



**TORONTO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

# **East Select Loop Sanctioned & Championship Tournament Rules 2019**

This is a copy of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Provincial Championship rules with specific modifications for TBA Loop play. All BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION references remain and TBA administration is the context equivalent. **TBA specific rule modifications and additions will be noted in bold underlined italics.**

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## **LOOP & TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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### **Double Knock out tournament**

Please note there are specific rules applying to Rookie Ball play as well as these general tournament rules applying to all BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Provincials Tournament participants. Rules specifically applicable to Rookie Ball are an additional attachment.

### **Byes are to be awarded as follows:**

- i. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
- ii. No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
- iii. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
- iv. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.



## 1. OFFICIAL RULES

- 1.1 The playing rules for all scheduled games within the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Provincial Championship shall be the "Official Rules of Baseball" - Except as detailed below.
- 1.2 BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Provincials Tournament Rules **cannot be changed or amended** without approval of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Tournament Rules Chair. **TBA changes require approval of the TBA Select Chair.**

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 An OBA carded player, playing regularly for his OBA registered team as defined by the member association, is **not** eligible. **TBA – Houseleague players can be called across from the same division for loop games. However, they are not eligible for Championship games unless on the roster. Note: Call across is same division i.e. 13U HL to 13U Select.**
- 2.2 All roster players must have OBA insurance; this applies to all team entries.
- 2.3 Teams must be from member associations that have both paid their membership by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline & that the association has also submitted roster for all of their select teams by the same July 1<sup>st</sup> date. Only players listed on the July 1<sup>st</sup> roster are eligible for the Provincials championship. **TBA teams must provide their rosters to Baseball Ontario by July 1.**
- 2.4 50% of the players on the roster must live in the Associations boundaries. If you wish to be eligible to participate in the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Provincials and your team does not meet the fifty (50%) percent rule you can request an exception to this rule. The request for an exception will be considered by the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Board of Directors when you fully complete the Request for Exception Form, which can be found in the forms section of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION web site. Once completed, the form and team roster(s) are to be sent to Tom Moy, BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION Secretary.
- 2.5 Where a player is rostered to a team of an older division, he is considered a player of the older division and not eligible to play on a team of his natural age. Eg. 11 yr old is rostered on a 13U team is not eligible to play on an 11U team.

## 3. TEAM ROSTER

- 3.1 **For the 2019 playing season, head coaches require the five 9U coaching courses certification and the assistants coach(s) require the initiation on-line module for 9U.**
- 3.2 All teams should register with the site Convenor at least **ONE HOUR** prior to their first game.
- 3.3 A team roster listing all players, coaches and sweater numbers must be presented to the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION on site Convenor at the time of registration.
- 3.4 Each team is required to provide their OBA Team Roster Number prior to any tournament to the Tournament Host as specified by the host. Rosters must be available on demand. Players not on a team numbered roster may be accepted for Sanctioned tournament only as long as they provide verification of age and are registered members of the local association.
- 3.5 There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 coaches. However there will be a limit of 18 awards per team.



3.6 21U players are required to provide proof of age using government issued photo identification i.e. driver's license, photo health card etc.

3.7 **Age Limitations - The 2018 levels are as follows:**

2010 (or younger)	Rookie		2004-2005	15U
2008-2009	11U	2001-2003	18U	
2006-2007	Pee Wee		1998-2000	21U

Where the association/club permits it, players will be allowed to play up one age group at all levels. **TBA e.g. 15U player can be called up to 18U but not 21U. Female players are allowed to play one year overaged in all divisions.**

3.8 The home team will supply the official scorekeeper if one is not supplied by the tournament officials. Prior to the start of each game, a player line-up with sweater numbers and surnames listed **must** be provided to the scorekeeper and exchanged with the other team. Penalty: Game does not start until roster with surnames, numbers is provided. **TBA teams – FOR LOOP GAMES: both teams submit the score and any game ejection or other issues to report to the TBA Convener within 24 hrs.**

3.9 The official scorekeeper supplied by the “home team”, must turn in the game score sheet (white copy) & the pitching count sheet (hardcopy) to the convener at the end of the game. Both must be signed by both teams.

