

Rep Rules

COACHES

Guelph Minor Baseball Association has adopted the screening procedures of the Guelph Sports Advisory Council. All Head and assistant coaches **may** be screened every two years. The following is an excerpt from this policy and if you wish to read the policy in full, then please feel free to view it on their website. www.sacguelph.com.

Police Record Checks

For certain positions within minor sport associations, for both volunteer and paid personnel, a Police Record Check will be required as an important but not exclusive element of the screening process.

In general, individuals with past Criminal Code convictions, ten years old or more recent, or charges pending for certain offences, will not be accepted for a direct service position with vulnerable clients. These offences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Physical assault
- Sexual assault
- Invitation to sexual touching
- Sexual interference
- Indictable criminal offences for youth abuse
- Any weapons offence
- Conviction under controlled drugs and substance act (previously known as Narcotic Controlled Act)
- Any Court Order forbidding the individual to have contact with children under the age of 14
- Convictions or charges pending for any violent offence
- Convictions or charges pending for criminal driving offences, including but not limited to impaired driving
- Criminal harassment

Applicants may also be rejected as a result of other information gained during the police record check process or through the screening process as a whole, or as a consequence of other factors which are directly relevant to the requirements of the position, and to the ability of the applicant to carry out his/her duties in an effective, safe manner.

The applicant has the right to know why he or she is being refused, and may appeal to an appeal panel in writing for a review of their record.

1. TIER 1 & TIER 2/ HOUSE LEAGUE RELATIONSHIPS

1.1 Each TIER 1/TIER 2 Coach must submit the team list to Rep Committee. All players not on the final team list will be considered House League players. **Extensions for roster submissions must be requested to the Rep Committee in writing.**

1.2 House League “Alternate” players signed to TIER 1/TIER 2 OBA rosters are to be given permission to play TIER 1/TIER 2 when there is no House League game conflict. Also when the TIER 1/TIER 2 team is in danger of forfeiting due to too few players and the House League team in question would not be in the same situation. House League conveners must be informed of “Alternates” from the Tier 1 and Tier 2 coaches and must be notified of all players called up.

1.3 Players on active TIER 1/TIER 2 rosters shall not be allowed to play for any House League team. *Penalty: Player(s) and Coach(es) may be subject to suspension up to one year. Matter to be sent to Rep Committee. House league team forfeits the game(s).*

1.4 The last day for a player to move from House League to TIER 1/TIER 2 is the date which OBA sets for Final Rosters. If a player resigns from playing baseball for the remainder of the season, TIER 1/TIER 2 is not obligated to add a player.

1.5 Exceptions to Rule 1 must be dealt with a meeting of the GMBA Board of Directors.

2. GENERAL RULES

- 2.1 The goal of the Tier 1/Tier 2 baseball is to provide a more competitive program for the youth of Guelph that emphasizes athletic skills, good sportsmanship, and the enjoyment of team play, where winning has a larger emphasis but where winning should not be considered as the primary goal. Tier 2 baseball, while a competitive level of baseball itself should be considered as a developmental level for Tier 1.
- 2.2 All players used in GMBA Tier 1/Tier 2 games must be a member of GMBA in good standing.
- 2.3 All Tier 1/Tier 2 GMBA registration fees must be paid in full prior to the start of indoor workouts. Penalty; player **cannot practice and cannot play in any games** until all **GMBA registration** fees are paid in full.
- 2.4 All Tier 1/Tier 2 players and coaches must be dressed in GMBA approved Tier 1/Tier 2 uniforms. These uniforms, which have been approved by the Board in both style and colour, are purchased from the League's Equipment Manager. The items which are regulated by the GMBA Equipment Manager are: socks, pants, belts, undershirts, jerseys **and** hats. **All other apparel may be purchased directly by the teams as long as the items in question are either Royal Blue or White in color and use the approved GMBA Gothic G for cresting.**
- 2.5 Tier 1/Tier 2 Teams may call up players from younger divisions as per OBA and ICBA rules pertaining to call-ups. The player's current team coach must approve any call-up. NOTE; Any coach that calls up a player without the permissions of the player's designated team coach and house league convener shall receive the appropriate disciplinary actions (see section 18.3 – Tier 1/Tier 2 disciplinary actions)
- 2.6 Playing rules are in accordance with OBA and ICBA Constitutions and Approved Playing Rules.
- 2.7 GMBA shall attempt to field as a minimum one Tier 1 and one Tier 2 Team at each division offered by the ICBA. Any changes to the number of teams fielded must meet with GMBA Board approval.
- 2.8 A player signed to a Tier 1 roster by a Tier 1 team will play for that Tier 1 team or must return to House League for one (1) year. They will not be allowed to be signed to an affiliate card at either Tier 1 or Tier 2 level for the same one (1) year. Penalty; Player and Coaches may be subject to suspension up to one year. Matter to be sent to the Rep Committee.
- 2.9 Roster Changes: Any additions/deletions to a team's roster (**including AP players**) must be dealt with as follows;
- 1) Additions (Players from Try-Out Roster)
 - GMBA Rep Chair notified
 - 2) Additions (Players not attending Tryouts)
 - GMBA Board must approve addition
 - The President and Rep Chair may approve addition to rosters pending Board approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - 3) Deletions (Player's Request)
 - Rep Chair shall be notified.
 - 4) Deletions (Team/Coach Request)

