RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

a. Terms defined in the By-law shall have the same meanings in these Rules and Regulations. In addition, the following terms shall have the following meanings in these Rules and Regulations:

i. By-law – the By-Laws of the Corporation, as same may be revised, amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

ii. Cut Release – a release granted to a player by a Local Association in the following circumstances:

1. the player has attended tryouts for the TBA All-Star Team(s) offered by the Local Association for the Series that the player is eligible for and must play in by reason of age;

2. the player has not been offered a spot to play on such TBA All-Star Team(s);

3. the player has asked for a release after the tryouts (and not, for greater certainty, during the off-season); and

4. the release is denoted as a "Cut Release" on the TBA Player Release form.

iii. Division – the classification or level of competition in a particular Series (ie. AAA/Tier 1; AA/Tier 2; A/Tier 3; House League Select and Designated Select).

iv. Free Agent – a player which meets at least one of the criteria set out in Subsection 10.i.

v. Import – a player residing outside of TBA territory who plays or wishes to play with a TBA affiliated rep team.

vi. Loop – a grouping of teams for competition, designated by reference to both Series and Division (for example, 8UAAA, 13UAA, 16UA, etc.).

vii. Organized Baseball - includes House League participation.

viii. Out of Region Player – a players who plays or wishes to play on a TBA Regional Team but who resides outside of the boundaries of the Region or Local Association forming such team (as set out in **Rule 16 - Boundary Rules**) – the boundaries for a team formed by a Region being the sum total of the boundaries of all of the Local Associations within that Region).

ix. Out-of-Territory Player – a player who plays or wishes to play Rep Baseball on a TBA All-Star team but who resides outside of that team's Local Association's boundaries (as set out in **Rule 16 – Boundary Rules**).

x. Region – means one of the five (5) regions set out in **Rule 2 - Regions**.

xi. Regional Centre – a grouping of Local Associations for the purpose of establishing AAA centres throughout Toronto.

xii. Series – an age group at which the Corporation offers competition (ie. 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U, 22U and Senior).

xiii. TBA All-Star Team - is a Local Association based team participating in in one of the TBA's Loops (other than a Tier 1 Loop).

xiv. TBA Regional Team – a Tier 1 team formed by a Region or a Local Association.

b. It is not intended that any provision of these Rules and Regulations conflict with any provision of the By-law. If any conflict exists, the By-laws shall prevail.

c. The Directors will determine the classification to recommend to OBA for each TBA All-Star Team and each TBA Regional Team.

d. Permission may be granted to Local Associations to accept teams from outside of Toronto, subject to approval from Executive Committee by Ordinary Resolution and subject to release from their OBA Affiliated Association. These outside teams are eligible for Loop play but may not participate in the TBA playoffs in order to qualify for the OBA playoffs. **NOTE:** The Greater Toronto Baseball League and Leaside Junior League are exempt from the requirement to obtain Executive Committee approval.

e. Any Member or Participant who approaches a player on a TBA All-Star Team from another Local Association, or a player on a TBA Regional Team from another Region, with the intent of securing said player for their own TBA All-Star Team or TBA Regional Team or any other team within such Member or Participant's Local Association or Region, will be subject to disciplinary action.

f. The Toronto Baseball Association and all of its Local Associations, teams and team officials disclaim any responsibility for injuries sustained by any member of any team. All Teams and Local Associations must supply proof of liability insurance by the time that rosters are submitted.

g. Representative Teams:

i. The Executive Committee may decide to operate a team or teams to represent Toronto. There will be a General Manager (GM) appointed and approved by the Executive Committee. The GM will be responsible for the overall team operation and for the appointment of coaches. Such team/program must provide a report on its operations to the Executive Committee in March and October.

ii. All financial transactions will be handled and reported annually by the TBA Treasurer.

iii. All team equipment and uniforms become the property of the TBA. Any failure to return such equipment and uniforms to the TBA when requested may result in disciplinary action against the offending manager, coach or player.

2. REGIONS

a. For the purposes of establishing AAA Centres throughout the TBA, five (5) Regions have been formed, each composed of a number of Local Associations (**NOTE:** Leaside is an independent Local Association). The boundary of each Region is the sum of the boundaries of the Local Associations that make up that Region. The five Regions are described in the table below.