3.10 Any player arriving late maybe added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has completed two innings.

3.11 All eligible players present at the game shall be listed on the team's line-up sheet and must play a minimum of two innings in a defensive position within the first four innings, unless injured during that game. Any exception to this rule must be brought to the attention of the convener, umpire & opposing team attention before the start of the game (**PENALTY**- The game is a forfeit & the COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME). Exception: if the game is a mercy after 3 1/2 innings, the players on the visiting team who have not have 2 defensive innings are not considered an infraction.

3.12 No player will be listed on the game line-up if that player is unable to play a defensive position (**PENALTY**-COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME). All players listed on the line-up sheet will bat.

3.13 All players will bat in the order as presented to the official scorekeeper prior to the start of each game.

3.14 Clarification of “Injured during that game.” Any player leaving the field due to an injury must remain out of the game for at least a complete defensive inning, before re-entering the game in a defensive position. A player unable to take their turn at a bat, after having been removed from the field due to an injury, will be removed from the line-up and further play in the game (this is not an out nor is it considered batting out of a turn). If the team no longer has a minimum of 9 players, the game is forfeit. **TBA - for pitchers, see 5.15A**



- 3.15 A batter or runner may not have a pinch runner unless injured during their turn as a batter or runner. The designated pinch runner will be the last recorded out. If this occurs before any outs then it will be the last player in the line-up.

#### 4. Female Players

- 4.1 A female may, but is not required to, register with a Girls baseball teams and a non-girls baseball team in 13U division & up.
- 4.2 Female athletes have the option of playing one year overage in all divisions.

#### 5. Pitching Rules

- 5.1 Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rule of the series in which he/she is rostered.
- 5.2 In 11U games, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach shall not be limited except where the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- 5.3 In 13U games a third trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.
- 5.4 In 11U & 13U Wee games, a pitcher once removed from pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may continue in the game at another position except catcher, but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- 5.5 For 15U to 21U, a second trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

#### Pitch Count Limitations

- 5.6 A pitcher may not pitch more than the following limits in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of: (i) the completion of that batter or (ii) the end of the inning. **(based upon the age division the pitcher is rostered)**

11U	70 pitches
13U	80 pitches
15U	90 pitches
18U & 21U	100 pitches



- 5.7 If a pitcher throws more than the following limits in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day - the player must have 2 nights rest.
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| 11U       | 45 pitches |
| 13U       | 55 pitches |
| 15U       | 65 pitches |
| 18U & 21U | 75 pitches |
- 5.8 Where the team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the following limits during a game, or combination of games the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day. Pitchers can still throw the designated maximum pitch count in a day so long as the aforementioned multi games in a day limits have not been exceeded:
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| 11U       | 45 pitches |
| 13U       | 55 pitches |
| 15U       | 65 pitches |
| 18U & 21U | 75 pitches |
- 5.9 At the 11U division level Balks are not to be called. Should pitchers balk (e.g. double set or not pause) umpires will indicate such infractions to the coach between innings. In the 13U division, umpires will be advised by the tournament director to call balks on a pitcher only after that pitcher has been warned of an infraction and an explanation has been given to that pitcher by the umpire.
- 5.10 No balk warnings will be issued at 15U, 18U and 21U divisions.
- 5.11 If a balk is called but the pitcher throws the ball it will count as a pitch thrown, even if it is not counted as a pitch for ball/strike purposes.
- 5.12 The official pitch count recorder shall inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed.
- Note:** It is the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or the umpire fail to notify the manager.
- 5.13 If a team has no remaining players eligible to pitch in a game, the opposing coach may designate a player who has not yet pitched in the game. This pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches.
- 5.14 Illegal pitching **penalty:** For 11U, 13U, 15U games where a player throws more pitches than is permitted *or pitches without the required rest or pitches three consecutive days*, the player's team shall forfeit the game, A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach's indefinite suspension. **For 18U, a pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive days unless:**
- i) pitcher threw 30 or less pitches on the first two days, and,
  - ii) maximum number of pitches that can be thrown on the third is 50.
- 5.15 **Illegal pitching penalty:** where a player throws more pitches as outlined in 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 and/or 5.14, the game is forfeit. A second violation will result in the indefinite suspension of the head coach.



