

## **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 VI, Section III](#) of the HSSAA Constitution.
3. **EVENTS/GHAC REPRESENTATION:** There will be a league at the Tier 1 and Tier 2 level. Tier 1 will send 1 representative to the GHAC Playdowns unless a second entry has been granted. Determining this (these) entries will be determined prior to the season and communicated at the preseason coaches meeting.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** As governed by HSSAA Constitution [Article VI](#).
5. **ENTRIES:** Each HSSAA 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 #11)
7. **OFFICIALS:** The officials will be certified, and 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. Playoff games will start at the discretion of the Athletics Convenor.
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. 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.

**ROSTER SIZE** There is no limit to the number of players on a roster for HSSAA events.

#### **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 HSSAA Constitution, [ARTICLE XII – PROTEST POLICY](#)

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 at least 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.

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 HSSAA games are seven innings in duration, barring curfew, run rule, 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.)
- (E) All games will be seven (7) innings except when a team is leading by 18 or more runs after three (3)innings, two and a half (2 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead; or when a team is leading by 12 or more runs after four (4) innings, three and a half (3 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead; or when a team is leading by 10 or more runs after five (5) inning, four and a half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead. Then the run rule will apply and the game will end.
- (F) Extra Hitter (EH) is permitted in each team's lineup should they choose to use it.

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.

BASE COACHES

All Base Coaches, students or staff must wear helmets while in the field of play.