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SPRINGBOARD 2011

The OASA Springboard 2011 is a one day program for fastball players and coaches. Springboard introduces athletes to the fastball skills of pitching catching fielding and hitting. At the same time there will be an opportunity for coaches to learn about practice organization, skills, drills and strategy. The sessions will be for athletes 8 to 12 years of age and 13 to 19 years old. The coaching sessions are primarily for minor team coaches. There will be two Springboard events, one in **Belleville on April 9, 2011** and the other in **Ridgetown on April 16, 2011**. The events will feature certified coaches and senior players as instructors. Participants must register in advance by going to the OASA website at www.oasa.ca and clicking on the front page for the link to the Springboard event. There will be a \$5.00 participation fee payable at the door. The OASA will also be taking registrations at the door but there will be a limited amount of space. To avoid disappointment register early on line. For more information on the Ridgetown Springboard you may contact Garry Waugh 519-537-5835 or by email at gwaugh@execulink.com or Jeff Geddes 519-674-1823 or by email at jeffgeddes@sympatico.ca for information on the Belleville Springboard contact Karen Mills 613-354-0828 or by email at millsk@limestone.on.ca

Ridgetown location ~ Rudy Brown Development Centre Guelph University Campus at Ridgetown

BAT STICKERS

The OASA has adopted a bat sticker policy for all OASA tournaments. Every bat used in an OASA tournament will be *inspected* at the sign in by the *Umpire in Chief* of the tournament and an *OASA official*. Bats that are legal by ASA standards will have a sticker placed on them. Any bat used in the tournament not having a sticker will be considered an illegal bat.

OASA MINOR DIVISION RULE CHANGES

For the 2011 playing season the following rule changes have been approved for OASA Tournaments.

- 1. A maximum of 2 additions/changes to the certificate will be allowed through the registrar up until 7 days before the teams' first OASA tournament for players who reside in the home centre**
- 2. If more than 1 team affiliates per centre they are treated equally. If a player wants to play for another centre he/she must be release by all teams.**
- 3. The catcher's mask must be used by anyone warming up a pitcher.**
- 4. All bats used in OASA tournaments must be inspected and a sticker placed on them at the tournament**

OASA MEN'S DIVISION RULE CHANGES

- 1. Pitchers on an ISC roster in the current year and previous year are not eligible to pitch for a master's team**
- 2. All bats used in OASA tournaments must be inspected and an OASA sticker placed on them at the tournament**
- 3. Gorilla Gold pitching substance may be used in the OASA men's division**

2011 TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATION

Pee Wee Elimination	July 8 th 9 th 10 th	Toanche
Bantam Elimination	July 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Stratford
Midget Elimination	June 24 th 25 th 26 th	Napanee
Junior Elimination	July 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Owen Sound
Senior Elimination	July 29 th 30 th 31 st	New Dundee
Great Lakes	July 29 th 30 th 31 st	New Dundee
Masters	July 15 th 16 th 17 th	Bracebridge
Jr. Mite	August 6 th 7 th	OPEN
Mite	August 13 th 14 th	Port Perry
Mite	August 13 th 14 th	Belleville
Squirt	August 6 th 7 th	Niagara On The Lake
Squirt	August 6 th 7 th	OPEN
Pee Wee	Aug 13 th 14 th	Ponsonby
Pee Wee	Aug 13 th 14 th	Cobourg
Bantam	August 6 th 7 th	Cobourg
Bantam	August 6 th 7 th	New Hamburg
Midget A	July 22 nd 23 rd 24 th	Warton
Midget B/C	August 13 th 14 th	OPEN
Junior B	July 15 th 16 th 17 th	OPEN
Men's B	August 20 th 21 st	Toanche
Mite Qualifiers (if needed)	July 23 rd 24 th	Kitchener Waterloo
Mite Qualifiers (if needed)	July 23 rd 24 th	OPEN
Squirt Qualifiers (if needed)	July 16 th 17 th	Niagara On The Lake
Squirt Qualifiers (if needed)	July 16 th 17 th	Belleville

GREAT LAKE TOURNAMENT

OASA GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

July 29 to July 31

New Dundee, Ontario

Doug Fischer Memorial Park

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is pleased to announce the Great Lakes Championship for Men's teams in Canada and the United States.

The first 16 teams to enter will be placed in four divisions and will play a round robin preliminary round. The top 2 teams in each division will then enter a single elimination playoff round.

Last year the OASA awarded over \$3500 dollars to the ten participating teams. Based on 16 teams there will be over \$5000 in travel expense money. The winner of each game will receive a portion of the travel expense money.

