

Oshawa City & District Fastball League

2008 Play-off Rules

Play-off Series

1.0 All Intermediate men's teams will qualify for the playoff series for the Oshawa City and District Fastball League Championship. A consolation championship (Brady Trophy) will not be held. In addition, any Junior or Midget teams that finish higher in the season standings than an Intermediate team will also qualify for participation in the playoff series.

1.1 Junior & Midget Teams may opt out of the play-off series if they are unable to field a team based on player availability.

1.2 Intermediate Teams may not opt out of the play-off series and must participate in the series championship.

1.3 There will be a minimum of 7 teams and a maximum of 10 teams in the championship playoff series. The seeding chart outlining the format for a 7 team draw is attached.

2.0 Seeding

2.1 Seeding for round 1 will be as shown on the attached playoff format chart. (Additional playoff formats for 8, 9 and 10 teams are shown in the Excel file - **Playoff Series Formats.xls.**)

2.2 The #1 seed will be the team in first place in the overall standings at the end of league play.

2.3 The #2 seed will be the team in 2nd place in the overall standings at the end of league play.

2.4 Seeds #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 and #10 will be based on their place in the overall standings.

2.5 Should a tie exist in the overall standings, the Tie-Breaking Procedure in the OCDFL Playing Rules will be used in order to break that tie.

2.6 Teams will be re-seeded after each successive playoff round according to each team's regular season standing. For example, if the #1 seed is eliminated in the first round, the next highest seeded team will become the #1 seed.

3.0 Format - General

3.1 In a 7 and 8 team series, the maximum number of games played by any one team is 11

3.2 In a 9 and 10 team series, the maximum number of games played by any one team is 12

3.3 In a 9 and 10 team series, the home team will be required to schedule games on other than their normal home night including weekends.

3.3 The League Executive reserves the right to schedule playoff games on a neutral diamond to ensure that the playoff schedule can be maintained.

3.4 Teams will share the cost of any games scheduled by the League on a neutral diamond.

4.0 Format – Round 1, September 2 – September 11

4.1 All Series in Round 1 will be played as a best 2 out of 3.

4.2 The higher seeded team will have home field advantage and host 2 of the 3 games.

4.3 Games 1 and 2 of Round 1 will rotate home. Meaning each team will host a game. With Game 3 (if necessary) to be hosted by the higher seeded team.

4.4 **Round 1 will begin on Tuesday, September 2 and be completed no later than Thursday, September 11.**

4.5 It is the higher seeded team's responsibility to ensure the series schedule is reported to the OCDFL Secretary prior to the playing of game 1.

4.6 It is the home team's responsibility to ensure all results and game sheets are reported and delivered to the league Statistician as per OCDFL By-Laws.

5.0 Format – Round 2, Sept 15 - 25

5.1 All Series in round 2 will be played as a best 2 out of 3.

5.2 The #1 seeded team overall will play the Lowest Seeded team advancing from Round 1 in the first Semi-final. The Second Highest Seeded Team Advancing from Round 1 will play the Second Lowest Seeded Team Advancing from Round 1 in the second Semi-Final. (Series Draw attached as Appendix A).

Eg. Round 2 - 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3

- 5.3 Games 1 and 2 of Round 2 will rotate home. Meaning each team will host a game. With Game 3 (if necessary) to be hosted by the higher seeded team.
- 5.4 **Round 2 will begin on Monday, September 15 and be completed no later than Thursday, September 25.**
- 5.5 It is the higher seeded team's responsibility to ensure the series schedules is reported to OCDFL Secretary prior to the playing of game 1.
- 5.6 It is the home team's responsibility to ensure all results and game sheets are reported and delivered to the league Statistician as per OCDFL By-Laws.

6.0 Format – Round 3 – 7 and 8 Team Championship Final September 29 – October 12

- 6.1 The Series in Round 3 (Championship Final) will be played as a best 3 out of 5.
- 6.2 The higher seeded team will have home field advantage and host 3 of the 5 games.
- 6.3 The higher seeded team will host 2 of the first 3 games. The if necessary fourth and fifth game will rotate host.
- 6.4 **Round 3 (Championship Final) will begin on Monday, September 29 and be completed no later than Sunday, October 12.**
- 6.5 It is the higher seeded team's responsibility to ensure the series schedules is reported to OCDFL Secretary prior to the playing of game 1.
- 6.6 It is the home team's responsibility to ensure all results and game sheets are reported and delivered to the league Statistician as per OCDFL By-Laws.

7.0 Format – Round 3 – 9 and 10 Team Semi-Final September 29 – Oct 8

- 7.1 The series in Round 3 (9 and 10 Team Semi-Final) will be played as a best 2 out of 3
- 7.2 The higher seeded team will have home field advantage and host 2 of the 3 games.
- 7.3 **Round 3 (Semi-Final) will begin on Monday, September 29 and be completed no later than Wednesday, October 8.**
- 7.4 It is the higher seeded team's responsibility to ensure the series schedules is reported to OCDFL Secretary prior to the playing of game 1.
- 7.5 It is the home team's responsibility to ensure all results and game sheets are reported and delivered to the league Statistician as per OCDFL By-Laws.

