



**Articles of Incorporation and Constitution
of the
South Simcoe Minor Baseball
Association**

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 1: Association

1. The name of this organization shall be the "SOUTH SIMCOE MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED" (1707107ON 29 Sep 2006) The Corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used for promoting its objectives. The organization shall be addressed as the "SSMBA" throughout the remainder of these Articles & Constitution.

Article 2: Mission

2. The mission of the SSMBA shall be to:
 - a. Foster and Improve Baseball within the association's boundaries;
 - b. To protect and promote the mutual interests of the members, and
 - c. To improve and promote Umpire development throughout SSMBA, and
 - d. SSMBA is intended for all players with varying levels of skill and therefore, is a "House League" Teams that are entered in the SSMBA league will not be formed through try-outs, or a select process deriving one team from several teams within a centre.

Article 3: Membership

3. Membership in SSMBA will consist of such Baseball Associations, Associate members and clubs who shall agree to abide by and comply with the Articles, By-laws, Regulations and Playing Rules of the Association.
 - a. All member centres are entitled to representation at any SSMBA meeting.
 - b. Each centre must provide a Membership Bond, to be managed by the Executive Council, to be considered in "Good Standing."
 - c. The member centres of SSMBA must be made up of qualified players as detailed within the SSMBA rules and regulations.
 - d. The Executive shall have the power to accept individual Clubs where they are unable to secure grouping in any affiliated Association/member centre.

Article 4: Management

4. The management of the SSMBA will be carried out through SSMBA Executive Meetings consisting of a delegation of the following: An Executive Council, Centre Representatives and Life-Members.
 - a) Executive Council: The Executive Council shall have the power to vote at all SSMBA meetings, except that the President will only vote in the event of a tie and thereby cast the deciding vote.
 - b) The Executive council consists of the following positions:
 - i. President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Umpire-in-Charge, Convenor-in-Charge, Secretary, Scheduler, Director At Large and Registrar, to be elected annually at the SSMBA Annual General Meeting (AGM). They must be nominated by a Member Centre in "Good Standing" and operating the previous year, or by a sitting Executive Council member. In order for a name to remain on the ballot, a nominee must accept the nomination in person at the AGM or provide to the Executive Council, IN WRITING, positions they will accept nomination for.

- ii. Treasurer and Webmaster, to be appointed annually by the President, whose term shall run from Dec 1st to Dec 15th of the following year.
 - iii. Immediate Past-President. To be filled by the last SSMBA President, no longer serving in an elected position.
 - iv. No member of the SSMBA Executive Council may vote more than once, regardless if they hold more than one Executive council position.
- c) Centre Representatives: Each Member Centre of SSMBA may be represented by a delegate at all SSMBA meetings. Member Centre delegates are entitled to vote at SSMBA meetings, in such that:
- i. The Member centre is in “Good Standing”
 - ii. They operated under SSMBA the previous year, and
 - iii. Executive Council and/or Life members may also act as a centre delegate. In which case that person may cast 2 votes.
- d) Life Members: Life members are entitled to a vote at all SSMBA meetings. Life memberships can only be conferred on the recommendation of the Executive Council, after 5 years or more of continuous faithful service to SSMBA and where a definite desire exists to retain their active service with an official status. The total number of SSMBA Life Members, at any one time, shall not exceed seven (7)..
- e) Non-Eligible Vote: No person may cast a vote if they are under a SSMBA Disciplinary Committee Sanction, including all rulings that are still currently in effect.

