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Every member of this Association, whether a coach, manager, player or otherwise, is urged to study these Bylaws and Operating Rules in order to avoid any possible misunderstandings, especially during the playing season. This Association will be pleased to assist in the organization of a league or to help solve local problems relating to your club or league at any time.

Policy Management

The O.R.S.A. Executive is allowed to add a new Policy to Manage Risk at their discretion. These Bylaws/Policies are to be reviewed at least every three years. This will not appear in the Bylaws/Operating Rules book but will be available on the O.R.S.A. website.

O.R.S.A. President's Message:

Welcome to the O.R.S.A., one of the four member associations of Softball Ontario. The O.R.S.A continues to adapt to the ever-changing landscape at the Softball Ontario level. Changes in the way we do business have been evidenced over the past couple of years, with new administration staff, the way we register teams, insurance expectations, coach education, and pushing away from the traditional playdown series to tournament style format. We thank associations for your continued patience and flexibility as we do our best to push into the future and grow as a member association.

After some difficult years of sport participation and human interaction, as the O.R.S.A. Executive, it is great to see kids out and about and engaging themselves in the great game of softball once again. As the COVID pandemic seems to be further in the rear-view mirror, we look to focus on growing and getting locals associations back involved and registered in the O.R.S.A. once again. As the O.R.S.A., we are really about participation at the "grass roots" level. We want to engage more new, small centres from different parts of Ontario in the O.R.S.A. to grow our brand. If we can do more for your area or your centre, be sure to contact us.

We will be there every step of the way with you. Let's grow the game, together once again! Good luck to all teams, players, and coaches.

Don McConnell

President

BYLAWS

Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Ontario Rural Softball Association Inc. (O.R.S.A.)

The O.R.S.A. Bylaws/Operating Rules are to be available electronically on the O.R.S.A. website. If there are any changes made, there will be inserts sent to all teams registered in that year.

Article II AFFILIATION

The O.R.S.A. has an association affiliation with the O.A.S.A. and P.W.S.A. This affiliation provides the benefit of advice and counsel from these organizations and protects the Association in many respects.

The O.R.S.A. is a member Association of Softball Ontario and has adopted the Softball Canada rules except those noted in the Operating Rules.

Article III OBJECTIVES

(A.S.A.a) To foster and organize softball and community spirit in rural districts.

(b) To provide softball for rural areas as well as institute and regulate competition for O.R.S.A. Provincial Championships and Trophies.

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Leagues composed of teams of amateur players from rural communities and villages, that agree to abide by and comply with the Policies, By-Laws and Operating Rules of the O.R.S.A., may affiliate.
- (b) Teams representing villages of less than 65,000 population, may play an interlocking schedule with a Rural League.
- (c) Each team that enters the O.R.S.A. Playdowns must purchase Liability insurance from the ORSA or produce a certificate as proof of satisfactory liability insurance.

Article V Volunteer OFFICERS

- (a) The officers shall be Honorary Life Members, Past Presidents, Assistant, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice- President, 3rd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer are chosen by the elected executive by an executive vote. All, with the exception of the Honorary Presidents and Past Presidents, are to be elected annually. These, with the President, shall form the executive committee. The President, subject to the approval of the O.R.S.A., shall appoint up to nine members from leagues or centres in good standing, who shall serve as executive committee members and whose duty it shall be to attend all regular meetings of the Association. Any association or region can nominate a director for the O.R.S.A. board, but if there is not an opening for one that year, the nomination will be held over until there is one and an election held. A major office in this Association cannot be held by any member unless the member's club or league is in good standing and affiliated with the O.R.S.A.
- (b) The Past Presidents shall be members of the Executive and shall be invited to attend all meetings. They shall have the rights of delegates at the Annual Meeting and at special meetings.
- (c) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board meetings, with the usual privileges.
- (d) Executive members unable to attend any scheduled meeting must notify the Secretary of the O.R.S.A. twenty-four hours before the meeting. If an executive member misses three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause, the board will review the case and make recommendation for action.
- (e) The President shall appoint annually an Executive Committee consisting of five members whose duties shall be to act upon special committees, protest committees or otherwise as shall be deemed necessary from time to time, except as provided in Article VI Sec. (d).
- (f) The Vice-Presidents shall perform any duties which may be assigned to them by the President.
- (g) The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association and Executive Board; will be responsible for registration of Leagues, teams and players; register league winners and report annually to the Association. The Secretary must notify in writing, each member of the Executive and all interested participants, of the time and place of each meeting, at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time of such meeting.
- (h) All verbal instructions issued to teams shall be confirmed in writing by the Secretary and a copy shall be placed on file and one copy shall go to the President.
- (i) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed by the Association, and report annually to the Association. The Treasurer shall also prepare an audited financial statement to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- (j) The O.R.S.A. financial year ends on December 31st of each year. All outstanding accounts must be presented for payment no later than 30 days prior to this date.
- (k) Annually a certified auditor will be recruited whose duty it shall be to audit the books and accounts of this Association at a convenient time or date prior to the day of the Annual General Meeting and to prepare a statement of same for presentation at this meeting. It shall also be the duty of the auditor to make any necessary recommendations that shall be to the benefit of this Association.
- (l) The President shall receive administration costs up to \$200. The Secretary shall receive administration costs up to \$3000.
- (m) The President of the O.R.S.A. is to be nominated for a 2 year term and appoints a new member to the O.R.S.A. Board when they take office.
- (n) At the time of appointment, a new member should be voted on by the O.R.S.A. Executive and with the Board's approval, the new member shall be able to vote immediately.
- (o) All members of the O.R.S.A. Executive are automatically conveners.

