

TDCAA Baseball 2025 - 2026

PLAYING REGULATIONS

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)

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 Baseball is an official TDCAA activity. Baseball follows OPHEA/OPASSE, OFSAA, and the Official Baseball Rules.

REGISTRATION

Schools must register for Baseball at the designated time. A school may withdraw its team before the 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 Baseball 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 is completed electronically through (HUB) which is coordinated through the OFSAA office. Athletes as well as Coaches must be included on the HUB site. Athletic Directors have the code for their schools to access HUB.
- Eligibility shall 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.
- All coaches and players must be listed on the eligibility.
- 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" fully and forward to the TDCAA Transfer Chairperson (Lorraine Kelly – Senator O'Connor or Maggie Carnevale– Senator O'Connor). 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. Francesco Malfitano (Principal – Father Henry Carr) is the Transfer Appeal Chairperson.

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. Please see eligibility chart for specific years.

There is no appeal to this rule.

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

FOR 2025 – 2026

SEASON	NOVICE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
2025 - 2026	2011 (GRADE 9)	2010 – 2011	2009 2007 - 2008
	14 YEARS OLD		

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 Baseball 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 Baseball takes place (Fall).

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- A) **START TIME** – All league games shall begin no earlier than 3:30 unless agreed to by the principals of the participating schools. All double headers must start no later than 3:30 or earlier if all participating schools agree.

- B) **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LEAGUE GAMES** – 16. Tier One- maximum 5 teams.

- 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

TDCAA PLAYING REGULATIONS

2025-2026

Boys Baseball - Tier 1 & 2 (Spring)

RULES

Competition shall be governed by the official rules of OBA with the following TDCAA / OFSAA exceptions:

TEAM COMPOSITION

DH - is allowed for any player on the field. A DH can hit for a pitcher or any other player on the field. You can only bat 9 players in your line-up.

Re-Entry is permitted. A starting player may be removed from the game and re-entered into his/her original spot in the batting order. This is allowed only once.

Each team must submit a line-up card/sheet to the opposing coach with all the names of the starting players and substitutes.

If a team cannot field 9 players on the field to start the game, the team will default the game to the opposing team.

LEAGUE AND PLAY-OFF RULES

PITCHING RULES

Tier 1 - A pitcher may not pitch more than the following limits in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may complete pitching to the batter - **105 PITCHES**.

If the pitcher throws more pitches than the following limits, he cannot pitch the following day - the pitcher must have two day's rest - **41 PITCHES**.

A pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days unless the pitcher threw 30 pitches or less on each of the first 2 days, and the maximum on the 3rd day is 50 pitches.

If a balk is called but the pitcher throws the ball, it will count as a pitch thrown, even if it is not counted as a ball/strike.

Violation of these rules will result in a forfeit.

Tier 2 - Pitchers can only pitch 5 innings or 15 outs in a game

No Foul language is permitted toward umpires, and/or an opposing players or coaches.

NOTE: Players warming up pitchers MUST wear a mask.

CONTACT RULE - No contact is allowed at the plate or bases between players.

OFFICIATING

Umpires will be assigned by Jonathan Fagnola/Alan Bastien. Umpire Fees will be paid by the TDCAA Treasurer. Your school will be invoiced by Peter Morris.

UNIFORMS / DRESS CODE

Hats and baseball pants are mandatory for all players in both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

AWARDS

Pennants and medals for only the winning team and medals (no pennant) for finalist team in both Tier 1 and 2.

EQUIPMENT

Bats

Both Tier 1 and 2 - All bats must be WOODEN BATS. All bats must be minus 3 bats (ie. 33 length/30 oz., 32/29, 31/28, or 30/27).

Catchers - All catchers must wear a protective cup along with the other protective equipment. Other players on the field are recommended to have one as well.

Metal cleats are allowed for players in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 to use.

Home Team is responsible for providing the bases. Both teams should have a set of bases at all games. Check straps and pegs to ensure that they are safe and in good condition.

BASEBALLS - Each team must supply 2 New/Good baseballs for every game. Sometimes more baseballs may be required at the request of the umpire.

LENGTH OF GAMES

Tier 1 - all games start no earlier than 3:00 and no new inning can start after 1 hour 45 minutes from the first pitch. Playoffs are two hours or until a winner is determined.

Tier 2 - all games start no earlier than 3:00 and no new inning can start after 1 hour 45 minutes from the first pitch. Playoffs are two hours or until a winner is determined.

Official game is four (4) innings in both Tiers

MERCY RULE - Mercy Rule is in effect when the following occurs:

- 1) Game ends if one team is ahead by 10 runs after four innings of play.
- 2) No more than seven runs per inning, except the last inning (Tier 2 only)

SCHEDULE- See the schedule on the attachment given by your convenor.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

All decisions regarding inclement weather will be made by 1:00pm on game day. Please check your email by that time and/or call the convenor Paul Rebelo at 416-919-8751 if you do not have access to the internet. If the Home team can check their local fields early that day, it would also help make a decision quicker.

Rain dates/rescheduled games to be played on FRIDAY'S or at the next available date/time. Be aware of this.

TIES IN FINAL STANDINGS - Two or more teams

The following formula will be used to break ties in the final standings

- 1) Most Wins
- 2) Head-to-Head
- 3) Runs For Minus Runs Against with tied teams
- 4) Most runs total among games played
- 5) Least amount of runs in games played
- 6) Coin Toss

REPORTING SCORES

Both coaches are responsible for reporting scores to the following by noon the following day.
Failure to do so: \$ 10.00 fine for each offence.

- 1) Paul Rebelo - Convenor - paul.rebelo@tcdsb.org
- 2) Joe Sileika - TDCAA Website – tdcaascores@gmail.com
- 3) Peter Morris - Standings - morrisis@sympatico.ca

TDCAA Web Site – www.tdcaa.org

EJECTIONS

- All ejections (players and/or coaches) must be reported to TDCAA Discipline Chairperson (Ren Gonsalves and David DiMauro) within 48 hours of the game.
- All ejections must be reported by the coach to their athletic director within 24 hours of the ejection.
- Any athlete/coach who is ejected from a game will be required to sit at least one game and possibly appear before the disciplinary review board.

PROTEST

- Any protest must come to the President (Tavia Ferreira), in writing, within 24 hours of the game. A copy of the letter should also be sent to the convenor and the TDCAA Executive Secretary.

- A meeting will be called to hear the protest as soon as possible at the discretion of the President of the TDCAA. The meeting will include representatives from both teams.
- There is no appeal to a decision on a protest.

SUPERVISION

For all TDCAA activities, there must be sufficient supervision of players at all times.

- Teams should not arrive at visiting school before coach arrives. If coach is unable to arrive with or ahead of players, home school should be informed.
- Coach must remain with players at all times after the conclusion of a game. If players are traveling on TTC/cabs/cars, coach must remain with the players until all players have safely left the school or boarded the bus.
- If TTC bus stop is some distance from the school or site of the game, the coach must travel with the players and remain with the players until they have safely boarded the bus.
- A game cannot begin unless there is a teacher coach on the bench. A community coach must be accompanied by a teacher from the school before a game can commence.

MEDICAL

Please have all your players' medical forms at your games, with a proper fully stocked first aid bag. In addition, you should have an emergency action plan for every game you play, and know the location of the nearest hospital.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT SEASON AND GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!!!