

## **PLAYING REGULATION 2.0 - BASEBALL (BOYS)**

1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the current Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module, outlined according to the following Critical Components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION, be adhered to at all times. Specific 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 a trophy presented to the school who wins the Tier 1 and the Tier 2 HSSAA Championships.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per Article XI of the Constitution.
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.
8. **UNIFORMS:**
  - A) If possible, all players should be in complete baseball uniform with corresponding tops and caps. Any team entering OFSAA 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:** The Tier 1 and Tier 2 Champions will receive a Championship Trophy. Medallions (24) will be presented to the Champions and Finalists of each Tier.
11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:**  
The Tier 1 Champion will represent the HSSAA in the OFSAA Playdowns. In the event the HSSAA receives a second entry, the HSSAA Tier 1 finalist will be the second entry.
12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

### **DESIGNATED RUNNER**

A designated runner MAY be used for the catcher with 2 out. The designated runner will be a player not currently in the lineup, or the player making the 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the inning.

**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.

**FIELD DIMENSIONS**

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

#### PROTESTS

As governed by H.S.S.A.A. Constitution, ARTICLE XVII – PROTEST POLICY  
Eliminate what's written above about protests.

#### HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) Provide and set out the bases.
- B) Keep the official score sheet.
- C) 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.

#### 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) 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.
- D) Ties in playoff games will continue in extra innings until 30 minutes to curfew. At this time, the international tie breaking rule will come into effect. (begin the inning with your last out or a player on the bench at second base and nobody out.)

#### 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

Rainouts will be made up at the discretion of the Athletic Convenor.