

Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

November 27, 2021

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| 1. Executive | <p>Entire C & B book
Revision</p> <p>Change all instances of “sign” or “signed” with reference to signing the team certificate to “register” or “registered” where appropriate.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> OASA no longer requires players or coaches to “sign” rosters or documents in person at each event. Electronic signatures are obtained when required on OASA documents.</p> |
| 2. Executive | <p>Constitution - Vision (Page 45)
Revision</p> <p>The Ontario Amateur Softball Association is recognized as the pre-eminent developmental body for male softball in Ontario.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> This represents the new reality.</p> |
| 3. Executive | <p>By-Law II.1 The President f) (Page 47)
Deletion</p> <p>May form ad hoc committees. The Chairperson of these committees must be a member of the Executive or Advisory Council.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> Advisory Council members cannot be chairs of committees.</p> |
| 4. Executive | <p>By-Law II.2 Official Meeting: a) (Page 49)
Revision</p> <p>Seven (7) voting members including President or Executive Vice President constitute a quorum.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> Still represents a majority of the 12 elected Executive.</p> |
| 5. Executive | <p>By-Law II.2 Powers and Duties: f) (Page 49)
Deletion</p> <p>Recommends to the membership at the Annual General Meeting an In-House Review Committee to review the books and records of the Association.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The In-House Review Committee has been replaced by the Review Engagement conducted by a recognized accounting firm.</p> |

6. Executive By-Law III.3 Advisory Council a) and b) (Page 50)
Revision
- a) Past Presidents not on the Executive. All Past Presidents may attend the Annual General Meeting **as invited guests at their own expense.**
 - b) Honourary President and Honourary Vice President *may* be appointed by the Executive. Both may attend the Annual General Meeting as **invited guests at their own expense.** The Appointees must not have held the office of President of the OASA.

Rationale: To reduce OASA operational expenses that are not directly related to on field or program expenses and to align with Ministry guidelines.

7. Executive By-Law III.3 Voting Procedures a) (Page 51)
Revision
- When there are multiple candidates for a position each candidate, **or a candidate's designate**, is allowed a maximum of 1 minute to speak to delegates.

Rationale: This will provide background information about the candidate for the delegates to make a more informed decision.

8. Executive By-Law III.4 c) Registrar i) (Page 52)
Deletion
- Conducts the distribution of ballots to delegates in the following order: **Life Members, Past Presidents**, current Executive members, **Advisory Council members**, Affiliated Centres.

Rationale: Only elected Executive members, Immediate Past President (for one year) or one Past Presidents' Representative plus Affiliated Centre delegates are entitled to vote at the AGM.

9. Executive By-Law III.5 b) Business Section ix) 4) (Page 53)
Deletion
- Motion to appoint the In-House Review Committee.**

Rationale: In-House Review Committee has been replaced with the Review Engagement by an accountant.

10. Executive By-Law V.1 Standing Committees – c) d) e) i) l) (Pages 55-56)
Deletion and Revision
- e) ~~F. R. Feaver Award – determine the recipient of the F. R. Feaver Award~~
 - d) ~~Scholarship – determine the OASA Scholarship recipients and value of the award each year~~
 - e) ~~Awards, other than Scholarship, F. R. Feaver Award and Life Member – determine the awards; protocols and parameters for those awards; criteria for the winning of those awards; and identify the recipients of awards~~
 - i) ~~Life Membership – administer the OASA Life Membership Award procedure~~
 - l) ~~Hall of Fame – receive nominations, make recommendations, and coordinate the Hall of Fame induction ceremony~~

Rationale: To aggregate all awards under one chair who will oversee them. No awards are being eliminated in the process.