8.0 Format – Round 4 – 9 and 10 Team Championship Final Oct 9 – Oct 16

- 8.1 The series in Round 4 (9 and 10 Team Championship Final) will be played as a best 2 out of 3
- 8.2 The higher seeded team will have home field advantage and host 2 of the 3 games.
- 8.3 **Round 4 (9 and 10 Team Championship Final) will begin on Thursday, October 9 and be completed no later than Wednesday, October 16.**
- 8.4 It is the higher seeded team's responsibility to ensure the series schedules is reported to OCDFL Secretary prior to the playing of game 1.
- 8.5 It is the home team's responsibility to ensure all results and game sheets are reported and delivered to the league Statistician as per OCDFL By-Laws.

9.0 Playing Rules

- 9.1 All games will be played under OCDFL, OASA and Softball Canada Playing Rules, By-Laws & Constitutions.
- 9.2 All games will be 7 Innings, OCDFL mercy rule will apply.
- 9.3 Any games tied at the end of 7 innings will continue into extra innings until the tie is broken. The International Tie Breaking Rule **WILL NOT BE USED.**
- 9.4 If a game is tied when curfew is reached, it must be completed at another date.
- 9.5 Teams will be allowed to pick up one (1) player from OCDFL Junior and Midget teams not participating in the Championship. This includes Intermediate players playing on Junior or Midget teams for League purposes. Players who are competing or have competed in this year's Play-off Series may not be picked up. ***All pick-ups must be approved by the League Executive prior to the game being played.***
- 9.6 A Midget, Junior or Intermediate player that has a minimum of 6 games with his Midget or Junior roster club may be called up for the playoffs.
- 9.7 A list of Midget, Junior and Intermediate players available for the playoffs must be provided to

- the League Secretary by August 1 of each year by each Junior and Midget club.
- 9.8 Any protests must be filed, in writing, with the League Secretary within 24 hours of the completion of the game. The decision of the League Appeals Committee will be final.
- 9.9 Each Home Team is responsible for setting up umpires for their home games.
- 9.10 The teams in the series Championships will be notified by the League Executive of their final standing and who their Round 1 (Quarter-final) opponent will be. It is then the responsibility of the two teams involved to set the schedule for that series within the time frame noted in paragraph 3.0.
- 9.11 In order to be eligible for Championship play, a player must play in 6 OCDFL league games. The League Secretary will compile a list of all players who are eligible to compete following the end of league play. The Executive may grant exceptions to individual players due to injury and extenuating circumstances. The team manager must request an exemption in writing outlining the particular circumstances.

Appendix A – Championship Series Structure

**OCDFL Championship Series
Playoff Format**

7 Team Series

Round 1 - Quarter Finals

1 1st Seed Bye

2 2nd Seed

Best 2 of 3

7 7th Seed

3 3rd Seed

Best 2 of 3

6 6th Seed

4 4th Seed

Best 2 of 3

5 5th Seed

Round 2 - Semi-Finals

1 1st Seed

Best 2 of 3

4 4th Seed

2 2nd Seed

Best 2 of 3

3 3rd Seed

Round 3 - Championship Final

Best 3 of 5

Note: teams are re-seeded according to regular season standings prior to the start of the second round

Appendix C – Timelines

Friday, August 1	Final Date for Junior and Midget Teams to opt out of Play-off Series Final date for Junior and Midget clubs to provide a list of players available for the playoffs
Thursday, August 28	Final League Game
Friday, August 29	Final League Standings Accumulated
Friday, August 29	All Teams notified of final Standing and opponent in the Play-offs
Tuesday, September 2	Beginning of Round 1 Play-off Games (best 2 of 3)
Thursday, September 11	Completion for Round 1 Play-off Games
Monday, September 15	Beginning of Round 2 Play-off Games (best 2 of 3)
Thursday, September 25	Completion for Round 2 Play-off Games
Monday, September 29	Beginning of Round 3 (7 and 8 Team Championship-Final) Play-off Games (best 3 of 5)
Monday, September 29	Beginning of Round 3 (9 and 10 Team Semi-Final Play-off Games (best 2 of 3)
Sunday, October 8	Completion of Round 3 (9 and 10 Team Semi-Final) Play-off Games (best 2 of 3)
Monday, October 9	Beginning of Round 4 (9 and 10 Team Championship Final) Play-off Games (best 2 of 3)
Sunday, October 12	Completion of Round 3 (7 and 8 Team Championship-Final) Play-off Games (best 3 of 5)
Thursday, October 16	Completion of Round 4 (9 and 10 Team Championship Final) Play-off Games (best 2 of 3)