Article 5: Meetings

5. The SSMBA’s management is directed through “Executive Meetings” At all SSMBA Executive Meetings, 50%+1 of voting delegates shall form a Quorum. There are three types of Executive meetings as follows:

- a. Annual General Meeting (AGM): To be held (on or about) the 1st Thursday in October. The date/time/place of the AGM will be published and announced not later than the 1st Thursday of September.
- b. Regular Meetings: The President will call “Regular” meetings of the SSMBA. It is recommended they be scheduled monthly (or bi-monthly) and the date/time/place of the following Regular Meeting be announced at the preceding Regular Meeting’s Adjournment.
- c. Special Meetings: The President may call for a “Special” meeting at any time. It should be announced at a “regular” meeting but may be scheduled on a minimum of four (4) days’ notice and must include the reason and/or requirement for a “Special” meeting.

d. Executive Board Meetings: The President may call a meeting during the season at any time. This meeting at the direction of the President shall consist of the elected and appointed officials of the SSMBA Executive. The meeting may be scheduled on a minimum of 24 hour's notice.

Article 6: Amendments

6. Amendments to the SSMBA Constitution can be made at a SSMBA Executive Meeting and the amendment procedure is as follows.

a. ARTICLES: An amendment to an ARTICLE of the Constitution may only be made and voted upon at the SSMBA Annual General Meeting. (AGM) Amendments must be submitted in writing to the SSMBA Executive not less than 21 days prior to the AGM and be posted on the SSMBA's website or distributed to all member centres not less than 7 days prior to the AGM. Amendments to an ARTICLE must have a TWO-THIRDS majority of votes in order to carry.

b. BY-LAWS: An amendment to a BY-LAW must be introduced in writing at the SSMBA Annual General Meeting and may be voted upon at any SSMBA Regular Meeting prior to the end of the "appointed" Executive term of Dec 15. Amendments to a BY-LAW must have a TWO-THIRDS majority of votes in order to carry.

c. RULES & REGULATIONS: An amendment to these sections may be introduced in writing at any SSMBA Regular Meeting and must be voted upon prior to FEB 15 to take effect in the current year. Amendments to the Rules & Regulations require a TWO-THIRDS majority of votes of MEMBER CENTRES in order to carry. The Rules & Regulations are known as and printed as a separate booklet called the "Rulebook" and printed as a guide for the current season.

d. RESOLUTIONS: A resolution may be proposed for an experimental change that differs from the current playing "Regulations or Rules" in the Constitution. Any subsequent references in the Constitution that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the resolution is in effect. Submissions and voting on Resolutions are treated as "Regulation and Rules" amendments. (see above) A resolution may be put into effect for no more than one (1) year and will be subject to Executive review for introduction as an amendment the following year.

Article 7: General

7. The Constitution of this Association is intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the SSMBA Executive, in Regular or Special meetings with a duly established quorum, will have the authority to interpret and decide, to the best of their judgment, with regard to any or all circumstances, in a specific case, any matter pertaining to any and/or all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final.

a. Except as provided by the SSMBA Constitution, the management and control of each affiliated Association shall be left entirely in the hands of the affiliated Association Executive.

- b. Memberships in affiliated Associations are the property of the affiliated Association and cannot be bartered.
- c. SSMBA Executive, Convenors and Scheduler may be financially reimbursed for authorized expenses (e.g.: telephone, stamps, envelopes, photocopying, etc.) accrued pertaining to SSMBA business. Expenses must be documented and submitted to the Treasurer.

SSMBA BY-LAWS

A. Executive composition

Executive Council Duties: The Executive council will perform all duties as deemed required to ensure the efficient operation of the SSMBA, these duties should include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. President: shall preside at all meetings of the SSMBA executive, chair any Executive Council Meetings and shall perform such other duties as are necessary for the proper conduct of the office of President.
- b. 1st Vice President: in the absence of the President, shall have all the powers and perform all duties of the President. The 1st Vice President shall: Chair the “Disciplinary Committee”, manage the SSMBA “Bond Fund”, represent the “Convenors” interests with-in the Executive and perform any duties as assigned by the President.
- c. 2nd Vice President: in the absence of the 1st Vice President, shall have all the powers and perform the duties of the 1st Vice President. The 2nd Vice President shall: Chair the Protest Committee, represent the “Tournament Hosts” interests with-in the Executive and perform any duties as assigned by the President.
- d. Immediate Past President: shall perform those duties as assigned by the President and shall offer such advice and guidance to the Executive as may be requested.
- e. Treasurer: shall report to the Executive and keep an accurate record of all monies received, distributed and budgeting for yearly registration. The Treasurer will maintain a current financial statement for the executive and will arrange for a “review” of the SSMBA accounts and books by a “Certified” Financial expert every year, preferably for the AGM, but not later than the beginning of the Treasurer’s term. (1 Dec).
- f. Secretary: shall keep an accurate record of proceedings (Minutes) of all SSMBA meetings, prepare any official SSMBA correspondence and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