Article VI EXECUTIVE

- (a) The Executive shall have control of the affairs of the Association. The Executive shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur in its numbers. The Executive can amend or alter the regulations of the Championship Competition. Five members are required to be a quorum.
- (b) No league shall have more than two votes at any executive meeting.
- (c) The O.R.S.A. Executive may classify all clubs and make all draws for Playdowns before June 20th. This classification and draw shall be strictly adhered to under penalty of default.
- (d) No member of the Executive shall be eligible to serve, on the Executive or any Committee, in connection with any protest or question involving directly or indirectly the Club or League they represent. Nor shall any member of the Executive be eligible to vote on any question raised by, or affecting the Club or League they represent.
- (e) Executive Members of the O.R.S.A. shall be paid their expenses when they are incurred while on official O.R.S.A. business. Mileage expenses will be paid at the current Softball Ontario rate, while on official O.R.S.A. business.
- (f) The O.R.S.A. Executive members will be allowed to go through the complete O.R.S.A. By-Laws and the Operating Rules and make necessary corrections (spelling, grammatical corrections and rule clarifications) before each year that the By-Laws and Operating Rules are posted or printed.

Article VII NOMINATIONS

(R.S.A.a) Nominations for offices in the O.R.S.A. shall be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(R.S.A.b) The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed by the O.R.S.A. executive and retain full privileges including voting.

Article VIII MEETINGS

(a) Annual General Meeting of O.R.S.A. is to be held following the Softball Canada Annual General Meeting and the Softball Ontario Annual General Meeting.

(b) The President may call a special general meeting of the Association at any time, and must do so at the request of the affiliated leagues. Five days' notice of such meetings must be given, also **the** reasons for such meetings. Each League shall bear the expense of sending their delegates to all meetings.

(c) The President and Secretary, or their representatives, of each affiliated League shall be delegates with voting power at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and their expenses shall be paid by the League they represent, which must be in good standing with the O.R.S.A. In cases where the President and Secretary of a League are unable to represent their League at the Annual General Meeting, they may send two delegates who must have written permission from their League Secretary.

(d) Any Centre in good standing has one (1) vote.

Article IX AMENDMENTS

(a) Notice of any proposed alteration, amendment or Change of Rules must be filed with the ORSA Secretary in writing, and seconded, at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. **The** Secretary shall then forward a copy of the motions to each Association or League at least one week in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

Article X ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. President's Welcome
2. Credentials
3. Reading the Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting or any other meeting during the year.
4. Correspondence
5. Report of Executive Committee
6. Auditor's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Amendments — Notice of Motion
9. Election of Officers
10. General Business
11. Adjournment

RULES OF ORDER

The following are the governing regulations for the Association during the time of business, and, the business shall be disposed of in the following order:

(a) No motion shall be received unless submitted in writing with the names of the mover and seconder thereon. Said motion shall not be put up for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer.

(b) All motions shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of a tie the presiding officer shall have the deciding vote.

(c) No delegate shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

(d) A delegate desiring to speak on a submitted motion shall rise, remain standing, respectfully address the chair and shall confine his/her remarks to the question and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.

(e) Upon a point of order being raised, when a delegate is speaking, or when called to order by the presiding officer, he/she shall at once take his/her seat. The point of order shall then be stated by the delegate objecting. The presiding officer shall then rule without debate and the delegate may then proceed.

(f) A motion shall be only amended once

(g) When a motion is under debate, no additional motion can be accepted except to amend **the** existing motion and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.

(h) An amendment that shall entirely change the subject of the original motion shall not be entertained as an amendment or substituted for the motion under debate.

(i) After the motion has been stated by the presiding officer it becomes the property of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time prior to amendment unless objected to by a delegate.

(j) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put up by the presiding officer.

(k) When a vote is called, the tally shall be taken, by each eligible delegate holding up his right hand, or by standing, then the vote of the yeas and nays may be taken, or by ballot.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Any Association or Centre in good standing may send in a notice of motion, duly seconded. This must be in the hands of the O.R.S.A. Secretary 30 days prior to Annual General Meeting. It is strongly recommended that anyone submitting a motion attend the Annual Meeting and be prepared to speak on behalf of the motion.

Article XI FEES

REGISTRATION AFFILIATION FEES

FOR 2 OUT OF 3 SERIES

(a) Affiliation Fees for single entries will be accepted in any Intermediate and Junior series at a rate of **\$50.00** per team before May 31st. In Intermediate Men, Junior Men, Intermediate Ladies, each team must post a performance bond of \$100.00 at the time of their application. Minor series single entries are **\$50.00** per team May 31st.

(b) No team can enter the playoffs or tournaments until the Affiliation fee, entry fee and players' registration fees of the team are paid in full.

(c) All Teams must have Certified Coaches Certificates, Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation, Respect In Sport Certificate numbers and Insurance Rosters (must be supplied when applying for insurance).

(d) The affiliation fee must be forwarded to the Association Treasurer upon application for membership or E Transferred to the ORSA using payment@ontarioruralsftballassociation.ca

(e) Make all remittances payable to O.R.S.A. Treasurer

(f) The O.R.S.A. shall charge a \$10.00 fee for reserving dates for sanctioned tournaments.

