASA prefers to spread its tournament sites throughout the province for more exposure to the sport.

The OASA will approach centres to seek out their interest in hosting a tournament.

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is always willing to work with new centres to assist them hosting a tournament for the first time. Depending on the number and location of affiliated teams in any given year a Qualifying Tournament is not always necessary.

It is a challenge to award "A" and "B" Provincial Series Tournaments to a centre when the location is not guaranteed their team will qualify for the tournament they hope to host. In recent years the policy has been to award the first provincial bid selected a

guarantee to host the tournament that their team is attending. The second site is then awarded to the second centre after they qualify for that series. It could be offered beforehand when the centre agrees to do the tournament because they are confident their team will place in that series or because they will do that tournament regardless of their own team's placement.

In most cases Provincials are Saturday-Sunday tournaments while Eliminations begin on Friday and continue throughout the weekend. Due to the number of teams participating a Provincial Tournament may begin on a Friday evening. The OASA Minor Committee and Divisional Coordinators work closely with affiliated centres in an effort to have host sites determined as early as possible starting in the New Year. The OASA appreciates the support of our affiliated centres. The OASA Minor Committee encourages new centers to apply to host an OASA Tournament. Please contact me to discuss your application and learn about the many benefits of hosting an OASA Tournament. We would be happy to assist you every step of the way through the bidding, planning and hosting process. Together we continue our efforts to offer quality OASA fastball play for all our affiliated centres.

Bruce Young
Minor Chair

2010 OASA Select Provincial Championships

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Division	Mite	Squirt	Peewee	Bantam	Midget
Host	Richmond Hill	Woodbridge	Kitchener Waterloo	Georgian Bay	Unionville
# of Teams	12	14	12	10	8
Gold	Vasey - Georgian Bay	Micksburg	Georgian Bay	Georgian Bay	Bramalea
Silver	Topham Park	Smith Falls	Oshawa	Lyn	Oshawa
Bronze	Stone Mills	St Catharines	Lyn	Domville	Georgian Bay
4th	Oshawa	Stouffville	Kitchener Waterloo	Goulding Park	Kitchener Waterloo
Host Contact	Bob Kears	Louie Calvitto	Gilles Butcher	Keith Chapman	Pam Branoff
OASA Rep	Mary Myers	Dave Northern	Bill DeHaan	Bob Abbott	Keith Fleming

A total of 56 Select teams representing associations from as far away as the Ottawa Valley in the east, Georgian Bay in the north, the Niagara Peninsula in the south and Kitchener Waterloo in the west participated in Select Provincial Championships this year. 4 of the 5 divisions saw increased numbers of team's year over year. Mites went from 6 to 12 teams; Squirts from 12 to 14; Peewee from 8 to 12; and Bantam from 7 to 10. The Midgets dropped from 12 teams down to 8. All told we went from 45 to 56 teams. Thank you to the 5 associations that stepped forward and hosted each tournament. As always, you represented not only yourselves but the sport very well. Thank you to the OASA and its reps for their participation and support provided in

putting on these championships each year. Below are updates on each championship tournament.

Mite – Richmond Hill, August 7, 2010

Richmond Hill Minor Softball Association (RHMSA) played host to the twelve (12) team provincial select championships on a warm sunny day at the multi diamond Richmond Green Complex, one of the softball & baseball venues for the 2014 Pan American Games.

The event included some very enthusiastic 8-9 year old fast pitch ball players, representing communities from a wide cross section of Ontario – Micksburg/ Ottawa Valley to the east, Vasey – Georgian Bay to the North, Kitchener Waterloo to the west and St. Catharines to the south.

During the three game round robin portion of the day, Vasey- Georgian Bay emerged as the leader of Division A, Topham Park emerged as the leader of Division B and Stone Mills emerged as the leader of Division C. Oshawa captured the 4th wild card spot for the play-off round, over Micksburg.

For the subsequent semi final games, Stone Mills matched up with Vasey – Georgian Bay and Topham Park matched up Oshawa. Topham Park was able to defeat Oshawa comfortably to advance to the championship game. Stone Mills and Vasey played a tight, low scoring game and Vasey was narrowly able to push across 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to secure a 4-3 victory over Stone Mills to advance to the championship game.

The championship game was a similarly tight battle under the lights on Diamond # 6 that ebbed and flowed with Topham Park and Vasey trading leads and ultimately concluding as a tie in regulation (7) innings at 5-5. The teams subsequently began international tie breaking format and in the 2nd overtime inning, Vasey was able to push across the winning run. Vasey secured a hard fought 6-5 victory to the delight of the exhausted Vasey - Georgian Bay players and families.

In the consolation game, Stone Mills rebounded from their tightly played semi final contest and secured the victory over Oshawa 17-2.

Following a close look at the voting by the teams through the day it was decided by the tournament conveners that there should be co-MVPs for the tournament. Pitchers Brad Hartin (#10) of Stone Mills and Braeden Theriault (#17) of Topham Park were awarded co-MVP awards for the 2010 mite provincial select tournament.

