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## Notice of Motions to the O.A.S.A. Annual General Meeting

**November 17, 2012**

Page references are from the 2012 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.

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If the initial vote is for a single release, then a subsequent vote will take place on Motion 1 and Motion 2 to determine which one will survive. Motion 3 would then be withdrawn from the floor. If the initial vote is for multiple releases, then Motion 1 and Motion 2 will be withdrawn from the floor and Motion 3 will be voted on.

<b>Mover</b>	<b>Description</b>
1. Minor  Committee	Operating Rule 4.4 Player Residency b) Page 63  Change  b) Minor Division  <b>i) General</b>

1) A player moving to a new residence during the season may continue to play for the team with which he/she started the current season.

2) No player may sign another team certificate unless properly released by his former team. **A player only requires one (1) release, from his home centre (or the closest centre, if no affiliated home centre), in order to be able to sign with any other centre in the province.**

3) Releases **MUST** be signed by the President (or his designate) of the funding association. If no such association exists, or if it is an independent team, only then may the team coach sign the release.

4) Players and teams shall have the right to appeal. (Refer to OR 4.7)

## ii) Criteria

**For the purpose of determining player residency and release requirements, a player will fit into ONE of the following three criteria:**

1. A player who lives in his/her own affiliated centre (home centre)
  - Plays for home centre.
  - Does not need a release.
  
2. A player who resides in an area that has no affiliated centre
  - Plays for closest affiliated centre (new centre).
  - Does not need a release.
  - becomes a member of the new centre until:

(a) a team affiliates in home centre, at which time the player must return to the home centre if she/he has not played with the new centre for at least the two preceding seasons or

(b) The player chooses to play elsewhere, at which time a release is required. If the player has played for the new centre for at least the two preceding seasons, he/she must get a release from the new centre. If the player has played only one season for the new centre and the home centre affiliates, he/she must revert back to the home centre for a release. **Once the required release is obtained by the player, no other releases are required.**

3) A player who resides in an area that has an affiliated centre, but wants to play elsewhere

- needs a release from home centre
  
- becomes a member of the new centre, until:

(a) The player chooses to go back to the home centre. He/she does not need a release.

(b) The new centre does not affiliate, at which time the player must revert back to the home centre.

(c) The player wishes further movement at which time a release is required. If the player has played for the new centre for at least the two preceding seasons, he/she must get a release from the new centre. If the player has played only one season for the new centre he/she must revert back to the home centre for release. **Once the required release is obtained by the player, no other releases are required.**

### NOTE:

- **If more than one team affiliates per centre, they are treated equally. If a player wants to play in another centre, he/she must get a release from all teams in his/her centre.**
- With "Special Permission," minor players of separated or divorced parents may play for the "home centre" of either parent, providing they reside at this address for part of the playing season.

- Any exceptions to the above would require an application for “Special Permission” to be in the Office of the Registrar by June 1 of the current year.

Rationale:

To prevent misinterpretation of the residency rule by making it clear that a player only requires one release and then they are permitted to move to the desired team / centre that they wish. A player will only fit into either criteria 1), criteria 2) or criteria 3). With this addition the intent of the rule is clarified – the release is given to the player and only one release is required.

Point 4 in the 2012 Operating Rules is moved to the Note section from the Criteria section.

2. Minor Operating Rule 4.4 Player Residency b) Page 63

Committee

Change

b) Minor Division

#### **i) General**

1) A player moving to a new residence during the season may continue to play for the team with which he/she started the current season.

2) No player may sign another team certificate unless properly released by his former team.

3) Releases MUST be signed by the President (or his designate) of the funding association. If no such association exists, or if it is an independent team, only then may the team coach sign the release.

**4) Any player wishing a release from his affiliated home centre and not wishing to play for the next closest centre or a player residing in a non-affiliated centre who does not wish to play for the next closest centre must get a release from the home centre and apply in writing stating the reasons for their request to the OASA Residency Committee by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Approval of the committee and the home centre release are both required in order to permit the player to move to the desired centre.**

5) Players and teams shall have the right to appeal. (Refer to OR 4.7)

#### **ii) Criteria**

**For the purpose of determining player residency and release requirements, a player will fit, into ONE of the following three criteria:**

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- Plays for closest affiliated centre (new centre).
- Does not need a release.
- becomes a member of the new centre until:

(a) a team affiliates in home centre, at which time the player must return to the home centre if she/he has not played with the new centre for at least the two preceding seasons or

(b) The player chooses to play elsewhere, at which time a release and **the approval of the OASA Residency Committee** is required. If the player has played for the new centre for at least the two preceding seasons, he/she must get a release from the new centre. If the player has played only one season for the new centre and the home centre affiliates, he/she must revert back to the home centre for a release. **Once the release and OASA Residency Committee approval is obtained by the player, no other releases are required.**

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- needs a release from home centre
- becomes a member of the new centre, until:

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Rationale:

To prevent misinterpretation of the residency rule by making it clear that a player requires one release and the approval of the OASA Residency Committee and then they are permitted to move to the desired team / centre that they wish. A player will only fit into either criteria 1), criteria 2) or criteria 3). With this addition the intent of the rule is clarified – the release is given to the player and only one release plus the approval of the OASA Residency Committee is required.