(g) Should a Tournament Style Playoff not be used, then at all playoff games, the O.R.S.A. must receive 20 percent of the gross gate with the total gate amount shown on the financial sheet. NOTE: the minimum O.R.S.A. share shall be \$10.00 for any playoff game up to and including the final game.

TOURNAMENT FEES

Registration Fees for the Playoff Tournaments will be:

U11 / U13 \$450.00

U15 \$475.00

U17 / U19/U20/U23 \$525.00

\$150.00 of each of the Team Fees goes to the Host.

Each team participating in Grand Championship is to pay \$525.00 of which \$250.00 goes to the Hos

Rules of the O.R.S.A.

Rule 1

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

(a) Affiliated Teams from Rural Communities of under 65,000 population may apply to play.

(b) The O.R.S.A. plays by the Softball Canada rules, except where rules are noted below.

(c) All games are 7 innings but 5 innings constitute a game. Note: New inning starts when the 3rd out of preceding inning is made.

(d) Defensive Conference rule is to be in effect for all Divisions

(e) Offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.

(f) There are 16 Divisions with possible additional series:

U11 Boys; U13 Boys; U15 Boys; U17 Boys; U20 Boys in Minor Divisions; U23 Men and Intermediate Men;

U11 Girls; U13 Girls; U15 Girls; U17 Girls; U19 Girls, in minor Divisions: U23 Ladies and Intermediate Ladies.

(g) The Championship and Trophies of each series shall be competed for annually.

(h) A minor player may only play for one team in their age group but may play for one other team in a higher age group series during the playing season, providing that they do not play for a team in a lower classification to which they would normally belong. Such players must sign a certificate for both teams that they will play with.

(i) EXCEPTION: A female player may sign an ORSA Girl's certificate and an ORSA Boy's certificate in the same age category/division.

(j) Co-Ed Teams must compete in the Boys' Series.

(k) All minor players entering O.R.S.A. playoffs must procure a copy of the player's Birth Certificate or proof of age and these must be loaded when they are registering online.

(l) On all single entries in minor series, all players and coaches must register online

(m) Any new team wishing to enter the ORSA playoffs must submit their entry through the Online Member Registration System. The ORSA will then send it to the ORSA designated secretary, within their jurisdiction, if that exists. This rule also applies to single entry Team formed within the league's jurisdiction.

(n) Teams registering with ORSA must participate in the ORSA Tournaments.

(o) A Player signing an OASA/PWSA certificate may sign an ORSA certificate. This will be a Pilot Program for 2025.

(p) Entries for the Grand Championship must be received by the Secretary by July 15 providing there is a host for the Tournament.

(q) Any U19 /U23 age player that signs an O.A.S.A. or a P.W.S.A. certificate will be eligible to sign an O.R.S.A. certificate for Intermediate Men or Ladies.

(r) A centre will be able to form an OASA/ PWSA team from multiple O.R.S.A. qualified and registered teams, for U20/U19 and under, that still meet the O.R.S.A. criteria.

- (s) Any team found guilty of falsifying information shall be liable for suspension.
- (t) O.R.S.A. (for U15 and under exceptions see below) teams use the Softball Canada fast pitch, 9 player rules and allow re-entry. U15, U17, U19/U20, U23, Intermediate Men and Intermediate Ladies may use the D.P. and re-entry.
- (u) Any player that signs an O.R.S.A. Certificate may also play for a Provincial Team or for a National Championship in the same year.
- (v) Managers of teams are required to bring these amendments of playing rules to the attention of the umpires.
- (w) That the O.R.S.A. may use the 2 Out Catcher and Pitcher Rule Optional for all Divisions. ie. if catcher or pitcher is on base and 2 are out, they can have last available batter run for them with no penalty .
- (x) The Softball Canada fencing rules do not apply. Each field must have an adequate backstop.
- (y) Certified helmets shall be worn by all players in all men's, ladies' and minor Division fast pitch games while batting and running the bases. U13 and U11 Girls and Boys players must have a chin straps and they must be properly adjusted. In all series, all helmets worn must be fully enclosed with two ear flaps, a foam liner and a peak.
- (z) All catchers in minor ball, U19/U20 and under, must wear a certified chest protector, a certified helmet with an approved facemask and throat protector, and shin guards.
- (aa) All pitchers U17 and under must wear a certified pitchers mask
- (ab) A sweater or shirt constitutes a uniform. The colour combinations and style must be similar for all playing members of the team. Each uniform must have a number on it, minimum 3" in height. No identical numbers can be worn. Uniforms are not grounds for protest.
- (ac) Steel spikes are **not** allowed in minor ball, U13 and below age divisions.
- (ad) In all Championship games, there is no time limit, but the mercy rule is in effect, except U11, the time limit will be 2 hours.
- (ae) Double-Base must be used, Softball Canada Ruling.
- (af) In all O.R.S.A. playoff games, ties will be broken by playing an extra inning(s). The International tie breaker rule will not be used in 2 out of 3 series play. Only during tournament play.
- (ag) The Teams are restricted to 17 signed players in any one season. The Teams must carry their approved O.R.S.A. Players Certificates to all O.R.S.A. games and produce them if requested. Failure to produce the O.R.S.A. cards may result in forfeiture of the game.

