

# *O.A.S.A.*

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### *Provincial Orthodox Championships*

It is with great pleasure that the Ontario Amateur Softball Association would like to announce the return of Orthodox Softball Provincial Championships in 2011.

After an 11 year absence the Orthodox Provincial tournament will take place in Toronto in the former municipality of the City of Scarborough at L'Amoreaux Park.

The tournament will be a 3 day event starting on the Friday evening of July 29, and finishing up on Sunday July 31st.

There will be 2 different divisions for teams to enter at this event.

The first will be a true Orthodox division that will play under Softball Canada rules with 1 exception. The pitching distance will be moved back to 46 feet.

The top 2 teams from this event will also have the opportunity to represent Ontario at the Eastern Canadians Orthodox Championships in September being held in Quebec.

There will also be a new Modified division Championship for teams to enter introduced this year.

The modified championship is a reflection of the style of Orthodox rules that are currently being used in several leagues across the Province of Ontario. There are over 200 teams at present playing in leagues using these similar rules. The OASA recognizes their version of Orthodox softball and wants to start a new Provincial Championship for this group in 2011.

The modified Provincial Championship will be played with several rule variations from the normal Softball Canada Orthodox rules. The most notable ones include unlimited substitution, 65 feet distances between bases, relaxed uniform requirements and no stealing until the pitch crosses the plate. A complete list of the rule variations will be supplied upon request.

The entry fee for each division at this Provincial Championship tourney is 350 dollars with a 3 game guarantee.

For a complete list of entry forms, OASA Modified Orthodox rule variations, Softball Canada Orthodox Pitching rules contact

George Ryder

2011 OASA Orthodox Head Convenor

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Thanks George

## ***MEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT***

### OASA Men's Tournaments

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is pleased to announce their 2011 tournaments leading to participation in the Softball Canada Canadian Championships and provincial tournaments

#### Junior Men

July 1 - July 3

Owen Sound

Tournament Director: Brad Thomson [ <mailto:thomson.brad@gmail.com> ] [thomson.brad@gmail.com](mailto:thomson.brad@gmail.com)

Teams competing for a berth to the Softball Canada Junior Men's Canadian Championship in Napanee.

#### Junior B/C

July 16, 17

New Dundee

Great Lakes Championship

July 29 - July 31

New Dundee

Tournament Director: Roy Patenaude [mailto:lat@love-a-tree.com]lat@love-a-tree.com

Teams competing for a berth to the 2012 ISC World Tournament plus entrance into Softball Canada's Senior B or Bowl Division of the Canadian Championship in Owen Sound September 2 - September 4.

Intermediate B/C

Toanche

August 21-22

Senior Men

July 29 - July 31

New Dundee

Tournament Director: Roy Patenaude [mailto:lat@love-a-tree.com]lat@love-a-tree.com

Teams competing for a berth in Softball Canada's Senior A or Cup Division of the Canadian Championship in Owen Sound August 28 - September 4

Masters

July 16 - 17

Bracebridge

Tournament Directors: Bob Abbot & Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan

## *COMING ATTRACTIONS*

### **New this Year**

The O.A.S.A. executive in an effort to honour their athletes are going to be hosting an awards banquet this year.

The banquet will be for all Minor O.A.S.A. "PROVINICAL CHAMPIONS" Minor Mite through Midget.

The banquet will be held September 11, 2011 at the Stanley Park Centre, 505 Franklin St. North, Kitchener, Ontario.

The cost will be \$ 15.00 per coach, player & parent.

# SPRINGBOARD

**Saturday April 16, 2011**

## **OASA Western Springboard**

On a day that looked more like November 16 instead of April 16 the Springboard clinic was held at the Rudy Brown Rural Development Centre Gym. This huge gymnasium was able to accommodate the wonderful turnout of ball players.

In the morning session we had 64 in attendance.

The morning session started with warm up exercises for everyone. After the warm up the players were divided into 8 groups. There were four groups that started with hitting, and the other four groups went on to the fielding and throwing sessions.

After everybody had a chance at batting, fielding and throwing, the can-pitch instructors worked with the pitchers and catchers. While the pitchers and catchers were getting instruction the positional players went to another gym to work on base running techniques.

