

## **PLAYING REGULATION – GHAC BASEBALL**

- 1. AGES:** All competitors must meet the current OFSAA age requirements as per the OFSAA Age Classification Policy.
- 2. EVENTS:** There will be a competition for a GHAC Varsity Boys Champion in accordance with the GHAC Competitive Structure, Appendix II.
- 3. Eligibility:** All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per the Article XI, Section I of the GHAC Constitution. No competitor is eligible for the GHAC Baseball Championship if he has signed with a major league baseball team. Any high school team that includes said player on their eligibility sheet will forfeit all games in which the player(s) name appears on the game sheet.
- 4. Entries:** As per the GHAC competitive structure, Appendix II of the GHAC Constitution.
- 5. Rule Book:** The official Baseball Rule Book will apply unless noted below in the “general rules” section.
- 6. Officials:** Officials will be provided by the host convenor of the highest caliber possible. All GHAC Championships shall be officiated by two-person teams of umpires.
- 7. Uniforms:** 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.  
  
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.
- 8. Starting Time:** To be determined in conjunction with the schools competing by the host convenor.

## **9. General Regulations:**

- All games will be seven (7) innings except when a team is leading by 10 or more runs after five (5) innings or four and a half (4 ½ ) innings if the home team is ahead. Then the mercy rule will apply and the game is ended.
- 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.)
- With two outs, and the catcher on base, the last player making an out shall be substituted for the catcher
- Any individual ejected from a game shall be automatically ineligible to participate in his team's next game; subject to review by the Competition Committee.
- Only solid wood or composite bats will be allowed.
- 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.
- Pitchers may not pitch more than 12 outs on a single game. Outs must be consecutive.

**10 .Awards:** A GHAC Plaque will be awarded to the Champion of GHAC in each GHAC Championship game