



# **YSBA REP and SELECT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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## 1. Governance

- (a) A local association (“Local”) that is in good standing with the York Simcoe Baseball Association (“YSBA”) is allowed to have a representative on the Rep Committee and the Select Committee, provided that the Local has team(s) at those levels.
- (b) Rep Committee and Select Committee meetings shall be held on a regular basis each season, as determined by the YSBA Management Board (“YSBA Board”). Meetings will be chaired by the YSBA Vice President of Rep Play (“VP Rep”) or Vice President of Select Play (“VP Select”), as applicable.
- (c) Each Local representative shall have one (1) vote on all motions presented for consideration at each Rep Committee or Select Committee meeting. A simple majority will pass a given motion. In the event of a tie, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.
- (d) The Rep Committee and Select Committee are responsible for discussing and making recommendations on:
  - (i) New and/or amended rules for Ontario Baseball Association (“OBA” or “Baseball Ontario”) play;
  - (ii) New and/or amended rules for interlock games with the Toronto Baseball Association (“TBA”) and the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (“EOBA”); and
  - (iii) Other matters as they relate to the running and organization of Rep or Select play within the YSBA.
- (e) The Rep Committee and Select Committee are advisory committees. All proposed amendments, additions, and/or deletions to the above and to these Rules must be approved by the YSBA Board.
- (f) Any Local that has missed two (2) consecutive YSBA Rep or Select Committee meetings may lose their voting privileges at the discretion of the YSBA Board.
- (g) Rep and Select Committee meetings may be held virtually or in person.
- (h) Meeting dates, times and locations shall be communicated to Local representatives at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.
- (i) Agendas for Rep and Select Committee meetings will be circulated by the Chair (or designate) at least one (1) week in advance of scheduled meetings.

## 2. Team Registration

- (a) To confirm team registration in the YSBA, Locals shall enter all Rep team rosters for the following season into the OBA roster management system no later than October 31 of the current year.
  - (i) All applicable releases and supporting documentation for Legacy Players must be provided to the YSBA Registrar when rosters are entered.
- (b) Locals shall also enter rosters for Dedicated Select teams formed after fall tryouts. For Select teams formed over the winter/spring, rosters must be entered within one week of the team being finalized.
- (c) In all cases, players must be entered into the OBA roster management system at least one week before the first game of the season, to ensure they are available in the Pitch Count app.

- (d) No player roster changes are permitted after June 30.
  - (e) Coaches providing false roster information will be immediately suspended indefinitely pending a hearing of the YSBA Policies and Procedures Committee.
  - (f) Locals must also renew their respective team(s) as needed on the YSBA website (for team lists and schedules) by March 31 each year, including updating the coach and park information.
  - (g) Locals will be charged an annual fee for all teams competing in YSBA league play, including:
    - (i) YSBA team registration fee - \$275 per team
    - (ii) OBA team fee - \$150 per team
    - (iii) YSBA Qualifiers tournament fee\*:
      - \$450 for each team 8U to 13U
      - \$500 for each team 14U and up
- \*Any teams that do not have to play in Qualifiers will have this tournament fee refunded.*
- (h) These fees shall be reviewed and set annually by the YSBA Board no later than January 31 for the upcoming season.
- (i) Locals will be billed their annual fees by March 31 for the upcoming season. These fees are payable by each Local to the YSBA Treasurer no later than April 30.

### **3. Coaches' Eligibility and Training**

- (a) All coaches on a Rep or Select roster must be certified as per the Baseball Ontario and/or Baseball Canada guidelines, as applicable. Locals may require that their coaches be certified at a higher level than these guidelines, but in no case can the certification requirements be lower.
- (b) Coaches must have secured their minimum training/certification levels by June 30. YSBA will remove uncertified coaches before rosters are approved.
- (c) Locals must enter all coaches and their NCCP #'s into the OBA roster management system by June 30. After this date, coach roster change requests must be sent to the YSBA Registrar (e.g., new coaches, late coach certification).

### **4. Trainer Requirements**

- (a) Every team must have at least one (1) representative on their roster (e.g., coach, off-field team manager, player, and/or player guardian) that has completed Emergency or Standard First Aid certification from a WSIB-approved training agency, or who is a qualified First Aider based on an acceptable list of equivalencies (e.g., doctor, nurse, paramedic). A complete list of acceptable qualifications is posted on the YSBA website.
- (b) Proof of accreditation for Team Trainers must be provided to the YSBA Registrar before the start of the season.
- (c) Failing to provide a certified team representative and/or sufficient evidence of approved certification will result in a non-approved team roster.