During this time the coaches were in session learning about the coaching aspect of the game, as well as the new rules for this year.

The afternoon session had 29 participants starting with warm ups then dividing into pitchers, catchers and positional players.

The positional players were given instruction on base running techniques, hitting and fielding. The pitchers and catchers were given instruction on their trade then they moved on to the hitting aspect of the game.

The coaches had an informative session in the afternoon as well.

## ***OASA Eastern Springboard***

The OASA's second annual Eastern Springboard was held in Belleville on Saturday, April 30. Participants ranging in age from 8 to 16 included local kids as well as those who travelled from as far away as Stittsville and Athens. These young players honed their **throwing** and **fielding** skills under the tutelage of Scott Searle, Head Coach of the University of Ottawa Women's team. Joe Lewis, Coach of the 2010 Junior Men's Canadian Fast pitch Champions, guided the players through drills in **hitting** and **base running**. Softball Ontario's Master Pitching Instructor, Bryan Brooks, was on hand to offer an introductory version of the Softball Canada **CAN pitch** program. Helping out these lead instructors were members of the Napanee Express Junior Men's, Junior Ladies and Bantam Boys teams.

While the players worked in the gym, coaches and parents took the opportunity to attend two sessions in the classroom: an **Ask the Umpire** session with Zone 9 Umpire-in-Chief Chris Lamer and a Softball Ontario **Long Term Player Development** session with Scott Searle, a graduate of the National Coaching Institute.

Thank you to OASA volunteers Leanne Ashbridge, Sheryl French, Keith Fleming and Dave Northern who did an excellent job in keeping the event running smoothly. A special thank you to Terry Pearce of Belleville Minor Ball for his help to acquire and set up the facility.

Karen Mills  
OASA Minor Committee

## *MINOR COMMITTEE REPORT*

### **Softball Canada's LTPD and the OASA**

Softball Canada has undertaken an ambitious Long Term Player Development Plan in an effort to save and energize our game of softball. Outcomes from this initiative will have numerous effects on the OASA game in our province. Beginning in 2012 at the Midget and Junior division level the age limit will drop back to 18 and 21 years respectively. At the Peewee and Bantam level open Canadian Championships are being promoted. The Peewee Girls in Quebec 2010 first tried the new format. Bantam Boys could be next in 2011.

In the Squirt and under divisions it is suggested that Provincial Championships give way to regional tournaments with jamboree format and skills challenges. Softball Canada would like to see these events allow for open participation and more games guaranteed. Softball Ontario has gathered a group of interested Ontario associations to see how the LTPD plans could be implemented in our province. Three members of your OA Minor Committee are on this committee.

The Minor Committee, with the support of the host centres and participating teams, hope to implement some of the LTPD suggestions at the Mite and Junior Mite OA tournaments this summer. The OA Divisional Coordinators will be working with the teams to help the host offer some fun and exciting modifications to our basic Mite and Junior Mite tournament formats to encourage maximum participation and fun for our young ball players.

Working together with our affiliated centres the OA hopes to offer an exciting new twist to our 2011 Mite tournaments. Change in our game is on the horizon. Good luck towards a fun and competitive fastball season in 2011.

Bruce Young

OASA Minor Chair

### **Midget Boys' Invitational Tournament, June 11, 12**

Hillside Park, Waterloo has hosted a Midget Invitational Tournament the past 16 seasons; sometimes with up to 16 teams. This year the tournament is in danger of being cancelled. Waterloo needs a guarantee of 8 participating teams by May 10 in order to go ahead with holding this event. Any interested Midget team is urged to contact the host ASAP. There are few pure midget tournament opportunities in Ontario. We would not wish to lose this one. More information for this tournament format and contact information is available at [www.oasa.ca/tournaments.htm](http://www.oasa.ca/tournaments.htm) and click on [Rep Team Invitational](#).