- 5.16 At 11U and Pee Wee, a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game.
- 5.17 11U teams are not allowed leadoffs. A base runner will not leave a base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand. (PENALTY: THE RUNNER IS OUT AND THE BALL IS DEAD MIDIMMEDIATELY WHEN THE RUNNER LEAVES THE BASE.)
- 5.18 In the case where a game is suspended for whatever reason, on one day & resumed on a second day, pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown (i.e. both parts of the game shall be considered on separate days). Where weather or other reasons cause the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of the delay can count towards the nights rest required under 5.7 & can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under 5.16. **TBA The pitcher of record at suspension of play does not have additional pitches in the second day in that game & remain under the part game minimum e.g. a 13U pitcher could only pitch 55 pitches total on day one & day two combined before he would need a full day rest from the completion of the game. After 10 pitches completing his pitching in the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the suspended game, he would have 45 pitches left before he needed 1 day rest.**
- 5.19 **Substitutions are only allowed at the end of an inning except for injury or pitching substitution in the following manner: A mid-inning pitcher replacement must be from players already playing on the defense at the point of the replacement or substituted from a player who started the inning on the bench.**

## 6. CURFEW

- 6.1 The number of innings in a complete game will be seven for 11U - 21U. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred
- 6.2 No new inning curfew will start after one and three quarters (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) hours from the first pitch. At **the 15U, 18U and 21U** levels, the no new inning curfew is set at 2 hours. However, if a new inning starts prior to the time curfew, the inning must be completed. Except if the visiting team is unable to tie or go ahead of the home team after having played the top half of an inning that extended beyond the curfew then the game is considered complete and the home team does not go to bat as they have already won the game.
- 6.3 The official start time is to be determined by the umpire and reported to the official game scorekeeper.
- 6.4 Tied games are allowed during preliminary games.
- 6.5 The Championship game(s) are not subject to the time curfew limits and will be full games to determine a winner except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable.
- 6.6 In the event of a delay during tournament play due to rain or darkness and prior to that game becoming official (3 $\frac{1}{2}$  or 4 innings. See Mercy Rule below), the game will be suspended and the curfew clock stops. The curfew clock will commence at the start of play. (See 6.2 above). The defensive team must resume the same positions as those at the point of game suspension.



- 6.7 The scheduled starting time may be at the discretion of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION on site convenor.
- 7. MERCY RULE**
- 7.1 If the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs after three and a half innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. **TBA – An inning mercy occurs when the batting team scores 5 runs. Innings, that begin after 1:15 have a 10 run inning mercy.**
- 7.2 If the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs after four or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner.
- 7.3 A game forfeit will be declared and a score of 7 - 0 will be recorded if a team is unable to field a team of nine players at the scheduled starting time, or at any point during the game.
- 7.4 Barring extenuating circumstances, if a team is not able to start a game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the game will be forfeited.
- 8. GENERAL**
- 8.1 At the beginning of each game, the home and visiting team designation will be decided by a coin toss. The team coming the greater distance will make the call.
- 8.2 All players and coaches will be dressed in a baseball team uniform as issued by their home association; minimum coach's uniform being long pants, and association issued golf shirt or a T-shirt with a number and a cap. (Association logo or name must be identifiable). No sandals permitted on the diamond.
- 8.3 Metal cleats will be allowed at the 15U, 18U and 21U levels. **TBA – Metal cleats are not allowed.**
- 8.4 18U & 21U levels will use Wood or Wood composite bats only. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing & wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood bats do not include any bat with a has a metallic component. 15U level may use aluminum, wood or wood composite bats. Aluminum bats may only have a weight difference of minus 5 or less. A legal bat diameter shall be the maximum barrel of 2 ¾ inches. There are no other restrictions.
- 8.5 No smoking or use of tobacco products, alcohol or drugs are permitted on the playing field, in the dug outs or in the immediate vicinity of the dugouts, (this applies to coaches, players & umpires). City smoking bylaws must be obeyed.
- i) this applies to players, coaches and umpires.
- ii) penalty is immediate ejection of the offending player or coach and may result in the loss of accreditation for the umpire.
- 8.6 **Protests:** Any protest once a game has started, that requires the Convenor's intervention, will be settled on the field at the time the problem occurs. *There will be a protest fee of \$75.00, paid in cash, to be lodged with the on site convenor before the protest may be heard. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Judgement calls by the Umpires cannot be protested. Game delays due to protests do not invalidate the curfew rule (the clock keeps ticking). The game is under suspension but the time continues to progress toward completion until the protest is resolved.*
- 8.7 The TBA Select Chair has the ultimate authority relating to any matter that requires a ruling or clarification. If the Select Chair is not available, the divisional host convener will rule in his place.