(d) Every effort will be taken to have the Team Trainer attend all organized games.

## 5. Screening

(e) All volunteers, employees and umpires that are 18 years of age or older must comply with the screening requirements as defined by YSBA and Baseball Ontario, based on the individual's position and associated risk level.

## 6. Player Eligibility

(a) All players must qualify for their respective teams in accordance with the OBA Constitution and Rep or Select Rule Book.

(b) The following player eligibility rules will apply within the YSBA:

(i) Once registered, players may not change Locals during the current playing season.

(ii) When a Local fields two (2) or more teams in the same Rep division (e.g., 14U):

- No player may play for more than one team having the same classification (i.e., no call-across players) (e.g., 14U AA).
- For regular season play only, a player is permitted to be called up by a higher classified team (e.g., 14U AA) from a lower classified team (e.g., 14U A) in the same age group. This call-up rule does not apply to any Baseball Ontario sanctioned tournament, YSBA Qualifier or Elimination/Provincial Tournament (regular OBA call-up rules would apply).
- A player may not be called down to a lower classified team in the same age group.
- A player may be transferred to a second team within their Local but may not return to their original team after June 30. Players may only be on one OBA roster.

(iii) Any player on a Select roster may be called up to a Rep team based on the above (e.g., a 15U Select player whose age is 14U may be called up to a 14U or a 15U Rep team; a Select player whose age is 15U may only be called up to 15U Rep team (or older)). This rule also applies to OBA, YSBA Qualifier or Elimination/Provincial Tournaments.

NOTE: A Select player may only be called up to a Rep team if they meet Baseball Ontario's residency requirements. If a player's home Local association is different than the Select team on which the player is rostered, they must have a release to be called up to a Rep team in the same Local.

(iv) It is not necessary to put Select players on a Rep roster to play in YSBA or Baseball Ontario sanctioned events. Any team that wishes to use House League players must ensure the player is on a Rep or Select roster.

(v) Any YSBA player that also participates in a Baseball Ontario Recognized Program must play at least five (5) YSBA regular season or tournament games (in the same calendar year) to be eligible to play in the Qualifiers.

- If a player does not meet this minimum requirement, the player may appeal their eligibility when extenuating circumstances exist. An appeal may be filed to the YSBA Policies and Procedures Committee by no later than two (2) weeks prior to the team's respective YSBA Qualifier. The Head Coach of the YSBA team will be responsible for tracking and reporting the games played for each player subject to an appeal.

(c) The following policies and import restrictions will apply within the YSBA:

- (i) YSBA establishes boundaries for all Local associations that offer a Rep or Select program within its affiliate boundaries. Appendix 2 provides boundary descriptions for YSBA and all of its Locals. Please refer to the YSBA website for a current map of all boundaries.
- (ii) The home Local is determined by residency, and where a player's principal residence lies within the boundaries of a Local by June 30 of the playing season.
- (iii) An "import" is any player whose principal residence is outside the boundaries of the Local they wish to play for.
- (iv) A player would also be considered an "import" if their principal residence lies in an area where there is no Local association.
- (v) A player who has played a minimum of three (3) consecutive seasons with the same Local program (House League/Select/Rep) other than the Local in which they reside will be considered a "legacy" player. In the fourth and subsequent consecutive years, that player would not require a release or be considered an import to that association. The burden of justification belongs with the Local requesting "legacy" status and may require that one of the following be provided to substantiate proof of past involvement: Registration Forms or Team Pictures.

NOTE: If the YSBA believes that any information has been falsely obtained or is inaccurate, permission to "legacy" a player will be denied and the local association, coach/manager and/or player may be subject to disciplinary action.

- (vi) When a player is forced to miss a season due to circumstances beyond reasonable control, that player may petition the YSBA to include that season for the purposes of determining consecutive seasons of membership. For the purposes of the petition, the YSBA may request proof to support the claim.
- (vii) Legacy players are not recognized by the OBA. Select teams must have at least 50% of players residing in the local association boundaries to be eligible to compete in Sanctioned Tournaments, Provincial Qualifiers, and Provincial Championships, unless an exception is granted in accordance with OBA's Select Rules.
- (viii) Any request to change boundaries must be submitted by a local association, in writing, to the YSBA VP Rep no later than March 31 for the following season. For example, changes submitted by March 31, 2024, if approved, would take effect on the first Tuesday in September 2024, for the 2025 season.
- (ix) If boundaries between Locals are altered at their mutual request and approved by the YSBA Board, legacy status will automatically be granted to any players that wish to continue playing for the same association where their principal residence was previously located. This shall

only apply in the season following the boundary change, and any season thereafter as long as the player continues to play for the same association.