11. Executive By-Law VI - Books, Contracts and Records (page 56)
Revision
A motion was passed to approve **MNP** to provide a review engagement report of OASA financials for **2020/2021**.
- Rationale: To reflect the switch from Grant Thornton to MNP.*
12. Executive OR – all operating rules (Pages 58-95)
Revision
Revise all age groups throughout to reflect the 2022 age groups as approved by Softball Canada (U8 to **U9**, U10 to **U11**, U12 to **U13**, U14 to **U15**, U16 to **U17**, U19 to **U20**).
- Rationale: To reflect the revised age groups effective 2022.*
13. Executive OR 3.3 b) Category Determination ii) (Page 60)
Revision
If enough teams in the Masters classification participate, a Masters A and a Masters B category will be created. Masters B will follow all current Masters rules except no current ISC players will be permitted.
- Rationale: Housekeeping.*
14. Executive OR 3.3 c) Qualifiers i) (Page 61)
Deletion
~~**Qualifier tournaments will only be held if there are at least 12 teams in a classification.**~~
- Rationale: OASA will conduct Qualifier tournaments for less than 12 team classifications whenever possible.*
15. Executive OR 3.3 c) Qualifiers v) (Page 61)
Revision
Proof of age must be presented to the **Registrar**, prior to the start of the Tournament.
- Rationale: The Registrar is the one who confirms all proof of age documentation.*
16. Executive OR 4.2 b) Filing Date for Team Certificates ii) (Page 62)
Deletion
~~**All players must sign in on the official team certificate at the team's first OASA tournament.**~~
- Rationale: Team certificates are no longer signed by each player and coach. They are all submitted online prior to participating.*
17. Executive OR 4.3 e) Minor Classifications i) and ii) (Page 64)
Revision – Replace i) and ii) with the following:
In OASA U9 through U23, a player is 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 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.
- Rationale: To allow players in younger classifications to be able to play in higher classifications in their next closest affiliated centre where there is no younger team to call up from.*

18. Executive OR 4.4 b) Minor Division (Page 64)
Revision of Heading
Minor Division to U23
- Rationale: OASA is committed to growing the game of softball. Changing the residency rule to include U23 will encourage centres to develop their own minor system and discourage the practice of players moving from team to team at the expense of other communities. eg. In 2018 there were 15 U19 teams; in 2021 there were 5 U23 teams.*
19. Owen Sound
Fastpitch
Association OR 4.4 b) Minor Division i) General 8) (Page 65)
New
Player residency for U23 will begin in 2023.
- Rationale: This is an important decision in the growth of the U23 division. The rationale is to wait and see the effect of the U20 division on the U23 division and to canvas current U23 coaches to see what impact it will have on the future of their participation in the OASA U23 events. Since no U20 players are graduating this year due to the age change, it provides some time to ensure a thorough player residency is developed.*
20. Executive OR 4.4 b) Minor Division i) General 2) (Page 64)
Revision
- 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 2 closest affiliated centres to the player's residence in order to be able to register with any other centre in the province.**
- Rationale: The OASA is committed to growing the game of softball as stated in the objectives of the OASA. Page 45 Article II d) To encourage communities to develop their own minor system and discourage the practice of players moving from team to team at the expense of other communities.*
21. Executive OR 5.1 General d) (Page 67)
Revision
- In the event that a coach or coaches in the Minor Division are not available to coach for any reason, the **OASA** shall allow adults to coach the team. There shall be no protest allowed from using an **unregistered** coach (with or without uniform) in the Minor Division.
- Rationale: This is a responsibility of the OASA convenor.*
22. Executive OR 6.2 General e) (Page 69)
Revision and Deletion
- e) All players and team officials **must be registered** on team forms provided by the OASA **Registrar** prior to being allowed to play. Proof of eligibility of players (proof of age) in Masters, U23 and below is required. **Signatures obtained may be checked against OASA records.**
- Rationale: To reflect that team certificates are no longer signed and the Registrar is the one who verifies proof of age for players.*

23. Executive OR 6.2 Championship Guidelines h) (Page 69)
Addition
No alcoholic beverages, of any kind, shall be permitted within the playing area. **Minor team coaches observed consuming alcoholic beverages prior to their team having completed play for the day are subject to disciplinary action by the OASA.**
- Rationale: To reflect OASA's zero tolerance for consumption by minor team coaches while their team still has games to play that day.*
24. Executive OR 6.3 b) Intermediate (Page 70)
Revision
... Intermediate teams from the Elimination may participate in Eastern Canadians without playing in a Provincial Championship but must declare their intent to participate in Eastern Canadians by **July 1** of the current year to the OASA Registrar.
- Rationale: To meet the commitment date of the Eastern Canadian Softball Championship.*
25. Executive OR 7.1 Tournament Convenor b) i) 1) Appointment and Responsibilities (Page 72)
3 Deletions and 1 Addition
- ~~appointing of the umpires (in consultation with the Zone Umpire-In-Chief).~~
 - ~~ensuring all players and team officials sign in on team forms provided by the OASA Convenor prior to being allowed to play. Proof of eligibility of players (proof of age) in Masters, U23 and below are required. Signatures obtained may be checked against OASA records~~
 - ~~demanding and checking all players' certificates and, in Masters, U23 and below, proof of birthdate evidence for all players.~~
 - **engaging additional resources / convenors as required to run the tournament.**
- Rationale: To reflect current practices regarding appointment of umpires, registration procedure and who is responsible for engaging the necessary resources to convene tournaments.*
26. Executive OR 7.1 c) Host Responsibilities i) General (Page 73)
New
- 4) The Host Association is responsible for engaging qualified scorekeepers for each game. OASA may require hosts to hold a scorekeeping clinic prior to the tournament.**
- Rationale: To declare who is responsible for obtaining qualified scorekeepers for OASA tournaments.*