- g. Umpire-in-Charge (UIC): shall represent all umpires and their concerns on the executive, coordinate with all centers' Umpires-in-Charge, schedule umpire clinics and sit as a member of the "Protest Committee".
- h. Convenor-in-Charge (CIC): shall coordinate and train Convenors within their respective roles; represent their interests at the Executive Council; adjudicate on behalf of Convenors and offer counsel to Convenors to ensure consistency and observance of the SSMBA rules & regulations.
- i. Registrar: shall be responsible for the yearly registration of all member centres, teams and SSMBA certification of player eligibility (birth date/division). Maintain and validate all team rosters submitted by member centres and provide copies to the applicable division Convenors. Provide a list of registered teams by member centre and division to the Treasurer and Scheduler.
- j. Scheduler: shall be responsible for the creation and publication of all SSMBA divisional schedules, to include length and number of games played, to be completed not later than the annual preseason coaches meeting. Assist divisional Convenors and/or tournament hosts on tournament and playoff scheduling. Review and validate all SSMBA sanctioned tournament schedules.
- k. Director at Large: will carry out duties as directed by the executive board.
- l. The President, 1st Vice President, and SSMBA Registrar shall be responsible for approving all reinstatements.
- m. Nominees for the President and/or 1st Vice President position must have held an SSMBA Executive position for at least one year out of the last three years. This section can be overruled by a 2/3 vote at a regular meeting if the position is unfilled.

B. Expenditures

All expenditures and/or withdrawals of SSMBA funds must be made by Cheque and adhere to the following conditions:

- a) All cheques issued by SSMBA require two (2) signatures.
- b) All cheques must be signed by (order of precedence) the Treasurer, President, 1st VP or 2nd VP
- c) Any cheque made payable to an SSMBA executive member or "cash" must be for a single specific purpose (e.g. 13U tournament umpires) which must be clearly identified on the cheque face and included as a specific line item in the financial report.
- d) The two signing authorities and payable party for any SSMBA cheques must create an "Arm's-Length" transaction.
- e) NOTE: Arm's-length transaction -- a transaction in which the parties involved act independently of each other, (in which the mechanics of the transaction are handled as they would be between strangers) to ensure that one of the principal parties does not influence or present a conflict of interest with the other(s).

C. Appointments

The 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents may each appoint an assistant, with Executive Council approval, to assist with duties as assigned.

D. Committees

The SSMBA Executive Council may convene “committees” and appoint a committee chairperson to make Rulings and Recommendations or perform Studies, Research and/or Advisory functions for the SSMBA. The composition and size of the committees will be the purview of the Chair.

Committees should contain at least one and not exceed three members of the Executive Council, unless otherwise specified. In the event of a possible or perceived “Conflict of Interest” the President will appoint a replacement member. The President shall not normally sit or be named as replacement on committees. The following are committees recommended:

- a. Disciplinary Committee: The Disciplinary Committee will consist of three members; The 1st Vice President (Chair), Divisional Convenor (if applicable), UIC
 - i. The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to suspend any individual, team and/or Member centre.
 - ii. The Disciplinary Committee will review:
 1. Situations as covered in rules & regulations regarding Suspensions and Expulsions.
 2. Ineligible Players
 3. Convenors’ reports on Unruly Spectator Behavior.
 4. An Executive Council member’s written request.
 5. Protest Committee referrals
 6. The issuance of “Bond Fund” fines.
 7. To exercise the option of placing a member centre on probationary status.
 8. All inappropriate conduct (this can include both on and off field) and is not limited to suspensions and expulsions.
 - iii. The Disciplinary Committee can impose a team(s), to reschedule a home game(s) as an away game(s) and/or schedule future game(s) at a neutral site and which team will bear the game costs for the Umpires, field rental and/or travel costs for the changed game(s).
- b. Protest Committee: The Protest Committee will consist of three members: The 2nd Vice President (Chair), Umpire-in-Chief and the applicable Divisional Convenor.