Regions	Regional Centre	Local Associations
Etobicoke	Etobicoke Rangers	EBA member associations Bloordale, Martingrove, Rexdale and Royal York.
Scarborough	Scarborough Stingers	SBA member associations Agincourt-Wexford, Birchmount, East Toronto, and West Hill.
Central	North York Blues	North York, North Toronto & and former Downsview territory
East	East York Bulldogs	East York former Toronto Greenwood territory
West Toronto	West Toronto Wildcats	Toronto Playgrounds, High Park and York

b. The mandate of a Regional Centre is to form TBA Regional Teams at the 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U Series.

c. Local Associations within a Region are encouraged to join together to field TBA All-Star Teams in a particular Series when numbers warrant.

3. ELITE DIVISION

OBA has established an Elite Division in the 15U, 16U and 18U Series. Any Local Association may register a team in these Series with the OBA office and the Elite Commissioner by July 1st thus advising that they will be offering an elite team for the following season. TBA is a participating Affiliated Association. Elite Division rules are detailed in OBA's By-laws and Rules and Regulations. The rules therein supersede TBA rules regarding releases, Out-of-Territory Players, Out-of-Region Players and Imports.

4. AGE LIMITS

a. The Senior Series shall have no upper age limit.

b. The age limits for the Series below Senior shall be as follows:

Series	Upper Age Limt
22U	Does not turn 23 before December 31st of the playing year
18U	Does not turn 19 before December 31st of the playing year
16U	Does not turn 17 before December 31st of the playing year

15U	Does not turn 16 before December 31st of the playing year
14U	Does not turn 15 before December 31st of the playing year
13U	Does not turn 14 before December 31st of the playing year
12U	Does not turn 13 before December 31st of the playing year
11U	Does not turn 12 before December 31st of the playing year
10U	Does not turn 11 before December 31st of the playing year
9U	Does not turn 10 before December 31st of the playing year
8U	Does not turn 9 before December 31st of the playing year

c. Any player eligible to play in 15U, or a lower age Series, can sign only with a Team in a Series for which his/her age qualifies; provided that, if a Local Association does not have a Team in Series for which a player qualifies by virtue of his/her age, that player may sign with the next higher Series so long as he/she was a bona-fide registered player with that Local Association in the previous season. A player may **not** move from one Local Association to another in order to register in a higher Series. No 18U age player may sign with a 22U Team unless the Local Association does not have a team in the 18U Series. No 22U age player may sign with a Senior Team.

5. PROOF OF AGE

a. Before being placed on the roster of a TBA All-Star Team or a TBA Regional Team (other than a Team in the Senior Series), a player must prove that he/she is eligible to compete in such Series in accordance with the age limits set forth in **Rule 4 – Age Limits**.

b. All such players must produce: (1) the Regulation Birth Certificate issued by: (A) the Registry of the Country, State or Province in which they were born or (B) by the Clerk of the Municipality in which they were born; (2) Passport, (3) Citizenship Card, or (4) a Church Baptismal Record issued by a recognized clergyman and properly notarized. (For OBA purposes, players who cannot procure the regulation certificate may sign a roster upon producing a statutory declaration sworn to by his/her parents or guardian establishing his/her age; the same to be accompanied with a certificate of a Solicitor or Notary Public with seals attached on the birth records.)

c. Any team found guilty of knowingly using an overage player shall be suspended for the balance of the season. If this occurs during the playing of the original league schedule, all games won by the offending team shall count as wins to the opposing teams. If, however, a player is not found to be overage until the TBA Playoffs, then only the games in which he/she played in such TBA Playoffs shall be awarded to the opposing teams.

6. TRYOUTS

a. Tryouts for HPP/AAA/Tier 1/TBA Regional Teams shall be held as follows:

i. for the 8U, 9U, 10U and 11U Series, AAA/Tier 1/TBA Regional Team tryouts are to take place from the Tuesday after Labour Day (5:00 pm) to the Friday after Labour Day (11:00 pm);

ii. for the 12U and 13U Series:

1. tryouts for AAA/Tier 1/TBA Regional Team that have declared HPP are to take place from July 1st until October 31st ;

2. tryouts for AAA/Tier 1/TBA Regional Team that have not declared HPP are to take place from the Tuesday after Labour Day (5:00 pm) to the Friday after Labour Day (11:00 pm); and

iii. for the 14U,15U, 16U and 18U Series:

1. tryouts for AAA/Tier 1/TBA Regional Team that have declared HPP are to take place from May 1st until the Tuesday following Labour Day;

2. tryouts for AAA/Tier 1/TBA Regional Team that have not declared HPP are to take place from the Tuesday after Labour Day (5:00 pm) to the Friday after Labour Day (11:00 pm).

