
NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

2008

ARTICLE 1:

This Baseball League shall be known as the North Dufferin Baseball League (N.D.B.L.) which was established in the year nineteen hundred and thirty. The League is an affiliate of York Simcoe Baseball Association.

ARTICLE 2:

The League shall consist of teams in North Dufferin County, and other teams accepted by vote of the Executive and Team Representatives.

ARTICLE 3:

The League shall operate under Ontario Baseball Association playing rules.

ARTICLE 4:

The League shall use umpires preferably with an Ontario Baseball Association Umpires Card, but not necessary at this time. The home team shall supply both a plate umpire and base umpire during the regular schedule. During playoffs the League Executive shall designate umpires as necessary. All umpiring problems shall be reported to the Executive.

ARTICLE 5:

The League owns the following trophies, which are presented each year:

Senior Division

First Place North Division, Regular Season
First Place South Division, Regular Season
Most Valuable Player
Most Sportsmanlike Player
Best Pitcher
Best Batter
Best Catcher
Best On Base Percentage
Most Runs
Most Home Runs
N.D.B.L. Champions

Junior Division

First Place, Regular Season

Most Valuable Player
Most Sportsmanlike Player
Best Batter
N.D.B.L. Champions

ARTICLE 6:

The Executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past-President. No more than one member of any team may hold an Executive position, with the exception of Past-President. In the absence of one or more of the above, the Statistician or York-Simcoe Representative may be called in for a vote.

ARTICLE 7:

The Past-President is appointed parliamentarian. His main function is to assure along with the President, that the meetings are run in an orderly fashion, and to ensure that the parliamentary procedures book be at all meetings.

ARTICLE 8:

The League entry fee shall be determined by vote of the Executive at the Annual General Meeting, to be paid each year. All monies owed by a team to the League shall be paid before said team may commence play in the season.

ARTICLE 9:

All new teams entering the League shall post a \$100.00 security bond, which shall be returned to the team when said team leaves the League. The Executive may also impose an additional security bond as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 10:

An honourarium of \$50.00 per team shall be payable to the Statistician for work preformed for the League.

ARTICLE 11:

All scheduled games must be played. Any rained out games must be rescheduled within seven days of the original scheduled date and agreeable to both teams. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Executive shall set a date for such games. The home team shall

notify the opposing team and the Statistician at least two hours before game time of the cancellation due to inclement weather.

ARTICLE 12:

All League games, including playoffs, shall be seven innings in length, with regular baseball procedure applying to games not completed. A fifteen minute grace shall be allowed after the scheduled starting time for lateness. If a team is unable to field a team after the fifteen minutes, the home plate umpire shall award the game to the opposing team. As penalty, the team forfeiting shall present \$100.00 to the opposing team and \$100.00 to the League, and shall not play another scheduled game until notified by a member of the Executive. The home team shall notify the Statistician immediately of the forfeit.

ARTICLE 13:

Teams wishing to cancel scheduled games for reasons other than inclement weather must do so at least fourteen days in advance of the scheduled game date and must be agreeable to the opposing team. A new game date shall be decided before cancellation of original game date. The League Statistician shall be notified of the cancellation and the new date for the game. In the event of notification of less than fourteen days, League Executive approval shall be required.

ARTICLE 14:

Teams must submit a players list consisting of no more than twenty-five players to the League at least seven days prior to the Roster Meeting. The list shall include the player name, team played with previous year, and if said player is playing in any other hardball League in the current year. The League shall make players lists public for teams to view prior to the Roster Meeting. The Lists shall then be passed or rejected by Team Representatives at said meeting. Any special cases shall be submitted to the League for approval and shall be voted on by the Team Representatives at the Roster Meeting. Players passed and later found ineligible by the Executive shall be automatically suspended, and games they were involved in awarded to the opposing team. Any games played by a player found ineligible at the Roster Meeting shall also be forfeited by his team. The final date for having new names added to a players list shall be at the Roster Meeting.

ARTICLE 15:

A player signed on a players list with any team in the League shall not sign with another League team in the same year without the proper release. Senior team players cannot play in any other hardball league while playing in the North Dufferin League; except players who have played in the North Dufferin League previously shall be exempt from this rule.

ARTICLE 16:

A player release shall not be approved until financial and or uniform obligations are met. The Executive shall approve all releases.

ARTICLE 17:

Players found eligible to play in the League at the Roster Meeting must play in one-third of the regular scheduled games in order to participate in League playoffs. The names of players wishing to participate in playoffs, who have not played in one-third of regular scheduled games due to illness, injury, etc., can be submitted to the Executive, with a medical note or official documentation, for a ruling.

ARTICLE 18:

A maximum of two representatives for each team must be present at all meetings, but only one spokesman and one vote per team. In the event of no representation by the respective teams, said team shall be fined \$40.00. A \$20.00 fine shall also be imposed for lateness after a 15 minute grace period.

ARTICLE 19:

Any team that misses two games or two League meetings (with the exception of the playoff meeting for teams not in the playoffs), without due notice to a member of the Executive, shall be suspended from further play.

ARTICLE 20:

In mid season an All-Star Game shall be held. This game shall be alternated between the North and South divisions. The Executive shall call for volunteers for host parks and decide location. Date of game shall also be set by the Executive prior to the drawing up of the schedule.