- i. The Protest Committee will review all “Game Related Situations” that could result in the replay of a game, forfeiture of a game or a change of venue, in relation to:
 1. Official Protests
 2. Withdrawn Protest Complaints
 3. Unplayed Games (Refusal to play)
 4. Rescheduling Conflicts
 - ii. Any team’s official protest that is “upheld” will have one-half the protest fee refunded.
 - iii. The Protest Committee can impose a team(s), to reschedule a home game(s) as an away game(s) and/or schedule future game(s) at a neutral site and which team will bear the game costs for the umpires, field rental and/or travel costs for the changed game(s).
- c. Committees at Large: are committees that are formed by the SSMBA on a continuing and/or recurring basis to address typical areas of concerns. They include (but are not limited to) Umpire’s Committee, Divisional Committees, All-Star Game Committees, Rule’s Committees.
- d. Standing Committees: Standing committees are formed to address one time and/or rare situations and normally are of a study, research and/or advisory nature to the SSMBA Executive.

E. Centre Membership

Every baseball association desirous of joining the SSMBA shall make application to the Executive Council prior to February 1st. The baseball association will be required to attend a scheduled executive meeting to answer questions from the member centres. Prior to the conclusion of the March regular meeting, the Member Centre Reps will vote on the validity of each new baseball association that has made an application to join SSMBA. If the new member centre is accepted as a member of SSMBA, then they must pay their full Membership Bond Fee on or before March 15th as well as the following:

- a. A list of Member Centre officers along with their Names, Addresses, Telephone numbers, and email addresses, to the SSMBA Secretary
- b. Each Member Centre must appoint a Birth Registrar to verify all player eligibility. The registrar shall be responsible for signing all team rosters. All team rosters must be submitted to the SSMBA Registrar at the time of registration each year.

c. A simple majority vote of 50% + 1 will be enough to allow the new baseball association to join SSMBA.

F. Player Eligibility

Any player within the SSMBA boundaries are eligible to play within the SSMBA in such that:

a. As “House League”, all players that register are to be given an equal opportunity to play in the SSMBA. No member center may enter a team formed via tryouts, through a selective or restrictive registration process, or submit a “Select” or “Rep” level team for SSMBA play.

b. Players may play with any SSMBA member center. However, no member centers official and/or coach may actively recruit players to move from another member center. Member Centers may refer players to other centers to solve excess and/or insufficient numbers within specific age divisions and reported to the SSMBA registrar.

c. No player can play minor baseball simultaneously with a sanctioned Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) team and any team registered in SSMBA.

d. A member centre with an OBA affiliated Rep Team may call a player up to play OBA to a maximum of five games at which time the player must stay playing at the OBA level.

e. No SSMBA player can play minor baseball simultaneously with any Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) rep, elite, dedicated select team or non-OBA teams. Players may not be on more than one roster, except high school baseball teams, SSMBA 18U players rostered to a North Dufferin Baseball League (NDBL) team, or as may be required for call-ups in accordance with 3.e. Any player found in violation is subject to suspension and the member centre will be fined.

f. Any Player, Coach, Team and/or Member Centre violating the Eligibility rules will be banned from participating in any SSMBA game, tournament, or playoffs and subject to Disciplinary Committee review.

G. Finances

The SSMBA Finances will be directed and controlled by the Treasurer. All financial claims must be in the hands of the SSMBA Treasurer within thirty (30) days of the time of occurrence.