b. Tryouts for AA/Tier 2; A/Tier 3; Select Teams/TBA All-Star Teams shall be held as follows:

i. for the 8U, 9U, 10U and 11U Series, any time on or following the Saturday after Labour Day (until October 31); and

ii. for the 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U Series, any time on or following the Tuesday following Labour Day (5:00pm) until October 31st.

c. **NOTE:** no permission or release is required to tryout for a TBA All-Star Team or a TBA Regional Team for any of the following: (1) a player that lives in TBA territory and whose Playing Rights are held by a TBA All-Star Team and/or a TBA Regional Team or (2) a player who has never played Organized Baseball.

7. ELIGIBILITY

a. Players who participate in non-recognized non-OBA program, with the exception of school-operated programs, are not eligible to register with TBA teams. Each team will be permitted a maximum of two (2) players who participate in recognized non-OBA programs. Players registered in this manner must participate in 50% of their team's scheduled TBA games in order to be eligible for TBA playoffs. For example, if a team has a 20-game season schedule, a player registered in this manner must play in 10 of that team's games, regardless of how many of the 20 games are played by the team.

b. Residence Rule – Except as otherwise permitted herein, no players shall be allowed to be rostered with any team in any Local Association unless he/she has been a bona fide and continuous resident of the territory under the jurisdiction of the TBA before June 1st of the relevant playing season. For a residence of less than 12 months the residence must be continuous through the baseball season or the player will lose the residence and playing status.

c. Student Rule – A player who is a student at a school outside the TBA territory, but whose family has continuous residence in the TBA territory before June 1st, shall be eligible to be rostered with a team in a Local Association.

d. See the Import Rule (Subsection 9.a) for players who reside outside of TBA territory wishing to register with a TBA club.

e. Any team that is a part of a Local Association desirous of changing to another Local Association must first seek approval from the Executive Committee.

f. Any player who in the previous year resided outside of Toronto must prove new residence within Toronto to the satisfaction of the TBA Registrar. When considering the establishment of residency, the Registrar will request proof of address of one parent or guardian.

g. No player or family will be expected to disclose any unnecessary personal information as a means to play on any team within the TBA. Proof of address of one parent or guardian will be considered sufficient to establish residency of any player.

8. PLAYER LIMIT AND PLAYER RIGHTS

a. **PLAYER LIMIT** – A team may register no more than twenty-five (25) players and no fewer than twelve (12) players.

b. **PLAYER RIGHTS** – Regional Centres and Local Associations hold Player Rights once a team roster submitted by the Regional Centre or Local Association has been approved by OBA. See **Rule 11 - Registration**. Regional Centres and Local Associations retain Player Rights from year-to-year so long as the Regional Centre and/or Local Association operates a team in a Series that the player is eligible for and must play in by reason of age. A player whose Player Rights are held by one Regional Centre or Local Association may not be registered with a team from another Regional Centre or Local Association and may not participate in games, practices, or (subject to Subsection 6.c) tryouts with a team from another Regional Centre or Local Association.

   i. When a player registers with a TBA All-Star team (Rep or Select), his/her Player Rights are held by that team's Local Association.

   ii. When a player registers with a TBA Regional team, his/her Player Rights are held by the Regional Centre. If a player registers with a TBA Regional team the year after being registered with a Local Association's TBA All-Star team (Rep or Select) within that region, then the Player Rights remain held by that Local Association in addition to being held by the Regional Centre. Players who register with a TBA Regional team who had not previously registered with a Local Association within that region may elect to choose a Local Association within the region that they wish to hold their Player Rights (in addition to having his/her Player Rights held by the Regional Centre). If a player is cut by his/her TBA Regional team, his/her Player Rights are retained by the Local Association within that Region with which that player had last registered (if applicable). If the player's Player Rights are not held by a Local Association within that Region, then the player is a Free Agent.

   iii. Player Rights of players who register with a non-OBA program (whether such program is a recognized non-OBA program or a non-recognized non-OBA program) shall have their Player Rights retained by the Local Associations, and/or Regional Centres, with which they last registered prior to registering with such non-OBA program. These Player Rights may not be transferred to

another Local Association and/or Regional Centre so long as that player continues to play with a non-OBA program.

iv. When two Local Associations join together to field a team in a particular Loop, the Player Rights for players on the joint team remain the property of the Local Association with which the player registered in the year prior to registering with the joint team. Players who had not registered with either Local Association in the previous year will be required to choose which of the Local Associations they wish to hold their Player Rights.

v. Any player who desires to transfer his/her Player Rights from one Regional Centre and/or Local Association to another Regional Centre and/or Local Association must secure a release from the Local Association (and from the Regional Centre, if necessary) currently holding his/her Player Rights. See **Rule 10 - Releases**.

