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|  | The Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules of the Etobicoke Baseball AssociationAs Amended November 16, 2023  |

**CONSTITUTION**

# Name and Affiliations

## The name of this organization shall be the “Etobicoke Baseball Association” (“EBA”).

## The EBA shall be affiliated with the Ontario Baseball Association (“OBA”), the Toronto Baseball Association (“TBA”) and such other associations as shall be approved by Super Majority Approval at an Annual Meeting.

# Objectives

## The objectives of the EBA shall be to:

### foster, promote and monitor, both directly and in cooperation with the Member Leagues, amateur baseball in the former City of Etobicoke. In furtherance of the foregoing (and without limiting the activities the EBA may undertake in furtherance of this objective) the EBA shall:

operate, in recognized playing series, leagues of Select teams, formed from Member Leagues (and such other teams as may be approved by the General Manager of Select);

carry out competition to determine, at the Select level, EBA Champions and EBA representatives at the OBA Select Division Provincial Championships;

operate, through the Etobicoke Rangers Program, AAA and Elite baseball teams in such series as may be offered by the TBA, OBA and/or Elite Baseball League of Ontario (“EBLO”); and

operate the Etobicoke Challenger Program; and

### protect and promote the interests of the Member Leagues.

# MEMBERSHIP

## Membership in the EBA shall be comprised of such baseball leagues and/or associations as shall: (a) agree to abide by and comply with the rules of the EBA, TBA and OBA and (b) be approved by Super Majority Approval at an Annual Meeting (each league or association which is granted membership in the EBA is a “Member League”). Any baseball league or association wishing to become a Member League shall send an expression of interest to the Secretary (who shall cause such expression of interest to be added to the agenda of the next Annual Meeting).

## Membership in the EBA may also be granted to individuals. Such membership may be either as a “Life Member” or an “Honorary Member”. An Honorary Member does not have voting privileges. All Life Members from time to time in attendance at an EBA meeting shall, collectively, be entitled to one vote at such meeting. Nominations for Honorary Members and Life Members must be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, no less than three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting at which such nominations are to be considered. In order to be approved as an Honorary Member or a Life Member, a nominee must be approved by Majority Approval.

# MEMBER LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

## Except as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws, the control and management of the Member Leagues shall be left entirely in the hands of the Member Leagues.

## The EBA does not accept any responsibility for any debts, liabilities or obligations incurred by any Member Leagues.

## The EBA, its Member Leagues and all of their respective all teams and officials disclaim any responsibility for any injuries sustained by any individual.

## Each Member League agrees to procure Medical and Liability Insurance to cover all active players, coaches and members from any claims that may arise as a result of the operation of such Member League’s activities.

## Each Member League which operates Select teams agrees that, each season, it shall: (a) in respect of the regular season, host and identify a convenor for at least one Select division and (b) in respect of the season ending playoffs, secure convenors and volunteers for at least one Select division. Affiliate leagues which are approved to participate in the EBA Select program (see Section 5.03(e)iv)) must collectively work together to identify a division host and convenor for one division and provide field time and volunteer support for that division’s playoff.

## Each Member League shall ensure all individuals representing such Member League on the Executive Committee and attending an Annual Meeting, Monthly Meeting or Special Meeting are aware of, and abide by, the applicable provisions of this Constitution, the By-Laws, the Playing Rules, all EBA Policies and any applicable OBA Policies.

# MANAGEMENT OF THE EBA; OFFICERS AND DUTIES

## Management of the EBA shall be undertaken by an executive committee (the “Executive Committee”). The Executive Committee shall be comprised of: (a) the Officers; (b) representatives of the Member Leagues and (c) the Honorary Members and the Life Members.

## The officers of the EBA (the “Officers”) shall be as follows: (a) President; (b) Vice-President; (c) Secretary; (d) Treasurer; (e) General Manager of Select; (f) General Manager of Etobicoke Rangers Program; (g) Supervisor of Umpires; (h) Special Events Coordinator; (i) Officer at Large; (j) Past-President and (k) such other officers as may be appointed by the President from time to time pursuant to Section 5.04(h).