- (x) YSBA Rep teams may have the following number of “imports” by division to a maximum as indicated. Any player who is considered a “legacy” player will not count an “import”:

8-9U = 3

10-11U = 5

12-13U = 6

14U and above = unlimited

- (d) Locals may choose to further restrict imports within their own organization but may NOT exceed the import restrictions specified by the YSBA.

## **7. Elite Baseball League of Ontario (EBLO)**

- (a) The YSBA will participate in the Baseball Ontario EBLO.
- (b) Locals will be able to create Elite teams from 15U to 18U in accordance with the EBLO rules, regulations, and benchmarks.

## **8. Rep Player Transfers and Releases**

- (a) In accordance with OBA Rep player signing rules, a player’s playing rights are held by their home Local and the Local association where they played the previous season, assuming all necessary releases were obtained as required.
- (b) Players may only be registered with one team at any time. Players wishing to change teams or play for a new association outside their home Local must obtain a release from both their home Local and the association where they played the previous season (if different).
- (c) If a player was properly released and played the previous season with an association that was not their home Local, they may continue to play for that association in subsequent years without obtaining a new release.
- (d) Releases must be in writing and cannot be conditional. Any release that includes conditions (e.g., player may only play for a certain association or at a certain level) will be deemed unconditional.
- (e) A player does not need a release to return to their home Local.
- (f) 22U and Senior players do not require a release to change teams, as long as the player is in good standing with their previous association.
- (g) 8U-13U
  - (i) Tryouts for teams may start as early as the day following Labour Day.
  - (ii) No Local YSBA Release is required for the following season from the day following Labour Day through October 31.

- (iii) Any player signed by a team during this period will be deemed to have a Local Association release.
- (iv) After October 31, before a player participates in a tryout, practice, game, evaluation, or any other baseball activity with an association/team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights, the player must obtain the appropriate release(s) as described above.
- (v) If a player that requires a local association release is requesting to be signed after October 31 and the requested release is denied, the Rep appeal process is available.
- (vi) Required releases must be provided to the YSBA Registrar before the player is added to the team's roster.

(h) 14U-18U

- (i) Tryouts for AAA teams may start as early as July 1.
- (ii) Tryouts for AA and below teams may start as early as the day after that division's last YSBA Qualifiers have concluded.
  - For example, if 15U AA Qualifiers are August 16-18 and 15U A Qualifiers are August 9-11, any 16U AA and below tryouts for the following season may start as early as August 19, or the day after the final game is played, whichever is later.
- (iii) No Local YSBA Release is required for the following season from the start of tryouts through October 31.
- (iv) Any player signed by a team during this period will be deemed to have a Local Association release.
- (v) After October 31, before a player participates in a tryout, practice, game, evaluation, or any other baseball activity with an association/team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights, the player must obtain the appropriate release(s) as described above.
- (vi) If a player that requires a local association release is requesting to be signed after October 31 and the requested release is denied, the Rep appeal process is available.
- (vii) Required releases must be provided to the YSBA Registrar before the player is added to the team's roster.

(viii) Exception:

- Any eligible player that wishes to play for an Elite Baseball League of Ontario (EBLO) team is subject to the release rules of that league. If not selected, regular YSBA release rules will apply.
- (i) Any player who has requested a release from their Local and the release has neither been granted nor denied may apply directly to the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee no earlier than fifteen (15) days from the original request date to their Local.
- (j) Denial of Local Release
  - (i) If a player is denied a Local release, the player may appeal directly to the Chair of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee.