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4 Men's	Operating Rule 4.3 Play in Higher Classification
Committee	b) Masters i) Page 63
	Change

All Masters Players **are eligible to play both Masters and Provincial Men's A and/or B/C Championship.** Masters players may be "picked up" by any team for a Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championship.

*Rationale: With combining Intermediate A and Senior A in 2012 the Masters division needs to reflect this change*

5. Men's Operating Rule 5.1 General f) Page 66  
Committee Add

**For U18 men's and above coaches appearing on the field is not allowed to wear shorts as part of the uniform. Coaches must be in full uniform to reflect uniform of the players on the field. Failure to comply is not grounds for protest.**

*Rationale:* Professionalism and demonstrate a serious product on the diamond.

6. Minor Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules

Committee Mercy Rule Pg. 84

REMOVE reference to see resolutions #2 - 2011

*Rationale:* Make resolution from last year part of our rules.

7. Minor Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules

Committee Pitching Rule Pg. 86

REMOVE reference to see resolutions #3- 2011

*Rationale:* Make resolution from last year part of our rules.

8. Minor Variations from Softball Canada Playing Rules

Committee Substitution Pg. 86

REMOVE reference to see resolutions #4 - 2011

*Rationale:* Make resolution from last year part of our rules.

## MINOR COMMITTEE

### Residency Rule – AGM Motions

In 2012 there were multiple instances where the interpretation of the OASA Residency Rules (OR 4.4 Player Residency) on page 63 of our Constitution and By-Laws book were inquired about, discussed, interpreted, voted on as to how they were to be interpreted and then administered. To say the least this was one of the thorniest issue that the Residency Committee and the Executive had to deal with during this season.

In an effort to try to remedy the multiple interpretations and potential confusion surrounding this topic the OASA Minor Committee (residency is not an issue in nearly the same fashion on the men's side) has drafted 3 motions that will be tabled for discussion and voting on at the AGM on November 17, 2012. If you want your voice to be heard and your vote to be counted on this topic then please make every effort to be present.



The box below explains the basic premise of each of the 3 motions to be tabled and discussed. This explanation will be included on the OASA website as well as in the AGM booklets. The current as well as the new proposed wording for OR 4.4 Residency will be available as well for all to read well in advance of the AGM.

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The OASA Minor Committee believes that these 3 motions reflect the range of options that have been discussed and debated on this year and that the voice and votes of the membership need to determine the direction that we will take moving forward on this topic.

If you have questions regarding the explanations of these motions after you have reviewed the wording in detail, then please feel free to contact myself or one of the other OASA Executives to discuss them.

Dave Northern Chair, Residency Committee ~ Chair, Minor Committee

## 90<sup>TH</sup> O.A.S.A. ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Mike Goodridge

The OASA 90th Anniversary Convention will be held Saturday Nov.17th, 2012 at the Markham Holiday Inn. Come join fellow fastball fans as we celebrate our history plus honor Canadian and Eastern Canadian champions. Pitching awards, no hitters, scholarships will also be awarded.

Over the past few years the OASA has put to-gather Memorabilia, pictures, scrapbooks etc. And has tried to recapture some of the great past history of the organization. This all will be on display.

Also the present OASA Executive has invited many past members to attend and hopefully they will. Come join us, we want you to share these wonderful memories with us.

For more information, please contact Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan at [fitznol@hotmail.com](mailto:fitznol@hotmail.com) or Mike Goodridge at [goodridgesoftball@gmail.com](mailto:goodridgesoftball@gmail.com)

## *Provincial Champions Banquet*

Submitted by Garry Waugh

The banquet was initiated last year by the executive to honour our Provincial Champions. In previous years the medals were given out at the tournament and that was the only recognition the teams received. It was felt by the executive that we need to honour these athletes for winning Provincial Championships.

This year the banquet was held September 23, 2012 at the Grand Valley Golf Course in Cambridge.

The Master of Ceremonies Mike Goodridge welcomed everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Champions Banquet. Mike then introduced the head table Wendy Cathcart from Softball Ontario, O.A.S.A. President Roy Patenaude and his wife Christine, O.R.S.A. President Don McConnell and his wife Sue, the Secretary Treasurer of the O.R.S.A. Carl Littlejohns and his wife Pat.

