

# **TDCAA SOFTBALL Booklet 2021**

## **BOYS SOFTBALL**

### **PART A: SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE)**

All coaches must review and follow the most recent copy of the [OPASSE GUIDELINES](#) for the sport they are coaching (under Secondary, Interschool)

Please take special note of the following requirements associated with:

Risk Management

First Aid

Special Rules/Instructions

Supervision

Coaches Expectations & Qualifications (for further information on sport specific NCCP training, visit [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca) )

Excursion/Permission Forms: [TCDSB](#) [OPHEA SAMPLE](#)

#### **Concussion Awareness and Safety**

In accordance with Policy/Program Memorandum No. 158, the TDCAA will follow and support the mandates of Rowan's Law. The following must occur annually, at the commencement of the athletic season:

- a) coaches must complete the on-line [TDCAA Coaches Concussion Code of Conduct](#)
- b) coaches will have student athletes review and follow a Concussion Code of Conduct:
  - [TCDSB Student Code of Conduct](#) (in section 8)
  - [OPHEA's Sample Code of Conduct](#)
- c) coaches will provide Ontario Concussion Awareness Resources to student athletes and parents: [Concussion Guides for Athletes and Parents](#)

In the event of a suspected concussion convenors, coaches, and student athletes must follow an established Return to Play Protocol.

Note: TCDSB has established [Concussion Return to Play Protocols](#) for its students and coaches to follow. Non TCDSB participants should reference their Board's or [OPHEA's Concussion Protocols](#)

Coaches may find it useful to have a recognized [Sport Concussion Recognition Tool](#) with them for practices and competition.

## **Supervision – Visiting Teams**

Each school along with the coach should be aware of the local policy in each school regarding visitors.

In situations where teams are specifically bringing fans (fan bus) appropriate supervision from all participating schools that does not include the team coach(es) must be provided. Communication with school administration of participating schools is prudent in these situations.

## **PART B: FROM TDCAA CONSTITUTION**

TDCAA Boys Softball is an official TDCAA activity. Softball follows OPHEA/OPASSE, OFSAA, and the Ontario Softball Rules.

### **REGISTRATION**

Schools must register for Boys Softball at the designated time. A school may withdraw its team before distribution of the final schedule. The school will be charged only the \$ 25.00 registration fee.

A school who withdraws its team after the schedule has been distributed will assume the following actions:

- automatic \$100 fine
- automatically ineligible for competition in boys softball the following year. (This can be appealed to the TDCAA executive.)

## **ELIGIBILITY/TRANSFERS**

Eligible athletes must satisfy the By-Laws and Standing Rules as per the TDCAA Constitution.

- All eligibility be completed electronically through Athletic Eligibility List System (AELS) which is coordinated through the OFSAA office. Athletic Directors have the code for their schools to access AELS.
- Eligibility must be completed before the first league game. (It is recommended that registration be completed before first practice ). In a single day meet or tournament format , eligibility must be filed at least three days prior to the meet or tournament.
- Athletes as well as coaches must be included on the AELS site.
- Approved transfers are included on the eligibility form. Athletes who have not been approved must not be included until the athlete has been approved.
- All students who transfer into your school (excluding Grade 9-first year of high school) are ineligible for competition for a period of twelve months from the date of transfer. To become eligible, transfer students must complete the “TRANSFER APPEAL FORM” and forward to the TDCAA Transfer Chairperson ( Lorraine Kelly – Senator O’Connor or Tavia Ferreira – St. John Paul II ). An athlete awaiting Transfer Appeal decision is ineligible to play in any games (league or exhibition or tournament). This athlete may practice with the team until the transfer has been approved and the athletic director has been notified.
- An student who transfers into your school in second semester is ineligible to compete in winter sports ( Alpine Skiing; Snowboarding; Swimming; Jr & Sr. Girls’ Volleyball, Boys’ & Girls’ Hockey, and Jr. & Sr. Boys’ Basketball even if their transfer is approved
- An athlete whose transfer is denied has the right to appeal the decision to the TDCAA Transfer Appeal Board.

