



First of all, thank you for your past support of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association through our insurance program. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

As we turn the page on 2019 and get ready for 2020 we want to be sure to get things off to a good start by getting our insurance information into your hands before the calendar turns and teams start their indoor training activities. We will once again be using the services of Pearson and Dunn to provide our insurance coverage. Garry Waugh will once again be our Insurance Coordinator for 2020.

We expect 2020 to be another exciting year. We plan on continuing to hold our popular Springboard program to support development at the grass roots levels in at least a couple of centres across the province. We look forward to running a full suite of Elimination and Qualifier and Provincial tournaments and sending strong representatives to compete at all Softball Canada championships across the country.

To support our coaches more in reaching and maintaining their NCCP certification levels the OASA plans on organizing Competition Introduction weekends in early 2020. Watch for dates and locations to be announced in the near future. In 2020 in U19 and U23 the head coach and the assistant coaches at all Canadian championships are required to be Competition Introduction – Certified in order to be allowed on the diamond. In U14 and U16 the head coach is required to be Competition Introduction – Certified and all assistant coaches are required to be Competition Introduction – Trained. OASA tournaments in 2020 require coaches to be trained as follows: U8, U10, U12 – at least 1 coach to be Competition Introduction – In Training; U14, U16 – at least 1 coach to be Competition Introduction – Certified; U19, U23, Senior Men's – at least 2 coaches to be Competition Introduction – Certified.

We are excited to be returning to the Ontario Summer Games that will be taking place in London at the end of July where we will be declaring our U16 Provincial A champions. Ontario will be the host province for the U14 and U16 Boys Canadian Championships in the Niagara region in early August with the 2021 Canada Summer Games Committee acting as the host.

Rowan's Law phase 1 became law in July of 2019 requiring all sport organizations to provide concussion awareness for all athletes, parents, coaches and officials and to develop a process for identifying and removing potentially concussed athletes from play. OASA has done this through our Concussion Policy that is posted on our website along with our Waiver of Liability. Phase 2 comes into law in July 2020 requiring return to play protocols and reporting of concussions to be tracked and reported on. The OASA will be implementing updated procedures and documentation to ensure the safety of all of our athletes and comply with this legislation.

The OASA is in the process of updating our Strategic Plan that will be aligned with the updated version recently completed by Softball Ontario and Softball Canada. Watch for more info on this in 2020.

If you would like to help out in any way with the activities of the OASA please reach out to any one on the current executive. We welcome additional resources to keep delivering the best possible softball program that we can.



Below are brief descriptions of the rule changes adopted at the OASA AGM as well as the Softball Canada AGM that both took place in November.

OASA Rule Changes

- Player releases must be requested by May 1st of the current year.
- OASA affiliated teams must have the following NCCP coaching certification: U14 and U16 must have at least 1 coach with Competition-Introduction “Certified” (or fully Certified Level II); U19, U23 and Senior Men’s must have at least 2 coaches with Competition-Introduction “Certified” (or fully Certified Level II).
- A player is allowed to sign both an OASA and an ORSA Team Certificate for the current year, provided they are not both in the same age classification.
- A player is allowed to sign both an OASA and a PWSA Team Certificate for the current year, provided they are not both in the same age classification.
- The tiebreaker rule will be used in all games, except the Championship game.
- For U8 games, no new inning shall start after one hour and fifteen minutes.
- For U8 to U19; if any person catching for the pitcher will not wear the mask after a warning is issued to the Head Coach, it shall mean removal of the Head Coach of the offending team.

Softball Canada Rule Changes

- All players who leave their position or the bench to join an altercation will be ejected and suspended for 3 games. A second incident will result in suspension from the rest of the tournament.
- In the year of the Canada Summer Games Softball Canada reversed a previous rule and will now hold U23 Canadian Championships.
- A host team will be determined by the provincial/territorial association where the Canadian Championship is to be held.
- U14 and U16 defending championship teams will be allowed to return to the current year’s Canadian Championship as long as they have 8 returning players.
- Teams attending Canadian Championships will be allowed a maximum of 5 coaches and staff (up 1 from previous years).
- The six team Canadian playoff format was revised to only give 2 (vs 4) teams a double life.

