

Ontario Select Softball Tournament Association (O.S.S.T.A.)

Meeting Minutes
 Sunday, October 4, 2009
 Unionville, Ontario

Attendees:

Representative	Association	Representative	Association
Doug Maclean (DM)	Bramalea	Martin Rutledge (MR)	Oakville
Curt Monson (CM)	Brampton	Paul Whitney (PW)	Oakville
Paul Carriere (PC)	Erindale	Dave Northern (DN)	Pickering
Keith Chapman (KC)	Georgian Bay	Pam Branoff (PB)	Unionville
Sandra Chapman (SC)	Georgian Bay	Frank Crudo (FC)	Vaughan
Brant Bell (BB)	Goulding Park	Al Betts (AB)	Whitby
Y-S Columbus Leo (YSCL)	Goulding Park	Chris Leeder (CL)	Whitby
Ed Zeagman (EZ)	Mississauga North	Louie Calvitto (LC)	Woodbridge

Minutes		Dave Northern	
		Agenda Item / Discussion Points	Action Item
1	0	2009 Select Season Review	
1	1	Discussion regarding hosts stating what happens in case of rain. Reschedule, full/partial refunds. Ideally hosts should state on tournament entry forms.	Hosts should state this on entry forms / info packages.
1	2	Blind draws for team numbers is the preferred method of assigning teams. Byes to start the day for teams farther away have been the norm as well over the years.	None
2	0	Rules Discussion	
2	1	Throwing the bat - umpire's discretion. Intent to injure or not was discussed.	Umpire's judgement call.
2	2	Stealing - Typically for Mite it is when it crosses the plate, Squirt and up when it leaves the pitchers hand and 5 Pitch has no stealing. Check with each host to ensure that you know when players are allowed to steal. Softball Canada rule 8-5-a indicates when the ball leaves the pitchers hand (with no mention of age).	Up to each host to define in their rules.
2	3	Pitching - some discussion regarding the maximum number of innings allowed. Most tournaments are unlimited innings.	Up to each host to define in their rules.
2	4	Safety base use - a double base or safety base must be used at first base for all Select tournament games.	All hosts to follow this for 2010.

2	5	Midget age - discussion regarding the variance between girls and boys. Should the boys move to the same as the girls (17-20 unrestricted + max of 2 players 21 or 22 that cannot pitch)?	All associations will be asked to vote on this prior to the 2010 Select season.
2	6	Ejection rule - discussion regarding the severity of the offence and whether it should be for the rest of the game or the tournament.	Hosts are asked to review this and consider revising the wording.
2	7	# of Players - Discussion regarding the number of players required to start and continue in a game. Should it be minimum of 9 at all times? Or start with 9, but continue with 8?	Up to each host to define in their rules.
2	8	Jewellery - Discussion regarding taping of studs or other jewellery vs. removal completely. Softball Canada only allows Medic Alert - no taping. Many house leagues allow taping. Up to each host to clearly state it on rules.	Up to each host to define in their rules.
2	9	Balls - As per Softball Canada balls can be white or optic, COR <=47, compression <=375. Mite & Squirt use 11". Novice/Peewee and up use 12".	Hosts to follow these guidelines.
2	10	Interlocking teams/players - discussion held regarding how Select teams are made up and what defines House League, Interlocking, etc.	None
3	0	Player Eligibility	
3	1	Current year Rep or carded (OASA or PWSA) players are not eligible to play in Select tournaments.	Hosts and teams entering Select tournaments are self policing as no central database for all players in the province exists.
3	2	House League / Select players can be a Rep "call up" for a maximum of 3 games or 1 tournament.	
3	3	House League / Select teams can play in 1 Rep tournament and maintain their Select eligibility.	
3	4	Rep players released in the current year are not eligible to play in Select tournaments.	
3	5	ORSA teams have been allowed to play in Select tournaments. However, the PWSA Select Provincials do not allow ORSA teams to participate. OASA Select Provincials do allow ORSA teams to participate.	
4	0	2009 Select Provincial Review	
4	1	OASA Provincials - no OASA representation at Mite thru Bantam tourneys (poor); questioning value of \$25 extra (OASA affiliation - not well communicated); medallions mix up in Woodbridge(Wilson Sports not OASA issue); McNab too far away for some teams (bad - more central hosts possibly)	DN to carry message back to OASA Executive for 2010 as OASA Select Convener

4	2	PWSA Provincials - no extra \$25 (good); PWSA had reps at each tourney (good); Recreation & Competitive Pools (not good - may have affected tournament participation); 2 day vs. 1 day tourney (good & bad); Sarnia as host (too far away for many - more central hosts possibly); some rules different than most Select tourneys held through the year (stealing - bad); AB/DN meeting with PWSA in April not as well understood as initially thought (unfortunate)	AB/DN to carry message back to PWSA Executive for 2010
5	0	Plans for 2010 Season	
5	1	Entry Fees - HST kicks in 7/1/2010 so the expectation is that fees will need to rise above the \$250 2009 norm.	\$260 - 275 ballpark range for 2010
5	2	Website to be ready to accept 2010 entries approximately 10/31/09.	AB to coordinate this.
5	3	Oakville looking to host several tourneys in 2010 - Squirt, Novice, Bantam likely.	Oakville to submit dates on website
5	4	OSSTA Provincials - should we look at hosting provincials in 2010? Discussion regarding this vs. continuing to attend OASA & PWSA Select Provincials. Dates, trophies, rules, host selection committee, etc all discussed at a high level.	Suggestion to poll the membership on this prior to the Feb 2010 meeting.
5	5	OASA Select Provincials - Is there a benefit in associating with OASA for these? (consensus - yes); should we continue to support and promote these? (consensus - yes).	Suggestion to poll the membership on this prior to the Feb 2010 meeting.
5	6	PWSA Select Provincials - Is there benefit in associating with PWSA for these (consensus - questionable); should we continue to support and promote these? (consensus - tbd).	Suggestion to poll the membership on this prior to the Feb 2010 meeting.
6	0	OSSTA Website	
6	1	Discussion regarding content, layout - well received by all. Not all results were reported by hosts. Potential for more to be added - pictures, links, logo.	All to continue to provide content.
6	2	Membership dues - \$30 per year was agreed upon for now. Looking for all associations to pay for 2009 and 2010 at or before the Feb 2010 meeting. Several in attendance paid AB. Paypal is set up already on the website. Jan 2010 Update - \$50 per association. Paypal or cheque payable to OSSTA, P.O. Box 6, Whitby, ON L1N 5R7	Each association is asked to pay via Paypal or cheque (payable to OSSTA)

Next Meeting:

February 21, 2010 12:30 pm
Crosby Memorial Arena
210 Main Street (and Carlton)
Unionville, Ontario