- (ii) The Chair of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee will set up a hearing of all the parties to review the facts and render a decision.
  - (iii) If the appeal is approved, the player will be entitled to a release from their Local association only. Any player wishing to leave YSBA must follow the procedure outlined below.
  - (iv) If the appeal is denied, the player may then appeal the decision to the Chair of the Technical Committee of the OBA.
- (k) Any YSBA player wishing to try out with a team outside the YSBA must first obtain all required releases as described in section (b) above. The player may then request an affiliate release from the YSBA, as described below.
- (l) Application for an Affiliate Release (to transfer outside the YSBA)
- (i) All players must tryout with at least one team within the YSBA boundaries other than their previous season's team, before pursuing a release to play outside the YSBA boundaries.
  - (ii) A player requesting a release must complete a YSBA Request Release Form (found on the YSBA website) and submit it to the Chair of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee. The Chair will review the request and determine if there is sufficient information to process the request, if additional information is required, or if a Release hearing should be scheduled.
  - (iii) A YSBA Release request will not be considered unless the applicant has been granted or denied all required releases as described in section (b) above, or until the passing of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the release(s) were requested.
  - (iv) If approved, the release will be issued within 72 hours of the decision of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee.
  - (v) If the release is denied, the player may then appeal to the Chair of the Technical Committee of the OBA.
- (m) All requests for YSBA Releases will be acknowledged within seven (7) days of the receipt of the request. Hearings, if required, will be held within thirty (30) days of the acknowledgement.
- (n) No release hearings will be heard from the period July 1 to Labour Day each calendar season.
- (o) Any player whose playing rights are held by a Local association that is not a member of the YSBA, will require release(s) from their home Local association, the association where they last played (if different) and their Affiliate association before they can try out for any YSBA team.

## **9. YSBA Playing Rules**

- (a) YSBA regular season play shall be governed by the following, as applicable:
- (i) OBA Constitution and Rules
  - (ii) Interlock Rules
  - (iii) YSBA Rep & Select Rules

## **10. Completion of Scheduled Games and Forfeits**

- (a) All teams must complete at least 80% of their scheduled YSBA regular season games prior to the commencement of their respective Qualifier. If a team has not achieved the proposed game threshold the YSBA Board may, at their discretion, impose penalties and sanctions against those teams.
- (b) Teams must attempt to reschedule all postponed YSBA regular season games and inform the YSBA Division Convenor of the amended game date as soon as possible.
- (c) If a team is aware in advance that they cannot field a team for a scheduled YSBA regular season game, they must notify the other team and the YSBA Division Convenor a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the game date. If the YSBA Division Convenor is not satisfied with the reason specified for the postponement, the YSBA Division Convenor may order the game to be played as scheduled without appeal from either team.
- (d) If a team fails to show up for a scheduled regular season game, it will be declared a forfeit and the victory will be awarded to the non-offending team.
- (e) When there is a forfeit, a fine of \$250 may be levied against the offending team. A Local may apply to YSBA for reimbursement of costs up to \$250 to cover umpires/fields, etc. This reimbursement would not apply where the home team forfeits a game.
- (f) Coaches or managers that forfeit a YSBA regular season game may be subject to further YSBA disciplinary action.

## **11. Umpires**

- (a) The home team of a YSBA sanctioned game will be responsible for providing two (2) Baseball Ontario carded umpires.
- (b) If only one umpire is in attendance, the game will continue, and the result of the game will count for the purposes of YSBA league standings.
- (c) If no carded umpires show up for a scheduled YSBA league game, the game shall be rescheduled and replayed at a later date.
- (d) Umpires are required to complete the online form "Umpire Post game/Incident Report" within 24 hours of any ejection (player, coach, parent, etc.) during YSBA league play.

## **12. Conduct**

- (a) Abusive or inappropriate behaviour, gestures, language, and/or arguing by players, coaches, managers, and/or spectators will not be tolerated at any practice, game, tournament, qualifier, or championship, and may result in an ejection.
- (b) Any player, coach or manager that is ejected from any game is automatically suspended from the team's next scheduled game of consequence, regardless of whether it is a regular season, qualifier, tournament, or championship game.
- (c) All ejections during regular season or YSBA Qualifiers must be reported by the game umpire(s) within 24 hours on the YSBA website, in accordance with Section 11(d) above. The report is

automatically forwarded to the appropriate VPs of Rep and Select, the Chair of Policies and Procedures and the Umpire In Chief.