## **ELIGIBILITY/AGE**

- Open
- Eligibility for the TDCAA and OFSAA is based on the athlete’s year of birth . An athlete is eligible to compete in high school sports for five years from the time they entered grade nine and were born in 2000 or later. Athletes must meet both requirements.

There is no appeal to this rule.

Please link to TDCAA website for dates for each new school year.

## **ELIGIBILITY / ACADEMICS**

An athlete must be a bona fide student at their school.

### **Students With Less Than 22 Credits:**

-non-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of six (6) full day school credit courses.

-semester schools– must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day credit courses in the semester that Field Hockey takes place (Fall).

### **Students With More Than 22 Credits:**

-non-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of four (4) full day school credit courses

-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of two (2) full day credit courses in the semester that field hockey takes place (Fall).

## **LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

- A) **START TIME** All games shall begin no earlier than 3:30 unless agreed upon by the Principals of the participating schools. All double headers must start no later than 3:30 or earlier if all participating schools are in agreement.
- B) **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES** - Junior – 16
- C) **AWARDS** – In sports where there is less than six teams , only gold medals will be presented.
- D) **DEFAULTED GAME** – If a team defaults a regular season game , they will not be eligible for playoffs . A school may appeal the decision to the TDCAA Executive provided there were extenuating circumstances.
- E) **CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES** – If the TCDSB cancels buses for weather conditions, all scheduled games are automatically cancelled

**PART C: SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

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**BOYS SOFTBALL**

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## *CODE OF BEHAVIOR*

We believe that it is the duty of everyone concerned with school athletics to:

1. Stress the values derived from fair play.
2. Show respect for the integrity and judgment of the officials.
3. Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, moral, mental, social and emotional well-being of the individual participants.
4. Become familiar with the rules of the game and the school's standards for eligibility.
5. View the athletic contest in perspective, as a game rather than a "do or die" effort.
6. Downplay those contingencies which tend to lessen the highest values of the game.

7. Stress the highest ideals of ethical conduct, sportsmanship and fair play.
8. Show courtesy and respect of the officials and opponents.
9. Encourage the development of leadership, initiative and good judgment in all team members.
10. Establish good relationships with the visiting teams.

## BY –LAW VI – UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Section A – If a player or coach is ejected from a competition the coach must notify the convener of the sport and Brian Riddell within the day.

The incident will be reviewed and a report will be sent to the President and to Sports Court.

### *Section B*

- (i) Reports of alleged “unfair play” conduct while acting as a coach will be reviewed and acted upon by the Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Executive Committee may request that a coach be suspended by his/her principal.

### *ELIGIBILITY/TRANSFERS*

All players must meet the TDCAA eligibility codes regarding age, the 5 year eligibility rule and the TDCAA & OFSAA transfer policies. Your Athletic Director can assist you with any of these issues.

The use of ineligible player will result in the forfeit of those games and possible further action by the Executive.

### EQUIPMENT AND CONCERNS

1. All batters and base runners must wear a helmet with protective ear flaps.
2. Catchers must wear masks with throat guards, chest protectors and shin guards at all times.
3. Molded rubber or plastic softball cleats are permitted. Football or soccer cleats are also allowed. NO METAL SPIKES!!! All players must have team uniform shirts, pants and hats that match and have the school colours/name on them.
4. The safety base must be used at first base.
5. As discussed at the coaches meeting, we are using the Worth Blue Dot or the Worth Grey dot ball. (Home team provides new ball and visiting team provides a second new ball).

### *UMPIRES*

- All games will be assigned an official carded umpire
- If the umpire does not show up then the game must be rescheduled
- If there is a forfeit the forfeiting team pays the umpire fees.