- a) Coach meets with parent and player to discuss resolution of issue(s)
- b) Parent/Player/Coach to meet with GMBA Executive or Rep Committee to discuss issue(s)
- c) Coach to apply to Board for approval of Release.

5) All roster changes MUST be handled by and through the Rep Committee Chairperson. NO teams are allowed to submit roster changes to ICBA or OBA directly.

2.10 Players (and or parents/guardians) granted a release after April 30th from a Tier 1 or Tier 2 roster may go down and play House League, but they CANNOT play Select for the remainder of that season. They may play Select the following season if they are still in the HL program.

2.11 Players (and or parents/guardians) granted a release from a Tier 1 or Tier 2 roster will not be entitled to any refunds after April 1 (the Women's team shall have until May 15). Any team funds (as determined by the team/coach) or GMBA funds still owing shall be paid. Failure to do so will result in the player/family not being in good standing with GMBA.

2.12 Suspensions: Rep coaches have the right to suspend a player(s) for no more than (3) games in total for the entire season. The suspension(s) may be any combination that add up to (3) games but no more than (3) games in total. Any suspensions beyond the original (3) in total (for the season) must be approved by the Rep Committee. Coaches must notify the Rep Committee of all player suspensions.

2.13 Players suspended by their team are not eligible to play for any other GMBA team during the duration of their suspension.

2.14 Teams/coaches are encouraged to distribute written team rules and philosophies to their players, but coaches CANNOT force players or their families to sign any form of contract directly or indirectly tied to the team rules.

2.15 In the spirit of good sportsmanship and respect for the regular roster players, affiliated players should be called up only to replace an absent or injured player.

2.16 Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to have the following Minimum Levels through the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP). All Head Coaches shall be certified Level One and have Level 2 Technical. All Assistant Coaches shall have completed the Initiation Program on-line, plus the on-field Clinic. All coaches including assistant coaches are encouraged to complete the NCCP Level 2 Program.

If a coach does not have his/her required level, they must at least be enrolled for the course in the appropriate level for the division they will be coaching for that year. Should the coach drop the course he/she will be removed from coaching the team and a new head coach or assistant coach will be assigned to the team.

A copy of the coach's NCCP passport showing all accreditation must be given to the **Rep Committee** Chairperson.

OBA Elimination Tournaments – Rule P6-1 (J)

All Coaches and/or Managers must be certified NCCP Level 2 in technical and at least Level 1 in theory and practical and be able to produce their NCCP Passport Number in order to participate in an OBA Elimination Tournament or Game(s).

2.17 Administrative

Head coaches must submit administrative documents such as budgets and rosters, by the date or time frame as requested by the Rep Chair.

Sponsorship patches or crests must not be worn on the uniform vest or pants.

3. TIER 1/TIER 2 TRYOUT RULES

Each coach and player attending a tryout MUST receive a copy of this rule at their first attended tryout.