27. Executive OR 7.2 f) Player Selections (Pick-Ups) iv) (Page 75-76)
Revision
A player **registered on** a roster who is playing up a classification is 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). 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 higher classification must fulfill the obligations to the team with which the player **was** originally **registered**.
- Rationale: Teams with fewer roster options often need to pick up from younger age classifications. If a player from the younger classification helps an older team to qualify for an Eastern, Western or Canadian Championship by being part of the roster for the elimination, they should not count as a pick-up player if they attend the Championship.*
28. Executive OR 8.1 b) Championship Play-down Convenor i) (Page 76)
Revision
The OASA President appoints a Play-down Convenor for each district/zone who then has complete charge of all playoff games and the arrangement thereof, **excluding Umpire appointments which will be coordinated through the OASA Umpire Liaison**.
- Rationale: To specify who arranges for umpires.*
29. Executive OR 9 – Umpires Policy Statement (Page 78)
Deletion
... The terms and conditions for Umpire services are contained in the Agreement between Softball Ontario and the OASA that is negotiated each year. ~~Please refer to the OASA website to view the current agreement.~~
- Rationale: The Softball Ontario – OASA Umpire Agreement is a confidential document that is no longer published on the OASA website.*
30. Executive OR 9.1 Umpires General a) (Page 78)
Revision
All Umpires in Championship games must hold a **fastpitch** registration card from Softball Ontario for the current season.
- Rationale: To ensure that umpires for OASA tournaments are qualified fastpitch umpires.*
31. Executive OR 10.2 Criteria for Disciplinary Action f) (Page 79)
Addition
e) **Minor team coaches observed consuming alcoholic beverages prior to their team having completed play for the day are subject to disciplinary action by the OASA.**
- Rationale: To reflect OASA's zero tolerance for alcohol consumption by minor team coaches while their team still has games to play that day.*

32. Executive OR 11.1 Inter-Organization Affiliation (Page 80)
Revision
The Ontario Amateur Softball Association annually assumes membership in Softball Ontario as well as Softball Canada (which is affiliated with the **World Baseball Softball Confederation**).
- Rationale: To reflect the change from ISF to WBSC.*
33. Executive OR 11.2 a) ORSA ii) (Page 80)
Deletion
All ORSA teams entering OASA tournaments must pay the OASA tournament fee **and** the OASA Associate fee ~~and the Softball Canada fee~~. Every ORSA entry must be approved by OASA.
- Rationale: To reflect that we no longer charge a separate Softball Canada fee at the team level.*
34. Executive OR 12.1 d) Insurance Coordinator ii) (Page 82)
Addition
- Reconcile financial reports with the OASA Treasurer as required,
- Rationale: To reflect current practices that the Insurance Coordinator performs.*
35. Executive Variation Chart – Coach Uniform (Page 85)
Revision
For all divisions, coaches appearing on the field must be dressed in coordinating apparel in accordance with the colour code of the team. Failure to comply will result in the coach not being allowed on the field. Note: See Softball Canada Special Operating Rules for uniform requirements at Canadian Championships.
- Rationale: To have coaches uniformly dressed in team colours.*
36. Executive Variation Chart – Defensive Delay (Page 85)
Deletion
OASA will not implement this rule.
- Rationale: To be in line with Softball Canada as this rule is called at U20 and above Canadian Championships. The Charged Defensive Delay rule (Softball Canada rulebook p. 164 Section 10) states that there shall only be one charged defensive delay per half inning.*
37. Executive Variation Chart – (Page 91)
Revision
Exception: In U9 to U20, Effect #1 removal of the player from the game will not be used. Effect for U9 to U20: If any person catching for the pitcher will not wear the mask after a warning is issued to the **Pitcher**, it shall mean removal of the **Pitcher** of the offending team.
- Rationale: At present time it is the coach that is ejected.*