Our guest speaker George Ryder Executive Vice President of the O.A.S.A. spoke about his involvement in the game and how the players should give back to the game.

The players were then given their certificates of achievement from the O.A.S.A.

Door prizes were drawn for and given out to the players as their names were drawn.

Gary Wren gave the blessing, before everyone sat down to a wonderful meal.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the banquet and those who participated in this event.

## *Intermediate Men's B/C*

**August 18 - 19, 2012 ~ Sudbury, ON**

The OASA Men's B/C Tournament was held on August 18 and 19 in Sudbury, ON featuring 7 teams. The schedule was reworked into a 7 team double elimination B Championship with the bottom 4 teams dropping to a single elimination C Championship.

Teams participating included Fitzroy Harbour, Sudbury, Bracebridge, Pickering Sox, Pickering Panthers, Toanche and Frankford.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny but as the morning progressed the clouds rolled in. We experienced a 2.5 hour rain delay but only ended up 1 hour late on the final game of the day. The undefeated game featured the host Sudbury against Fitzroy Harbour. Fitzroy Harbour won the game and went straight to the final on Sunday. In the B Championship, Sudbury came back with a win over Bracebridge to face Fitzroy Harbour again for the Championship. Fitzroy went undefeated for the tournament.

In the C Championship, Pickering Sox were the final loss in the B side and faced the Pickering Panthers. The Panthers defeated the Sox and went to the final against Toanche who had defeated Frankford. The Panthers then went on to defeat Toanche.

## Final Results

B Champions Fitzroy Harbour – Finalists Sudbury

C Champions Pickering Panthers - Finalists Toanche

Many thanks to Roger Legendre and his volunteers for keeping things running smoothly and providing the game awards for every game, the City of Sudbury for the diamond prep, the Blue Crew under the direction of Shayne Malone (with the schedule adjustments and rain delay, they were very accommodating).

A big thank you to the convenors Peter Handley and Delroy Prescott. Special thanks goes out to Don Prescott, Past President and Life Member who helped in the medal presentations. It was great to see him at the Sunday games.

Respectfully submitted

Roy and Christine Patenaude

## Mite A/B Provincial

THE MITE 'A' AND 'B' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE HELD IN BELLEVILLE ON AUGUST 18 AND 19, 2012.

EIGHT TEAMS COMPETED IN THE TOURNAMENT WITH THE TOP FOUR TEAMS GOING TO THE 'A' DIVISION AND THE BOTTOM FOUR TEAMS COMPETING IN THE 'B' DIVISION.

TEAMS FROM TAVISTOCK, KITCHENER-WATERLOO, COBOURG, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, INNERKIP, BELLEVILLE, PALMERSTON AND NAPANEE PLAYED OVER TWO DAYS FOR THE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS.

BOTH TAVISTOCK AND BELLEVILLE FINISHED THE POOL DIVISION GAMES UNDEAFTED.

IN THE 'B' DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP NAPANEE BEAT NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE 10 TO 3 TO WIN THE BRONZE MEDAL WHILE PALMERSTON WON 11 TO 4 OVER COBOURG TO TAKE THE GOLD MEDAL LEAVING COBOURG WITH THE SILVER.

IN THE 'A' DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP INNERKIP DEFEATED KITCHENER-WATERLOO 4 TO 3 TO TAKE THE BRONZE MEDAL WHILE TAVISTOCK DEFEATED BELLEVILLE 3 TO 0 TAKING THE GOLD MEDAL LEAVING BELLEVILLE WITH THE SILVER.

DURING POOL PLAY IN GAME 8 INNERKIP AND NAPANEE WERE TIED 7 TO 7 AFTER 7 INNINGS AND INNERKIP WON THE GAME 8 TO 7 IN THE EIGHT INNING USING THE INTERNATIONAL TIE-BREAKER RULE. IN GAME 9 TAVISTOCK WON 4 TO 3 OVER KITCHENER-WATERLOO WITH CHAD BROWN AND KYLE RUTH COMBINING TO PITCH A NO-HITTER FOR TAVISTOCK.

HOST LAURIER ETHIER AND THE BELLEVILLE BANDITS GROUP DID A GREAT JOB IN PREPARING THE FIELDS AND ORGANIZING THE TOURNAMENT.

OASA CONVENORS ~ Sharon Taylor, Ron Taylor, Mary Myers

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**Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**7095 Woodbine Ave. Markham Holiday Inn and Suites**

Celebration our history plus Canadian and Eastern Canadian Championships

**11:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.**

Pitching awards, no hitters, scholarships, Feaver awards

**1:00 p.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**2:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.**