## ***2011 Select Provincial Championship Dates and Locations Confirmed***

The OASA and OSSTA (Ontario Select Softball Tournament Association) are pleased to confirm the dates and hosts for the 2011 Select Provincial Championships. Once again the OASA is showing its support of the Select program by providing championship plaques and championship and finalist banners in each division. Please contact each host directly to register your team in these championships.

### **Mite – Saturday August 20th**

Woodbridge Minor Softball Association

Louie Calvitto

416-743-2979

[vinny0316@hotmail.com](mailto:vinny0316@hotmail.com)

### **Squirt – Saturday August 6th**

Richmond Hill Minor Softball Association

Bob Kearse

905-773-1847

[rmskearsefamily@sympatico.ca](mailto:rmskearsefamily@sympatico.ca)

### **Pewee – Saturday August 20th**

Kitchener Waterloo Minor Boys Softball Association

Gilles Butcher

519-748-0295

[gbutcher@sympatico.ca](mailto:gbutcher@sympatico.ca)

### **Bantam – Saturday August 13th**

Goulding Park Minor Softball Association

Michael J. Scott

416-488-8954

[ktscott1@rogers.com](mailto:ktscott1@rogers.com)

### **Midget – Saturday August 20th**

Georgian Bay Minor Softball League

Keith Chapman

705-534-3091

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For a larger listing of Select tournaments and more information about the Select program please go to [www.ossta.org](http://www.ossta.org) or contact Dave Northern at [dave.northern@sympatico.ca](mailto:dave.northern@sympatico.ca)

## *AFFILIATION DATES*

May 25<sup>th</sup> .....Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, and Junior

June 10<sup>th</sup> .....Intermediate, Senior and Masters

June 15<sup>th</sup> .....Junior Mites, Mite, Squirt and Recreational

## *2011 TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS*

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONVENOR</b>
<b>Pee Wee Elimination</b>	<b>July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Toanche</b>	<b>Al Harrison Bill DeHaan</b>
<b>Bantam Elimination</b>	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Stratford</b>	<b>Garry Waugh Jeff Geddes</b>
<b>Midget Elimination</b>	<b>June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Napanee</b>	<b>Paddy Fitzgerald- Nolan Bob Whitfield</b>
<b>Junior Men's A</b>	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Owen Sound</b>	<b>Brad Thomson Roy Patenaude</b>
<b>Senior Elimination</b>	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>New Dundee</b>	<b>Roy Patenaude Christine Patenaude Bob Abbot</b>
<b>Great Lake's</b>	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>New Dundee</b>	<b>Roy Patenaude Christine Patenaude Bob Abbot</b>
<b>Masters</b>	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bracebridge</b>	<b>Bob Abbot Paddy Fitzgerald- Nolan</b>
<b>Orthodox</b>	<b>July 2, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Scarborough</b>	<b>George Ryder</b>
<b>Junior Mites</b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Mite</b>	<b>August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Port Perry</b>	<b>Randy Bridge Dave Northern</b>
<b>Mite</b>	<b>August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Belleville</b>	<b>Cliff Belch Karen Mills</b>
<b>Squirt</b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Niagara On The Lake</b>	<b>Mike Goodridge Gene Rouselle</b>
<b>Squirt</b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Springbrook</b>	<b>Larry Sherwin</b>

<b>Pee Wee</b>	<b>August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ponsonby</b>	<b>Garry Waugh Al Harrison</b>
<b>Pee Wee</b>	<b>August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cobourg</b>	<b>Paddy Fitzgerald- Nolan</b>
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New Hamburg</b>	<b>Bill DeHaan Gilles Butcher</b>
<b>Midget A</b>	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Warton</b>	<b>Bill DeHaan Bruce Young</b>
<b>Midget B/C</b>	<b>August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Junior Men's B</b>	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New Dundee</b>	<b>George Ryder</b>
<b>Men's B/C</b>	<b>August 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Toanche</b>	<b>Mary Myers</b>
<b>Mite Qualifiers</b>	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kitchener Waterloo</b>	<b>Brad Thomson Grace Stone</b>
<b>Mite Qualifiers</b>	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Squirt Qualifiers</b>	<b>July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Niagara On The Lake</b>	<b>Randy Bridge Mike Goodridge</b>
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