*RAINOUTS*

Please try to play all games on the scheduled dates. We do play games in the rain. If there is a concern about injuries the umpires will make that decision during the game. If the field is unplayable please notify the visiting team, schedule a mutual date for the new game and notify the convener immediately (before 11:00 am) so that he can notify the umpires. The convener will arrange for the umpires. We do not have many open days to reschedule rained out games and all games must be played by FRIDAY May 25, 2018.

*TIMELINES*

- Games start at 3:00 pm (double headers at 1:00 and 3:00).
- No inning may start after 4:45 pm (1:45 of the 1<sup>st</sup> game of a double header).
- Games are to end no later than 5:15 pm at which point the game is deemed a tie. If both coaches and the umpire agree to play beyond 5:15pm, the game continues with international rules in effect (a base runner is placed on second base).
- Friday games start at 2:00PM

**REPORTING SCORES AND RESULTS**

1. **BOTH TEAMS** are responsible for emailing the convener the final score. Please send final score the evening that the game was played. Email at [rfishbaum@tanenbaumchat.org](mailto:rfishbaum@tanenbaumchat.org) and [rfishbaum@rogers.com](mailto:rfishbaum@rogers.com)
2. **BOTH TEAMS** are responsible for emailing the score to the web site at [scores@tdcaa.org](mailto:scores@tdcaa.org) as well as Peter Morris at [morrisis@sympatico.ca](mailto:morrisis@sympatico.ca) . Please include sport, gender, date of game, sending school and coach name and final score. Failure to file within 24 hours will result in an automatic fine of \$10 the first time, \$20 the second time, \$25 the third time, etc...There will be no appeal to the fines.

3. The league standings will be available on the TDCAA web page at [www.tdcaa.org](http://www.tdcaa.org) .
4. The standings on the web page will be used to determine playoffs so please make sure your scores and standings are accurate on a regular basis. If there is a problem let Joe Selika ([scores@tdcaa.org](mailto:scores@tdcaa.org)) and I know ASAP.

**Please have a copy of the following rules to give to the umpire to review before the game begins:**

## **RULES**

All rules of the Ontario Softball Association are in effect for the league except those that are inconsistent with the following:

1. The bases are to be 65 feet apart.
2. The pitchers rubber is to be 46 feet from home plate.
3. A complete game will be seven innings in length. A game will become official after 4 complete innings.
4. The lineup will consist of 10 players all of whom will be in the batting order.
5. Re-Entry Rule:

Any of the starting players may be removed from the game and re-enter in to the same spot in the order once during a game. Once a substitute is removed

**from the game they can no longer play.**

**6. There is no bunting allowed. The batter must make a full swing at the pitch.**

**7. Base runners:**

- **When a play is over the runners may not advance once the umpire calls 'time'. A runner cannot leave a base until the batter makes contact with the ball, or until the ball crosses the plate. If the runner leaves before the batter makes contact with the ball, the runner is called out for a lead-off. If a lead off occurs and the batter makes contact with the ball, "no-pitch" is called and the runner is called out for a lead-off. Once the ball crosses the plate, a baserunner may come off the base**
- **If the umpire feels that a collision at any base could have been avoided or was done with the intent to dislodge the ball then the runner shall be called out.**
  
- **Since the fields are not always groomed well, there will be a safety line running from home plate to the back stop fence. The base runner must cross this line before the ball arrives at home plate. The catcher must touch home plate, he cannot tag the base runner. Once the base runner crosses the commit line, he cannot go back to third base. This rule has been put in place as a safety measure. This will eliminate the possibility of collisions and the need for sliding at home plate (which is often dangerous due to poor field conditions).**
- **Base stealing. After the ball crosses the plate, a base runner can steal second or third base. Home plate cannot be stolen. If the runner is off the base before the ball crosses the plate, the runner will be called out for a lead off.**
- **On an over throw, a baserunner is permitted to run home. If a runner is**

on third and first and a runner is trying to steal second, the runner at third can come home only on an over throw. He cannot steal home unless the ball is thrown into the outfield.

