

## Oshawa City and District Fastball League

### Summary of Rule Changes for 2011

#### Summary of rule changes passed by the OCDFL membership at the March 5, 2011 and April 2, 2011 League meetings:

Rule	Description	Change/Addition	Rationale
17	Defaults	<p>The amount of the fine for defaulted games was increased from \$50 to \$100.</p> <p><b>Original Statement:</b> A \$50.00 fine, from the Performance Bond, will be forfeited for the first defaulted game to the defaulted team. A \$50.00 fine, from the bond, will be forfeited to the defaulted team for the second defaulted game, at which time the full bond must be replenished.</p> <p><b>Revised Statement:</b> A <b>\$100.00</b> fine, from the Performance Bond, will be forfeited for the first defaulted game to the defaulted team. A <b>\$100.00</b> fine, from the bond, will be forfeited to the defaulted team for the second defaulted game, at which time the full bond must be replenished.</p>	Previous amount of fine was not sufficient to cover the current costs of diamond fees and lights.
	Bond Fund	The amount of the team bond fund was increased from \$100 to \$200.	The increase was necessary to cover the revised default fines as stated above for Rule 17.
	League Fees	League fees were increased from \$250 to \$300.	The membership voted to increase annual team League fees to compensate for increased operating costs, a reduction in League membership from 10 to 9 teams and ensure the League could operate without a loss.
20	Score Sheet Reporting	The Scorekeeping and Game Reporting Guidelines were updated resulting in changes to the procedure and an update to Rule 20 as follows:	As a result of the lack of timely game reporting by the teams during 2010 some 30+ games were left unsettled as to game cancellation

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		<p><b>Original Statement:</b>                      “The Home team is responsible for submitting game results, for both teams, by 6:00PM the next day.”</p> <p><b>Revised Statement:</b>                      “The winning team will report the score and the winning and losing pitchers to the League Statistician (John Mather) within 24 hours of the completion of the game. In addition, the home team will email the game score sheet to the League Statistician (John Mather at: john.mather@durham college.ca) by the Sunday following the completion of the game.”</p> <p>(Refer to Scorekeeping and Game Reporting Guidelines for details on score sheet preparation using ScoreIT computerized game scoring software.)</p>	<p>status. The Executive and the League Membership felt it was necessary to increase the responsibility of the teams for timely game reporting. The Executive will monitor game reporting results during the year to determine if any additional penalties are warranted for failure to report game results.</p>
9	Rain Out Games	<p>The references to cost splitting and the coin toss for games on a neutral diamond were removed.</p> <p><b>Original Statement: (Part)</b>                      “The HOME team will pay the costs for the re-scheduled game. However, if the League re-schedules a game to be played on a neutral diamond, the teams will split the costs and a coin toss will be made to determine HOME game.”</p> <p><b>Revised Statement:</b>                      “The HOME team will pay the costs for the re-scheduled game on their home diamond or a neutral diamond.”</p>	<p>The membership felt that since rain out games were legitimately cancelled games and diamond fees should be refunded, that the home team should still be responsible for costs of the rescheduled game whether it is played at their home park or on a neutral diamond. Also, that the home team should retain the home game advantage regardless of where the game is played.</p> <p>The Summary of Default and Game Cancellation Procedures is also updated to reflect these changes.</p>
21	Messaging	<p>Contact information regarding rain-outs and rescheduled games was updated to reflect revised telephone numbers and names.</p>	<p>Housekeeping change.</p>