The OASA is pleased to continue to work with the ISC by awarding a berth to the 2012 ISC WT to the highest finishing Canada East team that doesn't already have a berth and will be declared the 2011 Ontario Provincial A Champion.

Any team that participates in the OASA Great Lakes Championship must use their 2011 ISC Roster (if team qualified in 2010) or ISC qualifier roster.

Please contact Brad Thomson to express interest in the Tournament or if you have any tournament or roster questions (519-954-1269 or thomson.brad@gmail.com).

Entry fee is \$500 payable to the OASA with rosters accompanying the entry fee. The deadline is July 1, 2011 and roster changes may be made until one week before the tournament. For entry forms contact OASA Registrar Mary Myers at mjnm@sympatico.ca, or consult the [OASA Website](#) for a registration form and Tournament Rules.

O.A.S.A ORTHODOX TOURNAMENT

The OASA is pleased to introduce an Orthodox Men's Fastball Provincial Championship for the 2011 season. The tournament will feature two divisions, an orthodox division and a modified orthodox division. The tournament will take place in Toronto July 29 to August 1, 2011. The top teams in the orthodox division will be eligible for the Eastern Canadian Orthodox Championship to be held in Quebec. For more information on this tournament contact Tournament Director George Ryder 519-583-3544.

AFFILIATION DATES

Affiliation forms may be printed from the OASA website www.oasa.ca Listed below are the affiliation deadlines for the OASA tournaments.

Minor

Junior, Mite, Mite, Squirt June 15 2011

Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget May 25 2011

Men, Junior Men May 25 2011

Senior Intermediate June 10 2011

Masters Orthodox June 10 2011

COACHING CERTIFICATION

NCCP Level III Technical Softball clinic will be held February 25-27 in London with instructors Dave Bourne and Joe Benedetti. In order to be eligible to attend the NCCP Level III Technical Softball clinic, a coach must be fully certified at NCCP Level 2 Softball or "Trained" in Competition-Introduction, Softball and has passed the Make Ethical Decisions on line test). Participants have until February 18, 2011 to apply. Cost of the clinic is \$175. To register contact Steph Sutton 416) 426-7150 ssutton@softballontario.ca

INSURANCE

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is pleased to offer liability and accident insurance to softball teams, leagues and associations throughout Ontario.

The cost of insurance is based on a team. This insurance covers all players, managers, coaches and personnel associated with that team. If all of the teams in your league or association are insured with the OASA, then your executive (that are not associated with a team) are insured as well.

Your insurance covers all games, practices, tournaments and events that are associated with your team.

The OASA also offers liquor liability insurance for your tournaments or banquets where alcohol is served.

Out of country insurance is available directly through Pearson-Dunn Insurance.

You may view or download the forms from our web-site at www.oasa.ca .

We look forward to serving your insurance needs.

Sharon & Ron Taylor

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Join Our Discussion Panel for the Get In The Game Symposium!

TORONTO, ONTARIO – Softball Ontario is hosting two (2) discussion panels at the 2011 get in the Game Symposium – one for the Learn to Play Program, and a second for Online Registration. We are looking for Softball Associations who use the Learn to Play Program and/or Online Registration to join our panels and share their experiences with other Softball Associations from across Ontario.

We are looking to recruit two (2) Softball Associations for each topic, and asking Panellists to share the following information with the audience:



Learn to Play Discussion Panel

*Provide an overview of your Learn to Play Program
How do you implement the program within your Association?
What made you decide to implement Learn to Play?
What makes your program successful?
Success stories and challenges
Answer questions from other Softball Associations as part of
the group discussion*

Online Registration Discussion Panel

Share your experiences with Online Registration

*What made you decide to move to Online Registration?
Has Online Registration been successful for your Association?
Success stories and challenges*

Answer questions from other Softball Associations as part of the group discussion

Each Panellist will make a 10-minute presentation about their Association's program, followed by an open discussion with panellists who will provide their expertise and experiences to the group.

Softball Associations chosen as Panellists for the Learn to Play Discussion Panel or the Online Registration Discussion Panel will be provided with mileage (as well as accommodations if traveling more than 250 KM one way), and will receive a Softball Ontario Prize Pack as a thank-you gift for participating in our panel.

Interested Softball Associations should provide a brief overview of the discussion topics listed above to Lisa Crompton at lcrompton@softballontario.ca by noon on Friday, February 18, 2011.

Softball Ontario is the governing body for the sport of softball in Ontario. Our goal is to promote and develop the sport of softball for its athletes, officials and volunteers by providing programs and services at all levels of competitions.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. Their mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the voluntary sector, through investments in community-based initiatives.

Please send your news article/stories/tournament information to Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan fitzno1@hotmail.com by the 25th of each month.

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