- On a dropped third strike, the batter can take first base, only if it is unoccupied. If a baserunner is on first, the batter is called out on the strike out and he cannot run to first base.
- The batter is to touch the orange part of the safety base at first when there is a play being made on the individual on a ball hit in the infield. If he touches the white part of the base, he will be called out. Conversely, the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman can only touch the white. If he touches the orange, the base runner will be called safe. This call is at the umpires discretion.

8. If a pitcher intends to intentionally walk a batter then he is to tell the umpire and the batter will go to first without any pitches thrown.

#### 9. Pitching:

- The ball is to be released in a “bowling style”.
- The ball must be presented before the windup.
- At no time can the ball go over 6’ in height. If so, no pitch will be called. The batter has the option of swinging if he chooses. If the batter swings, the ball is in play. If the batter does not swing, the pitch is a ball. If a second illegal pitch is thrown, the batter will take his base.
- Pitchers shoulders are to remain parallel to the plate. No Shoulder rotation is permitted.
- The pitcher must begin the motion with two feet on the rubber. The pitcher may step backward then move toward the plate.
- The pitcher must have one foot in contact with the rubber when he releases the ball.
- At no time can the arm or hand make a 360° motion.

**10. Courtesy Runners:**

- Each team is allowed 3 courtesy runners per game. The original player will remain in the lineup and the runner will still be available for use by the coach in the lineup (unless they have already been in the game). A courtesy runner is different than a substitute and a distinction must be made at the time of the change. If no distinction is made then the runner is classified as a substitute.
- The last out will run for the catcher when there are two out in any inning. This is mandatory and is not to be used at the coach's discretion.

**11. Mercy Rule:**

- A team cannot score more than 5 runs per inning. When 5 runs are scored the batting team takes the field. In the last inning of the game a team can score an unlimited number of runs.
- There is no mercy rule with regards to the score after three or four innings. A game will end at curfew, or after seven complete innings. If the game is lopsided, if both coaches agree, a game can end early.
- Coaches can elect to continue a game in order to give their players practice.

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**DIVISIONS:**

<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
<b>Bishop Marrocco/ Thomas Merton</b>		<b>Neil McNeil</b>
<b>CHAT 1</b>		<b>Blessed Mother Teresa</b>
<b>Power</b>		<b>Vanier</b>
<b>McGuigan</b>		<b>NTCS</b>
<b>Francis Libermann</b>		<b>Mary Ward</b>

## FORMAT

Each team will play six games; two double headers against two teams in your division and one additional game against the remaining two remaining teams in your division, (for a total of six games).

## TIE-BREAKERS

If teams have identical records at the end of the regular season, their positions will be determined by the following:

- 1) Head to head record
- 2) Total runs against
- 3) Total runs scored
- 4) Runs against vs other playoff bound teams
- 5) Runs scored versus other playoff bound teams
- 6) Draw out of a hat

## PLAYOFFS

The top eight teams will make the playoffs. In the preliminary round there will be a cross over with Team 1 from the West and East playing team 4 from the other division and Team 2 playing Team 3. The higher ranking team will be the home team.

**Preliminary Playoff games to be played Monday May 28, 2018.**

**Semi-Final playoff games as well as the finals and bronze medal games are to be played Monday June 4, 2018 at Hendon Park.**

In the semi-final games, teams will be ranked 1vs 4, 2vs3. The winning teams will play in the championship game for gold and silver and a consolation game will be played for bronze.

Additional Information:

If a game is protested the convenor should be notified and an email should be sent to Eva Roser at [eva.rosier@tcdsb.ca](mailto:eva.rosier@tcdsb.ca) Eva is at Neman and a fee of \$50.00 will be charged to the team submitting the protest.

If a player or Coach are ejected from a game, the Umpire must write a report on the back of the score sheet. This report must be shared with the convenor right away. The player and coach who were ejected must report to sp