MENS PLAYOFFS

Intermediate Men

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 46',
- Run 60' bases.
- Men's fast pitch offensive players must wear an Approved batting helmet while at bat and running the bases.
- All teams registered in Intermediate Men compete in Grand Championship Tournament.
- Special permissions may be required for player and drawing area regulations.
- The teams that are entered will all play in the "A" Series Tournament.
- The Pitching rule is the same as the ISC. e.g. one foot on the rubber.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- In U17 and older fastball series there is a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used

U23 Men

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 46',
- Run 60' bases.
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are recommended
- Men's fast pitch offensive players must wear an Approved batting helmet while at bat and running the bases.
- Players are under the age of under 23 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- In U17 and older fastball series there is a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may Be used

MALE DIVISION PLAYOFFS

U20 Men

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 46',
- Run 60' bases.
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chest Protectors are recommended
- Players are under the age of under 20 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- In U17 and older fastball playoffs there is a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used

U20 (Minor) Men

- U20 (Minor Midget) is for men in their 1st year of Midget eligibility (or younger). Rules are the same as above.

U17 Men

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 46',
- Run 60' bases,
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chest Protectors are recommended
- Players may wear steel spikes.
- Players are under 17 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- In U17 and older fastball series there is a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used
- All pitchers U20 and under must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching

U 15 Boys

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 42',
- Run 60' bases,
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chest Protectors are required
- Players may wear steel spikes.
- Players are under 15 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- MERCY RULE: In U15 (Pee Wee) and under fastball series, there is a mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 or more innings
- In U15 fastball series, there is a time limit of 90 minutes except the finals which has a time limit of 2 hours. No new inning to start after the time limit unless the score is tied. Any inning started before the time limit expired must be completed providing conditions permit.
- Note: New inning starts when the 3rd out of preceding inning is made.
- D. P. may be used
- All Pitcher must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching

U13 Boys

- Use 11" ball,
- Pitch 38',
- Run 55' bases.
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are required
- Base runners may leave when the ball crosses the plate
- In U13, the batter is out on the third strike whether catcher catches ball or not. The ball remains alive.
- May wear rubber cleats or rubber studs but not steel spikes.
- Players are under 13 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- The number of runs scored are limited to 7 runs per inning
- Mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 or more innings.
- U13 and U11 Divisions use the Free Substitution Rule. Free Substitution - All players in the lineup must bat and are substituted freely defensively. Players arriving late, sign the convener's sheet and then are added to the end of the lineup, without penalty. Players injured are removed from the lineup, without penalty, but may not re-enter the game.
- The 7th Inning and/or subsequent innings are to be open if reached before time limit.
- The defensive conference is in effect.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- All pitchers must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching

U11 Boys

- Use 11" ball,
- Pitch 35',
- Run 45' bases, ,
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are required
- Player may wear rubber cleats or rubber studs but not steel spikes.
- Base runners may leave when the ball crosses the plate.
- In U11, the batter is out on the third strike whether catcher catches ball or not. The ball remains alive.
- Players are under 11 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- The number of runs scored are limited 5 runs per inning
- The mercy of 15 runs after 5 or more innings
- "The Infield Fly rule is not in effect".
- U11 Divisions use the Free Substitution Rule. Free Substitution - All players in the lineup must bat and are substituted freely defensively. Players arriving late, sign the convener's sheet and then are added to the end of the lineup, without penalty. Players injured are removed from the lineup, without penalty, but may not re-enter the game.
- The 7th Inning and/or subsequent innings are to be open if reached before time limit.
- The defensive conference is in effect.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- All pitchers must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching

WOMENS PLAYOFFS

Intermediate Ladies

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 43',
- Run 60' bases.
- The Offensive Players must wear a certified helmet while batting and running the bases.
- All teams registered in Intermediate Ladies will compete in the Grand Championship Tournament.
- If no series tournament, then the teams that are entered will all play in the "A" 2 out 3 Series.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed., Special permission required
- In U17 and older fastball series there is a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used.

FEMALE DIVISION PLAYOFFS

U23 Women

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 43',
- Run 60' bases.
- Women's fast pitch players must wear an Approved batting helmet while at bat and running the bases.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are recommended
- Players may wear steel spikes.

- Players are under the age of under 23 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- In U17 and older fastball series there is a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used

U19 Women

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 43',
- Run 60' bases.
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are recommended
- Players may wear steel spikes.
- Players are under 19 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required.
- A mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used

U19 (Minor) Women

- Minor Midget is for girls in their 1st year of Midget eligibility (or younger).

U17 Women

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 43',
- Run 60' bases.
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are required
- Players may wear steel spikes.
- Age limit of under 17 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- Mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- D. P. may be used.
- All pitchers must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching

U15 Girls

- Use 12" ball,
- Pitch 40',
- Run 60' bases.
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are required
- Players may wear steel spikes.
- Players are under 15 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- Mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 or more innings
- In U15 fastball series, there is a time limit of 90 minutes except the finals which has a time limit of 2 hours. No new inning to start after the time limit unless the score is tied. Any inning started before the time limit expired must be completed providing conditions permit.
- D. P. may be used
- All pitchers must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching

U13 Girls

- Use 11" ball,
- Pitch 38',
- Run 55' bases,
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are required
- Players are under 13 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- Runners may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate.
- Players may wear rubber cleats or rubber studs, but not steel spikes.
- The number of runs scored are limited to 7 runs per inning
- Mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 or more innings.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- In U13, the batter is out on a third strike whether catcher catches ball or not. The ball remains alive.
- U13 use the Free Substitution Rule. Free Substitution - All players in the lineup must bat and are substituted freely defensively. Players arriving late, sign the convener's sheet and then are added to the end of the lineup, without penalty. Players injured are removed from the lineup, without penalty, but may not re-enter the game.
- 7th inning and/or subsequent innings are to be open if reached before time limit.
- The defensive conference rule is in effect.
- All pitchers must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching.

