Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

February 10, 2024

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Mover Description

 Wilmot Softball OR 4.4 b Association Revision

OR 4.4 b) i) 2) Minor Division (Page 78-79)

No Player may be registered on another team certificate unless properly released by the player's former team. A player requires a release from the affiliated home centre and the next closest affiliated centre to the home centre. In the case that the home centre is not an affiliated centre, it will be the two closest affiliated centres to the player's residence in order to be able to register with any other centre **not more than 3 affiliated centres away.** If the new centre is the next closest, then only one release shall be required. If there is only one centre closer than the distance between the player's residence and the player's proposed new centre, then the player only needs one release.

Rationale: To ensure that players have ample opportunity to find a competitive team in their area, but to restrict players and teams from travelling across the province to assemble or to be part of a super team.

Moved by John Vleeming, seconded by Ryan Roth. DEFEATED

2. Executive

OR 4.4 b) i) 6) Minor Division (Page 79) Revision

Any requests for release to a new team from the previous year must be submitted to the OASA Registrar by **June 1** of the current year.

Rationale: Teams are still doing tryouts during May so moving the release request cutoff date to June 1 is more appropriate.

Moved by Mike Mulvey, seconded by Steven Davis. CARRIED

3. Executive

OR 8.1 e) iii) and v) Protests (Page 92 / Page 107) Revision –

8.1 e) i) correctly states the protest fee as specified in the current fee schedule

8.1 e iii) and v) need to have the amount removed and state

... accompanied by the protest fee.

Increase the protest fee listed in the Fee Schedule from \$50 to \$100.

Rationale: i) and iii) should not state the amount as i) references the fee schedule – housekeeping. The revision or the amount listed in the fee schedule: \$50 is a low amount that could promote protests for more trivial situations.

Moved by Mike Crawford, seconded by Mike Mulvey. CARRIED

4. Executive

OR 11.2 d) (Page 95)

New

OASA will work with Softball Quebec to define the parameters involved in permitting players who reside in close proximity to the ON-QC border to participate in provincial and national tournaments.

Rationale: To establish a formal working agreement between ON and QC regarding player participation in provincial and national tournaments.

Moved by Dave Northern, seconded by Mike Crawford. CARRIED

5. Executive

OR Rule Variation Chart – DP/Flex Rule (Page 100) Revision

Exception: The Designated Player (DP) and Flex Player (FP) rule is not permitted in U9, U11 or U13.

Rationale: Removal of exception for U15 as it is no longer a variation to Softball Canada rules.

Moved by Stephen Hohl, seconded by Steven Davis. CARRIED

6. Executive

OR Rule Variation Chart – Run Ahead Rule (Page 102) New

Exception for U11: The Run Ahead Rule shall be a maximum of 6 runs or 3 outs per inning with the exception of the last inning. In the last inning the following 6 runs or deficit +1 rule will apply:

- i. If the Visitors are behind by 6 runs or more, they are limited to run differential plus 1 run.
- ii. If Visitors are behind by fewer than 6 runs, then 6 run maximum.
- iii. If Visitors are ahead, then 6 run maximum.
- iv. If the Home team is behind, they are limited to the run differential plus 1.
- v. If the Home team is ahead in the bottom of the final inning, the game is over.

Rationale: Requested by many U11 coaches in 2023 as they are used to playing with a run limit per inning in local leagues. To prevent a stronger team from running up the score and to allow the players on a weaker team to have more turns at bat before the time limit runs out. Many teams struggle with pitching at this age.

Moved by Steven Davis, seconded by Mike Crawford. CARRIED