9. PLAYER MOVEMENT

a. **IMPORT RULE** – Before being able to join a TBA All-Star Team or a TBA Regional Team, an Import must first secure any release required by OBA rules. A maximum of four (4) Imports shall be allowed on:
   - any TBA All-Star Team competing in Series from 10U to 18U; and
   - any TBA Regional Team competing in Series from 10U to 13U.

   There is no limit on the number of Imports allowed on:
   - any team competing in the 22U, Senior and Women's Divisions; or
   - any TBA Regional Team competing in Series from 14U to 18U.

b. **OUT-OF-TERRITORY RULE** – A TBA All-Star team competing in the 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U or 14U Series is permitted to have a maximum of two (2) Out-of-Territory Players at any one time. There is no limit on the number of Out-of-Territory players permitted on a TBA All-Star team competing in the 15U, 16U, 18U, 22U, Senior and Women's Divisions. A player who has played for a TBA All-Star team for one full season will no longer be considered an Out-of-Territory Player for that TBA All-Star Team.

   EXCEPTIONS

   i. A player whose home address is on either side of a boundary street may play for either of the Local Associations involved.

   ii. A TBA All-Star player (Rep or Select) shall not be considered an Out-of-Territory player when joining a Local Association if said player has played no prior Organized Baseball, regardless of TBA territory.

   iii. Where a **REP** player from outside a Local Association's boundaries is with the same Local Association as the previous year, but on a TBA All-Star Team classifying at a different Division, the player will not be considered an Out-of-Territory Player.

iv. Any TBA All-Star player (Rep or Select) who has obtained a Cut Release can register with any other TBA All-Star team and not be considered an Out-of-Territory Player. This exception does NOT apply to TBA Regional Teams.

c. **OUT-OF-REGION PLAYER RULE** – A TBA Regional Team competing in Series from 10U to 13U is permitted a maximum of two (2) Out-of-Region Players. There is no limit on the number of Out-of-Region Players allowed on any TBA Regional Team competing in Series from 14U to 18U. A player who has played for a TBA Regional Team for one full season will no longer be considered an Out-of-Region Player for that TBA Regional Team. Players who are eligible to be registered as in-territory players within a TBA Region are eligible to be registered as in-region players by the appropriate TBA Regional Team – but if that player subsequently registers with a TBA Regional Team in another Region, the first TBA Regional Team would need to comply with this Subsection 9.c. **NOTE:** The Cut Release exception does NOT apply to TBA Regional Teams.

d. The Executive Committee may grant exceptions to the Player Movement Rules set out above.

10.RELEASES

a. Player Rights may be transferred among Regional Centres and Local Associations if the player secures or is given a signed Player Release Form. Forms are posted on the TBA website. Player Release Forms must be signed by the proper signing authority at the Local Association. Players who registered with a TBA Regional Team may also require signatures from the proper signing authority at the Regional Centre. Players do not need releases to move from a TBA All-Star team (Rep or Select) to a TBA Regional Team within the same Region – but players do need releases to transfer Player Rights from one Local Association to another Local Association within the same Region.

b. Any player in any Series competing in six (6) league games for any one team, shall not be eligible to play with any other team during that year, and cannot be released by his/her team. Any player in any Series playing in less than six (6) games can be released and may register with another team, so long as the player is properly registered with his/her new team by May 31st.

c. When registering teams with OBA under **Rule 11 - Registration**, the Registrar must have in his/her possession all releases necessary to make all players eligible for inclusion on the submitted roster.

d. Players released by a Local Association after tryouts should be given a Cut Release (so indicated on the Player Release Form). Players released during the off-season should be given the TBA Player Release Form.

e. Below Senior, a player is considered to be properly released when his/her TBA Player Release Form is signed by the President, Secretary or Registrar of his/her Local Association. In Senior no releases are required.

f. No release will be granted or accepted by the TBA unless a player has returned all property of the team releasing him/her and, where applicable, paid the team's full registration fee.

g. A player who participates in a Local Association's House League ONLY does not require a release to register the following year with a TBA All-Star Team in a different Local Association.