- a) SSMBA Entry: Entry Fees will be assessed each year by the Association at the fall meeting. Cheques shall be made payable to "SOUTH SIMCOE MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION" and submitted to the Treasurer at the time of registration.

- b) Bond Fund: Each member centre participating in SSMBA play will be required to submit a Bond Fee above their registration fee. This Bond fee will be used to pay any fines that are levied against the local centre.
 - i. The bond fund will be kept separate from the SSMBA Operating Capital accounts.
 - ii. The Bond Fund will be managed by the 1st Vice President, who will access fines and track member centres current bond status.
 - iii. If any fines have been levied against a member centre during the current year, the centres' bond account must be brought back up to Bond Fee prior to the SSMBA AGM.
 - iv. iv. If a member centres Bond Account reaches \$0 during the current year, the 1st Vice President will notify the centre in writing and the centres bond account must be brought back up to the Bond Fee, within 14 days.
 - v. Failure to bring the Bund Fund back to 100% within the timeline will result in the Member Centre being suspended from SSMBA sanctioned events until such time that the Bund Fund is at 100%.
 - vi. If the bond has not been used at the end of the season, it will be held by SSMBA for another year. Upon request, the Bond Fee can be refunded at the discretion of the Executive.

- c) Fines: The SSMBA Executive will establish, and review yearly, the established Bond Fee and Fine(s) rates that may be levied against Member Centres. The 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents will be responsible for authorizing all fines and/or referring fines to either the Disciplinary or the
- d) Protest committee for adjudication and/or review. All fines will automatically be removed from the offending Member Centre's bond account.

- e) SSMBA Executive will establish, and review yearly, the established Bond Fee and Fine(s) rates that may be levied against member Centres. The 1st Vice President will be responsible to authorize all fines and/or refer fines to the Disciplinary committee for adjudication and/or review. All fines will automatically be removed from the offending Centres bond account.

H. Penalties

1. Meeting Attendance by a representative of all SSMBA member centres is mandatory at the Annual General Meeting, centre not in attendance will be assessed a fine. Local centres not in attendance at SSMBA Regular meetings without prior notification to an Executive member will be assessed a fine.

2. Tournament Attendance – Any team providing written notice to their division Convenor of not attending an SSMBA Tournament with greater than 14 days' notice is not subject to tournament withdrawal fine.
 - i. Notice to withdraw from the tournament with 8-14 days' notice is fined.

ii. Notification to withdraw with 7 days' notice or less is a fine for each game scheduled.

3. Forfeits – Any team that forfeits (fails to show up) a scheduled game will be subject to a fine for each game forfeited. The first and subsequent offenses in a season will have a different rate. A portion of each fine will be returned to an aggrieved centre (the visiting team forfeits) to help cover the cost of the umpires and diamonds. All forfeits and/or failure to cancel games in a timely manner MUST be reported to the Division Convenor within 48 hours of the scheduled game (and referred to the 2nd Vice President) so that no fine will be levied.

4. Declaring Not Enough Players – Teams where the Head Coach/Manager declare they must reschedule games after June 1st due to “not enough players” to play a game while its centre has another like division team or a team below that division, may be charged a fine.

5. Umpire No Shows – if a game is played with only one umpire (except 8U games which only require one umpire) the home team will be fined. If no umpires are available, the game is a forfeit (see above fine)

6. Unlined Diamonds – Games played on diamonds that are not lined will be declared a forfeit and not considered a sanctioned SSMBA game.

