

BOYS BASEBALL

Revised: **June 2018**

1.0 DATE

The WOSSAA championship is held during the last week of May. (Date is subject to the deadline for OFSAA registration dates).

2.0 LOCATION

A suitable location is to be determined by the WOSSAA Convenor. It is suggested that the location takes into consideration the teams participating in the championship in order to choose a suitable diamond.

3.0 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The Championship will follow Appendix 9.

4.0 ENTRY AND FEES

4.1 It is the responsibility of Conference Convenor to communicate the WOSSAA representatives to the WOSSAA Convenor after the Conference Championship, no later than the next school day.

4.2 All schools will pay an entry fee. The amount of the entry fee will be set by the Convenor and will be sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the Championship.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Each team/player must be eligible for competition under the WOSSAA Constitution.

5.2 Each team/player must have competed in his/her conference championships.

5.3 If eligible teams are unable to compete in the WOSSAA championship, the next highest conference finisher may be substituted. Any change to entries must go through the conference Convenor and must be passed on to the WOSSAA Convenor as soon as possible.

5.4 No competitor is eligible for the WOSSAA Baseball Championship if he has signed with a major league baseball team. Any high school team that includes said player on their eligibility sheet will forfeit all games in which the player's name appears on the game sheet.

5.5 To be eligible for WOSSAA Baseball Championship play a team must play in an Association approved league.

6.0 RULES

6.1 The Official Rules of Baseball shall govern play at the WOSSAA Championship with the following exceptions:

- (a) All games will be seven (7) innings except when a team is leading by 10 or more runs after 5 innings, four and a half innings if the home team is ahead. Then the mercy rule will apply and the game is ended.
- (b) **Tie games will be broken as follows: The teams will place a runner on second base, beginning in the first extra inning until a winner is declared.**
- (c) Each Pitcher shall be subject to Baseball Ontario Pitch Count Limit as Outlined in Appendix A.
- (d) Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected from the game.
- (e) **Any coach or player dismissed from a WOSSAA game shall automatically receive an additional one game suspension.**

- (f) Only solid wood or composite bats will be allowed.
- (g) Only baseballs approved by Baseball Canada for use by Midget age and up (16 and over) shall be used in High School Competition.
- (h) Shoes with metal cleats or rubber molded cleats are permitted.
- (i) Catchers must wear a helmet and mask with adequate throat protection at all times.
Note: This includes practice and warm-ups. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations.
- (j) The use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco by all on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, trainers, umpires, etc.) is prohibited at all times and is subject to automatic ejection from the game.
- (k) The home team shall be determined by a coin flip before the game. Coaches from both teams must be present at the coin flip.
- (l) **With the exception of the pitcher each starting player may re-enter the game once. (A pitcher who once removed may not pitch again if removed from the field).**

7.0 UNIFORMS

- 7.1** All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. All uniforms must have numbers on the back of the uniform shirt. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in OFSAA By-Law 6, Section 2(h). Coaches must be uniformly dressed in team colours - no shorts.
- 7.2** All players and coaches must wear their official team cap.
- 7.3** Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the WOSSAA Convenor for resolution.
- 7.4** This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during any awards ceremonies.

8.0 AWARDS

The championship team will receive a WOSSAA plaque and each member of the winning team will receive a gold WOSSAA medal (20 maximum plus one for the coach and one for the manager). Each member of the WOSSAA finalist team will receive a silver WOSSAA medal (20 maximum plus one for the coach and one for the manager). Each member of the third place team will receive a bronze WOSSAA medal (20 maximum plus one for the coach and one for the manager).

9.0 OFSAA ENTRY

The winner of the WOSSAA Baseball Championship will be entered into the OFSAA Baseball Championship.

Appendix A – Pitch Count

A pitcher, who pitches 75 or more pitches, cannot pitch the next calendar day.

A pitcher, who pitches 100 pitches maximum per day, must be removed.

A pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days unless the pitcher threw 30 pitches or less on each of the first 2 days and the maximum pitches on the 3rd day is 50.

Pitch Count Limits

Action

- 1) If the maximum limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of
 - (i) the completion of that batter, or
 - (ii) the end of the inning
- 2) It is the Manager's Responsibility to remove the pitcher from the pitching position and must not wait for the umpire to check the pitch counts.

Special Notes

When counting pitches, a balk will be considered a pitch if the ball is thrown.

- 1) An official Pitch Count Recorder must be identified by the score keeper and must provide the pitch count to either manager or the umpires.
- 2) It is the Pitch Count Recorder's responsibility to inform the home plate umpire that the pitch count limit is reached. If Pitch Count Recorder fails in this action, it is still the responsibility of the defensive team's manager to remove the pitcher.
- 3) A player ineligible to pitch or removed from pitching can play in another position.