

## Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

November 25, 2017

Page references are from the 2017 Constitution & By-Law Rulebook. Changes are in bold, when required, to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Operating Rules may require renumbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

- | <b>Mover</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 1. Executive | <p>By-Law I.4 – Life Membership (Page 47)<br/>Revision<br/>The OASA <b>Executive</b> may bestow a Life Membership at an Annual General Meeting when the total number of Life Members does not exceed twelve (12) living individuals.<br/>Note: Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and on-line.</p> <p><i>Rationale: The Executive can bestow a Life Membership so that plans for presentation of the honour can be made before the AGM.</i></p>  |
| 2. Executive | <p>By-Law II.1 – Elected Officers The Secretary (Page 49)<br/>Revision - Move this item to “The Treasurer”<br/><b>c) Makes all meeting arrangements for OASA personnel.</b><br/>Revision<br/><b>k) May receive nominations for awards and scholarships.</b><br/>Addition<br/><b>l) Receive and coordinate bids to host tournaments.</b></p> <p><i>Rationale: Update to current practice, including re-lettering as required.</i></p>  |
| 3. Executive | <p>By-Law V.1 – Standing Committees (Page 56)<br/>Addition<br/><b>m) Springboard – provide instructional clinics for communities</b><br/><b>n) Communications – administer and monitor the various avenues of communication with members, including but not limited to website, Twitter and Facebook.</b><br/><b>o) Corporate Sponsorship – coordinate financial and in kind support from business organizations</b><br/><b>p) Quest for Gold – administer the program on behalf of the Ministry for male athletes in Ontario</b><br/><b>q) Tournament Draw – conduct elimination tournament draws</b></p> <p><i>Rationale: Housekeeping.</i></p> |

4. Men's Committee OR 2.2 Filing Dates for Team Affiliations (Page 60)  
Revision  
**Intermediate July 15** (from June 10)
- Rationale: To reflect a more realistic date for men's teams to decide to affiliate.*
5. Men's Committee OR 4.2 b) i) Filing Dates for Team Certificates (page 63)  
Revision  
**Intermediate August 1** (from July 1)
- Rationale: To reflect a more realistic date for men's teams to submit team certificates.*
6. Men's Committee OR 4.1 a) Classification Birthdates and Years (Page 63)  
Revision  
**Junior U23 under 23** (from Junior U21)  
**Midget U19 under 19** (from Midget U18)  
Blanket change throughout the Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Rules wherever they appear.
- Rationale: To reflect age changes beginning 2018 that were approved by Softball Canada in November 2016.*
7. Men's Committee OR 4.2 d) i) Men's Team Certificates (Page 64)  
Deletion  
Delete the last sentence:  
Signed certificates will be presented by teams at the event.
- Rationale: Teams have to sign in at Men's events and do not submit signed certificates prior to arriving at the tournament.*
8. Men's Committee OR 4.2 e) Waiver Forms (Page 64)  
Addition  
Players, **coaches, managers and batboys** are required to sign an OASA waiver form prior to participating in an OASA event.
- Rationale: To include all participants in the waiver process who are involved in games.*
9. Executive OR 4.3 c) iii) Play in Higher Classification - Intermediate (Page 65)  
New  
**iii) The minimum age for playing in OASA Intermediate tournaments is 17 years as of January 1 of the current year.**
- Rationale: To stop players under the age of 17 from playing against men.*

10. Executive OR 4.4 b) Player Residency – Minor Division (Page 66)  
Revision  
Revise the heading of 4.4 b) to:  
**U19 Midget**  
Addition  
**4.4 c) Bantam U16 and Under**  
**No releases can be given in U16 Bantam and under. If there is no team in the home centre, the player must play for the next closest affiliated centre.**
- Rationale: To encourage communities to develop their own minor system and discourage the practice of players moving from team to team at the expense of other communities.*
11. Executive OR 4.4 b) i) 4) Player Residency – Minor Division (Page 66)  
Revision  
4) A team's roster may have no more than three players who have **ever** received a release unless the team obtains permission from the OASA **Residency Committee** to have more.
- Rationale: To discourage the practice of teams building super teams at the expense of other communities.*
12. Executive OR 5.2 a) Certification (Page 69)  
Addition  
a) All OASA affiliated teams must have at least one coach with NCCP certification (or equivalent as recognized by Softball Canada).  
i) Junior Mite U8, Mite U10, Squirt U12:  
**Competition-Introduction "How to Coach" (or Technical I)**  
ii) Pee Wee U14:  
Competition-Introduction "What to Coach" (or Fully Certified Level I)  
iii) Bantam U16 to Junior U23:  
Competition-Introduction "**Certified**" (or Fully Certified Level II)
- Rationale: Corresponds to the three weekends of the Competition-Introduction certification. The Community Coaching certification is more suited to house league.*
13. Executive OR 7.1 c) ii) Provincial Championships  
Host Responsibilities – Financial (Page 74)  
Deletion  
3) The Host pays a fee based on the number and classification of teams, as specified in the current fee schedule, to the OASA.  
4) All amounts due to the OASA from the Host are deducted from the tournament fee sent to the Host.