7. Appeal Fees – All SSMBA appeals must be accompanied by the applicable Appeal Fee. The Appeal fee rates will be reviewed and set yearly by the SSMBA Executive Council:

- Game Protests: \$50

I. Bond Fund & Fine Rates

1) BOND FEE	\$200
2) AGM Non-Attendance	\$100
3) Regular Meeting attendance	\$50
4) Tournament Withdrawal	\$50
5) 1st Forfeited games	\$50
6) 2 nd Forfeited game	\$100
7) 3 rd Forfeited game	\$200
8) Subsequent forfeited game = suspension	
9) Forfeiture Credit (aggrieved centre)	\$100
10) 1 st Short Notice Rescheduling (less than 24hrs)	\$50
(If rescheduling is due to lack of players; however, if unable to draw across or pull up players, there will be no fine)	
11) Additional Short notice rescheduling (less than 24hrs)	\$100
12) Single Umpire Games	\$100
13) Unqualified Umpire	\$250 plus forfeit fine
14) Failure to meet final roster deadline	\$10
15) Umpire Roster not submitted to SSMBA UIC by May 10.	\$25

(Umpires cannot umpire SSMBA games until roster submitted)

J. Umpire Rates

(for league sponsored and neutral umpire games)

- 8U/9U \$40
- 11U \$45
- 13U \$50
- 15U \$55
- 18U \$60
- Travel (per KM) \$0.52

K. Insurance

- 1) All teams and all Associations must have liability insurance (via OBA). This insurance must be purchased before the teams and the Associations begin the new Baseball season annually. Proof of Insurance must be provided to the SSMBA upon demand.
- 2) All teams must insure a minimum of 9 players and 1 coach for each team registered in SSMBA League play
- 3) All team members (players & coaches) must be covered by a current insurance policy prior to playing any SSMBA sanctioned games. Failure to provide insurance for every member of the team may result in the entire team being suspended until all team members are covered by a current insurance policy.

L. Meeting Attendance

1. Any elected, appointed and/or member centre representative who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the executive are satisfactory, shall have automatically tendered his/her resignation. After two (2) consecutive meetings missed, this detail shall be brought to his/her attention by a letter from the Secretary. If the member was a representative from an affiliated Association, that Association shall be requested to appoint a replacement and must notify the Association Secretary within three weeks. Should a third consecutive missed meeting occur, the Executive may appoint a replacement and/or remove a member Centre's "Good Standing" status pending an Executive review.

M. Order of Business

1. Offensive Language or behavior will not be tolerated at any SSMBA meeting. The chair may issue a warning, request retraction or an apology for offensive actions and/or dismiss a member from any SSMBA Meeting. The following will be the “Order of Business” for SSMBA Executive Meetings:

a) Annual General Meeting

- a. President's Address
- b. Treasurer's report
- c. Auditor's Report (If required)
- d. Executive Members Reports
- e. Constitutional Amendments
 - i. Articles of Association (Discussion/Vote)
 - ii. By-Laws: (Introduction/Discussion)
 - iii. Regulations/Rules (Introduction)
- f. General Business
- g. Election of Executive Officers
- h. Adjournment

b) Regular Meetings

- i. President's Address
- ii. Executive Reports
- iii. Committee Reports (as required)
- iv. Constitutional Amendments (as required)
 1. By-Laws: (Discussion/Vote)
 2. Regulations/Rules (Introduction/Discussion/Vote)
 3. Resolutions (Introduction/Discussion/Vote)
- v. Old Business
- vi. New Business
- vii. Centre Representatives
- viii. Future Agenda Requests
- ix. Adjournment

c) Special Meetings

- i. President's Address
- ii. Business at Hand
- iii. Adjournment

N. Rules of Order

1. The following are the regulations for running and conducting SSMBA Meetings. Business shall be the business shall be disposed of in the following order:
 - a) No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded and said motion shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the chairperson.

- b) No delegates shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.
- c) A delegate desiring to speak or submit a Motion shall respectfully address the chair, and shall confine his/her remarks to the question and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.
- d) No amendment to a Motion shall be in order after an Amendment to the Amendment
- e) When a motion is under debate, no other Motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table, or amend and these Motions shall take precedence in the order named.
- f) An amendment which entirely changes the subject to the original Motion shall not be entertained as an Amendment or substituted for the Motion under debate.
- g) After the Chair has stated the Motion it becomes the property of the Association but may be withdrawn at any time previous to amendment, unless objected to by a delegate.
- h) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the Chair to a Vote.