U11 Girls

- Use 11" ball,
- Pitch 30',
- Run 45' bases;
- For U19 age and under, the offensive players must use a certified helmet with a certified facemask.
- Certified Chrest Protectors are required
- Baserunner may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate.
- Players are under 11 years old before January 1st of playing year.
- A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed, Special permission required
- Mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 or more innings
- The number of runs scored are limited to 5 runs per inning
- In U11, the batter is out on a third strike whether catcher catches ball or not. The ball remains alive.
- In U11 Divisions "The Infield fly rule is not in effect".
- U11 use the Free Substitution Rule. Free Substitution - All players in the lineup must bat and are substituted freely defensively. Players arriving late, sign the convener's sheet and then are added to the end of the lineup, without penalty. Players injured are removed from the lineup, without penalty, but may not re-enter the game.
- 7th inning and/or subsequent innings are to be open if reached before time limit.
- The defensive conference rule is in effect.
- All pitchers must wear a certified pitcher's mask when pitching.

Rules of the O.R.S.A.

Rule II AFFILIATION OF LEAGUES WITH O.R.S.A.

- (a) Each league or Association interested in joining the O.R.S.A. shall send to the Secretary an Application for Membership and a list of Officers including the Manager and Secretary of each Club including Addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and appropriate Membership fees. (See Fees Section).
- (b) No player shall sign an O.R.S.A. Certificate after **May 31st** of current year.
- (c) All affiliations, together with players' fees and correct mailing address, must be into the O.R.S.A. Secretary's office before **May 31st** of the current year.
- (d) A rural resident who signs an O.R.S.A. certificate may play for another team. The player must honour his or her O.R.S.A. obligations first.
- (e) A player signing an OASA/PWSA certificate may sign an ORSA certificate.
- (f) Any manager and/or coach who signs an illegal player to an O.R.S.A. certificate will be suspended. Request for reinstatement must be made in writing to the O.R.S.A. Executive.
- (g) Any one area or village that has three or more intermediate teams in one classification, shall be classified as a league and cannot enter the playoffs as a single entry, but shall play for their respective teams and enter as such. Two teams from the same village may play in the same classification.

Rule III CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR POPULATION

- (a) If players are drawn from more than one centre, then the total population of the centres must be combined.
- (b) To determine the population of a rural route from which players are drawn, take the number of postal residential box holders of that route and multiply by **two** (to a maximum total of 1,000)
- (c) The population to determine classification must include the centre(s) population plus rural route(s) population from which players are drawn.

Rule IV RESIDENCE RULE PROOF OF AGE AND RESIDENCE:

- (a) Minor players must submit a copy of their birth certificate as proof of age when they register online. An O.R.S.A. Minor Certificate will be accepted as proof of residence.
 - (b) For all Jr. and Intermediate teams, a copy of current driver's licence **front and back** or other positive proof of residence must accompany team certificate to O.R.S.A. secretary.
 - (c) A bona fide Rural Resident is one who is a continuous resident living in any Township area, or in a village of less than 65,000 population. A limit of 5 players from overpopulated areas would be allowed. A special permission is required from the ORSA for any overpopulation players.
 - (d) Junior and Intermediate Men/Ladies Fast Pitch. Division teams may upon yearly permission from the O.R.S.A. Executive, sign up to five (5) Special Permission or Over Population players, while still remaining in their original classification.
 - (e) Written requests including positive proof of residence, for players requiring special permission must be in the hands of the O.R.S.A. Secretary, stating full particulars, before May 15th. Requests will be dealt with within the last week in May by a committee appointed by the President. Such special permission must be obtained each year.
 - (f) Teams wishing to play their home games on another field at a location other than the one which would normally be considered theirs, may do so. The village or hamlet must have a playable regulation softball field at that location. This rule is for Minor teams only.
 - (g) All matters pertaining to players and their rights must first be dealt with by the local league executive before presentation to the ORSA Executive for further action. No action will be taken on any matter unless it is clearly stated in writing, giving all particulars relating to the case.
 - (h) Any player who moves away from their district after June 1st shall be allowed to play for their team for the remainder of the season.
 - (i) A player must play for their nearest team. Should that team not desire their services, the Team(s) must sign a release, then the next nearest team has first claim on their services. Such releases must be sent to the Secretary by May 31st and obtained each year.
 - (j) No player who has changed their residence after April 1st shall be granted a certificate unless they have satisfied the O.R.S.A. qualifications of such change with complete and definite information regarding such change of residence. Application for transfer, with all required information necessary, must be made to O.R.S.A. Secretary by June 1st.
 - (k) With approved Special Permission, minor players from separated and/or divorced parents may play for the Village of either parent, providing they reside at this address for part of the playing year.
 - (l) Legal Guardianship through Family Court may be used for extenuating circumstances for Special Permission requests.
 - (m) Students and professional athletes returning to their home areas, may play for a Village.
- Intermediate Men's and Ladies' Fast Pitch teams only:** The total Population is to be less than 65,000. All teams entering play downs are allowed up to a maximum of 5 import players (i.e. over population centres). with Special Permission
- (n) Any players that have played in the O.R.S.A. for 5 seasons and have moved out of the area are **not** considered imports. A grandfather clause will be in effect for these players to continue to play in the O.R.S.A.