- 8.8 **Ejections:** Each manager and head coach is responsible for the behaviour of all players, coaches and spectators with their team. *Should* all present, roster listed, coaches be ejected the game will be forfeited; *if this occurs refer to Rule 7.3.*
- 8.9 In the event a player or coach is ejected from a game, the individual must leave the diamond and no longer be involved in that game. The player, coach or manager ejected from the game is suspended for the next scheduled game.
- 8.10 The TBA Select Chair & host convenor convenor will review all ejections for possible additional suspensions. These additional ejections will be advised within 30 minutes of the completion of the game of the ejection. However, it is the responsibility of the head coach to find out about the possible increased suspensions of any suspended coaches or players. **TBA – ejection will be reviewed by the TBA Discipline Committee to determine if further discipline will be enforced.**
- 8.11 The umpires, who umpire a game where an ejection occurs, shall file an ejection report with the convenor of the tournament within 2 days. **TBA – ejection report to be emailed to Select Chair.**
- 8.12 The host convenor reserves the right to alter and/or revise any game start times necessary to ensure completion of the games.
- 8.13 No infield warm-up will be allowed. All pre-game warm-ups may take place on the outfield grass (if available) or at other safe and appropriate locations.
- 8.14 Substitutions are only allowed at the end of an inning except for an injured player or pitching change. **TBA See 5.19 Replacement pitcher must already be in a defensive position or on the bench at the start of the inning. Players may not leave the field mid inning to perform warmups and then re-enter in the same inning. A new pitcher is allowed 7 warmup pitches.**
- 8.15 All catchers are required to wear full catcher's equipment and catcher's mitt during the game and warm-ups in all divisions, except Rookie Ball where the use of a catcher's mitt is optional.
- 8.16 Coaches or players warming up pitchers either on the field between innings or in the 'bull pen' must wear a protective mask.
- 8.17 It is mandatory that all players wear a protective athletic support.
- 8.18 The batter shall wear a protective helmet while on deck, at bat or running the bases. The helmet may not be removed until the batter is retired, has crossed home plate and left the field of play or the half inning has been completed. Should the batter/runner remove the helmet before leaving the field while the ball is in play, they will be declared out.
- 8.19 At the 15U, 18U and 21U levels batting helmet chin straps are optional.
- 8.20 Teams should be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played until the start of their next game. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30-minute period.
- 8.21 No team may play more than 3 games in a day without written permission by the head coach. A suspended game during which 3 or more innings are played on each day counts as a game both days.



8.22 **Diamond Layout**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Base Distances</u>	<u>Pitching Rubber Distances</u>
9U (Rookieball)	65 feet	44 feet
11U (Mosquito)	65 feet	44 feet
13U (Peewee)	75 feet	50 feet
15U (Bantam)	90 feet	60 feet 6 inches
18U & up	90 feet	60 feet 6 inches

8.23 BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION, hosting Baseball Associations and the host Cities will not accept responsibility for accidents, injuries or loss during this tournament.

8.24 11U teams entering this tournament should note the following rules:

- A) A batter can run on a dropped third strike.
- B) The Infield Fly rule will apply.
- C) Balks will not be called. See pitching rules 5.9.
- D) 11U (Mosquito) teams are not allowed leadoffs. See pitching rules 5.17.

8.25 Bat boys / Girls are not permitted

**9. ADVANCEMENT TO CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS FOR ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENTS**

Standings will be determined by the number of points obtained as follows:

Win = 2 pts, Tie = 1 pt, Loss = 0 pts.

**10. TIE-BREAKING FORMULA**

- A** Winner of head to head games;
- B** team with lowest runs against ratio (runs allowed/defensive innings played);
- C** team with highest runs scored ratio (runs scored/offensive innings played);
- D** coin toss (team furthest away calls the toss)



## 9U (Rookie Ball) Specific Rules

The following rules apply specifically to the 9U (Rookie Ball) division in addition to the other tournament rules stated herein:

Prior to the start of each game, a player line-up (maximum 18 players) with sweater numbers and surnames listed must be provided to the scorekeeper. The first ten batters must also play a defensive position in the first inning, the additional player being an outfielder. (**PENALTY: HEAD COACH IS EJECTED**). **TBA- Four outfielders must start play on the outfield grass unless there are only 9 defensive players.**