- (d) Both teams must report all ejections within 24 hours to their Local association and their respective YSBA Division Convenor, copying the YSBA VP Rep. Any coach failing to report an ejection may be subject to a disciplinary review.
- (e) A second ejection of any player, coach or manager in a season carries an automatic two (2) game suspension.
- (f) A third ejection in a season will be ruled on by the YSBA disciplinary committee.
- (g) Additional game suspensions up to and including indefinite suspension may be assessed by the YSBA Board to any player, coach or manager upon review of the ejection and follow up with all parties involved.
- (h) Coaching or playing while under suspension will result in a further three (3) game suspension and action by the YSBA disciplinary committee.
- (i) The coach/manager of the offending team will be required to provide the YSBA with a schedule of games to be covered by the suspension.
- (j) Sanctions relating to the ejection of a coach or manager are to be considered without regard to the position of the coach or manager with any Local, the YSBA, or Baseball Ontario.
- (k) Suspensions will carry forward to the following season, if applicable.
- (l) **NO TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL PRODUCTS:** Smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping, any form of cannabis, alcohol, tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) and illegal substances are strictly prohibited.
- (m) Coaches and/or managers are responsible for the conduct of their fans and all spectators must comply with local park rules.
  - (i) Any spectator that disregards park rules or engages in violent or abusive conduct may be asked to leave the park.
  - (ii) Umpires will not engage spectators and will ask the appropriate coach/manager to deal with the situation. The umpire may choose to not put the ball in play until the offending fan(s) is/are removed.
  - (iii) Failure on the part of a coach and/or manager to manage their respective spectators could subject the coach and/or manager to an ejection.
- (n) Any coach that willfully removes their team from the field forfeiting the game will immediately be suspended pending a review/hearing of the Policies and Procedures Committee, which will occur within 48 hours.
- (o) If a coach is on more than one Local or Team roster as a head or assistant coach and is ejected from a game, the coach is suspended from coaching ALL TEAMS until the full suspension has expired (i.e., if the coach is serving a 3 game suspension from Team "A", they cannot coach for Team "B" until the 3 game suspension with Team "A" is served).

- (p) YSBA will establish a Discipline Committee to deal with disputes. This committee will include the Chair of the YSBA Policy and Procedure Committee, the Umpire in Chief and the YSBA VP Rep or Select.
- (q) Decisions of the YSBA Discipline Committee may be appealed to the YSBA President. Automatic suspensions as a result of being ejected are not subject to appeal.

### **13. Rep Team Classification and Scheduling**

- (a) Locals are to advise the YSBA VP Rep of their team(s) preliminary classifications for the upcoming season by October 31.
- (b) YSBA will determine how many tiers of play there will be in each division based on the total number of teams expected based on these preliminary classifications.
- (c) Locals must confirm final classification requests for all teams by January 31. These final classifications will determine which YSBA tier teams will play in.
- (d) When there are three (3) tiers in a particular series, they will be as follows:
  - (i) Tier 1 – AAA,
  - (ii) Tier 2 – AA, and
  - (iii) Tier 3 – A, B, C, D.
- (e) When there are two (2) tiers in a particular series, they will be as follows:
  - (i) Tier 1 – AAA, AA, and
  - (ii) Tier 2 - A, B, C, D.
- (f) When there is only one (1) tier in a particular series, teams may be classified in any of the classifications as recommended by the YSBA VP Rep.
- (g) Annual YSBA Rep coaches scheduling meetings will be held in April, unless otherwise determined by the YSBA Board.
- (h) Locals must ensure that a classification report is submitted as requested to the YSBA VP Rep by June 30 for all Rep teams. YSBA will review, finalize and submit all Rep team classifications before the OBA deadline and reserves the right to move a team to a higher classification before Qualifiers.
- (i) Under extenuating circumstances, a Local may apply to the YSBA Board on behalf of a Rep team to request a lower classification with the reasons clearly outlined. The decision of the YSBA Board regarding what classification is submitted to OBA is final and not subject to appeal.

### **14. Select Team Scheduling**

- (j) Annual YSBA Select coaches scheduling meetings will be held in April, unless otherwise determined by the YSBA Board.
- (a) Select divisions may be divided for regular season play (e.g., North and South) depending on the total number of dedicated Select teams in each division.

## 15. Game Reporting of Scores and Standings

- (a) All YSBA regular season game results must be submitted by email to their respective YSBA Division Convenor, copying the opposing teams' coach and including details of all coach and player ejections.
- (b) All YSBA regular season game results must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the subject game.
- (c) All teams must notify the YSBA Division Convenor confirming the date of a rainout or rescheduled game.

