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Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

November 19, 2011

Page references are from the 2011 Rulebook. Changes are in bold when required to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Sections may require renumbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

	Mover	Description
1.	Men's	Resolutions Page 55
	Committee	New

Resolution #1

To create a new classification for Jr. Men under 23 and plan for a provincial tournament.

Rationale: allows for the creation of a new category to maintain Jr. age players.

2. **OASA** Operating Rule 1.2 Fees (c) Page 57/58
Executive Remove
 “The OASA Registrar.... Current fee schedule”
Rationale: No longer applies since everything is now online.
3. **Men’s** Operating Rule 3 Team Eligibility b) ii) Page 59
Committee Add after will be created
Masters “B” will follow all current Masters Rules except for the following: a) No Current ISC Players b) No underage players (age 35-39)
Rationale: Incorporate Resolution #3 from 2010.
4. **Men’s** Operating Rules 4.3 c) Intermediate Page 63
Committee Remove and Add
Players on a current ISC roster are not eligible to play in the intermediate BC championship with the exception of affiliated Jr aged players.
Rationale: to maintain intermediate as a recreational classification and ISC 1 no longer exists.
5. **OASA** Operating Rule 5.2 Certification Pg. 66
Executive Change
 All OASA affiliated teams must have at least one coach with NCCP certification (or equivalent as recognized by Softball Canada).
 i) Junior Mite, Mite & Squirt **Learn to Coach**
 ii) PeeWee **Competition-Introduction “What to Coach**
 iii) Bantam – Junior **Competition – Introduction “How to Coach”**
a) All teams entering a tournament, leading to a Canadian Championship, excluding Eastern Canadians, must have at least one fully certified Level II or Competition – Introduction – “How to Coach” Coach.
b) Eastern Canadian for PeeWee and Bantam require a Level 1 or Competition – Introduction – “What to Coach”
Rationale: Brings the certification in line with current practices

6. OASA Executive **Operating Rule 7.1 x) Page 70**
Add
Add the word “**may set**” after OASA Executive
Rationale: Gives the OASA executive the option.
7. OASA Executive Operating Rule 7.1 a) xi) Page 70
Add
The tournament draw is provided by the OASA Executive, scheduled **in consultation with** the Host Association and sent to the OASA Tournament Convenor.
Rationale: Already doing this.
8. Men’s Committee Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules Bats
Pg. 81
ADD from Resolution #1 2010
In all sanctioned OASA Tournaments sticker.
Rationale: Make resolution from last year part of our rules.
9. COBOURG MINOR BALL Rule Variation Chart Rule 8-9 s Pg. 83
Add
In junior mite the runner from third cannot steal home.
Rationale: In junior mite we are trying to develop pitching and hitting. By allowing runners to score from third base on an unearned run we are not developing the pitching and hitting skills of the game

10. **Minor** Rule Variation Chart Mercy Rule 5-6a Pg. 84
Committee Change

Resolution:

- a) **Substitute the word Bantam for Midget**
- b) **Substitute Peewee for Bantam**

Rationale: Bantam is a more competitive level of fastball.

11. **Minor** Rule Variation Chart Pitching Rule 6 Pg. 85
Committee Change

Resolution:

Junior Mite pitchers may pitch to a maximum of 12 outs per game

Rationale: To develop more pitchers. Supports LTPD

Notice of Motion to Softball Canada

REFERENCE_(Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Age Category and Distance Chart page 245

WHERE AS

Junior Men's and Women's will change to Under 21 effective 2012

Note: Revision for 2012 passed at AGM 2009 Junior U21

Be it Resolved That

Be it resolved to rescind the 2009 Revision now to read:
Female U21-Junior, Male U23 - Junior

Rationale

Changing the age level in male will increase the chances that players will leave the sport.

They need this age level to develop to make an easier transition to the men's game. Many average players will be out of the game and not picked up by men's teams. There is very limited international and university level competition for men which limits their opportunity to play.

O.A.S.A. 2011 MEDALISTS

O.A.S.A. sent to the Eastern Canadians 2 teams for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget and to the Canadians 4 teams Midget and Jr. men and 3 teams for Sr. Men

Eastern Canadians

Pee Wee	Gold	Kitchener/Waterloo Kolts
	Silver	New Hamburg Heat
Bantam	Gold	Tavistock Athletics
Midget	Silver	Fullarton A's

Canadians

Midget	Gold	Warton Red Devils
	Silver	Stratford Memorials
Jr. Men	Silver	Napanee North Key
	Bronze	Napanee Shoeless Joe's
Sr. Men	Gold	Kitchener Hallman Twins

2011 NO HITTER'S

PITCHER	TEAM	EVENT	VS	INN	SCORE	K'S	
Dustin Veenhuf	Owen Sound	Jr. Men	Tavistoc	5	15-0	9	
Ian Wallwork	Napanee North Key	Jr. Men	Tavistoc	6	8-0	11	
Andrew Pearn	Fullarton A's	Midget Elim	Elmira	5	7-0	1	faced 17
Stephen Mallot	Highgate	Bantam Elim	Oshawa	6	10-0	12	faced 19
Braden Bertens	Fullarton A's	Bantam Elim	Jordan	7	8-0	16	

2011 PITCHING AWARDS

Pee Wee	Ron Taylor Pitching Award	Tyler Randerson	New Hamburg
Bantam	Gil Read Pitching Award	Johnny Baker	Kitchener
Midget	Barry Ellerbeck Pitching Award	Travis Jones	Warton
Jr. Men	Bob Domick Pitching Award	Luke Leahy	Owen Sound Volks
Int. Men	Bill Martin Pitching Award	Scott Wager	K/W Cubs
Sr. Men	Len Henderson Pitching Award	Matt Leahy	Owen Sound
Masters	Cliff Belch Pitching Award	Ken O'Sullivan	Aurora

SCHOLARSHIP

The OASA is pleased to be able to award two scholarships each year to OASA Midget or Junior aged players that are continuing their education at a university or college. Award winners are presented their scholarships at the November OASA AGM. This year's recipients will be Ben Kinsella of Markham and Steven Ashbridge of Pt. Perry.