### RK 1 9U (Rookie Ball) Pitching Rules:

- RK.1.1 A **safety** circle eight (8) foot in diameter with its centre at 44 feet from home plate, will surround the pitching machine. The pitcher must stand beside the pitching machine outside the safety circle and behind the release point of the pitching machine. **Lines shall be drawn from the release point to 4 ft. beyond the circle. The pitcher must have both feet on the white line *or within 4 ft. behind the line* until the ball is released from the machine.**
- RK.1.2 The machine speed will be set at 40 mph. A coach will operate the machine. A regulation baseball approved for 11U will be used.
- RK.1.3 If a batted ball hits the machine, the ball is dead; the batter is awarded first base and any base runner is moved who is forced to advance by the batter being awarded first base.
- RK.1.4 **The pitcher must stand beside or behind the pitching machine outside the safety circle. The pitcher must wear a regulation batting helmet designed by the manufacturer with a face mask and chinstrap attached to protect from an errant ball that hits the machine.**
- RK.1.5 **Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches. If the batter does not hit a fair ball within five pitches, he will be declared out.** If a batter has 2 strikes and swings on a subsequent pitch and misses, he will be declared out.
- RK.1.6 A strike is a pitch which the batter swings at and misses or is a foul ball. There are no called strikes.
- RK.1.7 A pitch which is over the batter's head or bounces in the dirt will be ruled a 'no pitch' unless the batter swings at the pitch.
- RK.1.8 Batters cannot obtain a base on balls.
- RK.1.9 ***To stop defensive play, any infielder who has control of the ball*** and is standing within the understood boundaries of the infield, can ask for time to be called. **Note: The ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infielder may ask for time. Time will be granted at the umpire's discretion & may not be granted if a "baseball play" is still underway.**



**RK.2 9U (Rookie Ball) Play:**

- RK.2.1 In 9U, a complete game is 7 innings.
- RK.2.2 All players present shall be listed on the team's batting line-up and shall bat in that order. Any player arriving late maybe added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has completed two innings. (PENALTY-COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME).
- RK.2.3 A game forfeit will be declared and a score of 7 - 0 will be recorded if a team is unable to field a team of 9 players at the scheduled starting time, or at any point during the game.
- RK.2.4 Bunting is not permitted (PENALTY - BATTER IS OUT).
- RK.2.5 Stealing is not permitted. (PENALTY - RUNNER IS OUT).
- RK.2.6 Runners may not lead-off until the ball is hit. (PENALTY - RUNNER IS OUT).
- RK.2.7 Base runners may only advance on a ball which is hit in fair territory or a foul ball caught in play. Usual rules apply about tagging up before advancing and at their own risk would apply to caught foul balls. Base runners may not advance on a passed ball or a pitched ball returned to the pitcher by the catcher.
- RK.2.8 An inning will end when three outs are made. **TBA – or when an inning mercy has occurred.**
- RK.2.9 The infield fly rule does not apply.
- RK.2.10 All catchers are required to wear full catcher's equipment during the game and during warm-ups. Use of a catcher's mitt is optional.
- RK 2.10A TBA - Adults / Coaches who operate the pitching machine must wear a batting Helmut. If he refuses, he will be ejected from the game. For purposes of this rule, a skull cap is considered a helmet.**
- RK.2.11 A defensive coach may call one infield conference per inning.
- RK.2.12 **GAME MERCY:** If the home team is ahead by 15 or more runs after three and a half innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. If the visiting team is ahead by 15 or more runs after four or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner. **TBA – An inning mercy occurs when the batting team scores 5 runs. Innings, that begin after 1:15 have a 10 run inning mercy.**
- RK.2.13 No player may enter the circle surrounding the pitching machine in an attempt to field the ball. This will be a dead ball and all runners & including the batter runner will be awarded one base.
- RK.2.14 The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct the batter before feeding the machine, but shall not instruct runners during the play. **PENALTY:** the coach shall be warned. If the action continues, the coach will be removed from the game.