## The following Officers shall have the following duties:

### President. The President shall:

preside at all EBA meetings (including, without limitation, Annual Meetings, Monthly Meetings and Special Meetings) and, if necessary, appoint an individual to record the minutes of such meeting;

ensure that all duly approved orders and resolutions of the EBA are carried into effect; and

have such powers and perform such other duties as are necessary and/or desirable for the proper conduct of the business of the EBA, to ensure the efficient operation of the EBA and/or the furtherance of the EBA’s objectives;

### Vice-President. The Vice-President shall:

chair the Discipline Committee;

perform such duties as may be assigned by the President; and

in the event that the President cannot carry out his/her duties for any reason, and for so long as the President cannot carry out his/her duties, have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President;

### Secretary. The Secretary shall:

keep minutes of all EBA meetings (including, without limitation, Annual Meetings, Monthly Meetings and Special Meetings);

ensure the minutes of all EBA meetings are distributed together with the notice of the next meeting;

maintain a file of all minutes, correspondence and other material pertinent to the EBA; and

handle all official correspondence on behalf of the EBA;

### Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

keep an accurate record of all monies received and distributed during the current year;

prepare, at the beginning of the year, a budget for the forthcoming year, for approval by the Executive Committee;

prepare a financial statement for presentation at each Annual Meeting and each Monthly Meeting;

collect and receive all monies to be paid to the EBA; and

ensure all payments made by the EBA are made by cheque, signed by the Treasurer and either the President or the Vice-President;

### General Manager of Select. The General Manager of Select shall:

be responsible for organizing the Select Baseball Program within the EBA;

liaise with Annette, Toronto Playgrounds and York to coordinate their participation in EBA’s Select Baseball Program;

liaise with any TBA East teams which may wish to participate in EBA’s Select Baseball Program on an ad-hoc basis.

notify the Executive Committee, prior to May 1, of any leagues (other than Member Leagues) approved for inclusion in EBA’s Select Baseball Program;

work with the Member Leagues and all other leagues participating in EBA’s Select Baseball Program to identify hosts and convenors for each division;

work with host leagues to facilitate annual playoffs, including training any volunteers, providing any paperwork or materials, ordering trophies and other supplies as required;

be the lead contact person for the Protest Committee during playoffs;

recommend to the Executive Committee any policy changes regarding the operation of EBA’s Select Baseball Program; and

attend OBA Select Meetings on behalf of the EBA as General Manager of Select and to vote at the OBA Annual Meeting on behalf of the EBA;

### General Manager of Etobicoke Rangers Program. The General Manager of Etobicoke Rangers Program shall:

be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Etobicoke Rangers Program (which, for greater certainty, shall comprise all teams operating under the Etobicoke Rangers banner);

provide regular updates and reports on the Etobicoke Rangers Program;

represent the EBA at all meetings involving the Etobicoke Rangers and Regional Programs; and

recommend to the Executive Committee any policy changes regarding the operation of the Etobicoke Rangers Program;

### Supervisor of Umpires. The Supervisor of Umpires shall:

be a member of the Discipline Committee and Protest Committee, as required;

be advised of any protest lodged and take appropriate action according to protest procedures;

receive copies all Incident Reports related to Etobicoke Select players, coaches and officials; and

assist in the training of umpires on an annual basis (including, without limitation, by arranging EBA Umpire Clinics on an annual basis);

### Special Events Coordinator. The Special Events Coordinator shall:

coordinate all special events activity organized by the EBA (including, without limitation, the Etobicoke Challenger Program); and

act as tournament chairperson at the request of the Executive Committee;

### Officer at Large. The Officer at Large shall:

perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.

### Past-President. The Past-President shall be responsible for:

bringing forward to the EBA changing trends and new programs that would enhance or be to the betterment of the EBA and/or its Member Leagues;

attending TBA Executive Committee Meetings as EBA’s representative (or sending an alternate on his/her behalf) and reporting back to the next Monthly Meeting on the outcome and discussion of the TBA Executive Committee Meeting;

maintaining the EBA Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules and updating same as necessary;

bringing to the attention of the Executive Committee matters that are in violation of the EBA Constitution, By-Laws and/or Playing Rules; and

ordering awards for EBA sanctioned events.

## Election and Appointment of Officers/Committees

### Nominations of individuals to serve as Officers may be made by any member of the Executive Committee in good standing. Such nominations must be in writing and must be submitted to the Secretary by the second (2nd) Monday in October.