In November 2019 Softball Canada released version 2 of the Athlete Development Matrix to assist coaches and players in their development throughout the Long Term Player Development stages.



The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is recognized as a pre-eminent developmental body for Softball Canada.

The objectives of the OASA are:

- a) To co-ordinate, to organize and to give structure to the game of softball for participants of all ages in Ontario through:
 - i) Provision of locations and hosts for competitions
 - ii) Provision of guidelines for competition
 - iii) Provision of a learning environment for players, coaches, officials and other individuals and groups in the softball community.
 - iv) Promoting accessibility of the game to any who wish to play, coach or officiate.
 - v) Provision of a forum for dialogue among its members and the larger softball community.
 - vi) Representation of its members at the local, provincial, national and international levels.
 - vii) Creation of opportunities for groups and individuals in Ontario to:
 - 1) Compete on a fair basis
 - 2) Participate in the game, locally, provincially, nationally and internationally
 - 3) Develop skills



Insurance

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is pleased to work with Pearson and Dunn to provide Insurance for Softball Teams and Associations.

Insurance Program

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.

We look forward to serving your insurance needs.

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Application forms and information are available on our website through the following link –
<https://oasa.ca/insurance/>



2020 Tournaments

U8

This is a coach pitch program giving the participants a chance to play the game to learn the skills of hitting, catching and throwing without pressure.

We are looking to host an east and west event again this year on July 25th – 26th. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games and there will be competition on an individual basis, (i.e. running of the bases fastest time, longest throw). All teams will receive medals.

Currently we are still looking for hosts in the east and the west. If you are interested in hosting, please let us know.

U10

There are two qualifiers scheduled (depending on the number of teams): one in the east, location still tbd and one in the west, in Springfield. The qualifiers will be held the weekend of July 18th. Effective 2019, if there is a qualifier all teams must participate or they will not be eligible for the provincials.

The provincials will be held on the weekend of August 15th in Innerkip.

U12

There are two qualifiers scheduled (depending on the number of teams): one in the east, in Springbrook, and one in the west, location still tbd. The qualifiers will be held the weekend of July 11th. Effective 2019, if there is a qualifier all teams must participate or they will not be eligible for the provincials.

The provincials will be held in Wilmot / New Hamburg the weekend of August 8th.

U14

The eliminations for the U 14 will be held July 3rd in Grafton. The winner of the eliminations and a select number of teams will be eligible to participate in the Canadians being held in Grimsby, ON starting on Aug 5th. Other teams will be selected on ranking to potentially participate in the Eastern and Western Canadian softball championships. The Eastern Canadians will be starting on August 13th. The Western Canadians are still tbd.

The provincial championships will be held the weekend of July 25th in Bracebridge.



U16

The eliminations for U16 will be held in Simcoe the weekend of July 10th. The winner of the eliminations and a select number of other teams will be eligible to participate in the Canadians in Grimsby, ON starting on Aug 5th. The teams not participating in the Canadians will be selected for the Eastern Canadian championships starting August 13th and the Western Canadians that are still tbd.

The top 7 teams from the eliminations will also qualify for the Ontario Summer Games in London, ON starting on July 30th. The 8th team that will participate will come from the ORSA. That tournament will also double as the U16 A Provincials.

The rest of the provincials will be held in Grafton the weekend of August 1st.

U19

The eliminations will be held in Napanee the weekend of July 3rd. The winner and a select number of teams will be eligible for the Canadians to be held in Carbonear, NFLD starting August 11th. Ontario is currently scheduled to host the Eastern Canadians starting on August 6th. We are currently looking for a host.

The provincial championships will be held in Innerkip the weekend of July 25th.

U23

The elimination / provincial championships will be held on the weekend of July 10th in Owen Sound.

