

Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

February 24, 2025

Page references are from the 2024 By-Laws & Rules. Changes are in bold, when required, to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Operating Rules may require re-numbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

- | Mover | Description |
|--------------|---|
| 1. Executive | <p>By-Law Article IV 4.29 Attendance at Meetings (Page 61)
Addition</p> <p>Members must attend at least two thirds (2/3) of all meetings. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.</p> <p><i>Rationale: The Association seeks valuable input from all Executive members and needs to ensure that there is a quorum at all meetings.</i></p> |
| 2. Executive | <p>By-Law Article IV 4.32 Duties of Directors (Page 62)
Addition</p> <p>c) Contribute to the operation of the corporation by Convening at least two OASA events (tournaments, clinics) and/or Chairing at least two OASA committees.</p> <p><i>Rationale: All Executive members contribute to the overall success of the Association.</i></p> |
| 3. Executive | <p>OR 3.5 Roster Size (Page 76)
Revision</p> <p>All teams are restricted to seventeen (17) players and a minimum of nine (9) players in their affiliated classification with the exception of Masters' teams which may have a maximum of twenty (20) players. All teams must have a minimum of nine (9) players in their affiliated classification, with the exception of U23 teams which require a minimum of six (6) players in their affiliated classification.</p> <p><i>Rationale: To attempt to encourage more U23 teams to enter in OASA, teams at this level only would be permitted to have a minimum of 6 players signed at the U23 level and allow them to affiliate U20 players to form viable rosters.</i></p> |
| 4. Executive | <p>OR 4.3 e) and f) Playing in a Higher Classification (Page 78)
New and Revision</p> <p>(Revise 4.3 e) to become 4.3 f)</p> <p>f) Minor Classifications (U9 to U17)
In OASA Players registered on a team certificate for U9 through U17, a player is are eligible to also play one classification higher either in the player's affiliated centre, or in the next closest affiliated centre (if there is no</p> |

affiliated team in their home centre in the next higher classification). There must be sufficient roster space available to accommodate the player(s), with the approval of the player's coach. A centre can call up players of a lower classification from one affiliated centre only.

(add New 4.3 e)

e) U20 Classification

- i) **A player registered on a U20 team certificate may play for the U23 team in the player's affiliated centre, or in the next closest affiliated centre (if there is no affiliated team in their home centre in the next higher classification). If the closest U23 centre does not wish to affiliate the U20 player, the U20 player can be released to be eligible to affiliate with the next closest U23 team. This release process can continue in order through the second closest, third closest, etc. until the U20 player is affiliated on a U23 roster.**
- ii) **U20 players from multiple affiliated centres can affiliate with a U23 team, as long as 4.3 e) i) is followed.**
- iii) **A maximum of six (6) U20 players can be affiliated on a U23 team's roster.**

Rationale: To attempt to encourage more U23 teams to enter in OASA, teams at this level would be permitted to affiliate a maximum of 6 players from U20 from various centres in order to form viable U23 rosters. Controls would remain in place so that U20s would still have to be considered for affiliation by their closest centre first, but would allow them to be released to play with another U23 team if the closest team did not want/need them to play.

5. Executive

OR 7.2 f) iv) (Page 91)
Revision

- iv) A player registered on a roster who is playing up a classification is only eligible to be picked up by the team with which the player qualified. The player does not count as one of the pick-ups for that team, provided the number of players on that team's certificate is no more than 12 players or less, including the player(s) being added (subject to approval from OASA Residency Committee). **Exception: Any U20 player who previously affiliated with a U23 team would not count as a pick-up in any circumstances.** If the player's team does not qualify for the Championship, the player is eligible to be picked up by another team. A player who is picked up for a high classification must fulfil the obligations to the team with which the player was originally registered.

Rationale: To attempt to encourage more U23 teams to enter in OASA, teams at this level would be permitted to affiliate U20 players for Eliminations, and not have them count as pick-ups for Canadians. Note: U20 players who were not on the U23 Elims roster would still count as a pick-up if added for a Canadian Championship.

6. St George U20
Michael Capa

OR 4.3 e) U20 Play in Higher Classification - Minor (Page 79)
Revision

... a player is eligible to also play one classification higher either in the player's affiliated centre **or in the closest affiliated centre to the player's residence ... A centre can call up players of a lower classification from one affiliated centre only.**

Rationale: Players leave centres to play elsewhere for many different reasons. Often these players are considered exceptional at their age group. Many centres will not refuse them to leave but could need them in a higher classification where the new centre does not. This can lead to those higher teams folding as was almost our case last season. If the goal is to keep our sport alive, there should be no reason these players cannot play for the centre where they reside, higher team. Further, teams should be able to call upon players from multiple centres as long as they reside in their centre.