Congratulations to the host Richmond Hill Minor Softball Association led by Sean Williamson and his enthusiastic parent team working HQ game control and barbeque through the long day, all the teams & fans that travelled to Richmond Hill, umpires (led by Doug Beeforth), OASA representatives (Mary Myers and Dave Northern) and the weather man.

Bob Kearse
RHMSA select convenor

Squirt – Woodbridge, August 21, 2010

A total of 14 teams from across the province participated in the Squirt Boys Select Provincials in Woodbridge. The four undefeated teams in the round robin faced off in the semi finals with Micksburg coming out victorious over Stouffville and Smith Falls defeating St Catharines in the other game.

In the championship game Micksburg faced off against Smith Falls in a battle of the 2 undefeated teams. Both teams played great ball that had the fans on the edge of their seats all game. In the end Micksburg was crowned the 2010 champion with a 7 to 3 win.

The consolation game saw St Catharines come through with a 5 to 2 victory in a close fought contest with Stouffville.

Woodbridge once again proved to be a good host as all teams was complimentary of the organization and caliber of officiating throughout the day. Thanks to Louie Calvitto and the Woodbridge Warriors for all of their efforts to make the day run so smoothly.

*Dave Northern
OASA Select Division Convenor*

Peewee – Kitchener Waterloo, August 20 & 21, 2010 & September 18, 2010

12 teams travelled to Kitchener Waterloo to participate in the Peewee Select Provincial Championships. Teams came from as far away as Stittsville in the Ottawa Valley to the east, Georgian Bay from the north, Kitchener Waterloo was the farthest team from the west, and St Catharine's represented the farthest team from the southern part of the province.

Weather won out at the end of the day on Saturday August 21st pushing the championship game out to September 18th in Oshawa – setting a record I'm pretty sure for the longest Select provincial tournament at 29 days!

When Georgian Bay made the trek to Oshawa for the championship game they made the most of it coming out victorious with a solid 13 – 4 win.

In the consolation final Lyn defeated the hosts from Kitchener Waterloo to take home the consolation championship.

Bantam – Georgian Bay, August 20 & 21, 2010

10 teams participated in the 2010 Bantam Select Provincials hosted by Victoria Harbour Minor Ball & the Georgian Bay Minor Softball Association. Games started on the Friday evening in 2 pools and those 2 games became deciding games as to who made the finals and who played in the Consolation round.

The Georgian Bay Rattlers and the Domville Aces played a squeaker of a game in their pool with Domville's only loss being against the Rattlers in a 1 run game.

In the other pool a 1 run game meant Goulding Park would move on to the consolation round over their competitor Topham Park.

In the second Pool the Lyn Lightning team went undefeated to go up against the Rattlers in the Finals.

Georgian Bay came out victorious in the championship game, defeating Lyn by a score of 13 to 8.

Domville won the consolation championship with a 9 to 2 victory over Goulding Park. Competition was tight throughout the tournament, the opening ceremonies will be remembered by the players for a long time. It was a great sight to see some 120 young athletes march onto the field representing their individual towns with pride.

All 10 teams participated in the skills competition at noon where the fastest ball pitched was 62 MPH and the bases were run in a record 10.6 seconds.

Standing out above all else was the friendships that were created throughout the day as we saw fantastic sportsmanship and constant positive comments from all in the great day we were having.

And above all else- rain stopped at 7 a.m. in the morning and didn't return until almost 9 p.m. in the bottom of our final inning!

It will be a day not soon forgotten,

Keith Chapman

Georgian Bay Rattlers

Midget – Unionville, August 21, 2010

There were 8 teams that battled for the Midget Select Provincial Championship in Unionville on Saturday, August 21st. While the weatherman threatened showers late in the day, everything was completed before the skies opened up and the rain came down late Saturday night.

In one of the 2 divisions the tiebreaker rules came into play as 3 teams ended up 2 and 1 in the round robin. Unfortunately Goodwood / Stouffville did not move on to challenge for one of the final 4 spots.

The consolation final saw Georgian Bay repeat as consolation champions as they defeated Kitchener Waterloo.

In the championship game Bramalea brought home the gold as they came out on top of Oshawa by a final score of 11 to 1.

The Select program continues to provide an opportunity for house league players and teams to compete at the next level up against teams from other associations in weekend tournaments throughout the summer. The Provincial Championships in August each year are typically the high point of the year for these players and offer teams an opportunity to see some of the best ball for their age group that they'll see all year. The support of the OASA and PWSA in these Provincial Championships helps bridge the grass roots house league programs with rep programs. If you are interested in finding out more about Select ball please feel free to contact myself or check out the Ontario Select Softball Tournament Association website at www.ossta.org for tournament listings and contact information for boys, girls and coed teams.

Dave Northern

OASA Select Division Convenor

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O.A.S.A. AGM

2010 O.A.S.A.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday November 20th

12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet

1:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. AGM

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Toronto Markham

7095 Woodbine Avenue

For more information, visit our website www.oasa.ca

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INSURANCE

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