

1. Boys' - SPRING Sport		BASEBALL		2. Senior - ZONE/SOSSA/OFSAA	
<p>Many of the Policies in this sport specific section make a direct reference to a specific ARTICLE or SECTION in the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. Where relevant, you will find direct reference(s) to the ARTICLE and/or SECTION of the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. If you want to refer to the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION log on to <a href="http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca">http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca</a> and then click on "schools link". Or, use <a href="http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca/schools.htm">http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca/schools.htm</a>. The policies that follow are specific to this sport and should be adhered to, by every member of the NRHSAA.</p>					
3. Level of competition at Zone - 1 team/Sec. School					
4. N.R.H.S.A.A. Zone members' phone/fax numbers - See Appendix A					
5. Executive and; Board of Reference - GENERAL (Responsibilities; Procedures);					
6. Athletic Convenors					
7. Soliciting	8. Insurance	9. Personal Property	10. Team Selection	11. Safety	12. Supervision of Interschool Teams
13. Eligibility for...					
Sec. 1: a School: a member in-good-standing of the NRHSAA;	Sec. 2: Senior age and ARTICLE XI;  Sec. 3: NO Special Considerations;	14. Transfers: -Sect.2, Board of Reference -TRANSFER (Procedures): -Sect. 1, Transfer Policy;; -Transfer Form; (Appendix); -Transfer Meeting Dates; -Sect.2, Ineligible Ruling; -Sect.3, SOSSA Appeal Process;		15. Scheduling: -Sect.1, Declaration of play; -Sect.2, School Classification; -Sect.3, League and Play-off format; -Sect.4, Stages of Scheduling.	
Sport Specific Policies that may or may not be in the NRHSAA Constitution and Policy Manual.					
16. Sport Specific Policies; 17. Eligibility sheets; 18. League Format; 19. Game Time; 20. Tied games for League games; 21. Play-off Format:  1 day semi-finals @ championship game and length of each play-off game;	22. Home School Responsibilities: - \$XX/year fees;  - "MLH-WORTH" baseball should be used;  - (-) 3 bats only;  23. Paying the Officials;	24. Reporting the scores;  25. Accredited Umpires;  26: Official Rule Book; Zone policies first, then the Official Rules of Baseball Rule Book.  27. Suspensions;  - Ejection; - Physical or verbal altercation.		28. STANDING COMMITTEE(S): Board of Reference - SANCTIONS And PROTESTS:  Sanctions: Procedures, Penalties, Protests: Procedures.	
29. Zone 3 and Zone 4 - Levels of Competition					
30. SOSSA Baseball; 32. SOSSA "HOST" TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:		31. Convening SOSSA Championships			

# N.R.H.S.A.A.                      SPORT SPECIFIC POLICIES                      -                      Boys' Baseball

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1.      Season of Play:                                      Boys' = Spring Season
  
2.      Levels of Competition
 

Senior Level	Boys'	ZONE; S.O.S.S.A.; O.F.S.A.A.
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3.      Levels of competition:    - 1 team/ secondary school
  
4.      Members:                      Appendix A
  
5.      Executive:
 

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	ARTICLE VI
ROLES OF THE EXECUTIVE	ARTICLE VII
STANDING COMMITTEES	ARTICLE IX
Section 1 - Board of Reference - GENERAL	
  
6.      CONVENORSHIPS                                      ARTICLE XIV
 

Section 1 - Athletic Convenors	
Section 2 - Athletic Convenor Packages	
  
7.      SOLICITING STUDENTS                                      ARTICLE XVIII
  
8.      INSURANCE    ARTICLE XIX
  
9.      PERSONAL PROPERTY                                      ARTICLE XX
  
10.     TEAM SELECTION    ARTICLE XXII
  
11.     SAFETY    ARTICLE XXIII
  
12.     SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS                      ARTICLE XXIV
  
13.     ELIGIBILITY    ARTICLE XI
  
  
- AGE:    "The individuals' birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 19<sup>th</sup>. birthday by January 1st. prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held".
  