7. Executive OR 4.4 Player Residency (Page 79-81)
Addition

NOTE: 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. **“Special Permission” is granted for one year only; the player would need to request “Special Permission” in the following year.**

Rationale: To reinforce and clarify current practice.

8. Executive OR 5.2 Coach Certification (Page 82-83)
Revision

U9 – All coaches must have completed Foundations of Coaching Softball – Part I and II.

U11 – Competition-Introduction Weekend 1; all coaches must have completed Foundations of Coaching Softball – Parts I and II.

U13 – Competition-Introduction Weekends 1 and 2; all coaches must have completed Foundations of Coaching Softball – Parts I and II and Make Ethical Decisions (On-line Evaluation).

Rationale: The Learn to Coach and Community Coach courses do not prepare coaches for the Competition-Introduction courses that are required at U15. Rep coaches should be taking courses at the Competition-Introduction level.

9. Executive OR 7.2 c) i) Elimination Tournaments (Page 89)
Addition

The Registrar confirms at the May 15 affiliation deadline each team’s decision to participate or not participate in the Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championships. If a team has indicated that they are going to participate and qualifies, the fine for not going is half of the softball Canada or Eastern Canadian entry fee, as long as another team fills the spot. If no other team fills the spot, the team will be responsible for paying the Softball Canada or Eastern Canadian fine that is assessed to OASA. None of the players on that team roster will be eligible to be picked up until the fine has been paid; once a pick-up round has started it must be completed before those players can be considered.

Rationale: To clearly state the timeline and penalty for withdrawing from a Championship.

10. Executive OR 11.2 a) ii) Intra-Organization Agreements (Page 95)
Addition

All ORSA teams entering OASA tournaments must pay the OASA tournament fee and the OASA **affiliation** fee. Every ORSA entry must be approved by OASA.

Rationale:

11. Executive Rule Variation Bat Testing (Page 100)
Revision

In all sanctioned OASA tournaments, **before each team's first game of OASA tournament play, the umpires will check all bats for defects and OASA will use a compression tester on ALL bats. Failure to pass the compression test will deem the bat to be illegal. An OASA approved sticker will be placed on all legal bats. Bats that are not stickered or that fail the compression testing will be deemed illegal and not permitted for use at any OASA event. At U15 and up tournaments, the WBSB bat list will be used for compression requirements.**

Result: A player found using an illegal bat will be ejected for the rest of the OASA event. Bats that become illegal throughout the course of the tournament will result in the removal of the sticker.

Rationale: To prevent the confusion encountered when using the bat lists for approving bats for use at our tournaments.

12. Executive Rule Variation U9 Leaving Base on Pitched Ball (Stealing) (Page 102)
Addition

Exception: **In U9, a runner may advance only one base on an overthrow.**

Rationale: To limit the number of errors on one play in this age group. To maintain a good game pace.

13. Executive Rule Variation U9 Pitching (Page 107)
Revision

A player/coach pitcher combination will be used. The player pitcher pitches to the opposing team. If the ball is put in play or the batter strikes out, the coach from the batting team does not come in for that at bat. If a 4th ball is thrown by the player pitcher, there are no walks. The coach pitcher on the batting team then comes in to pitch to their own team. The count against the batter is either 4-0, 4-1, or 4-2. Each pitch from the coach pitcher is a strike whether or not it is in the strike zone.

Pitchers and catchers can only pitch/catch two of the first four innings.

One batter pitched to constitutes an inning pitched.

If the batter is hit by a pitch thrown by a player pitcher, the batter has the option of taking first base or continuing the at bat. If the batter chooses to continue to bat, the coach pitcher will come in to pitch.

If the coach pitcher is hit by a batted ball, the play is dead and the batter is out. Runners do not advance.

The play is dead when the ball has been thrown . . . the previous base touched.

Rationale: This was a pilot at U9 in 2024 that was well received. The aim is to develop pitchers and catchers at an earlier age.

14. Executive

Rule Variation U11 Run Ahead Rule (Page 103-104)
Addition

For **U11 and U13**, a run ahead rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:

- 1) After 2.5 or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 or more runs.
- 2) After 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5 or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 or more runs.

Additional exception for U11: The Run Ahead Rule shall also 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 Visitor team is behind by 6 runs or more, they are limited to run differential plus 1 run.
- ii. If Visitor team is behind by fewer than 6 runs, then 6 run maximum.
- iii. If Visitor team is ahead, then 6 run maximum.
- iv. If Home team is behind, they are limited to the run differential plus 1.
- v. If Home team is ahead in the bottom of the final inning, the game is over.

For U13, a run ahead rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:

- i After 2.5 or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 or more runs.
- ii After 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5 or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 or more runs.

Exception for U9: The Run Ahead Rule shall be a maximum of 6 runs or 3 outs per inning.