### Nominations/slates of Officers submitted to the Secretary in accordance with Section 5.04(a) will be announced at the October Monthly Meeting.

### Nominees must either be present at the Annual Meeting or must have indicated to the Secretary, in writing no less than three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, their intention to stand for election to the office for which they have been nominated.

### Elections for Officers shall be determined by Majority Approval.

### In the case where there are two or more nominations for any Officer position (whether by way of individual nomination or by way of competing slates), voting shall be conducted by way of secret ballot.

### New Officer positions may be created, and existing Officer positions may be removed, by Super Majority Approval at an Annual Meeting.

### The President shall have the authority to appoint an individual to serve out the remainder of the term of any Officer who, voluntarily or involuntarily, vacates his/her office prior to the next Annual Meeting. The President shall have the authority to appoint an individual to any Office which is not filled (either by election or acclamation) at the Annual Meeting.

### The President shall have the authority to appoint Ad Hoc Committees as he/she may see fit to perform specific tasks. The President shall have the authority to appoint non-voting officers as he/she may see fit to perform specific tasks (such as, for example, Registrar, Webmaster, etc.).

# MEETINGS

## The Annual General Meeting (the “Annual Meeting”) shall be held annually, and no later than November 30th of each calendar year.

## Monthly meetings of the Executive Committee (“Monthly Meetings”) shall be held in each of the months of September through June of each year. Such meetings shall be held during the 3rd week of such month unless otherwise approved under Section 6.04.

## Meetings of the Discipline Committee shall be called in accordance with the process set out from time to time in the By-Laws.

## The dates and times for all regularly scheduled meetings (including all Monthly Meetings and the Annual Meeting) shall be established at the January Monthly Meeting.

## Meeting Agendas and necessary supporting materials for Monthly Meetings shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the particular meeting date. The Meeting Agenda and necessary supporting materials for the Annual Meeting shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

## Each of the President and the Vice President, individually, is empowered to call a short notice single issue special meeting (a “Special Meeting”) which shall be on a minimum notice of 2 (two) days. The notice of such meeting shall be accompanied by a description of the issue to be discussed at such meeting and any relevant supporting materials.

## While members of the Executive Committee are encouraged to attend meetings in person, all meetings provided for in this Article VI shall include mechanisms (including videoconference and/or audio conference) to allow any or all members of the Executive Committee to attend such meeting by electronic means. Members of the Executive Committee participating in a meeting by electronic means will be counted in determining whether or not a quorum is present at any point in time. Voting may occur during any properly called meeting, notwithstanding the mode of participation of members of the Executive Committee, provided the applicable quorum exists.

## A quorum for any meeting shall consist of not less than one-half of the eligible voting members. In determining whether or not a quorum exists, the following votes shall be disregarded: (a) the vote of the Life Members and (b) the vote allocated to any Officer if no person has been elected/appointed to hold such Office.

## Voting Rights

### Members shall be given the right to vote on all matters concerning the EBA. No person shall have more than one vote.

### All elected Officers (except the President) shall have one vote. The President shall be given the right to break an existing tie.

### A Member League shall have one vote for each representative in attendance at the meeting (up to a maximum of two votes for such Member League).

### Voting by proxy will not be allowed.

### Any Officer who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the Executive Committee are satisfactory, shall have their voting rights forfeited. After two (2) consecutive absences the Officer in question will be notified by the Secretary. After the third (3rd) consecutive absence by such Officer, the office shall be deemed vacant and the President shall be entitled to appoint a replacement in accordance with Section 5.04(g).

### Subject to Section 6.09(g), business properly tabled and discussed at any Annual Meeting, Monthly Meeting or Special Meeting may be determined by a simple majority of votes cast at such meeting, provided the applicable quorum for such meeting has been met (a “Majority Approval”).

### Notwithstanding Section 6.09(f), or anything else in this Constitution or elsewhere, the following decisions require a super majority of 2/3 of votes cast at the meeting at which such item is considered, provided the applicable quorum for such meeting has been met (a “Super Majority Approval”):

Affiliations with the EBA (Section 1.02);

Membership in the EBA (Section 3.01);

Creating new executive positions and/or deleting former executive positions (Section 5.04(f));

Amendment, alteration and/or addition to the Constitution (Section 8.01);

Decisions on Amendment(s) to the By-Laws, Playing Rules and EBA Policies (Section 8.02); and

Allocation of Funds in excess of $15,000 (Section 7.03).