h. If releases are not forthcoming from the Local Association (and/or the Regional Centre, if necessary), the player may present his/her case at a hearing of a panel appointed by the TBA President which must consist of at least three (3) members of the TBA Executive Committee. The player and the Local Association (and/or the Regional Centre, if necessary) will be heard by the panel. At the conclusion of the hearing, the panel may grant the release by way of a majority vote of the members of the panel. Hearings that result in the denial of the player's release may be appealed to the OBA.

i. A player becomes a Free Agent in any of the following circumstances:

   i. Player Rights are not retained by a Local Association under Subsection 8.b.i because the Local Association did not operate a TBA All-Star Team in a Series that the player is eligible for and must play in by reason of age.

   ii. Player Rights are not retained by a Regional Centre under Subsection 8.b.ii because the Regional Centre did not operate a TBA Regional Team in a Series that the player is eligible for and must play in by reason of age **and** the player's Player Rights were not held by a Local Association within that Region that was operating a TBA All-Star Team in a Series that the player is eligible for and must play in by reason of age.

   iii. A player has obtained a Cut Release signed by the appropriate signing authorities.

   iv. A player obtains his/her release after successfully appealing a denial of the release under Subsection 10.h.

   v. A player has never been registered with the OBA or has not been registered with the OBA for a year or longer.

   Subject to any applicable restrictions in **Rule 9 – Player Movement**, a Free Agent is eligible to register with any team of his/choice.

j. The Player Rights of a player who participates with a non-OBA program (whether such program is a recognized non-OBA program or a non-recognized non-OBA program) are retained by the Local Association (and/or Regional Centre) for the duration of the player's participation with a non-OBA program (whether such program is a recognized non-OBA program or a non-recognized non-OBA program). Players in this situation may not have their Player Rights transferred, they may not be released, and they may not be Free Agents until they are no longer participating with the non-OBA program (whether such program is a recognized non-OBA program or a non-recognized non-OBA program).

k. Releases will be granted automatically, unless the player is in financial arrears or subject to disciplinary measures with the team that currently holds the player's playing rights. It is incumbent on the 'receiving' coach to discuss residency and playing rights with the player/parent/guardian prior to offering a player a spot on the roster, in order to make roster decisions that adhere to the Out-of-Territory and Out-of-Region provisions of **Rule 9 – Player Movement**.

11. REGISTRATION

a. OBA will update previous year's team rosters and make them available. Local Associations will be provided with login and password in order to access their teams' rosters. Registrars may change their personal information and passwords.

   Local Association Registrars may add, edit, print, remove and submit Rep and Select team rosters and their players. Each team must have at least one coach properly registered. All coaches must have the required coaching certification and the coaching certification number must be provided.

   A Local Registrar may add only Rep players who are completely new to the registration system.

   For a player from another Local Association the Local Association Registrar must request the TBA Registrar to do so. The TBA Registrar will ensure that the player is eligible to be registered by the Local Association and then add the player to the Local Association's list of players.

   For a player from another OBA Affiliate member an email with the player's details must be sent to the TBA Registrar who will ensure the player's eligibility and request OBA to transfer the player to the Local Association's list of players.

b. Fees – A team fee will be established each year for each Series up to and including 18U. Such fee will include the OBA registration fee ($150), the TBA registration fee ($50) and the TBA Loop entry fee. The 22U and Senior Leagues will pay the portion of the foregoing team fee comprised of the OBA registration fee and the TBA registration fee. A date will be established by which time the team fee must be paid (**Note:** All OBA team registration fees must be in the hands of the OBA office from the TBA by July 8th of the playing year). The Executive Committee may impose penalties if a team fee is not paid by the deadline date.

c. Players who are members of teams that cease operation after May 31st may play in the same Series at the discretion of the Board. However, they will not be eligible for OBA play.

d. Players who register as an Import, Out-of-Territory Player or Out-of-Region Player must maintain the same status for the season.

