



ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REP DIVISION

2024 Rep Tournament Rules

OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- a. Any team, Direct Entry, Local Association or Affiliated Association, wishing to hold a tournament where 3 or more teams are competing, must first apply for permission to hold same from the Rep Council. A fee determined by the OBA Board of Management and Rep Council must accompany each application only if teams are from outside the area Affiliated Association. This application must have been approved by the Affiliated Association secretary in the area from which it came. If more than one series or classification which results in more than 1 tournament schedule being scheduled (e.g. Minor, Major, AAA, AA/A) a fee determined by Rep Council must be paid for each tournament.
- b. The Rep Tournament Chair shall have the power to appoint a Rep Representative to any Rep sanctioned tournament.
- c. A list of all Rep sanctioned tournaments will appear on our website, <https://playoba.ca>.
- d. A declared representative from an Affiliated Association must first honour its Rep Play-off and Affiliated Association obligations before participating in a tournament.
- e. Any team not fulfilling its commitment to any Rep sanctioned tournament may be fined and/or suspended from further participation in any Rep sanctioned tournament and the Rep Play-offs provided that this information is provided to the Rep Tournament Chair in writing. The fine for a team not fulfilling its commitment to a tournament is \$500. Any fine collected (after any appeals) is to be split 50/50 between the Rep and the tournament host.
- f. Non-OBA teams registered in Ontario may compete in open, invitational or international tournaments, only if permission of the Rep Tournament Chair is requested. Such non-OBA teams must provide proof of accident and liability insurance to the tournament host prior to being permitted to play in the tournament.
- g. The tournament host is responsible for ensuring that each team in the tournament is either: (i) Rep rostered, (ii) Select registered, (iii) recognized under RP7.3(f) or RP1.12, or (iv) from outside of the Province of Ontario.
- h. Failure by an OBA team to provide a tournament host with a valid OBA roster number will result in a \$200 fine to the team.
- i. The Host Committee must notify each application of acceptance or rejection into the tournament within 10 days following the final

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deadline date. Failure to comply with such provisions may lead to the tournament not being approved the following year.

- j. A final date for applications for acceptance to the Rep sanctioned tournament must be in the hands of the Host Association at least 21 days in advance of the first date of the tournament.
- k. The complete schedule of tournament games must be sent to each participating team at least two weeks prior to the first game. A fine of \$500 will apply for Local Associations in violation of this timeline for each tournament.
- l. Only Rep rules shall apply for all Rep tournaments, with the exception of curfews, game length (ie: 7 or 9 innings), time limits, and playoff formats, local rules shall not apply. Tournament convenors shall determine curfews, game length, and schedules, including playoff formats. Tournament hosts are responsible to send a list of these rules as well as a copy of the OBA Arm Care and mercy rules out to all participants with the tournament schedule at least two weeks prior to the first game.
- m. The final score of any game ended by a game length rule will be the score at the time the game ends regardless of whether an inning was incomplete.
- n. Where a tournament is cancelled prior to any game being played the total tournament entry fee must be refunded to all teams. Where a tournament is cancelled after games have been played the teams will be refunded on a pro rata basis for the games not played.
- o. No special concessions will be granted to any team(s) participating in any of these tournaments.
- p. The tournament host is responsible for ensuring that each umpire is properly carded. Teams may request that the host produce verification of umpire certification prior to the game. Teams may not protest a game based on the carding of the umpires during or after a game.
- q. No tournament game shall start before 8:00am on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and no tournament game shall start later than 9:30pm on any night. Where the published schedule has a team starting a game at 8:30 pm or later, then the team cannot be scheduled to play earlier than 9:00 am on the following day.
- r. Teams must be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played, until the start of their next game, without jeopardy of forfeit. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30 minute period.
- s. Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team, and the forfeiting team

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- fined \$500. Teams failing to return for the second half of a suspended game shall forfeit the game and be subject to an automatic \$500 fine.
- t. At 22U and below, except as set out in this paragraph, no team may play more than two games in a calendar day. At 8U and 9U and Senior, teams may not play more than three games in a calendar day. At Senior only, a team may consent but may not be required to play four games in a calendar day. At all age categories, on one day of the tournament, a maximum of three games may be played. A suspended game shall count as a game played on both the day it commenced and the day it is completed if three or more innings are played on each day. If less than three innings are played on the day it is completed, it will not count as a game played on that day. Regardless of these rules, pitch counts must be entered on the day the pitch was actually thrown and days rest are applied according to the day the pitch was actually thrown.
 - u. The Rep Convenors Report and specified attachments must be emailed to the Rep Tournament Chair within 10 days following the tournament.
 - v. If these rules are not adhered to, the tournament shall not be approved or, if already approved, the host association may be fined \$200.00 and the tournament may not be approved the following year.
 - w. The Rep Tournament Chair shall provide, immediately, to the Affiliated Associations a listing of any and all disciplinary problems with managers, coaches, players or other team personnel, as reported by the tournament convenors.
 - x. Tournament hosts may determine what awards they give to teams and/or players entering their tournaments, provided, however, that cash prizes may only be given to teams (not players) at 22U or Senior tournaments.

RP7.3 TIE BREAKER RULES

- a. Where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
 - i. Teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers
 - ii. Head-to-head record among tied teams;
 - iii. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - iv. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
 - v. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;

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- vi. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
- vii. Coin toss
- b. When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will exclude RP7.4(a)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, excluding RP7.4(a)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at RP7.4(a)(i).

Questions? Reach out to us at

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