### A resolution in writing, signed by individuals holding a number of votes sufficient to make a given decision (as set out in Section 6.09(f) and Section 6.09(g)), is as valid as if it had been passed at a Monthly Meeting or Special Meeting.

# REQUEST FOR FUNDS

## Reserve Fund

### The EBA shall keep in reserve (“Reserve”) $20,000 (total of “investments” + “outstanding financial commitments” + “Cash in Bank”).

### If at any point the Reserve drops below $20,000, no Member League can access EBA funds until the Reserve equals, or exceeds, $20,000.

## Capital Fund

### The remaining funds (“Investments” + “outstanding financial commitments” + “Cash in Bank” – “Reserve”) shall be the “Capital Fund”.

### Member Leagues can access the Capital Fund (per the process in Section 7.03) for the purposes of:

building, maintaining, renovating or buying equipment for baseball infrastructure in Etobicoke;

developing programs to improve or expand baseball in Etobicoke; and/or

emergency uses or funding registrations for selected players.

### The aggregate annual maximum request from the Capital Fund per Member League shall be $15,000.

## Process for Accessing Funds

### Member League requests for funds from the Capital Fund (“Annual Capital Requests”) must following the following process:

written request must be circulated no less than 30 days prior to the meeting at which such request is to be considered;

the written request must include details regarding purpose of funds, timing, quotes etc.;

the Member League must report back on the program or investment within 12 months; and

Majority Approval is required.

### Emergency Funds

written request must be circulated no less than 7 days prior to the meeting at which such request is to be considered

the written request must include details regarding the purpose of the emergency funds (ie. severe maintenance problems, fraud, legal issues, unforeseen expenses, etc.); and

Super Majority Approval is required.

### Executive Committee may request use of funds for EBA purposes as follows:

written request must be circulated no less than 30 days prior to the meeting at which such request is to be considered; and

Majority Approval required for uses up to $15,000. Super Majority Approval required for uses over $15,000.

### Member Leagues can receive a maximum of $15,000 Annual Capital Requests, plus approved Emergency Funds, in any one year.

# AMENDMENTS

## The Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by Super Majority Approval. Written notice of any proposed amendment, alteration or addition to the Constitution (including the text thereof) may be made by any member of the Executive Committee in good standing and must be received by the Secretary no less than three (3) weeks before the Annual Meeting.

## The By-laws, Playing Rules and EBA Policies may be amended at the Annual Meeting, or at any Monthly Meeting or Special Meeting, by Super Majority Approval.

## Notwithstanding the foregoing, any matters arising from the OBA Annual Meeting and/or the TBA Annual Meeting that have an immediate effect on the EBA will be considered at the next Monthly Meeting. Any decisions made on such matters at such Monthly Meeting shall be by Super Majority Approval and shall be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting.