Procedures for a vote are:

- 1) The chair can first request consensus by asking "Is there any opposition to the Motion", If opposed,
- 2) The chair will ask for a vote by "Show of Hands" is taken by each delegate holding up his/her hand. The chair shall declare the vote on all questions. Should his/her declaration be disputed,
- 3) The Chair may require the delegates voting "Yea" and "Nay" to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative is counted by him/her.
- 4) Any voting member may call for a Recorded Vote, in which case the results of the vote (by delegate) will be entered into the record.

O. Tournament Hosts

- 1. Each year any Association desirous of hosting a SSMBA Sponsored, Invitational or Playoff tournament must indicate their intentions with dates to the SSMBA Executive no later than February 28 of that year. Each Divisional Convenors' Member Centre, will be given first right (and choice of type, if applicable) to host SSMBA tournaments. The three main SSMBA tournaments are:
 - a) SSMBA Tournaments: Tournament Host centres for South Simcoe tournaments are responsible for the Playing Fields, Umpires, and Volunteers to act as Protest Committee along with the Convenor of that division. The SSMBA will provide the Tournament Host, the umpire fees and awards as agreed upon by the SSMBA Executive at the final spring meeting. If a particular division is without a host for the South Simcoe Tournament, then that division will not have a tournament that season.
 - b) INVITATIONAL Tournaments: the Association will not be involved in or be responsible for any occurrence or injury at invitational tournaments in any form. Dates are to be provided to the Association for scheduling purposes only.
 - c) PLAYOFF Tournaments: Tournament Host centres for SSMBA tournaments are responsible for the Playing Fields, Umpires, Umpire Fees and Volunteers to act as protest committee

along with the Convenor of that division. The SSMBA will only provide the year end awards as agreed upon by the SSMBA Executive at the final spring meeting. Playoff Tournament Hosts can charge an “entry” fee appropriate to cover costs for field rentals and umpire’s fees incurred to run the tournament.

- d) PRESENTATIONS: The Convenor and an SSMBA Executive member are to be present at all Tournament Finals to present trophies and awards.

P. Umpires

The following are the league Guidelines for SSMBA Umpires:

1. Certification: All Umpires must be certified & current by the Ontario Baseball Association.
2. Further Training: SSMBA will run further umpire training clinics for Umpires at the discretion of the SSMBA Umpire-In-Charge.
3. Exemptions: Exemptions from the above guidelines and/or recognition of outside organization qualifications can be submitted, in writing, to the SSMBA Umpire-in-Chief and will be addressed on an individual case-by-case basis.
4. Certification: Umpires can only be certified up to one (1) age group below their age.
5. Dress Standard:The SSMBA adheres to the OBA umpire dress code
6. Umpire Fees: The SSMBA will pay no umpires for Regular season, Invitational Tournaments and/or Playoff games, no matter what format the playoffs take. In series format, the home team will cover both umpire fees. Any deciding games will be split between the home and away clubs. The home club will cover the travel costs of the umpire.
7. Umpire Scheduling: The SSMBA UIC shall schedule year end playoff-tournament umpires unless agreed otherwise by the Executive Council.

Q. Coaching Qualifications

All teams 8U to 18U must have at least one certified coach on the roster (NCCP# must be provided) with the following requirements:

8U and above - NCCP Coach Initiation in Sport and Fundamentals E-Learning (2 part online module)

Note: Coaches are encouraged to extend their learning by taking the NCCP Initiation Coach Clinic (in person or online) after the 2-part module has been completed. Unless coaching courses are amended by Baseball Canada.

To ensure proper insurance coverage, all SSMBA head coaches and assistant coaches in all divisions must comply with all relevant policies including volunteer screening, concussion awareness, Safe Sport, and any other requirements from Baseball Ontario.

R. Select Baseball

SSMBA will be a member of Select Baseball Ontario for the purpose of allowing teams from one or more SSMBA member associations to form houseleague Select teams as defined by Baseball Ontario.