

OAA BASEBALL BYLAWS (DRAFT 2017-2018)

1. All NFHS and MHSAA rules will be followed.
2. OAA Baseball Division Play, within the Red, Blue and White, will consist of a doubleheader on Monday followed by a single game on Wednesday (opposite site). The Gold Division will play a doubleheader on Monday, followed by a single game on Thursday. All Division games must be completed before the MHSAA tournament pre-district play begins. Any differentiation from this format must be agreed upon by both participating schools and Athletic Directors.
3. Start times for Doubleheaders will be 4:00pm, single games 4:30pm unless agreed upon by Head Coaches and Athletic Directors
4. The host team is to be the home team for both games of a double header.
5. Any League game/s not completed will be considered a loss in League Standings for both participating teams. A forfeit must be agreed upon by both Coaches and Athletic Directors in writing (email) sent to the Athletic Director overseeing Baseball. A forfeit will result in a loss for the team choosing to forfeit and a win for the opponent. Forfeits are highly discouraged.
6. For OAA Division Standing purposes, the following point system will be used:

RESULT	POINT/S
Win	2
Loss	0

7. When the first game of a League Double header is completed, but the second game is incomplete, it should be completed on the next day of competition (typical format: Wednesday) from the start of suspension, and not started again from the first inning. If a game is rained out, the next date is automatically the make-up date at the original home site. If on the next date the home varsity site is unplayable but the away site is playable, the original away site will be used, keeping the original home team in all other respects. (i.e. batting last, paying for umpires, etc.)
8. A regulation game consists of 7 innings, unless extended because of a tie score. All league games must be completed the full 7 innings (voted 14-2, OAA Coaches Meeting Summer 2017).

9. Scorebooks should be carefully compared at the end of each game before leaving the field. The home book is official.

10. MHSAA Pitch count rules must be followed, including reporting the counts as follows:

The base coach that is moving to their position in front of the opposing team's bench/dugout will inform the opposing coach of the number of pitches thrown in the previous half inning. This method will be used in assuring that both teams are on the "same page" in terms of the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher. If the counts differ, the team who is tracking their pitcher will be considered the official count. Umpires will not become involved in any pitch count dispute between the two teams/coaches other than to facilitate the conversation.

11. Baseball will follow the 10-run mercy rule after 5 innings of play, 15 runs after 3 innings.

12. Any lower level games, F, JVB, or JV will carry a 2:15 time limit (voted 10-6, OAA Coaches Meeting Summer 2017). Therefore, no inning will begin after 2:15. This includes both single and doubleheader games.

14. Base line coaches must be in uniform.

15. Junior varsity baseball uses the same schedule as varsity at the opposite site as varsity games. Any differentiation from this format must be agreed upon by both participating schools and Athletic Directors

16. Pre-game Warm-Up Schedule

Home team infield practice:	10 minutes total	(begin 25 minutes before game time)
Visiting team infield practice:	10 minutes total	(begin 15 minutes before game time)
Ground rules with umpires:	5 minutes before game time.	

18. The Athletic Director overseeing Baseball will arrange a post season meeting of all head coaches to select the All OAA Players. That AD or his/her appointee will be in attendance. Other items discussed at this meeting will include Division Alignment, By-Law Updates, etc. Wednesday after Districts

19. All OAA League selections for baseball will be as follows:

Base Format (Based on finish within Division)

PLACE	ALL- LEAGUE PLAYERS/MEDALS
1 st	6
2 nd	4
3 rd	3
4 th	2
5 th	1
6 th	1

** Can do up to 19 medals?

Ties will not be broken. Therefore, if we have a tie for 1st place, both teams will be awarded the 1st place medal allotment and the next place (in this case, second place) will be eliminated. If there are only 5 teams in a division, only the 1st-5th place medals will be awarded.

OAA Baseball By-Laws

Motion: Clarkston

Second: Stoney Creek

By-Laws were supported 16-0 (OAA Coaches Meeting, Summer 2017)