## 16. Rep and Select Qualifiers

- (d) Where necessary, the YSBA will host Qualifier tournaments to determine which team(s) will represent the YSBA at the Baseball Ontario Provincial Championships.
- (e) The Qualifier format will be the OBA "double knockout" tournament unless an alternative format is deemed necessary by the YSBA Board.
- (f) Rep Qualifiers shall be played in accordance with the "Rep Play-Off Procedures" in the Baseball Ontario Rep Rule Book, with no deviations except as outlined in these Rules.
- (g) Select Qualifiers will be played in accordance with the "Tournament Rules & Regulations" in the Baseball Ontario Select Rule Book, with no deviations except as outlined in these Rules.
  - (i) For a Select division that was divided for regular season play, all teams will be seeded based on winning percentage as described below and divided into 'A' and 'B' year-end tournaments. The 'A' tournament will also be the provincial Qualifier.
- (h) Failure of a team to participate in the Qualifiers will result in a fine of \$500.00, charged to the offending Local and payable to the YSBA on or before the end of the current season.
- (i) If Qualifier games are tied at the conclusion of 7 innings *or* at the conclusion of an inning after the No New Inning (NNI) time has been reached, extra inning(s) will be played until a winner is determined using the Baseball Ontario extra inning rule.
- (j) If any Qualifier games are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., weather, etc.) the remaining games will be played on the predefined rainout dates.
- (k) If any delayed Qualifier games cannot be played on the rainout weekend; the Qualifier Convenor will reschedule the games in consultation with the YSBA VP Rep or Select and YSBA Division Convenor.
- (l) The location of any makeup games may change. Any team that cannot play on the rescheduled date will forfeit their games.
- (m) The host association will be reimbursed by YSBA for the equivalent of the Qualifier fee for that division, multiplied by the number of teams.
- (n) All umpires must report all ejections to the Qualifier Convenor immediately following the game in which the ejection occurred. This is in addition to any reporting requirements prescribed in these Rules.

- (o) Only those teams required to qualify for a spot in their respective Baseball Ontario Provincial Championship will participate in the Qualifiers. Any YSBA team that is hosting a Baseball Ontario Provincial Championship will not play in the applicable Qualifier.
- (p) Subject to any other provision of these Rules to the contrary, call-ups of players from lower age divisions during Qualifiers are only permitted once that lower division team has been eliminated from their respective Qualifier, in situations where both Qualifiers are being played the same weekend.
- (q) Determining the home team for all games during Qualifiers will be done using a coin toss, with the higher seeded team calling the toss.
- (r) Should a YSBA team not participate in a YSBA/Interlock/EBLO schedule during the regular season, an application to compete in YSBA Qualifiers for their division must be submitted to the VP Rep by January 31.

## **17. Qualifier Dates and Schedules**

- (a) Qualifiers will be played on weekends as determined by the YSBA Board each year. Rainout dates will also be established, usually on the following weekend.
- (b) Qualifier dates may change depending on local association hosts and diamond availability. Given advanced notice, teams should be prepared to play their Qualifier on a weekend before/after the dates established.
- (c) Qualifiers may not start before Thursday at 5:00 PM. All teams must be prepared to play Thursday evening and/or as early as 9:00AM on Friday morning.
- (d) Locals that are hosting qualifiers are responsible for creating the schedule.
  - (i) All schedules must be approved by the YSBA VP Rep or VP Select at least 7 days prior to the start of the tournament.
  - (ii) Host associations will make every attempt to distribute final schedules to teams no later than the Monday prior to the start of their respective Qualifier.
- (e) All Qualifiers will be played with No New Inning (NNI) times limits as follows:
  - (i) 8U and 9U: 1 hour 45 minutes
  - (ii) 10U to 13U: 2 hours
  - (iii) 14U to 18U: 2 hours 30 minutes

## **18. Divisions with Multiple Berths for Provincials**

- (a) In divisions where YSBA is awarded more than one berth for Provincial Championships:
  - (i) The tournament will only be played until the round in which the number of teams remaining equals the number of berths.
    - For example, in a 6-team division with 2 berths awarded, the tournament will conclude at the end of Round 4 (where 2 teams remain - Bracket A) OR Round 5 (where 2 teams remain – Bracket B).

- (ii) In all situations involving multiple berths, a random draw will determine YSBA 1 or YSBA 2, etc. The draw will be conducted by members of the YSBA Board no later than 48 hours after the completion of the final day of the YSBA Qualifier for that division.
- (iii) In the situation where an odd number of berths are awarded, an additional “second chance” game may be required to determine the final berth.