Rule V O.R.S.A. PLAYOFFS — TEAMS

(a) All Coaching staff are to be Certified FOCS 1 and FOCS 2 (Fundamentals of Coaching Softball) minimum, and have completed the "Making Ethical Decisions" Evaluation for each team that registers to play in the O.R.S.A. Playdowns.

(b) And one Coach must have been certified with a Community Softball Clinic Certificate, or equivalent, by May 1st 2025, and have completed the "Making Ethical Decisions" Evaluation.

(c) Teams that register to play in the O.R.S.A. Playdowns must have all Coaching staff, players and a parent (if child is of minor age) to have taken the "Respect In Sport" Program and provide the Certificate number with the teams Registration Documents.

(d) Coaches must sign the Concussion Protocol Waiver.

(e) All teams must comply with dates set for O.R.S.A. Playoffs, if 2 out of 3 series is used

(f) Playoffs for all divisions U19 and under will be a Tournament format, if a sufficient number of teams register.

(g) All O.R.S.A. Playoff and Tournament games shall have precedence over other games, playoffs or tournaments of your league. Any team unable to field a team, whose players are honouring the privilege of representing our Province or Country in any sport, shall be respectfully granted a written "special permission" with a conditional grace period not to exceed 5 days past the O.R.S.A. deadline, if a 2 out of 3 series is used.

(h) All teams will be entered in one division (A). The O.R.S.A. Executive reserves the right to move teams from "A" to a "B" division by seeding in the tournament, if a sufficient number of teams register.

(i) In a 2 out of 3 series, If a team fails to play a game in the first round of the O.R.S.A. playoffs, the centre must pay a \$100.00 Penalty Fee.

(j) All O.R.S.A. playoffs in Intermediate series, if not a Tournament format, must be played under floodlights unless other arrangements are agreed to by both teams.

(k) All umpires officiating at the O.R.S.A. games must be duly registered with Softball Ontario.

(l) Coaches and managers need not sign the official game sheet and the financial sheet before a game unless he or she so desires.

(m) All Affiliated teams shall be allowed to enter the O.R.S.A. playoffs.

(n) Replacement of players who are incapacitated is not allowed.

(o) Each team participating in playoff games must pay their own travelling expenses.

(p) All League Officials, Team Officials and Players affiliated with the O.R.S.A. must at all times agree to abide by the O.R.S.A. rules and policies.

(q) All complaints shall be lodged with the Division Coordinators only, who shall first consult with Secretary and the President, before rendering a decision. All decisions shall be confirmed in writing, a copy of which shall be forwarded to teams concerned, one copy to President and one copy placed on file.

(r) If a game is suspended due to inclement weather teams must wait at least one hour in order to try and resume play.

Rule VI O.R.S.A. 2 Out of 3 Series Playoffs — Conveners

(a) The Conveners shall appoint two (2) duly qualified umpires for all playoff games, except as otherwise provided, and shall make all other arrangements as shall be necessary. The Convener is to ensure players' signatures, on the certificate, are consistent with those on the game sheet. The Home Team is to be the Official scorekeeper or is to appoint one at the game. **The Home Team must get the Umpires to put their Softball Ontario registration number on the game sheet prior to the game starting.**

(b) In case of an emergency created by the failure of umpires to appear at a scheduled game, the convener or their appointee shall make the necessary arrangements to appoint a substitute or substitutes, with written agreement of the officials of both teams participating.

(c) The convener of all games will ascertain before the commencement of the game by a toss of a coin which of the two teams will receive the home grounds in the third game.

(d) In the event that a convener has more than one game in the same night, they shall appoint a duly qualified person or persons to act on their behalf at any other game or games, after first having made all arrangements including umpires. The convener shall supply their appointee with proper identification, which shall be good only for the game for which they have been appointed. The Convener will supply the appointee with the necessary forms for the game for which they have been appointed to convene.

(e) The convener or their appointee shall have charge of each playoff game and shall personally supervise the signing of the playoff sheets with each individual player's signature and number prior to the player participating in the game.

(f) **No member** of a Club shall act as a **convener or umpire** any game in which their club is participating.

(g) The convener shall have the right to examine and supervise the methods used for handling gate receipts at any or all Association playoff games and report accordingly to the ORSA. The convener only shall be fully responsible for forwarding the official reports to the O.R.S.A. Secretary and Treasurer, All of which must be remitted, except in the case of a protest of final game, in which case the report must definitely be in the hands of the ORSA Secretary and Treasurer within 24 hours from the game time.

Grand Championship

- (a) That the O.R.S.A. Executive be allowed to add a Host team to the Grand Championships at their discretion.
- (b) All teams registered in Intermediate Men and Intermediate Ladies compete in the Grand Championship Tournament in July on the weekend prior to the Civic weekend (Rain out date is the following weekend.)
- (c) Winner of the Men's Grand Championship tournament is to be O.R.S.A. Representative at the Eastern Canadian Intermediate "C" tournament the following year, and also gets a berth in the ISC World's the following year, if they so desire.
- (d) Winners of the Men's and Ladies' Grand Championships will receive a trophy.
- (e) Any Centres wishing to host the Grand Championships are asked to submit their bid to the O.R.S.A. secretary-treasurer by June 6.
- (f) All grand championship tournament games will be 7-innings with a mercy rule of 7 runs after 5 innings in effect.
- (g) The International tie breaker rule is in effect.
- (h) Entries for the Grand Championship must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer by July 15. A host for the Tournament may be determined after July 15.