**BY-LAWS**

1. **PLAYER REGISTRATION AND TEAM ROSTERS**
	1. When selecting players and preparing rosters, EBA teams shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations and/or by-laws of the TBA, OBA (Rep Division or Select Division, as applicable) and/or EBLO (including, without limitation, minimum and maximum numbers of players, residency (including any applicable out-of-territory and/or import limits), timing of signing, etc.).
	2. The Executive Committee shall, by no later than February 28th of each calendar year, set the fees (including EBA Team Fees and Roster Administration Fees) payable by each EBA team that is designated as a “Rep team”, “Select team” or “Tournament team”.
	3. Such fees shall be paid to the EBA by no later than May 31st. Any team which has not paid the requisite fees by the payment deadline will not be sanctioned by the EBA and may not be classified by the OBA.
	4. Rosters for teams playing in the EBLO in a given playing season must be approved by the Registrar by September 7 of the prior calendar year. Rosters for other EBA teams designated as a “Rep team”, “Select team” or “Tournament team” for a given playing season must be completed and submitted to the Registrar (together with all necessary and supporting documentation) by no later than January 28th of that calendar year.
	5. Late fees (in the amount of: (a) $50 plus (b) $20 for each week (or part thereof) between the date on which such roster was due and the date on which roster was received) shall be charged for rosters not submitted by the required deadline.
	6. Roster can be modified up to July 1 (for a team designated as a “Select team”) and up to June 20 (for a team designated as a “Rep team”).
2. **RELEASES**
	1. Within the EBA - No release is required for a player to move from a “Rep team” or “Select team” operated by one Member League to a “Rep team” or “Select team” operated by another Member League.
	2. Out of the EBA - When a player, having been registered in the EBA, wishes to play for a team outside of the EBA, said player must first secure a properly signed release from the President of the EBA (or his/her designate) after consulting with the President of the relevant Member League (or his/her designate). Such release will be granted automatically unless the player is in financial arrears with, has not returned all team property to, or is subject to disciplinary measures with, the team the player was last rostered with.
3. **DISCIPLINE**
	1. All matters which may require disciplinary action shall be reviewed by a Discipline Committee appointed by the President (or, in the event the President is the subject of the disciplinary proceeding, the Vice-President). A Discipline Committee may only be appointed to review the conduct of an Officer where such Officer is alleged to have either (i) failed to perform the duties of the office to which such Officer was elected or appointed and/or (ii) such Officer has breached the provisions of an EBA Policy or an applicable OBA Policy.
	2. A Discipline Committee shall be comprised of three (3) Executive Committee Members (provided that a representative of a Member League can only sit on a Discipline Committee if that Member League does not have a stake in the outcome of the matter being reviewed by such Discipline Committee).
	3. A Discipline Committee shall have the right to impose such penalty as it may determine is appropriate in the circumstances (including, without limitation, suspension, censure or reprimand). The decision of the Discipline Committee shall be final and is not subject to appeal.
	4. Incidents Arising in Connection with EBA’s Select Baseball Program:
		1. Incidents which occur prior to, during or following a game, and which may require disciplinary action, shall be reported by a game official to the General Manager of Select and Supervisor of Umpires within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident. The Supervisor of Umpires shall, in turn, notify the President of the incident.
