

# 2012 T.M.B.A. Spring Blast

## Tournament Rules

1. 4 game guarantee (Weather Permitting)
2. The Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) constitution and its' official rules shall apply (rules can be found on the OBA website [www.baseballontario.com](http://www.baseballontario.com) )
3. O.B.A. pitching rules for each division will apply (rules can be found on the OBA website [www.baseballontario.com](http://www.baseballontario.com), )

The Visiting Team will be responsible for recording pitch counts for every pitcher on the Official Game Sheet. It will be the responsibility of each team to ensure that pitch counts are properly recorded on the Official Game Sheet at the end of each game. Once the Official Game Sheet has been handed in to the tournament convenor, the pitch counts on the Official Game Sheet will stand. Baseball Ontario Pitch Counts will be strictly enforced per rule P2-10. If the Tournament Convenor does not supply one, the Visiting team will designate and inform the Home Plate umpire of the “Official Pitch Counter” for both teams prior to the start of the game. Pitch Counts of the “Official Pitch Counter” will be the only numbers used by the Umpires or Official scorer during a game regardless of what numbers (pitch counts) any coach or spectator may have – no appeal or protest of the numbers recorded will be permitted. Note: It is recommended that coaches check the Pitch Count of a pitcher as recorded by the “Official Pitch Counter” at the conclusion of each inning. Coaches shall sign the Official Game Sheet immediately following the conclusion of the game acknowledging the Pitch Counts of the pitchers used during that game. In the event of a discrepancy in numbers, the Pitch Counts of the “Official Pitch Counter” shall stand. In the event a coach fails to sign the Game Sheet, the Pitch Counts recorded will be considered official and no appeal or protest of the numbers will be allowed at a later time.

4. Teams must register with the on-site convenor at least one half (1/2) hour prior to their first game. Prior to participating in any game of a sanctioned tournament, all players, manager and coaches must sign the approved OBA Tournament Sign-in form.
5. You must provide your OBA roster number and it must appear on your OBA Tournament Sign-in form. This form must include all of your players and coaches names and signatures, your OBA roster number, and any OBA roster numbers for any call-ups used. This form will be forwarded to the OBA Secretary at the conclusion of the tournament. Please fill this info out prior to attending the tournament.
6. Managers and coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players and anyone involved with their team, both on and off the field.

7. 2:00 hr. time limit (no new inning after 1:45 hr.)
  - a) Applies to pool play only
8. In the event that a game is suspended because of rain, lightning, darkness and/or other circumstances prior to it becoming an official game; the game shall be resumed from the point of suspension. In cases of rain and/or other delays the tournament schedule may be revised at the discretion of the Tournament Convenor.
9. All protests must be ruled on at the time of their occurrence by a committee set-up by the TMBA.. The committee will consist of the on-site convenor and two other members appointed by the convenor. The decision of the committee will be final.
10. Ejection from any game will result in suspension from the next scheduled game and/or balance of the tournament depending on circumstances. The decision of the tournament committee will be final.
11. No Ties
12. International Tie Breaker
  - a) In extra innings the last out from the previous inning starts at 2<sup>nd</sup> base
  - b) The inning starts with no outs.
  - c) Game will continue until there is a winner
  - d) Applies only to pool play
13. Pool Tie Breaker
  - a) Head to Head record amongst tied teams
  - b) Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) amongst tied teams
  - c) Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games
  - d) Teams with highest runs for ratio ( runs scored / number of offensive innings played) amongst tied teams
  - e) Teams with highest runs for ratio ( runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games
  - f) Coin flip
14. No on field infield practice prior to any games.
15. Home team will be dictated by flip of a coin 30 min. prior to start of game. Furthest team away will call the flip. Benches are pre-assigned on the official tournament schedule.
16. Line-ups must be exchanged 15 min. prior to start of game.
17. The Tournament Convenor reserves the right to alter and/or make any changes necessary to ensure completion of the tournament in the allotted time.

### **ROOKIE-BALL PLAY-OFF FORMAT – 4 teams Round Robin May 25 – 27th**

Semi Final 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Semi-Final 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Final: Winner of each Semi.

### **PEEWEE TIER A PLAYOFF FORMAT – 4 team Round Robin May 25 – 27th**

Semi Final 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tier A vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Place Tier A

Semi-Final 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tier A vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tier A

A Final: Winner of each Semi.

### **PEEWEE TIER B PLAYOFF FORMAT – 5 team Round Robin May 25 – 27th**

Seed #1 and #2 get Byes

GM 16 Seed #4 VS Seed #5

GM 19 Seed #3 VS Seed #6

GM 20 Seed #1 VS winner of GM 16

GM 21 Seed #2 VS winner of GM 19

Final: Winner of GM 20 VS GM 21

### **MOSQUITO PLAYOFF FORMAT – 5 teams Round Robin June 1 – 3rd**

Final: 1<sup>st</sup> Place VS 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **BANTAM PLAYOFF FORMAT – 8 teams Round Robin June 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Division 1 #1 Seed VS Division 2 #2 Seed

Division 1 #2 Seed VS Division 2 #1 Seed

Winners of each game play for the Championship

Consolation

Division 1 #3 Seed VS Division 2 #4 Seed

Division 1 #4 Seed VS Division 2 #3 Seed

Winners play for Consolation final