



# OSSTA Ontario Select Tournament Association



Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2016

Representative	Association	Representative	Association
Tom Muringer	Brampton	Bob Kearse	OASA
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Donnie Censori	BDMSA	Frank Lacaria	Vaughan

### Agenda Items /Discussion Points

<b>1</b>	<b>Review 2015 Weekly Tournamnets</b>
a	Most if not all tournaments ran normally 25 Boys Tournaments & 41 Girls Tournaments Results still need to be submitted on time and if tournament is cancelled please advise
b	Score sheets worked fairly well. Need additional assistance from host to cut done on work Individuals took samples to come back with pricing for 5000 sheets

<b>2</b>	<b>Review 2015 Provincial Tournaments-</b>
a	The Boys had 34 teams attend the 5 provincials. Number are lower than 2014 tournament ( 47 ) All tournaments went off with very few problems. Lower numbers attributed to new eligilbilty rule
b	The Girls had 64 teams attend the 5 provincials. Number slightly lower than previous year (70 ) All tournaments went off with very few problems. Lower numbers attributed to going up against PWSA Provincial Tournament which was run on the same weekend

<b>3</b>	<b>Review 2015 /2016 rule changes</b>
a	Jewellery Rule to be removed. Umpires still to enforce rule if player is wearing bling or dangerous jewellery

<b>4</b>	<b>Review OSSTA Team and Player eligibility rule</b>
a	Team rule may have hurt the boys Provincial weekend as not as many teams attended as the previous year, However the results of not having unknown teams worked. Retain rule for 2016 Team rule did not seem to affect the girls provincial tournament. Retain for 2016
b	Player rule had an impact on the boys side for one player that we were aware of. We received one complaint No impact was felt on the girls side that we were aware of
c	Discussion to have a exception rule for a player or players should be considered. Not total agreement amongst the members as to how exception rule to be applied
d	All will present comprise at the February meeting

<b>5</b>	<b>Review 2016 Pricing</b>
a	<b>Weekly Tournaments</b> Price to increase to \$350.00 for OSSTA members and \$375.00 for non members
b	<b>Pronincial Tournaments</b> Decision was put off until the February meeting
c	<b>Membership Fee</b> Price to incease to \$60.00

<b>6</b>	<b>Review Policy for Listing Tournaments</b>
a	A discussion was held to allow Association located a great distance from the group to list their Tournaments despite having conflicts. A suggestion was presented for Associations that are further than 250 km to allow the to be listed A vote was held and the motion was passed
b	<b>Affected Associations must abide by the OSSTA's rules for Eligibility</b>

<b>7</b>	<b>2016 Tournament Dates</b>
a	Tournament dates to be submitted at the February meeting All dates will be confirmed at the March meeting

<b>8</b>	<b>2016 Code of Conduct</b>
a	It was noted that last year we had numerous problems with Select Coaches and their conduct on the diamond Associations are to discuss the matter with their 2016 Select Coaching Staff Hosts should advise Umpire staff to report any abuse and get the Convener involved.

<b>9</b>	<b>Face Mask for Pitchers</b>
a	<p>A discussion was held regarding the OSSTA making it Mandatory for Pitchers to wear a face mask at the Mite and Squirt divisions. This was presented as a safety rule</p> <p>While the OSSTA does not mandate rules for the Various House Leagues we can strongly recommend that a Pitcher wear a face mask. We should adopt the same policy that we use for batting cages and let the individual Associations police the matter.</p> <p>Continued discussion will take place at the February meeting</p>

Next Meeting Sunday April 1st Place and Time TBA