		2. If deemed necessary, the President will form a Discipline Committee to review and consider the incident. The Chair of the Discipline Committee will set the date, time and place for the said Committee to meet. To the extent possible, such meeting should take place no more than forty-eight (48) hours following the incident. The Chair of the Discipline Committee shall inform the parties involved of the date, time and place for the Discipline Committee meeting and advise them to attend and present material relevant to the matter under consideration.
		3. Any incident involving assault or harassment of a coach, manager, official, player or umpire shall result in an automatic indefinite suspension of the offending individual, pending the review and decision of the Discipline Committee formed to review that matter.
		4. Any bench-clearing incident will result in the automatic indefinite suspension of the players and/or managers involved, pending the review and decision of the Discipline Committee formed to review that matter. Any player and/or manager found to have incited, participated in, aggravated or prolonged such bench-clearing incident shall be assessed a suspension of no less than three (3) games.
		5. Any minor under 18 years of age who is subject to a Discipline Committee hearing shall be offered to the opportunity to be represented by a parent, guardian or such other person as the parent or guardian may designate.
		6. Any player, coach or manager that is ejected from a game is automatically suspended for the next scheduled league or playoff game. If such player, coach or manager is ejected again during the same season, he or she shall be automatically suspended indefinitely, pending the review and decision of a Discipline Committee formed to review such matter.
4. **AAA/TIER 1/ELITE BASEBALL TEAMS WITHIN THE EBA**
	1. TBA has divided its territory into 5 Regional Centres (one of which is Etobicoke). The mandate of a Regional Centre is to form TBA Regional (ie. AAA/Tier 1/Elite) teams at the 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U series. A Regional Centre may not form more than one TBA Regional team in any series without first obtaining approval from the TBA Executive Committee.
	2. Except as otherwise provided in the immediately following sentences, only Etobicoke Ranger teams will be permitted to be formed as AAA/Tier 1/Elite teams within the Etobicoke Region. Any Member League wishing to have one or more of its teams play at the AAA/Tier 1/Elite level must first obtain Majority Approval for same at a Monthly Meeting or Special Meeting. If Majority Approval is given, EBA will request the requisite approval from the TBA Executive Committee.
5. **ETOBICOKE RANGER STEERING COMMITTEE**
	1. The Etobicoke Ranger Steering Committee (“ERSC”) shall be comprised of the General Manager of Etobicoke Rangers Program plus a minimum of four (4) additional members (including the Chair) appointed by the President.
	2. The Chair’s responsibilities will include but not be limited to:
		1. coordinating all ERSC activities;
		2. acting as chair for all ERSC meetings;
		3. ensuring that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Committee related to the ERSC are carried out;
		4. reporting ERSC activities to the Executive Committee on a regular basis; and
		5. bringing forward any ERSC matters that require the approval of the Executive Committee.
	3. The ERSC shall give general guidance to, and have general oversight over, the Etobicoke Rangers Program, with a view to ensuring all teams operating as Etobicoke Ranger teams operate within and satisfy all applicable requirements, rules, protocols and procedures established by EBA, TBA, OBA, EBLO and Baseball Canada. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the ERSC shall:
		* 1. receive reports/complaints regarding the Etobicoke Rangers Program (including but not limited to fines, team imposed suspensions/discipline, etc.) and, if appropriate, referring same to the President (with a view to having same considered by a Discipline Committee pursuant to By-Law 3);
			2. receive and consider the roster of Head Coaches provided by the General Manager of Etobicoke Rangers Program; and
			3. receive and consider the draft and final budgets provided by each of the individual teams operating as Etobicoke Ranger teams.