## Playing Rule Variances from OBA Rep &/or BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION

- 2.1 An OBA carded player, playing regularly for his OBA registered team as defined by the member association, is **not** eligible. **TBA – Houseleague players can be called across from the same division for loop games. However, they are not eligible for Championship games unless on the roster. Note: Call across is same division i.e. 13U HL to 13U Select.** Loop games can be played with HL players that are not on the team roster except for the Championships to encourage games to be played
- 2.5/5.1 A player that is rostered on an older division team e.g. 11U on 13U roster, is restricted to the roster age for play and may not play on an 11U Select team. The player is eligible to pitch the limits of the division to which he is rostered. Rep limits pitch counts to natural age of the player in RP 2.10 (b)
- 5.18 In the case where a game is suspended for whatever reason, on one day & resumed on a second day, pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown (i.e. both parts of the game shall be considered on separate days). Where weather or other reasons cause the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of the delay can count towards the nights rest required under 5.7 & can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under 5.16. **TBA The pitcher of record at suspension of play does not have additional pitches in the second day in that game & remain under the part game minimum e.g. a 13U pitcher could only pitch 55 pitches total on day one & day two combined before he would need a full day rest from the completion of the game. After 10 pitches completing his pitching in the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the suspended game, he would have 45 pitches left before he needed 1 day rest.** This is a clarification of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION substitution rule, especially as it relates to pitchers.
- 5.19 **TBA – a mid-inning pitcher replacement must be from players already playing on the defense at the point of the replacement or have been on the bench from the start of the inning.** This is the intent of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION rule and is a clarification. OBA Rep allows removal and re-entry within an inning.
- 7.1 If the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs after three and a half innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. **TBA – An inning mercy occurs when the batting team scores 5 runs. Innings, that begin after 1:15 have a 10 run inning mercy.** OBA Rep has a game mercy of 18 runs after 3 full innings, 15 runs after 4 full innings and 10 runs after 5 full innings per RP 2.7 (g). Rep and BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION do not have inning mercy rules. The inning mercy is used to reduce the opportunity for lopsided scores, especially early, so that games are still reasonable learning & competitive environments.



- 8.2 All players and coaches will be dressed in a baseball team uniform as issued by their home association; minimum coach's uniform being long pants, and association issued golf shirt or a T-shirt with a number and a cap. (Association logo or name must be identifiable). No sandals permitted on the diamond. OBA requires a coach to have a full uniform including baseball pants, shirts (with numbers) and caps.
- 8.3 Metal cleats will be allowed at the 15U, 18U and 21U levels. **TBA – Metal cleats are not allowed.** BOTH OBA & BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION allow metal cleats in 15U ages and above but also anticipate that teams participating are more advanced in both player & coaching skill and commitment to address proper use and practice for sliding and use of metal spikes.
- 8.4 18U & 21U levels will use Wood or Wood composite bats. The minus 5 bat restriction applies for 15U aluminum bats level only. **In OBA, minor 15U and up may only use wood or wood composite and exclude bats with metal inserts. 13U are restricted to minus 10.**
- 8.9 In the event a player or coach is ejected from a game, the individual must leave the diamond and no longer be involved in that game. The player, coach or manager ejected from the game is suspended for the next scheduled game. **OBA has a possible 4 step process in P2.13 (a).**
- 8.14 Substitutions are only allowed at the end of an inning except for an injured player or pitching change. **TBA See 5.19 Replacement pitcher must already be in a defensive position or have been on the bench at the beginning of the inning and substitutes for pitcher. Players may not leave the field mid inning to perform warmups and then re-enter in the same inning. A new pitcher is allowed 7 warmup pitches.** This is a clarification of the BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION rule and reinforces that this applies to pitchers as well as position players. OBA allow for re-entry within an inning.
- 8.19 **TBA Jewelry – Eliminated** Rep & Select have stopped enforcing this rule.

#### **Rookie Ball Preamble:**

**TBA- Four outfielders must start play on the outfield grass unless there are only 9 defensive players.** The 10 defensive players are 6 infield and 4 outfield players.

- RK.1.5 Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches. If the batter does not hit a fair ball within five pitches, he will be declared out. **OBA allows a last pitch foul that allows the batter to continue.**
- RK.2.7 An inning will end when three outs are made. **TBA – or when an inning mercy has occurred.** BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION and OBA do not use an inning mercy rule. The inning mercy is used to reduce the opportunity for lopsided scores, especially early, so that games are still reasonable learning & competitive environments.
- RK.2.11 **GAME MERCY:** If the home team is ahead by 15 or more runs after three and a half innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. If the visiting team is ahead by 15 or more runs after four or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner. **TBA – An inning mercy occurs when the batting team scores 5 runs. Innings that begin after 1:15 have a 10 run inning mercy.** This allows a bigger comeback late or last inning without being an open inning. OBA and BASEBALL ONTARIO SELECT DIVISION do not have inning mercy rules so this is not required for them.