Tournaments

- (R.S.A.a) Tournament Hosts must be declared by March 31 of the playing year or no Tournament will be held in that Division. Bids received by the Annual General Meeting will receive first priority.
- (R.S.A.b) All minor tournament games have a time limit of 90 minutes. The Championship games have no time limit, but use the mercy rule. Exemption U11 time limit of 75 mins., Championship Game Time limit of 2 hours.
- (R.S.A.c) U17 and older games have a mercy rule of 7 runs after 5 or more innings.
- (R.S.A.d) U15 and under games have a mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 or more innings.
- (R.S.A.e) The international tie-breaker rule is used after 7 innings.
- (R.S.A.f) The coin flip for home team and exchange of lineup cards will be done 15 minutes before **each** game time. The home team will use the bench along first base. See copy of the U11 Tournament Rules.

U11 and U13 Tournament Rules

- Home teams is determined by coin flip for **all** games except the Championship Game. The team with the best record will be the Home team.
- Runs per Inning – In U11 fastball series, number of runs scored are limited to 5 runs per inning,
- U13 fastball series, number of runs scored are limited to 7 runs per inning 7th Inning and subsequent innings are open if reached before time limit) and a mercy rule of 15 runs after 5 or more innings.
- Time Limit – Each Game will be 1 hour and 30 mins. No inning to start after time limit unless the score is tied. Any inning started before the time limit expires must be completed providing conditions permit. NOTE: New inning starts when 3rd out of the preceding inning is made.
 - Exception – U11 Division Championship Game – Time Limit of 2 hours – if tied, teams play until tie is broken. if tied, teams play until tie is broken.
 - U13 Divisions and above – Championship Game – no time limit if tied, teams play until tie is broken. if tied, teams play until tie is broken.

- Free Substitution – U11 and U13 Divisions - use the free substitution rule (everyone must bat). All players in the lineup must bat and are substituted freely defensively. Players arriving late, sign the convenor's sheet and then are added to the bottom of the lineup.
 - Injured Players – are removed from the lineup without penalty, but may not re-enter the game
 - The Defensive Conference rule (Rule 1xq) is in effect
 - In Field Fly Rule not in effect for U11 Divisions
 - Games tied after completed inning at the time limit – International Tie Breaker rule is used.
 - Any Coach ejected during a game will be considered ejected for the remainder of the tournament. Any player ejected from a game can return to the tournament at the discretion of the umpires and the conveners. Softball Ontario Ejection policy.

Rule VII- Trophies

- (a) The winners of all the various O.R.S.A. series become the holders of a trophy.
- (b) No team is to receive an O.R.S.A. trophy unless accepted by one of the coaches or players of the winning team. The Coach is responsible for the care of the Trophy.
- (c) Trophies must be returned to the O.R.S.A. Secretary by **July 1st** of each year.
- (d) The Trustees of the Trophies shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary.

Rule VIII – Protests

- (a) If a game is protested “Rule 11 — Protests” in the Softball Canada Rule Book shall be followed with the exception that Section 7 Clause C of Rule 11 shall not apply (concerning protest for ineligibility).
- (b) In the case of a protest concerning ineligibility the following O.R.S.A. rule will apply:
- (c) If a team has one or more players failing to meet the eligibility rule of the O.R.S.A. This team will be disqualified from future play.
- (d) Suspension resulting from such a disqualification shall be dealt with by the O.R.S.A. Executive Protest Committee.
- (e) The time allowed to Protest an ineligible player, should be prior to game start time, a reasonable time, depending upon the nature of the case and the difficulty of obtaining the information to which to base the protest
- (f) Protests arising out of Association Playoff games must be hand delivered to O.R.S.A. Secretary or Representative before the completion of the game and signed by the manager or designate of the club. A fee of \$75.00 cash is to accompany the Protest form.
- (g) A copy of the Protest will be delivered to the club protested against by the O.R.S.A. A fee of \$75.00 cash will be collected by the O.R.S.A. Secretary or representative immediately.
- (h) The Club losing the protest may forfeit their protest fee and the Executive shall have the power to refund such sum.
- (i) All leagues will have complete charge over their own teams until completion of their schedule.
- (j) The Protest Committee shall consist of Members of the Executive appointed by the President and the Committee’s decision shall be final.
- (k) No member of the ORSA Executive shall be eligible to serve on the Club or League Executive or any Committee in connection with any protest or question involving directly the Club or League he/she represents. Nor shall any member of the ORSA Executive be eligible to vote on any question raised by, or affecting the Club or League he/she is involved in.
- (l) Any monies received during the season and playoffs or from any protest action may remain the property of the O.R.S.A.
- (m) Any team found to have illegal player(s) will forfeit the current series.
- (n) Under no circumstances will the O.R.S.A. or its officers be held liable for claims arising from any cause.
- (o) NOTE: Clubs or players who knowingly play against ineligible players, and who willfully conceal this knowledge from the Association, until it is convenient to use it in any protest which may arise, shall then be considered equally guilty with the offending club or players and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Rule IX Suspensions And Expulsions

- (a) Any Association, League, Manager, Coach or player member of this Association who violates the By-Laws and Operating Rules or refuses to abide by the decision of the Executive shall be expelled or suspended.
- (b) Teams, coaches, managers or players may be suspended by the Executive for knowingly:
 1. Permit betting or improper conduct by players or officers at games.
 2. Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any games or being interested in any pool or wagers thereon.
 3. Playing with or against a player, coach or manager who has been expelled or suspended.
 4. For unsportsmanlike and undesirable conduct or for intentionally downgrading the image of the O.R.S.A.
 5. Playing with or against a professional player.
- (c) The Executive, upon written request, has the power to re-admit by resolution and majority vote of the Executive any Club, League or Player suspended.
- (d) Any Club that is in default of a Playoff game, all players on such club, shall be suspended from further O.R.S.A. competition. This suspension is to remain in effect until all expenses incurred as a result have been fully paid by the defaulting team. Applications for reinstatement will then be considered by the Association Executive.
- (e) Any offense of a flagrant nature such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon an umpire, manager, coach, player, convener or executive member shall be cause for immediate removal of that person from the game. The umpire shall within 24 hours forward full particulars to the Secretary of the O.R.S.A. with a copy to the Umpire-In-Chief. In such cases, the removal from the game automatically places that person under suspension from all further activities until reinstated.