Addition

- 3) The Host is provided with a hosting grant from OASA based on the number and classification of teams, as specified in the current fee schedule.**

*Rationale: Housekeeping to reflect current practice.*

14. Executive

OR 7.2 e) Elimination Tournament Financial (Page 76)

Deletion

- iii) The Host pays a fee based on the number and classification of teams, as specified in the current fee schedule, to the OASA.  
iv) All amounts due to the OASA from the host are deducted from the tournament fee sent to the Host.

Addition

- iii) The Host is provided with a hosting grant from OASA based on the number and classification of teams, as specified in the current fee schedule.**

*Rationale: Housekeeping to reflect current practice.*

15. Executive

OR 7.2 c) Elimination Bond Fund (Page 75)

Revision/Deletion

Revise the heading to:

**Softball Canada Championship Tournament Fee**

Delete i) and ii) and and revise iii) to:

**All teams** qualifying for a Canadian Championship must submit the Softball Canada Championship registration fee in the form of a cheque payable to the OASA immediately upon qualification.

*Rationale: Tournament expenses have increased and funding has decreased.*

16. Executive

OR 7.2 f) ii) Player Selections (Pick-Ups) (Page 76)

Revision

- ii) Teams qualifying for an Eastern or Western Canadian Championship are allowed to add to their roster a maximum of two (2) players selected from teams that did not qualify **for a Canadian Championship** provided they have space on their roster. ...

*Rationale: To make it clear that players who play for a Canadian Championship qualifying team cannot be picked up to play at Eastern or Westerns.*

- 17.Executive Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules  
**Defensive Mask** (Page 87)  
New  
**In 2018, all U10 and U12 pitchers will be required to wear a defensive face mask.**  
**In 2019, all U14 pitchers will be required to wear a defensive face mask.**  
**In 2020, all U16 pitchers will be required to wear a defensive face mask.**  
**Defensive masks are optional for all other defensive players.**

*Rationale: A safety issue as the pitcher does not have a chance to protect himself from the batted ball.*

- 18.Executive Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules  
(Mercy Rule) (Page 90)  
Revision  
**Run Ahead Rule**  
**Rule 5-6 a.**  
**A run ahead rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:**  
**1) After 2.5 or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 or more runs.**  
**2) After 3.5 or 4 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 or more runs.**  
**3) After 4.5, 5, 5.5 or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 7 or more runs.**

**Exception: For Squirt U12 and Mite U10,**

- 1) After 2.5 or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 or more runs.**
- 2) After 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5 or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 or more runs.**

**Exception: For Junior Mite U8, the Run Ahead Rule shall be a maximum of 6 runs or 3 outs per inning.**

*Rationale: To follow the new Softball Canada Run Ahead Rule for U14 and up; to follow the Softball Canada recommendations for U12 and U10.*

- 19.Minor Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules  
Committee Stealing – Junior Mite (Page 93)  
Deletion  
In Junior Mite U8, the runner on third base cannot steal home.

*Rationale: Housekeeping. On p. 88, rules for U8, it already says that there is no base stealing of any base for U8.*

20. Executive Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules  
Orthodox (Page 97-98)  
Deletion  
Remove Orthodox Rule Variation Chart and all occurrences of Orthodox from the Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Rules.  
*Rationale: OASA no longer offers an Orthodox division.*
21. Executive Auditor  
Revision  
Blanket change throughout the Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Rules from “Auditor” to **In-House Review Committee**.  
*Rationale: Housekeeping as the government now requires an external review.*
22. Executive 2018 Fee Schedule (Page 125)  
New  
Teams will pay a **Softball Canada Fee** of **\$100**.  
*Rationale: Government funding cutbacks.*