The winner and a select number of teams will be eligible for the Canadians starting on July 28th. The host has not been confirmed yet. Carp has submitted their host bid for this event.

Intermediate Men's A/B/C

The Intermediate A tournament is an open men's tournament with no restrictions on pitchers or position players, for Ontario residents. The date and location for this tournament have not been finalized yet.

The Intermediate B/C tournament is a men's tournament where there is a restricted pitchers list and certain other players are not permitted to participate. Recently we have held an East and a West regional tournament with the top 2 teams being invited to participate in a Provincial Grand Championship. For 2020 a decision has not been finalized yet as to whether we will hold the regional tournaments or whether we will have all teams participate in one tournament. The weekend we are looking at is August 21st. No host has currently been determined.



Senior Men's

If we have enough teams interested in attending the senior men's Canadian Championships starting on September 2nd (location is still tbd) we will consider holding a tournament or play down to determine seeding.

Master's / Legends

We are looking to hold these tournaments the weekend of July 18th. We are looking for a host currently. Teams made up of Ontario only players are eligible to participate in the Canadians to be held starting on September 2nd (location tbd).

If your teams or associations are interested in any of our programs, please go to our website for more information. www.oasa.ca

Affiliation Chart

Teams are required to affiliate with Mary Myers, OASA Registrar prior to the following dates for each classification.

U8.....	June 1st
U10.....	June 1st
U12.....	June 1st
U14.....	May 15th
U16.....	May 15th
U19.....	May 15th
U23.....	May 15th
Intermediate A.....	May 15th
Intermediate B / C.....	July 15th
Senior.....	May 15th
Masters / Legends.....	May 15th



Awards

OASA Scholarship Application

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association has a scholarship program rewarding the scholastic and academic excellence of players at the U19 Midget and U23 Junior level enrolled in either a community college or university.

Applications must be submitted by September 1st of the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded.

<https://oasa.ca/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

The Frank R. Feaver Memorial Award

The Feaver Memorial Trophy was introduced in 1972 and is awarded annually in memory of Frank Feaver who was the Secretary of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association from 1943 to 1956. Frank's dedication, service and devotion played a major role in the expansion and development of the game of softball. The award is presented to a player, official or officer of any league or association who, in the opinion of the Feaver Award Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the game of softball. The names of the individuals nominated are kept on file for four years. Nominations, with a supporting resume, must annually be received by the chair by June 15th.

<https://oasa.ca/f-r-feaver-memorial-trophy-nomination-form/>

OASA Hall of Fame

In 2016 we created a virtual Ontario Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame which is located on our website. The nominees include players, coaches, builders, and teams. Inductions are announced at the OASA AGM that is held during the Ontario Softball Summit each year in November.

General Provisions:

- All applications approved by the Selection Committee shall be forwarded for final approval to the Executive of the OASA with a recommendation for enrollment in the Hall of Fame.
- Nominations may originate with a club, an association or individual. No more than two nominations may be presented per year.
- No more than five candidates (no more than three in one category) each year shall be selected.
- Written nominations must be accompanied by documents covering as great detail as possible, the athletic accomplishments or the service record or both, of the person(s) nominated. One or more photographs of the nominee (s) must accompany nominations.
- Nominations must be in the hands of the Committee by September 1st for consideration that year.

<https://oasa.ca/hall-of-fame-application-form/>



Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association annually presents an award to an outstanding coach in memory of Gil Read. Gil Read was an outstanding coach, instructor and leader who made innumerable contributions to the game of softball at the community, provincial and national levels.

Submissions are due before August 15 of the current year, along with any additional letters of support.

<https://oasa.ca/gil-read-coaches-honour-roll-nomination-form/>

Association/ League Merit Award

Nominations are open to any local Ontario softball association or league that is in good standing with OASA. Nominations will be accepted from any interested person(s).

Submissions are to be in before August 15 of the current year, along with any additional letters of support.

<https://oasa.ca/association-league-merit-award-nomination-form/>