14.     TRANSFERS    ARTICLE XII
 

STANDING COMMITTEE(S)	ARTICLE IX
Section 2 - Board of Reference - TRANSFER	
Transfer meeting dates will be published the first week in Sept. of the current school year.	
Section 1 - Transfer Policy	
Section 2 - Ineligible Ruling	
Section 3 - S.O.S.S.A. Appeal Process	

15. SCHEDULING

ARTICLE XV

- Section 1 - Declaration of Play
- Section 2 - School Classification
- Section 3 - League and Play-off Format
- Section 4 - Stages of Scheduling

16. SPORT SPECIFIC POLICIES:

1. All games will be 7 innings; SEE #18 FOR TIED LEAGUE GAMES;
2. A designated hitter may be used for the pitcher;
3. Pitchers are limited to 12 outs per game;
4. With 2 outs; and the catcher on base, the last batter making an out shall be substituted for the catcher-runner;
5. A player who maliciously runs into another player is out ( unless he has scored prior to committing the infraction) and automatically EJECTED from the game;
6. An EJECTED individual from a game shall be first dealt with through the NRHSAA Constitution (ARTICLE XXIV); regardless of any discipline measures, that individual will AUTOMATICALLY be ineligible to participate in his/her next game;
7. Runners are prohibited from sliding head first into a base unless returning to a base (overrun or steal attempt). A player contravening this rule will be called out on the play.
8. Drop (-) 3 bats with a barrel of no more than 2 and 5/8" in circumference are to be used. All bats approved by Baseball Canada may be used. These bat shall meet the dimensional requirements specified in the Official Rules of Baseball subject to any revisions as specified by Baseball Canada;
9. The "WORTH" - MLH" ball is the official baseball of OFSAA. This ball is approved by Baseball Ontario. Use the ball for all high school games. Only baseballs approved by Baseball Canada for use by midget age and up (16 and over) shall be used in high school competition; The 80CC - Rawlings may wear better and can be used at Zone only.
10. Shoes with metal cleats or rubber moulded cleats are permitted;
11. Catchers must wear a helmet and mask with adequate throat protection at all times. This includes practice and warmups;
12. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warmup situations;
13. 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 and automatic EJECTION from the game;
14. No visible jewelry is allowed.
15. **As of the 2008-2009 school year, metal bats will no longer be permitted in high school baseball. All bats shall be wooden.**

UNIFORMS:

- a) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat and clean;
- b) The uniform may have the school's (and/association) name, colours and logo on them;
- c) All uniforms must have numbers on the back of the uniform shirt;
- d) 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);
- e) Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the OFSAA placement guidelines outlined in OFSAA By-law 6, Section 2(h));
- f) Coaches must be dressed in a team uniform and the uniform must be in team colours - no shorts;
- g) ON BASE COACHES MUST WEAR A HELMET- no specifications given; as of May 2008;
- h) All players and coaches must wear their official team cap;
- i) Injuries with visible blood must be treated and covered;

j) Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band-aids) for their athletes.

17. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS ARTICLE XII  
Zone/SOSSA eligibility sheets - Appendix E - only!!

18. LEAGUE FORMAT:

The format for league competition will be determined at the Baseball's sport specific meeting. All schools participating are to send a representative to this meeting or otherwise forfeit all **rights for input in** the league and play-off format.

BUT: ***NO NEW INNING STARTS AFTER 1 HOUR AND 45 MINUTES.***

***IF THE GAME IS TIED AT ONE HOUR AND 45 MINUTES, THE TEAMS WILL play THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKING rule; and if still tied;***

***at the 2 hour time limit, THE UMPIRES WILL CHECK THE OFFICIAL SCORE BOOK TO SEE WHO WAS LEADING AFTER THE END OF 4 INNINGS. TEAM LEADING WINS. THIS IS SOMETIMES applied IN TOURNAMENT PLAY.***

Any game / match not played, will be recorded by the convenor as a win for the school who did not forfeit.

In team sports where standings are used to determine play-offs, the win/loss achieved against teams that drop out will be taken away (not added) to teams that are still yet to play them.

19. GAME TIME: ARTICLE XV; Section 4 - not relevant to baseball (see below)

Games will start according to field availability and will be determined at the beginning of the season by the convenor.

20. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a PLAY-OFF POSITION when a league schedule leads to play-offs: ARTICLE XVIII

- (1) Record between tied teams;
- (2) Record against teams higher in the standings (1 above, then 2 above, etc.);
- (3) Record against teams lower in the standings (1 below, then 2 below, etc.);

(4) (a) coin flip to determine play-off position only.

The convenors may determine a time and location for the coin flip. Schools involved may send the coach or a representative to verify the results. If a school is unable to send a representative the school that is present for the flip will choose "heads" or "tails". If no school is present then the school that is alphabetically ranked highest will have "heads" in the coin flip (see appendix A1 and A2 for alphabetical listing for each zone). The convenor will notify schools involved of the results.

(b) Play-off on a neutral field/court/diamond or a coin flip for home field if both coaches agree, if it is to determine the final play-off position.

(c) In the event of a four way tie, the convenors in consultation with the N.R.H.S.A.A. Executive and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

21. PLAY-OFF FORMAT:

The zone 3 and 4 semi-final and final games will be played in a single day. Teams will play two semi-final games in the morning and a championship game in the afternoon."

All zone 3 and 4 play-off games will have a two-hour and 30 minute time curfew. Games can be called and be deemed official after 5 innings if the weather does not permit the completion of the game as per Official Baseball Rules.”

22. HOME SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

There will be a monetary fee that each team will pay after the season begins. This money goes toward park costs and the “use” of bases. Cheques made out to: “DSBN” - BASEBALL. THE AMOUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED EACH YEAR.

Note: From the Parks and Recreation Dept. “HOME TEAMS MUST PUT AWAY BASES AND REPLACE RUBBER PLUGS PROPERLY AFTER GAMES.”

ALSO, “EARLY LAST SEASON THE LEVEL OF DIRT AROUND THE BASES WAS LOW AND A POTENTIAL INJURY WAS LURKING. THE GROUNDS CREW SHOULD BE MADE AWARE AND THEY CAN MOVE DIRT AROUND WHEN AND WHERE NECESSARY.”

23. PAYMENT OF UMPIRES: ARTICLE XXVI

Both teams are responsible for payment of the umpires for all league and play-off games.

**The amount will be announced at the first meeting.**

In the event a play-off game is played at a neutral site then the cost of umpires will also be shared equally between participating teams.

If a gate is charged at a play-off game then all expenses will be paid from the gate (umpires, minor officials, security, score keepers, etc.) and the remainder of the gate will be divided equally between the home and visiting team.

24. REPORTING SCORES ARTICLE XXVII

The home team will report the scores to the Athletic Convenor in charge EITHER that afternoon or the next morning.

25. UMPIRES: All umpires must be accredited by the Ontario Baseball Association. Zone rules take precedent over official baseball rules. (If relevant).

26. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: The official rule book will be the “Official Rules of Baseball”

27. SUSPENSIONS ARTICLE XXV  
Section 1 - Ejection from competition  
Section 2 - Physical or Verbal Altercation

28. STANDING COMMITTEE(S) ARTICLE IX  
Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS  
Procedures  
Penalties  
Protests  
Procedures

29. LEVELS OF COMPETITION BY DIVISIONS:

To be determined at a spring meeting in early March.

30. SOSSA INC. BOYS’ BASEBALL:

Constitution and By-Laws: pages 1 to 25 of the SOSSA handbook;

BOYS' BASEBALL: (TO DATE - SOSSA Inc. BOYS' BASEBALL is an addendum to the SOSSA Constitution handbook.

1 champion from each Zone will go to SOSSA. The championship will held in the SPRING at least one week prior to the SOSSA Championships. Check the SOSSA web site ([www.sossa.on.ca](http://www.sossa.on.ca)) and the OFSAA web site ([www.ofsaa.on.ca](http://www.ofsaa.on.ca)) for dates.

31. CONVENING S.O.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS ARTICLE XXIX  
OFSAA BASEBALL - "BASEBALL IS NOW A LEVEL 2 ACTIVITY (LIKE ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS EXCEPT NO TRAVEL MONEY GIVEN").

32. SOSSA "HOST" TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

If a school hosts an OFSAA Championship, the school has the first right of acceptance or refusal of the SOSSA Championship for that activity, in the same school year, as the OFSAA Championship.