

ISA Meeting
March 2nd, 2025

President: Ruth Risidore, **Secretary:** Teena McKee, **UIC:** Daryl Bell, Lindsay Foulon

Attendance:

Present: **Alma:** Colin Barron, **Arthur:** Jason Hasson, **Chepstow:** Devin Clancy, **Chesley:** Brent Wathke, **Drayton/Moorefield:** Ashley Freeman, Heather Griffin, **Dundalk:** Stephanie Aguilar, **Durham:** Lee Neuman, **Elora:** Jimmy Aberdein, Keith Thompson, **Grand Valley:** Dean Smith, Sean Wright, **Guelph:** Dave Snyder, Peter VanDorp, **Minto:** Robert Rowsell, **Mount Forest:** Rob Bodendistle, **ORSA:** Don McConnell, **Ponsonby:** Joe Harris, Scott Holman, **Puslinch:** Cameron Tuck, **Rockwood:** Andrew MacDougald, Matt Thatcher, **Saugeen Shores:** Marla Barfoot, **Walkerton:** Lisa Wilhelm, Jacquine DiFanzo,

Regrets: Hanover, Kincardine, Markdale, Meaford, Mildmay, Tara, Wingham

Ruth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ruth introduced Guelph. They gave a short talk on why they would like to join ISA. They are an Internal House League. They are looking for Fun and Competitive league for the girls to play in. Guelph would be looking to bring U15 team with possible 2 U13 teams. They play at the York Road diamonds,

The 2 representatives left the room while the centres had a short discussion. There was concerns about the size of these 2 divisions last year. Maybe conveners can split North, South & Central. Vote was had: All In Favour.

Don McConnell from the ORSA gave a discussion about Provincial playdowns, and looking at drumming up some business.

The ORSA have updated their website and online Registration. Coaching certification by May 1st. ORSA has insurance that is cheaper. Dates are posted for Tournaments this summer on the website.

Minutes from September

Accepted by Drayton/Moorefield Seconded by Puslinch

Treasure Report was reviewed

Accepted by Grand Valley Seconded by Durham

UIC Update: Daryl has retired, Lindsay Foulon has accepted the position with Daryl shadowing her and giving her support.

Softball Ontario has now approved the Youth Clinic on May 3rd, 9am to 4pm at Centre Wellington DHS, Scotland St. Fergus. Registration is now open for this clinic.

They have also advised that Level 1 May 10th, 9am to 4pm at Centre Wellington DHS, will be approved and open for registration with the next few days.

Election of Officers: Brandon Owens - Vice President & Teena McKee – Secretary will stay on for another term.

Proposed Rule Changes -

1) Proposed bylaw wordings from submissions: Current Wording is in BLACK, NEW proposals BYLAW OR CHANGES IN GREEN. PURPLE reasoning behind proposed rule change.

BYLAW 1 – Teams and Players

C- Affiliate Players:

Current 1. Teams are allowed to use players from a lower classification and are called Affiliate Players,

Proposed chg: 1. Teams are allowed to use players from a lower (OR SAME) classification (AGE DIVISION) and are called Affiliate Players, Voted **Yes**

Current 5. A centre with 2 or more teams in a division cannot use members of the different teams as affiliated players. A female player, registered to the same centre, can play as an affiliated player on a male team in the same age division or higher. This horizontal movement can only be used if the centre does not have a lower division to draw affiliates from

Proposed chg. 5. A centre with 2 or more teams in a division CAN use members of the different teams as affiliated players. REMOVE THE FOLLOWING: This horizontal movement can only be used if the centre does not have a lower division to draw affiliates from **Voted NO, then voted again YES**

(Reasoning - it can be difficult to find spares, and this provides more options for coaches to find spares and thereby reducing the number of games that must be rescheduled due to a lack of players.)

1 & 5 by Marla Barfoot - Saugeen Shores Minor Baseball Association - VP Girls
Softball Brandon Owens – Kincardine

It was decided after the meeting the ISA executive with all members participating would have another vote on this Rule Change.

It was voted that the rule would stay the same as 2024. Teams are allowed to use players from a lower classification and are called Affiliate Players.

BYLAW 2 – REGULAR SEASON PLAY

Current: I Postponed game rules:

1) No-Show games are defined as those Regular season games where an offending team provides less than 48 hours notice prior to the game time to the offended team. A No-Show game is a forfeited game unless the teams agree to reschedule.

Proposed: No-Show games are defined as those Regular season games where an offending team provides less than Eight (8) hours notice prior to the game time to the offended team. A No-Show game is a forfeited game unless the teams agree to reschedule **Voted YES**

Current: J) I.S.A. mercy rules apply any time after five (5) completed innings, U15 category and down (excluding Three Pitch), shall have a fifteen (15) run difference. U18 category and up shall have a (10) run difference.

Proposed; J) Mercy Rule shall apply when a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 completed innings, or 10 after 5 completed innings. (excludes U7 & U9). **Voted YES**

Proposed by ISA Executive; Reasoning to align with CASA

BYLAW 3 – SPECIAL PLAYING RULES:

A - Pitching shall be as per CASA Rule 6 as it pertains to Fastpitch.

New Rules being proposed:

A 1b) U11 Girls - cannot steal when adult is pitching.

