

PLAYING REGULATION 2.0 - BASEBALL (BOYS)

SAFETY GUIDELINES: Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module 1999, outlined according to the following Critical Components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION, be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.

2. **AGES:** All competitors shall meet the age requirements as per Article XI, Section VII of the Constitution.
3. **EVENTS:** There will be competition for an H.S.S.A.A. Champion. The H.S.S.A.A. Champion shall advance to the Bob Prentice (Blue Jay) Cup Playoffs.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** As governed by H.S.S.A.A. Constitution Article XI, Section V.
5. **ENTRIES:** Each H.S.S.A.A. Member School may enter one team.
6. **RULE BOOK:** The official Baseball Rule Book will apply. The Halton High School Baseball Association supplements standard O.B.A. Rules with additional rules and regulations to enhance participation and parity. (See item #12)
7. **OFFICIALS:** The officials will be certified, Category 2 O.B.A. Umpires, who are members of the Halton Baseball Umpires Association.
 - A) Umpires officiating Halton High School games must have an O.B.A. Registration card.
 - B) Fees for Umpires will be set by the Athletic Convenor each year and reviewed at the coaches pre-season meeting. These fees are to be paid to the Umpire prior to the start of the game by the HOME TEAM. For playoff competition, the HOME TEAM and the VISITING TEAM shall pay equal amounts to the Umpires. Both teams will provide two game balls each per playoff game.
8. **UNIFORMS:**
 - A) If possible, all players should be in complete baseball uniform with corresponding tops and caps. Any team entering the Prentice (Blue Jay) Cup playoffs, must be completely and uniformly outfitted, including the coaching staff.
 - B) All batters and baserunners must wear a helmet. Metal cleats are allowed. Catchers must wear a mask with throat protector, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, cup and cup type athletic supporter. Any player warming up a pitcher, must wear a mask with throat protector.
9. **STARTING TIME:** All regular season games will start at 3:30 PM, unless otherwise directed by the Athletic Convenor. All playoff games will start at 3:00 PM.
10. **AWARDS:** A Trophy and Halton Medallions will be presented to the Championship winning team and Medallions will be presented to the Championship Finalists.
11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** Not applicable.

12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

FINANCIAL All costs associated with this activity shall be the responsibility of the competing schools.

ROSTER SIZE The number of players on a roster is left to the discretion of the participating school/coach. H.S.S.A.A. Eligibility Forms are to be filed with the Athletic Convenor in accordance with Article XI, Section II, as soon as possible. Failure to submit a roster will result in forfeited games.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

Pitchers Mound: 60' 6" from front of home plate. Bases: 90' apart
Home Plate to Second Base: 127' 3 3/8"

PROTESTS

- A) A protest based upon an Umpire's interpretation of rules must be lodged with the Umpire before the games resumes. As well, the opposing team must be advised by the Umpire before the game resumes.
- B) Protests will be made to the In-School Convenor and must be formerly lodged within 24 hours of completion of the game in question.
- C) Protests based upon an Umpire's judgement decision(s) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) Provide and set out the bases.
- B) Keep the official score sheet.
- C) In situations where weather and playing conditions are questionable, check the scheduled park prior to 1:00 PM and leave information (re: status of the game) in the main office of your school. Umpires assigned to work the game will be instructed to contact the schools for confirmation.
- D) Provide two game balls. Visiting team to provide one.

DEPORTMENT

- A) Players and coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which reflects positively on their school, on the game of baseball and on themselves.
- B) Profanity will not be tolerated. Any profanity directed at Umpires, opposing players and/or spectators, will result in an automatic ejection from the game.
- C) Any player or coach ejected from a game shall result in an additional suspension from the next regular season and/or playoff game.

PLAYOFF STRUCTURE

- A) Point accumulation shall determine a team's place in the League Standings. The winning team of a league game shall receive two points. A single point shall be awarded each team in the event of a tied game.
- B) The top six teams in each Division will qualify for playoff competition.
- C) In the event teams are tied in standings at the conclusion of league scheduled play, the following procedures in sequence shall be implemented to determine the final standings:
 - 1. Record in game against each other.
 - 2. Total number of wins during league play.
 - 3. Least runs given up during league play.
 - 4. Coin flip, unless the teams in question are tied for the final Divisional playoff position.
 - 5. If teams are tied for the final Divisional playoff position, and did not play each other in league play, a game shall be played between the tied teams and the winner shall advance into the playoffs.

PITCHERS

- A) Pitchers may not pitch more than 12 outs in a single game. Outs **must** be consecutive.
- B) Pitchers once removed from a game under the substitution rule may return to the game but may not pitch.

SUBSTITUTIONS

O.B.A. Rule P2-6: Any starting player may be substituted for and return to the game one time only. He must return to his original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game, may return but may not pitch.

DESIGNATED HITTER/RUNNER

- A) A designated hitter may be used for any position player. The DH must be named in the starting lineup, if you choose to use one. Once the game has begun, you may not institute a DH. If a DH enters the game as a position player, his team forfeits the DH for the remainder of the game.
- B) A designated runner must be used for the catcher with two out. The DR will be the player who made the second out of the inning.
- C) MERCY RULE - If after five complete innings, a team is ten runs or more ahead, the game is called.

GAMES

- A) For scheduled league games, the Home Team will have the field until fifteen minutes prior to the start of the game. The Visiting team will have the field from fifteen minutes prior to the start of the game until five minutes prior to the start of the game.
- B) All H.S.S.A.A. games are seven innings in duration, barring curfew or weather. Extra innings in tied games can occur if time permits. No new inning may begin after one hour and fifty-five minutes of play has transpired.
- C) Tied games will stand in curfew games.

ONE MINUTE RULE

- A) From the time the third out is made, the outgoing defensive team has one minute before the Umpire orders the first pitch to begin the new half-inning.

RAIN OUTS

- A) Rain out games must be played as soon as possible. Do not leave these games to the end of the season. It is expected that rain outs will be replayed the next day, weather permitting.
- B) Replaying rain-outs takes precedence over practices. Coaches must phone each other to prevent conflicts at parks when a game must be replayed.