**PLAYING RULES**

These Playing Rules are intended to govern baseball played under EBA’s Select Baseball Program. Where these Playing Rules do not cover any particular situation, the General Manager of Select shall look to the rules of the TBA, OBA (Select Division) and the Official Rules of Baseball for guidance and, if the situation is still not covered, the General Manager of Select shall use his/her discretion.

1. **GENERAL**
	1. All players and coaches must conform to all applicable rules, regulations and by-laws of the EBA, TBA and OBA. These rules, regulations and by-laws can be found on the website of the applicable organization (EBA - <http://www.etobicokebaseball.com>; TBA - <http://www.torontobaseball.ca>; and OBA - <https://www.baseballontario.com>).
	2. Member Leagues operating an OBA-sanctioned Select program shall receive direct entry play in EBA’s Select Baseball Program (providing all EBA criteria (ie team fees, roster approval, etc.) have been met). Leagues other than Member Leagues must apply annually to the General Manager of Select for inclusion in EBA’s Select Baseball Program by January 15; these leagues must commit in writing to aligning with EBA establishing division playing nights, to provide field time for home games and to collaborate with other affiliates to provide a host/convenor and playoff fields/volunteers annually (see By-Law Article IV, Section 4.05).
	3. Select Teams wishing to play outside EBA’s Select Baseball Program may do so only with written permission of the General Manager of Select and President. If EBA has an established loop, or an agreement with another Select Baseball Program, EBA Select Teams wishing to compete to become EBA Champions and EBA representatives at the OBA Select Division Provincial Championships must play within those established loops.
	4. EBA’s Select Baseball Program at 9U, 11U and 13U will be designated as “House League Select” and, at 15U and 18U, will be designated as “Dedicated Select”. Unless otherwise prohibited by OBA, individual players rostered to teams designated as “Dedicated Select” who wish to play house league baseball shall be permitted to do so.
	5. Local park ground rules are to be taken into consideration.
	6. The home team must supply baseballs that are approved for that series.
	7. All players and coaches must be uniformly dressed. Coaches not uniformly dressed must stay in the dugout during the course of a game. Shorts are not acceptable coach’s game attire.
	8. Teams playing with unsigned or illegal players shall forfeit all games in which such players’ names have appeared on the score sheet and the manager shall be automatically indefinitely suspended, pending further investigation.
	9. All persons on the field must be insured and recognized volunteers or officials of: (1) the EBA, (2) one of the Member Leagues or (3) a league approved for inclusion in EBA’s Select Baseball Program.
	10. Division convenors must sign an agreement which outlines their responsibilities, including playoffs, volunteer workforce, etc.
	11. FIELD DIMENSIONS – See OBA (Select Division) Sanctioned Tournament Rules.
2. **SERIES**
	1. The EBA shall operate its Select Baseball Program at the following ages and categories:
		1. 9U - 9 and under as of December 31st of the playing year;
		2. 11U - 11 and under as of December 31st of the playing year;
		3. 13U - 13 and under as of December 31st of the playing year;
		4. 15U - 15 and under as of December 31st of the playing year; and
		5. 18U - 18 and under as of December 31st of the playing year.
	2. Series divisions of the EBA are intended to be the same as those set by the OBA (Select Division) from time to time and will be updated to reflect same.
3. **PLAYERS**
	1. Select players from the series below may be used as call ups during regular season play only (for example, a 9U Select player can be called up for a regular season game at 11U Select). If requested by the opposing coach, the coach calling the player up must be able to provide a copy of the roster of the team on which the player being called up regularly plays.
	2. No call ups are permitted during playoffs.
	3. Players CANNOT be listed on two rosters.
	4. No player listed on the roster of an EBA Select team shall be permitted to play in an interlocking House League game. If permitted by the Member League for which such Select player plays, such Select player may be eligible to play in his/her Member League’s House League.
4. **MANAGERS AND COACHES**
	1. Shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, team personnel and spectators at all times while the team is on or adjacent to the playing area.
	2. Shall complete and submit lineup cards to the plate umpire before each game showing first and last name, uniform numbers of all players, coaches, and substitutions where applicable.
	3. Winning team managers shall report the scores of each game to the Series Conveners within twenty-four (24) hours of the game.
	4. Shall fill out an accident/incident report and forward within twenty-four (24) hours to their Member League, with a copy to the Series Convenor.
	5. All Coaches must have achieved the proper coaching certification.
5. **UMPIRES**
	1. The home team shall be responsible for providing at least two (2) OBA accredited umpires. During the regular season the home team shall be responsible for paying the umpires. During the playoffs umpire fees will be split between the two teams.
	2. Umpires assigned to officiate games in EBA’s Select Baseball Program shall have the minimum certification set out below:

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| **SERIES** | **MINIMUM CERTIFICATION LEVEL** |
| 9U, 11U, 13U | 2.1 |
| 15U, 18U | 2.2 |

* 1. Level Two umpires should not umpire games in series of their own age group or older. The Supervisor of Umpires can grant exceptions.
	2. An umpire may not officiate in any game involving a team of which the umpire is a member, or has a family member playing or coaching on, or any other situation where a real or perceived conflict of interest may occur. The umpire must indicate to his/her assignor for which teams he/she has a conflict. Failure to report a conflict and/or officiating a game in which the umpire has a real or perceived conflict may be referred to a Discipline Committee, which may impose a suspension and/or such other sanctions as it deems appropriate.
	3. Umpires shall be properly attired, including but not limited to, black or navy shirt, grey dress pants, black shoes, and a black or navy umpire hat. Failure to be appropriately attired may be reported to the Umpire in Chief of the Member League to which the umpire belongs and may also be referred to a Discipline Committee.
	4. Umpires are encouraged to provide their own plate protection (Mask or Helmet, inside chest protector, Jock or Jill, and plate shoes) to ensure proper fit and reliability. Ball bags, plate brush, indicator (carry a spare), base shoes, black or navy umpires jacket and plate shoes are recommended for 15U and up. So long as the same colour is worn by all officials on the field, umpires may wear alternate colour umpire shirts (powder blue, red, cream or white).
	5. The use of tobacco, illicit drugs and/or alcoholic beverages in any form on the playing field, benches or parking lot is prohibited.
	6. Umpires must attend training and/or obtain certification when recommended or required by the EBA and/or OBA. Failure to do so may result in loss of assignments.
	7. All ejections and incidents occurring in a game taking place under EBA’s Select Baseball Program must be reported to the Supervisor of Umpires within 24 hours of the game.
1. **LEAGUE SCHEDULE**
	1. The regular season schedule should be completed in its entirety before the Playoff Schedule begins.  Series Conveners may grant exceptions in extreme circumstances.
	2. Some teams are formed in the Spring (and so cannot commit to an early May regular season start date). Such teams have the option of a delayed regular season start date (so long as they play at least 10 weeks during the regular season). In such circumstances the regular season schedule will be altered to allow teams formed in the Fall to play one another until the teams picked in the Spring are ready to start regular season play.
2. **GAME CONDITIONS**
	1. Starting Times and Curfews
		1. Game start times shall be established as per field availability and circulated as part of the scheduling process prior to the start of the season.
		2. Determinations of curfews, mercies, when a game becomes “official”, suspended games and continued games will follow the corresponding rules set out in the Sanctioned Tournament Rules of OBA’s Select Division.
	2. Length of games in any series of EBA’s Select Baseball Program shall be the same as the length of game in the corresponding series set out in the Sanctioned Tournament Rules of OBA’s Select Division.
3. **DEFAULTS**
	1. A team in any series will default a game if it cannot field a team within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time.
	2. After two (2) defaults by any one team, the Member League’s President will be required to provide further explanation.
	3. After three (3) defaults, the team may be referred to a Discipline Committee which shall be entitled to impose such sanctions as the committee may deem appropriate, including suspension from play for the remainder of the season.
	4. Any visiting team which defaults a game will be liable for all umpire costs associated with that game and the score will be listed as 7-0 for the home team.
	5. If the home team fails to provide a minimum of one umpire for a non-playoff game, then one coach from each team will umpire the game.
4. **POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS**
	1. Games shall be postponed only if the playing field is in an unplayable condition.
	2. If a postponement is necessary the home team, as soon as possible, is responsible for notifying the visiting team, umpires and the series convener.
	3. Only the home plate umpire can terminate a game once it has started.
	4. Postponed games must be played within fourteen (14) days of the original scheduled date with the mutual consent of the teams. The Series Convener must be notified of the rescheduled date by the home team manager. It will be the Series Convener‘s responsibility to intervene if a date cannot be set.
	5. The cancellation of games shall be only in extraordinary situations. The possibility of default cannot be considered grounds for cancellation. If extraordinary conditions have been established and agreed upon, both coaches must notify the Series Convener within forty-eight (48) hours after the game has been rescheduled and confirm it to him or her in writing.
5. **FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS**
	1. If two teams tie in points at the end of the regular season, the team that won the season series between them will be given the higher placement.
	2. If the series between the two clubs involved is tied, a tie-breaker game will be played on a neutral field with the home team advantage to be decided by a coin flip between the managers or their designates.
	3. If three (3) or more teams are involved in a tie, the same procedure will be followed to determine final placement.
6. **PLAYOFF FORMAT**
	1. For all Series:
		1. The EBA Playoff Champion will represent the EBA/TBA West Division in play downs where applicable.
		2. The EBA Playoff Champion will be decided in a double-knockout elimination series among Member Leagues and other leagues participating in EBA’s Select Baseball Program, as outlined in the OBA Select Division rules.
		3. First round pairings for EBA Championship Tournaments shall be established by way of a draw, unless otherwise agreed to by the General Manager of Select and President prior to the start of the season.
		4. OBA carded umpires must be used for all series playoff games. Unless otherwise approved by the General Manager of Select, for 9U-13U, umpires must be level 2 or above. For divisions at 15U and above, level 3 umpires or higher must be used.
		5. Series playoffs using a tournament format may begin as early as Thursday of the tournament weekend and may be extended past Sunday if required.
		6. Tournament schedule changes are at the sole discretion of the General Manager of Select or designate in consultation with the President. This includes realignment or extension of schedules and playing days due to weather conditions or other unanticipated inclement conditions or circumstance. Any team failing to play a game scheduled by the Series Convener or General Manager of Select or their designate will automatically forfeit that game.
		7. Players will be allowed to move up to the next series operated by the EBA if his/her series has been completed and a champion declared.
7. **PROTESTS**
	1. All protests will be dealt with by a Protest Committee consisting of at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee appointed by the President.  The President may preside at a hearing of a Protest Committee.
	2. Protests will only be considered if they are based solely on a violation/interpretation of a baseball rule.
	3. Protests must be made at the time of the incident (ie. before the next pitch is made or a runner is retired) by the manager to the chief umpire who will:
		1. advise the other team;
		2. ensure that the scorebooks of both teams are appropriately noted; and
		3. sign both scorebooks

Protests are not valid if these steps are not taken.

* 1. A protest is not official until it is confirmed in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after the incident. Copies of the protest must be sent to the:
		1. President;
		2. General Manger of Select; and
		3. Supervisor of Umpires.
	2. All protests must be accompanied by a fifty (50) dollar fee. Such fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
	3. Each team may be represented at the Protest Committee hearing by two (2) representatives. Teams shall be advised by the Secretary as to the date of the hearing.
	4. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.