1c) U11 Girls – an adult pitcher is hit with a batted ball; it is a dead ball. The batter receives an additional pitch.

1d) U11 Girls – player/pitcher must have one foot in the 8 ft. pitching circle when an adult is pitching.

Voted YES

Proposed by ISA Executive - Reasoning: These rules then fall in line with u9 rules and clarifies issues that developed in 2024.

BYLAW 3 - Special Playing Rules

NEW

A 4. On a one (1) year trial basis: In U11-U15 girls division; a player shall only pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game. An inning is defined as throwing at least one pitch in an inning.

Voted NO

Reasoning - this prevents teams from pitching their "ace pitcher" the entire game. It was decided not to specify rep/PWSA/OASA pitchers, because some "ace" pitchers might not play for a rep team. The goal is to develop all pitchers and batters.)

Marla Barfoot Saugeen Shores Minor Baseball Association - VP Girls Softball

2nd Brandon Owen- Kincardine

ISA – BYLAW 4 - CHAMPIONSHIP

H. All playoffs with a tournament format shall use the following rules:

Current 4. a) In a double-knockout tournament, the home team shall be determined by the final standings in the regular season (the higher placed team is the home team). In the case of split divisions, the home team shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

Proposed:

4. a) In a double-knockout tournament, the home team shall be determined by the final standings in the regular season (the higher placed team is the home team). In the case of split divisions, the home team shall be determined by the team with the most points in the regular season.

Voted YES

NEW;

4. b) In a round robin tournament, the home team for pool play shall be determined by the final standings in the regular season (higher placed team is the home team). In the case of split divisions, the home team shall be decided by the team with the most points in the regular season. For the playoff portion of the tournament, the home team shall be decided by who finished higher in the pool play standings. Voted YES

A & B Proposed by Mike Wilson - President, Minto Minor Ball

Arthur Minor Ball & Drayton Moorefield Minor Ball

ISA Bylaw 9 – Three Pitch:

NEW 3a) Defensive pitcher shall wear a helmet with mask. Voted YES

Reasoning: Safety – in line with CASA that pitchers wear a pitching mask.

Proposed by ISA Executive

Currently #9. Ninth (Eighth) batter will be the last batter and must be announced to the umpire and the opposing team.

Proposed: #9. Ninth (9th) batter will be the last batter and must be announced to the umpire and the opposing team. Voted YES

Reasoning: remove (eighth) to allow both teams to bat 9 players per inning. Keeps the game close. Team with only 8 players is already disadvantaged.

Proposed by Teena McKee 2nd by Ruth Risadore

Currently # 4. Play is dead when ball reaches any defensive player within the eight (8) foot circle and has control of the ball.

Proposed:

4. Play is dead when ball reaches pitchers helper within the eight (8) foot circle and has control of the ball, (ie 2nd base player does not make any play and only throws to the pitchers helper) **Voted YES**

Reasoning: Skill development, encourages other defensive players to make a throw to the pitcher as opposed to any defensive player running the ball into the pitching circle

Proposed by ISA Executive.

Currently, 21. During a live ball, a base runner may advance one base only on a ball which has been overthrown in the attempt to make a play at any base or to the pitcher if it is not caught. If the defending team attempts another throw, an additional base can be taken.

NOTE: Exception for Last batter, a base runner can run until rule #10 above is a satisfied. Proposed:

21a). During a live ball a base runner may advance one base only on an overthrow to a base, regardless if the ball goes out of bounds. (an attempt to throw out or tag the runner or batter at a base). **Voted YES**

21b) If a second overthrow is made to make an additional play, runners MAY NOT ADVANCE AGAIN. NOTE: Exception for Last batter, a base runner can run until rule #10 above is a satisfied. Renumber 21a and 21b to 4b) and 4c) if accepted. To flow with #4. **Voted YES**

Proposed by ISA Executive.

Reasoning – This will encourage making the throw to a base to make a play without the concern of a base runner taking multiple bases on an overthrow. Avoids confusion on the base paths.

NEW; ISA BYLAW 10 – U7 Three Pitch

In addition to rules set out in ISA - BYLAW 9 – THREE PITCH the following rules are proposed for U7 only.

1. When a batter is using a “T”, the batter and base runners can only advance ONE base.
2. When batter is using the “T”, batter will be given TWO swings.
3. Base runner shall not advance on an overthrow. (an attempt to throw out or tag the runner at a base)
4. The last out of every inning must be made by the catcher at home plate.

Voted YES

2025 Division Convenors/Centres

U7 – Teena McKee

U9 – Teena McKee

U11 Girls – Hanover would like to host, still looking for convenor

U11 Boys – Ponsonby - Shirley Obergan

U13 Girls – Ponsonby – Shirley Obergan

U13 Boys -

U15 Girls – Heather Griffin

U15 Boys -

U18 Girls – Dundalk

U18 Boys -

Still looking for convenors, please talk it over with your centres.

We are also hoping to have a All-Star Day again this coming Summer.

Minto will be hosting a Blue Jays Instructional Clinic on Sunday June 1st, 2025

At the April meeting Centres will declare teams, coaches information, game night & times

Meeting adjourned & passed by all.

Next meeting April 27th at 1:30pm in Alma