- 3.1 “All players must attend at least one, but preferably all, Tier 1 tryouts in order to be eligible for a Rep Team. The only exception is the son or daughter of the Tier 2 head coach. “
- 3.2 All players before entering the practice field must sign the GMBA provided try-out attendance sheet, thus declaring themselves for Tier 1. The Tier 1 coach will conduct the first weekend of Tier 1 try-outs. Day three of try-outs, all players shall attend and sign-in. **Either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 coach can** conduct the try-outs, (with the assistance of the **other** coach if necessary.) Only players who attend **at least one day of the** fall try-outs may be selected, subject to Rule 2.9. The GMBA supplied Tryout Attendance List must be submitted to Rep Committee Chair and a copy to be kept on file at the GMBA office. After the Roster has been submitted to GMBA, any roster Additions or Deletions shall be dealt with as per Rule 2.9.
- 3.3 The Tier 1 coach can approach any player in the presence of the player’s parent or guardian in order to discuss which level they are trying out for. Should a Tier 1 Team not select a player, this player will automatically be eligible for the Tier 2 selection.
- 3.4 Tier 1 selections must be made immediately after the third try-out date for all teams. Tier 1 teams from Major Bantam and up can apply to the Rep Committee, for an extension of tryouts or of the date to set a final Roster.
- 3.5 Tier 2 selections can be made any time after the fourth day of try-outs.**
- 3.6 Rosters for all teams are due into either the GMBA office or the Rep Chair no later than (7) days after the final respective (Tier 1 & Tier 2) try-out.**
- 3.7 Only GMBA scheduled/approved Tryouts are permitted
- 3.8 Residency---Coaches must ensure that before participating in any Try-outs all Players must meet the following criteria:

Resident : Players that either

- a) reside in the City of Guelph, or
- b) are currently carded with a GMBA Rep Team on their OBA Roster.

-- these Players require no Releases.

When residency is in doubt new players who have not played rep before and claim to be a Guelph resident must provide proof of residency such as a tax bill (which will define if you are a city resident or a township resident) before stepping on field for tryouts.

Regional : Players that reside in the South of the County of Wellington (the Townships of Puslinch, Guelph, Eramosa, Centre-Wellington, and Erin).

- these Players require a Release or ‘Permission to Try-out’ from every Local and Affiliate Association from their place of residency to Guelph before stepping foot on the diamond, or participating in anyway in Try-outs.
- These Players are treated equally to Resident Players when it comes to selecting your Team.
- If the Players place of Residence fields no OBA Team at the Players age Division, then no Release is necessary for that Player to attend GMBA Try-outs.

Import : Players that reside outside of the Boundaries defining Residents or Regional’s.

- these Players require a Release or ‘Permission to Practice’ from every Local and Affiliate Association from their place of residency to Guelph before stepping on the diamond, or participating in Try-outs in anyway.
- These Players can only be selected for a GMBA Team if there are not enough Resident or Import Players (regardless of ability) attending Try-outs to complete a Roster(in other words---you can not select a Import Player over a Resident or Regional Player).
- In order to select an Import Player, a Team is also required to get GMBA Board approval for the selection.

Non-OBA(‘Elite’ or ‘Alternate’) Programs

Any Player who has signed a Roster with a non-OBA program (not including a High School, College, or University Program), shall not be eligible to be signed to a GMBA Rep Team Roster. If the player wishes to sign with a GMBA Rep Team he must first get a Release from his Non-OBA Team.

Also, as per OBA Rules, any Player getting a Release from a Non-OBA Team, is only eligible to sign with the OBA Team in which territory he Resides, or currently holds his OBA playing rights.

Any exceptions to these Rules must be approved by the GMBA Rep Committee.

4. TIER 1/TIER 2 Disciplinary Actions

The following is the Disciplinary Actions that will be given to all REP Coaches for the rules that are not strictly adhered to. These penalties are cumulative lifetime.

- 1st Offense: Automatic two- (2) game suspension. (Possible disciplinary hearing with REP Committee or Grievance Committee)
- 2nd Offense: Automatic three- (3) game suspension with disciplinary hearing by either REP or Grievance

Committee.

3rd Offense: Automatic Suspension pending Grievance Committee Hearing with full details provided by REP Committee. A record of all offenses committed by a coach will be kept in their history record and will carry on for the duration of their coaching career. These offenses will also be made available for further review by the Coaches Selection Committee.