## 19. Seeding for Rep and Select Qualifiers

(a) For 8U and 9U divisions, “seeding” will be based on a random draw.

(b) For 10U divisions and above:

- (i) Seeding will be based on regular season winning percentage calculated as follows:

$$\text{Winning Percentage} = \frac{\text{Total Wins} + (\text{Total Ties} \times 0.5)}{\text{Total Regular Season Games Played Against All Teams}}$$

- (ii) All TBA/EOBA regular season Interlock games will count toward this calculation for Rep teams
- (iii) Winning percentage is used to eliminate concerns with unbalanced schedules between teams (e.g., a team has a higher number of wins due to more games played).
- (iv) YSBA reserves the right to reseed teams should there be a high number of missed games or a high number of rescheduled games due to non-weather-related issues.

(c) Ties in regular season standings (as calculated by winning percentage above) will be resolved as follows:

- (i) Head-to-Head record between teams
- (ii) Fewest runs allowed in games between teams
- (iii) Most runs scored in games between teams
- (iv) Random Draw

*For example: Barrie and Stouffville are tied with identical 12-8 records*

- *In league play, two games played between Barrie/Stouffville*
  - *Game 1: Barrie wins 9-4*
  - *Game 2: Stouffville wins 12-10*
- *Application of Tiebreaker Rules:*
  - 1) *Head-to-head record: 1-1 → Go to next tiebreaker*
  - 2) *Fewest runs allowed: Barrie 16 RA; Stouffville 19 RA → Barrie wins 2nd tiebreaker*
- *For illustration purposes only:*
  - 3) *Most runs scored: Barrie 19 RS; Stouffville 16 RS → Barrie wins 3rd tiebreaker*

- (d) For the purposes of calculating winning percentage, only regular season games played up to 7 days prior to the scheduled start of the respective YSBA Qualifier will count towards the division standings.
- (i) Cutoff dates will be established annually by the YSBA Board and posted on the YSBA website for each division, to allow host associations enough time to finalize and distribute schedules to participating teams.
  - (ii) As some qualifiers may start as early as Thursday, the cutoff dates are adjusted to reflect this.
  - (iii) Any games played after the cutoff date will not count towards seeding/winning percentage calculations but will count towards the minimum games played percentage calculations.
- For example: 15U A Qualifiers begin on August 11, 2023. All games completed up to and including August 4, 2023 at 11:59 PM will count towards seeding. Any games played from August 5 to August 10 will not count.
- (e) YSBA Locals who have been selected as Baseball Ontario (OBA) Provincial Championship hosts will not participate in their respective Qualifier. As such, an OBA host team will not be considered in the seeding calculation.

*For example: Vaughan to host the OBA 11U Provincial Championship, and regular season seeding for 11U AA involves 4 teams:*

- 1) *Newmarket*
- 2) *Vaughan*
- 3) *Markham*
- 4) *Richmond Hill*

*Revised seeding is:*

- 1) *Newmarket*
- 2) *Markham*
- 3) *Richmond Hill*

- (f) In divisions with an odd number of teams, the 1<sup>st</sup> round bye will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the division after the cutoff date (#1 Seed).
- (g) Where a team is moved up to a higher level (e.g., “A” to “AA”) by YSBA or OBA through the classification process, or a team’s request to move down (e.g., “A” to “B/C/D”) is approved by YSBA, the YSBA Board will determine where to place the team in the standings for the purposes of seeding. Each case will be determined on its own unique circumstances and merit.
- (h) Matchups for Round 1 will be determined based on seeding as described in Appendix 1.

## **20. Hosting Applications**

- (i) Applying to host OBA Provincial Championship:

- (i) Locals who wish to host an OBA Provincial Championship in any particular year should inform the YSBA Secretary and YSBA VP Rep or VP Select of their intentions, on or before November 30 for the following season.
  - (ii) Upon approval by the YSBA Board, the Local must apply to Baseball Ontario in accordance with the current procedures.
- (j) Applying to host Qualifiers:
- (i) Locals who wish to host Rep and/or Select Qualifiers in any particular year should inform the YSBA Secretary and YSBA VP Rep or VP Select of their intentions, on or before February 28.
  - (ii) At their next scheduled meeting, the YSBA Board will review submissions and begin to award Qualifiers amongst the interested Locals. Notice will be circulated to Locals as soon as possible.