12. CALL-UPS

a. Players are restricted to playing only with the team with which they are registered. However, during the regular season, Registered Rep players are eligible to be called up to play with a team in an older Series. Players playing on a TBA All-Star Team in one of the Select Divisions shall be treated in the same manner as House League players for call-up or call-across situations. All call-up or call-across situations are subject to the following provisions:

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   i. 9U players may be called up to a Series up to 11U but these players are not allowed to pitch.

ii. 10U and 11U players are eligible to be called up to a Series up to 13U.

iii. 12U and 13U players are eligible to be called up to a Series up to 15U.

iv. 14U and 15U players are eligible to be called up to a Series up to 18U.

v. 16U and 18U players are eligible to be called up to a Series up to 22U.

vi. 22U players are eligible to be called up to Senior.

c. Players may only be called up with permission of the younger team's management and only if the younger team does not have a game at the same time. Players registered with a team in one Series may not prioritize participating in a game with a team in a higher Series.

d. Players called up to a higher Series are restricted by the pitch count rules of the Series in which they are registered – not the Series in which they are called up to participate.

e. Where Local Associations or Regions have more than one team in the same Series (e.g., two 18U teams in different Divisions), a maximum of 2 players may be called across from the lower classified team to the higher classified team in the same Series. A player may be used for a maximum of 3 games. This applies to regular season games only.

f. Where two Local Associations join together to form a TBA All-Star team, the joint team may call up from TBA All-Star Teams in either Local Association.

g. A player registered with a TBA All-Star Team may not be called across to a TBA Regional Team in the same Series even if the TBA All-Star Team's Local Association is within the same Region as the TBA Regional Team.

h. If a player of a younger age is registered with a team at an older Series, this player may not be called down to the team in the younger Series. For example, a player who is 16U age and registered with an 18U team may not be called down to a 16U team.

i. A player registered with a TBA Regional Team may only be called up to a higher Series by a TBA Regional Team – not by a TBA All-Star Team at that Series. If a TBA Regional Team does not exist at the higher Series, a player registered with a TBA Regional Team may be called up by a TBA All-Star team provided the player's Player Rights are held by the TBA All-Star Team's Local Association. Players registered with a TBA Regional Team who elect to choose not to have a Local Association hold his/her Player Rights may not be called up by a TBA All-Star team.

j. A player registered with a TBA All-Star team may only be called up to a higher Series at the same or lower Division by a TBA All-Star team within the same Local Association or by a TBA Regional Teams if the TBA All-Star Team's Local Association is a member of that Region.

k. A player in a Local Association's House League may be called ACROSS (SAME AGE GROUP) OR CALLED up by a TBA All-Star team in that Local Association provided the player has been registered by the Local

Association's House League and the player did not register with a TBA All-Star Team or TBA Regional Team in the previous year (or if he/she did, he/she is a Free Agent).

l. Call-ups in the playoffs are not permitted except as permitted by Subsection 14.i.ii and Subsection 14.i.iii.

13.MANAGERS AND COACHES

a. Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, both on and off the field, until departure from the park.

b. Any manager or coach wishing to move from one Local Association to another in the same Series or the immediately higher Series from the team which he/she was registered to the previous season must secure written approval from the Local Association of the previous year's team.

c. All coaches listed on a TBA roster must have the required coaching certification and their NCCP certification numbers must be provided to the TBA Registrar. Coaches who are attending an NCCP certification workshop during the current season must list the date and location of the workshop instead of the NCCP number. Only approved and registered coaches in uniform may be on the bench or field. All coaches must be dressed in full uniform. **NOTE**: In certain specifically requested cases, the Executive Committee at its discretion may permit long-time, experienced personnel to be on the bench.

d. If there is no coach present with proper certification, or the only coach present is ejected, then the game is forfeited.

e. In 14U and above, any player in uniform may act as a base coach. From 14U through 18U, a player acting as a base coach must wear a double earflap helmet.

14.CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. All TBA Playoffs will commence no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Labour Day weekend, at a date or dates set by the Executive Committee prior to the beginning of the season. An exception may be made by the Executive Committee. All participating teams must be ready to play by that date. The teams that win TBA Championships in these playoffs will represent the TBA in the OBA playoffs. Additional teams may be permitted to participate in OBA playoffs.

b. In order to be eligible for playoffs a team must play eighty percent (80%) of their scheduled games. In cases of extenuating circumstances, the Loop Convenor shall have discretion in recommending enforcement of this rule.

c. The TBA will conduct playoffs in one or more Divisions in each Series. Selected associations will host TBA playoff series at the participating teams' expense (umpires and baseballs). Teams in an "Only Series" will be considered as the host for that particular series. Awards will be provided by the TBA.

d. Each Local Association has the right to enter one (1) team only in each Loop. A Local Association may apply to enter a second team subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

e. To be eligible for TBA playoffs a team must play in a TBA recognized loop.

f. To break ties for seeding for TBA Playoffs, the first tiebreaker will be head-to-head games between the tied teams. If still tied, then use total points in all scheduled and played games.