Rule X Governing Of Leagues

All O.R.S.A. rules are to apply as well as the following:

- (a) The Annual Meeting of all organized Leagues are to be held before third Saturday in April.
- (b) The Officers elected at the Annual Meeting shall be President; First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents; and Executive Members.
- (c) These officers with the President and Secretary of each Affiliated Club shall form the League Executive unless individual club organizations do not include the office of President and/or Secretary, then officials named and accepted as representatives will act.
- (d) Two Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) The League President and Secretary shall be delegates to the O.R.S.A. Annual Meeting. Their expenses shall be paid by the League they represent. If the League they represent, has paid its Association dues and has sent in all player’s certificates and player’s fees for all teams by **May 31st** of the current season, they will be in good standing.
- (f) The representatives of any League that is not in good financial standing are automatically barred from the O.R.S.A. Executive.

Duties of League Secretary-Treasurer

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to notify in writing the Secretary of each club that was a member in the League in the past season, of the time and place of the Annual Meeting.
- (b) To send to the Secretary-Treasurer of the O.R.S.A. within one week of the Annual Meeting of the League, the names of the Officers of the League and the name and address of the Secretary of each Club in his League.
- (c) To notify the Secretary of each affiliated club at least 12 hours before the time of all Executive Meetings.
- (d) To keep an accurate record of all League and Executive meetings, a register of all players in the league, of the standing of all teams in the league. The same is to be open for inspection by the Manager of any affiliated team and the Secretary of any affiliated club.
- (e) To keep a record of all monies received and expended. This record is to be audited once yearly by the auditors and open for inspection by the O.R.S.A. Executive.
- (f) To send to the Secretary of each club the forms for the signing of players.
- (g) To collect from each club, their share of the Association dues, their share of League expenses, together with player fees by **May 31st** of the playing season. He/she shall send to the O.R.S.A. Secretary- Treasurer, the league fees together with the certificates of all players of all teams properly signed.
Failure to do this bars the league entry from going into the O.R.S.A. Playoffs.

League Meetings

- (a) The recommended order of business is found under Article X in this book.
- (b) At Annual, General and Executive Meetings, no club shall have more than two votes, except in the case of the President who shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- (c) The President and Secretary of each club shall represent and vote for their club, proxies may be allowed. A club representative cannot vote if the club he/she represents has not paid its Association fees, League fees and the fees of all players on his Club team.
- (d) No Club Representative can vote on a question raised by, or affecting the Club he represents.
- (e) At League and Executive Meetings, **four** club representatives shall form a quorum.
- (f) The league executive shall have charge of the affairs of the league and it shall be their duty to draw up a schedule.
- (g) The League Executive shall appoint Umpires according to O.R.S.A. rules.
- (h) The League Executive shall hear protests within the League which must be lodged strictly according to O.R.S.A. rules found elsewhere in this book.
- (i) It shall be the duty of the League Executive to prevail upon some prominent citizen or organization to donate a trophy for the league championship, to be competed for annually.

The Clubs of the League

- (a) It is the responsibility of the club Secretary- Treasurer to give to the League Treasurer any fees that may be levied by the Executive and to have player's fees paid to the League Secretary.
- (b) To notify the League Secretary of the name and address of the officers of his/her Club, and the number of his/her own telephone
- (c) To open his/her books at any time for inspection by the Auditors of the O.R.S.A.
- (d) To have some responsible person take the admission at the gate at each game or have a collection taken up.
- (e) To notify the visiting team before they leave their home town of the unfitness of his/her team's playing field
- (f) To notify the League Secretary within one hour of the final game, if his/her team wins the league championship.
- (g) Leagues operating with one or more teams with over 65,000 population or with ineligible players can play in the schedule. The presence of such teams must be made known to the O.R.S.A. Secretary-Treasurer before the first game.

Co-Operation Invited . . .

Your co-operation in adhering strictly to these Rules and Regulations is earnestly requested by the President and Executive of the O.R.S.A. In doing so, you will be rendering a great service, upholding the good reputation that this Association enjoys from the sporting public.

Keep the newspapers well informed as to the outcome of each League game, also league standings. Newspapers are glad to have this news. Officers of all home Clubs are requested to prevail upon newspaper reporters to list accounts of all games under the heading of O.R.S.A. (Ontario Rural Softball Association).

League Secretaries must furnish the Association Secretary with the names, addresses and phone numbers of all Club Secretaries.

All together, we are here for a bigger and better O.R.S.A. Co-operation is the key to success.

After all, it's a small world we're living in, when one gets mixed up in Rural Sport. You get to know hundreds of real sports who become a real asset to you in the business world.

The spirit of Rural Sport is embodied in the following phrase "For when the great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes not how you won or lost, but how you played the game".

Champions Of The O.R.S.A.

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