## **21. Protests**

- (a) A Protest Committee will be established in advance of the commencement of any tournament, Qualifier, and/or OBA Provincial Championship in accordance with OBA rules.
- (b) Protests during regular season play will only be considered on an exception basis and must be sent to the YSBA Division Convenor within 24 hours of the completion of the game, accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 payable to the YSBA Treasurer.

## **22. Out of Province Tournaments**

- (a) Teams must have approval from their Local association to participate in tournaments outside Ontario. A Local may establish its own policies and processes for granting such permission.
- (b) All travelling teams are required to meet the insurance requirements of the tournament organizer. Teams are also strongly encouraged to ensure every player and coach has sport accident insurance coverage when attending tournaments outside of Canada.

## **23. All-Star Teams**

- (a) The YSBA will field teams where feasible for OBA All-Star Tournaments and the Ontario Summer Games.
- (b) The YSBA will establish a Coach Selection Committee to conduct interviews and select coaches for the above-noted teams.
- (c) Coach application details will be posted on the YSBA website.
- (d) Tryout dates will be determined and conducted by the approved coaches.
- (e) Tryout fees for these teams will be determined in advance by the YSBA Board.
- (f) The YSBA shall supply each All-Star team with hats and jerseys for all players and coaches, but team equipment will be supplied by the coaches of the respective teams.
- (g) Assistant coaches of the various All-Star teams will be chosen by the respective head coach with the consent and approval of the Chair of the Coach Selection Committee.

## **24. YSBA Awards of Excellence**

- (a) At the end of each season the YSBA shall present awards in some or all of the following categories, at the discretion of the YSBA Board:
  - (i) Local of the Year;
  - (ii) Player of the Year;
  - (iii) Pitcher of the Year;
  - (iv) Umpire of the Year;
  - (v) Coach of the Year;
  - (vi) Volunteer of the Year; and
  - (vii) Team of the Year
- (b) Full details will be posted on the YSBA website, including award categories. All nominations must be submitted electronically by the established deadline to be eligible.
- (c) Only nominations that are approved by the applicable Local president will be considered.
- (d) The YSBA Awards of Excellence winners will be announced at the YSBA AGM (typically in October of each year).

## APPENDIX 1 – FIRST ROUND MATCHUPS for QUALIFIERS

Matchups for Round 1 will be determined by seeding, based on the number of teams in the qualifier tournament as follows. Please refer to the “Tournament Schedules” Excel file available on the OBA website (official Baseball Ontario double-elimination brackets) to place teams in the bracket.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>3 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #1 seed received the bye in Round 1</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #2 seed vs #3 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>4 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #1 seed vs #4 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #2 seed vs #3 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>5 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #1 seed received the bye in Round 1</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #2 seed vs #5 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #3 seed vs #4 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>6 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #2 seed vs #5 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #3 seed vs #4 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #1 seed vs #6 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>7 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #1 seed received the bye in Round 1</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #4 seed vs #5 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #3 seed vs #6 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #2 seed vs #7 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>8 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #1 seed vs #8 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #4 seed vs #5 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #3 seed vs #6 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 4:</u> #2 seed vs #7 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>9 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #1 seed received the bye in Round 1</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #2 seed vs #9 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #5 seed vs #6 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #3 seed vs #8 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 4:</u> #4 seed vs #7 seed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>10 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #1 seed vs #10 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #5 seed vs #6 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #2 seed vs #9 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 4:</u> #4 seed vs #7 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 5:</u> #3 seed vs #8 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>11 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #1 seed received the bye in Round 1</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #6 seed vs #7 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #2 seed vs #11 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #5 seed vs #8 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 4:</u> #3 seed vs #10 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 5:</u> #4 seed vs #9 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>12 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #1 seed vs #12 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #6 seed vs #7 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #3 seed vs #10 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 4:</u> #4 seed vs #9 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 5:</u> #5 seed vs #8 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 6:</u> #2 seed vs #11 seed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <u>13 team playdown:</u> Round 1 games:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ #1 seed received the bye in Round 1</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 1:</u> #2 seed vs #13 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 2:</u> #7 seed vs #8 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 3:</u> #6 seed vs #10 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 4:</u> #3 seed vs #12 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 5:</u> #4 seed vs #9 seed</li> <li>➤ <u>Game 6:</u> #5 seed vs #11 seed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## **APPENDIX 2 – YSBA TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES**

Written boundary descriptions that match the new Google Maps will be added to these Policies & Procedures once they have been finalized.