g. In Tier 1 Loops, where a TBA team plays with a different Affiliate (e.g.: COBA), only games between TBA teams will be used to determine standings. Ties for position will be broken as follows:

    i. head-to-head games between teams

    ii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of games played) in games among tied teams;

    iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of games played) in all games;

    iv. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of games played) in games among tied teams;

    v. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of games played) in all games;

    vi. coin toss

    When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will commence at (ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, at (ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at (i).

h. In Tier 2 and Tier 3 Loops, the overall interlock standings will be used to determine standings. Ties will be broken as follows:

    i. head-to-head games between teams

    ii. smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of games played) in games among tied teams.

    iii. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of games played) in games among tied teams.

    iv. coin toss.

i. Participation:

    i. Players must have taken part in at least three (3) Loop games in order to be eligible for TBA playoffs.

ii. In the TBA Playoffs players may only play in the Series for which they registered. However, in all Series, from Senior to 10U inclusive, each team may designate (3) players eligible under **Rule 12 – Call Ups** to be called up during TBA Playoffs. In all Series, with the exception of Subsection 14.i.iii. below, House League players may not be called up for TBA Playoffs.

iii. In the 11U Series, if there is no 10U team available from which to draw players, a team may designate (3) players from their Local Association's 11U House League as long as the House League is affiliated with the TBA. This section pertaining to 11U is not permissible in the OBA.

iv. The Official Baseball Rules, with the approved OBA additions and exceptions, will be used throughout the TBA Playoffs. The Designated Hitter may be used in 16U to Senior inclusive.

j. Games played in the evenings (twilight games), where floodlights are not being used, are called at the discretion of the umpires. At no time must the umpire's discretion allow the game to go past the moment that the street Hydro lights are turned on. Said lights must be designated by the umpire prior to the start of the game.

k. Protests:

i. Protests – Are only entertained on (1) an ineligible player; (2) a violation of playoff regulations; or (3) a misinterpretation of playing rules. Decisions based on an umpire's judgment are never grounds for protest. A protest must be lodged at the game with the Plate Umpire at the time of the alleged infraction before the next pitch or a runner is retired.

ii. Home & Home Style Playoffs – Teams will be given up to forty-eight (48) hours after completion of the game to lodge a written protest (accompanied by a protest fee of $50.00 payable to the TBA). The defending team shall be notified of the protest and shall be given forty-eight (48) hours to prepare a defence. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned.

iii. Tournament Style Playoffs – The Loop Convener shall ensure that there is a TBA Protest Chair. The protest shall be dealt with immediately by the Protest Chair in consultation with the Loop Convener. If a protest hearing is held and a protest denied, the protesting team will be billed for the $50.00 fee.

iv. In the event of any default by a team in the TBA or OBA Playoffs, the Board must enquire into the cause of the default immediately and, when necessary, take appropriate action. (The team may be dropped from the playoffs).

15. DISCIPLINE

a. All matters which may require disciplinary action shall be reviewed by a Discipline Committee appointed by the President (or, in the event that the President is the subject of the disciplinary proceeding, another member of the Board).

b. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be matters that could require disciplinary action:

i. a Member or Participant violating the By-laws or Rules and Regulations or refusing to abide by a decision of the Board or the Executive Committee;

ii. a Member or Participant knowingly playing with a Local Association or league that has been suspended or expelled;

iii. a Member or Participant knowingly having on its list of signed players any professional or disqualified or ineligible players;

iv. any Member or Participant who conducts him/herself in an unbecoming manner at any game or meeting of the Corporation; and

v. a player having demanded money for his services.

c. Teams which knowingly play against ineligible players and who wilfully conceal the knowledge from the TBA until it shall suit their convenience to use it in any protests which may arise, shall be considered equally guilty with the offending team and shall be dealt with accordingly.

d. A Discipline Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members of the Executive Committee (provided that a representative of a Local Association can only sit on a Discipline Committee if that Local Association does not have a stake in the outcome of the matter being reviewed by such Discipline Committee).

e. A Discipline Committee shall have the right to impose such penalty as it may determine is appropriate in the circumstances (including, without limitation, suspension, censure, reprimand and/or termination of a Member's membership). The decision of the Discipline Committee shall be final and is not subject to appeal.

f. Disciplinary action is subject to hearing within twenty-one (21) calendar days.

g. Any Participant receiving an indefinite suspension may apply for reinstatement, in writing, two (2) weeks before the next Annual Meeting.