ARTICLE 21:

- (a) Players for the All-Star Game shall be voted on by coaches of their own divisions.
- (b) The first place teams at the end of the prior season shall supply the manager for each All-Star team, and the second and third place finishers shall each supply one coach.
- (c) Voting for teams shall be as set down by the Executive.

ARTICLE 22:

For representation at Ontario Baseball Association play, the League shall determine two representatives for each classification by June 20 by means of a play-off or tournament as set out by the League Executive. The winner of each classification shall automatically be eligible for OBA, while the runners up are subject to approval from OBA tournament hosts. Teams are able to enter any classification but cannot change their choice once they have submitted their classification to the League. Teams are to use players approved at the Roster Meeting only. Host teams shall be determined by highest standing in the standings.

ARTICLE 23:

Any player, coach, or manager who is ejected from a League sanctioned game shall be automatically suspended for his team's next League sanctioned game. A second ejection during the same season shall result in a two game suspension. These suspensions shall be considered automatic, and are to be enforced by the Team Representatives without the involvement of the Executive. If a player is ejected a third time in the same season, the Executive shall decide a course of action. Exceptional events and behaviour shall be reported to the League Executive, who may impose additional sanctions at their discretion. All ejections shall be reported to the Statistician following the game and listed on the game summary report submitted to the Statistician by the home team.

ARTICLE 24:

When an altercation occurs involving an umpire and a player, coach, or manager, and in the umpire's decision, the behaviour of that person or persons warrants more than just a one game suspension, then the home plate umpire must contact the Statistician within twenty-four hours of the altercation. The League Executive shall then make a decision not later than

seventy-two hours from the report to the Statistician, or prior to the next scheduled game of the team involved.

ARTICLE 25:

All protests must be accompanied by \$50.00 and postmarked NOT LATER than forty-eight hours from game time. A copy of said protest must at the same time be forwarded to the manager of the opposing team. No hearing shall be held for twenty-four hours after receipt of protest from the League Secretary to allow for teams to prepare arguments. If the protest is upheld the Executive shall fine the offending team.

ARTICLE 26:

It is necessary that the scorekeepers of both teams compare score cards after the game in the event of inaccuracies. The home team is required to forward a scoring summary card, as provided by the League, to the Statistician within forty-eight hours of completion of each game. A fine of \$10.00 for each occurrence shall be levied for late cards or cards not received.

ARTICLE 27:

All League games are to start no later than six-thirty in the afternoon, with the exception of parks equipped with lights. All games in the Championship Final Series must start no later than four o'clock in the afternoon, with no exceptions.

ARTICLE 28:

Home teams shall supply bases and a properly laid out and lined diamond for each home game. The batter's boxes shall be lined out to the approval of the home plate umpire.

ARTICLE 29:

The home team must supply three new game baseballs for each game. These balls must meet the approval of the home plate umpire and the Ontario Baseball Association.

ARTICLE 30:

All teams must be in complete uniforms, which include corresponding baseball pants, tops, socks, and hats. Players out of uniform may not participate in any League game.

ARTICLE 31:

Final date for playing of schedule shall be set by the Executive. In case of a tie in the final standings the most wins shall decide position, followed by head to head records, and run differential between all teams. Where teams are still tied a sudden death deciding game shall be played as scheduled by the Executive.

ARTICLE 32:

All regular season games must be played by the playoff meeting.

ARTICLE 33:

The Executive shall set completion dates and appoint Convenors for each playoff series. Teams shall be re-seeded after each playoff round so that the team with the highest remaining finish in the regular season shall play the team with the lowest remaining standing.

ARTICLE 34:

The Past-President, President, Vice-President and appointed Convenors shall attend all games in the final playoff series.

ARTICLE 35:

Only wood bats shall be used in League competition. No bats made of materials other than wood shall be permitted, unless approved by the Ontario Baseball Association.

ARTICLE 36:

All players must use helmets with covering for both ears while batting and while running the bases.

ARTICLE 37:

Catchers must wear a helmet and mask at all times, including while warming up the pitcher.

ARTICLE 38:

A designated hitter shall be permitted in all Senior and Junior regular season and playoff games.

ARTICLE 39:

If the catcher is on base with two outs in the inning, the previous out shall be permitted to run for him should his team desire to do so without removing the catcher from the game.

ARTICLE 40:

If a team has used all of its eligible players present at a game and suffers an injury to one of its nine players in the game they shall be allowed to replace him with a player who had previously been removed from the game. The opposing team shall have the opportunity to select the player to be substituted. This shall apply to injuries only. Should the umpire eject one of a team's last nine eligible players that team shall forfeit the game.

ARTICLE 41:

If any team leads another team by ten or more runs after the completion of six innings the game shall be considered over. If the home team is the leader by more than ten runs after five and one half innings they shall not take their last at bat.

ARTICLE 42:

If no umpires are present to umpire a game, the game shall be rescheduled at the visiting teams park, with the original home team covering the cost of umpires, baseballs, and the diamond. The original home team shall remain the home team at the visitors park.

ARTICLE 43:

Any proposed changes to the By-Laws shall come before the Executive at the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 44:

The Constitution and By-laws of the League are intended as a general guideline and cannot specifically cover each situation that arises. Therefore, the President in regular or special meetings with a quorum of the Executive shall have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement, with regard to all these circumstances or any specific case, any matters pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein and that their decisions shall be final.