Ben's fastball career began in Unionville and Scarborough and has now moved on to Oshawa. He has played the last two summers with the Oshawa BB Pops. Over the years he has done yeoman volunteer work at Markham summer youth camps, Blueview Kids Rehab School and the Red Square Community Service projects. Ben is presently enrolled in second year at McMaster University in Biomedical Engineering.

Steven Ashbridge's ball playing has taken him from Pt. Perry to Stouffville to Oshawa and in 2011 Walkerton where he played junior ball with the Ontario Jays. His volunteer work centred mostly around softball and hockey support activities as well as with the Operation Scugog Foodbank. Steven is presently enrolled at Loyalist College in the Borders and Customs Program.

These two young men continue the tradition where the OA is able to recognize our ball players for their excellent academic, athletic and community involvement, contributions and successes. Thanks to all our ballplayers that applied for these scholarships. Your support and interest in this program is appreciated.

MINOR NEWS

The Times They are A changing

Change continues to be on the horizon for fastball and nowhere is this more evident than with the Minor Divisions. Often outside forces dictate this. The academic school year seems to be extending longer to the very last days of June. This can impact the start of Minor Elimination tournaments. Softball Canada has been varying the dates of their Midget Canadian week long tournament which in turn influences our weekend dates for Midget Provincials. As well, dates of Men's Tournaments can be another factor when setting Minor Tournament weekends. In 2012 the Bantam Elims will be June 29, 30 July1; the Midget Elims July 6-8 and the Peewee Elims July 13-15. Qualifier weekends will be July 21, 22 (Squirt) and July 28, 29 (Mite). The OA Provincials will be held July 28, 29 (Midget), August 11, 12 (Junior Mite, Squirt, Bantam) and August 18, 19 (Mite, Peewee).

The Softball Canada's Long Term Player Development Plan is also bringing change to softball in Ontario. Our Midget age moves to U18. Round Robin play in Squirt and younger divisions will become more evident in OASA tournament play. Playing rules for Mite and Squirt will be introduced to encourage more player development and opportunities for play. Some of these changes will be introduced and discussed at next month's AGM.

The OA and its Minor Committee hopes to work closely with its affiliated centres and coaches as changes occur. Work will continue in the offseason in an effort to introduce these changes as seamlessly and smoothly as possible. Hopefully Canpitch and OASA Springboard Clinics can help bridge the gap for players until we are once on the ball fields again next spring.

In 2011 the OA held numerous successful and competitive provincial championships. Ponsonby, Niagara on the Lake and Ottawa Valley were new hosts to minor tournaments and all did excellent jobs. Milverton's home park's expansion has now made it an excellent host facility as well. Once again our teams did exceptionally well in out of province play at the ECSC and the Midget Canadians as they captured three of the four available gold's. Provincial Champions were recognized at an Awards Banquet held in Kitchener in September. At the AGM our ECSC and Midget National champs will be formally recognized. Congratulations and big thanks to all our minor affiliated teams who participated in OA play this past summer.

MASTERS

OASA Masters Tournament
July 15, 16, 17 Peakes Field Bracebridge

This was the first year the Tournament was hosted at Peakes Fields Bracebridge On.

Five teams entered the "A" Division, Bracebridge Black Dog Farm, Waterdown, Oshawa, Waterloo and Aurora.

The "B" Division was contested by, North Bay, Stony Creek Scrappers and Bracebridge.

Following the round robin in the "A" division, playoffs were as follows.

Aurora 14 Waterloo 11

Bracebridge 9 Waterdown 5

Bracebridge Black Dog Farm won the final 5 - 3 over Aurora.

In the "B" division as follows:

Bracebridge 9 North Bay 5

Stony Creek Scrappers 6 Bracebridge 3

Stony Creek Scrappers were the "B" Division winners.

Ken O'Sullivan of Aurora was awarded the Cliff Belch pitching award and the Jack Cook Sportsmanship award was presented to Ted Conway of Bracebridge Black Dog Farm.

Peake Fields in Bracebridge is an amazing complex for fastball and the Masters Tournament will be held there once again in 2012.

Tournament Directors
Bob Abbot and Paddy Nolan

SQUIRT PROVINCIAL

The 2011 Squirt provincial championship was played in Niagara on the Lake on Aug. 5th and 6th.

Kitchener/Waterloo Twins were declared the Clare Butler Plaque winners emblematic of the Squirt A champions defeating Walkerton in the final. Tavistock were the bronze medallion winner. Stouffville captured the Squirt B championship (Harry Rollins Memorial Trophy) beating Springbrook in the gold medal game.

Niagara on the Lake did an outstanding job as host for this tournament. It had been many since there had been an OASA Provincial Championship in the Niagara area and many long-time fastball fans were given an opportunity to watch minor fastball in their own backyard and they did come out and support the event. Many thanks to the Softball Ontario officials who did an outstanding job providing a very capable group of officials.

Gene Rouselle was the tournament director. Ken Prodger, Bob McSporan and Ron Heagle were convenors. My personal thanks to them for a professional manner of supervising the tournament.

On another personal view it was refreshing and appreciated the co-operation received from team coaches. And officials.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Goodridge
Tournament Co Director

O.A.S.A. AGM

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday November 19th

12:00 p.m. ~ 1:00 p.m. Meet and Greet

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

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