16.BOUNDARY RULES

a. Any TBA All-Star player in the 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U 14U or 15U series must play for the league or association that is the recognized Local Association within the mutually accepted boundaries covering the area. If a player resides within a shared neutral zone, the player has the option of playing for either Local Association that shares the zone. However, regardless of whether a player resides within a shared neutral zone or not, his/her playing rights are, subject to **Rule 8 – Player Limit and Player Rights**, with the Local Association with which the player was registered the previous season.

b. **Boundaries**

The accepted boundaries are as follows:

- **East York** – the former original East York plus that part of the former City of Toronto between Broadview avenue on the west, Mortimer Avenue on the north, Woodbine Avenue on the east

and Danforth Avenue on the south and shared neutral zones with Leaside (M4H), North York & Scarborough.

- **Etobicoke** – The former City of Etobicoke and a shared neutral zone with York.
- **High Park** – That part of the former City of Toronto east of the Humber River to Yonge Street with the northern boundary being the former City of York and then St. Clair Avenue West with a shared neutral zone with North Toronto.
- **Leaside** –Postal code M4G plus shared neutral zones with East York, North Toronto, North York, Toronto High Park and Toronto Playgrounds.
- **North Toronto** – That part of the former City of Toronto north of St. Clair Avenue with shared neutral zones with Toronto Playgrounds, High Park and Leaside.
- **North York** – The former City of North York east of Bathurst Street with a shared neutral zone with East York and Leaside.
- **Scarborough** – The former City of Scarborough plus shared neutral zone with East York plus that part of the former City of Toronto between Woodbine Avenue on the west and the former Scarborough City limits on the east.
- **Toronto Greenwood** (defunct) – That part of the former City of Toronto east of Broadview Avenue to the former City of Scarborough on the east and the former Borough of East York on the north with shared boundaries with East York and Scarborough
- **Toronto Playgrounds** – All of the former City of Toronto except for the area from Broadview Avenue on the west to the former City of Scarborough on the east south of the former Borough of East York.
- **York** – The former City of York with shared neutral zones with Etobicoke and Sentinel Park.

c. **<u>Neutral Zones:</u>**

- **East York & Leaside** – Postal code M4H (Thorncliffe Park)
- **East York & North York** – That part of the former City of North York south of the CPR tracks between the east branch of the Don River and Victoria Park Avenue to the former Borough of East York boundary.
- **East York & Scarborough** – That part of the former City of Scarborough between Victoria Park Avenue on the west and Pharmacy Avenue on the east, and between Edge Park Avenue on the north and Danforth Avenue on the south.
- **East York & Toronto Greenwood** (defunct) – Those parts of the former City of Toronto and the former Borough of East York between Broadview Avenue on the west, Mortimer Avenue on the north, Woodbine Avenue on the east and Danforth Avenue on the south.
- **Etobicoke & York** – That part of the former City of Etobicoke between Royal York Road on the west and the Humber River on the east, and between Bloor Street on the south and St. Phillip's Road and Weston Golf Club on the north.
- **Leaside & North Toronto** – That part of the former City of Toronto north of St. Clair Avenue to the city limits and between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue. That part of the former City of Toronto between Yonge Street on the west and the former Borough of East York on the east, and between Bloor Street East on the south and St. Clair Avenue East on the north (Rosedale).
- **Leaside & North York** – That part of the former City of North York between Bayview Avenue on the east and the former City of Toronto on the west and between Lawrence Avenue East on the north and the Borough of East York on the south.
- **North Toronto, Toronto High Park & Toronto Playgrounds** – That part of the former City of Toronto between Yonge Street on the east, Bloor Street West to Spadina Road on the south, then north on Spadina to Davenport Road and west on Davenport to Oakwood Avenue on the west and St. Clair Avenue West on the north.

- **North Toronto & York** – That part of the former City of York between St. Clair Avenue West on the south, Oakwood Avenue on the west and the former City of Toronto on the north and east. That part of the former City of North York between Bathurst Street on the east, Lawrence Park Road West on the north, the Allen Road on the west and the former City of Toronto on the south.
- **Scarborough & Toronto Greenwood** (defunct) – That part of the former City of Toronto between Woodbine Avenue on the west and the former City of Scarborough limits on the east.
- **York** – That part of the former City of North York between Jane Street on the west and Bathurst Street on the east, and between Lawrence Avenue West on the north and the former York city limits on the south.