

2008 Ontario Select Tournament Information

Information contained on this site is intended to assist coaches and associations in both advertising Select Tournaments that they intend on hosting as well as those looking for tournaments to enter their teams into. It is not meant or expected to be the full and final listing of all Select Tournaments in the province. It is here as a reference and guide to point people to the host contacts for tournaments we are made aware of.

The typical Select Tournament involves the following: one day tournament, guaranteed 3 games, round robin format, Championship / Consolation games, trophies/awards for all players up to and including Peewee/Novice, for Bantam and Midget the top 3 or 4 teams get trophies/awards. Many hosts provide a hot dog/drink or host skills competitions as well.

If you are looking to host a tournament, please forward an email to 2008ontarioselect@pickeringsoftball.com that includes the following information: Tournament date, age group, host association, contact name, contact number, email address, entry fee, additional info. An example is: July 26, 2008, Midget Boys, Pickering Softball Association, Dave Northern, 905-420-0628, EXAMPLE@example.com, \$235, 2 players 1 year overage who cannot pitch.

Each year in February / March meetings are held in or around the GTA to try to organize tournament dates that avoid conflicts (same age group on the same day or back to back days Sat-Sun). The primary reason is to avoid going head to head with another tournament and potentially negatively impacting one or both of those tournaments. If potential conflicts are present based on preliminary dates/age groups these will not be posted. The two hosts will be contacted to look to rectify the conflict by juggling dates / age groups. Only after resolving conflicts will the info be posted.

In 2008 we will be looking to post additional Ontario Select Tournaments in areas outside of the GTA area (approximately bounded by Whitby – Newmarket – Kitchener) in order to increase the awareness of other associations looking to host tournaments in their area.

The OASA and the PWSA have for the past several years help coordinate Provincial Select Championships. More information is available by clicking on the link on the 2008 Ontario Select Info page for each of them. These Provincial Championships under the OASA and PWSA banners may have slightly different requirements, rules, etc than the Select Tournaments held throughout the season (i.e. Midget Boys do not allow any overage players).

The PWSA is looking to hold all 5 divisions (Mite through Midget) on the weekend of August 23 & 24 with teams guaranteed games on the Saturday and Sunday. Additional information can also be obtained from Todd Bannister at bann89@brant.net.

The OASA will be looking to hold all 5 divisions in August, dates have yet to be finalized. Additional information can also be obtained from Gilles Butcher at gbutcher@sympatico.ca.

Age Groups for Select follow the standard age groupings up to and including Bantam. For the 2008 season the Midget Boys and Midget Girls age groupings are often allowed as follows:
Boys – 1989 – 1991 plus 2 players 1 year overage (1988) who cannot pitch

Girls – 1988 – 1991 plus 2 players up to 2 years older (1986 or 1987) who cannot pitch

WARNING: If you have overage Midget players it is best to confirm their eligibility with the host to avoid showing up on the day of the tournament and finding out that your team has ineligible players.

Player eligibility as well typically means the following:

- players are registered in your house league association
- players are a consolidation of players from multiple associations that play in an interlocking or loop league
- players are not OASA or PWSA carded

WARNING: If you are not sure about the eligibility of a player because they have played up with the Rep team in your area check with the host.

Rules for Select are typically slightly modified from Softball Canada rules as well. A couple of the most standard ones are:

- all players on the roster bat
- free defensive substitutions
- many cap the maximum runs per inning as well as setting mercy thresholds
- ties are permitted in round robin games
- tie breaking rules are often necessary to determine final seeding after the round robin games (these vary from tournament to tournament so confirm what they are with the host)
- no Metal spikes
- teams are assigned by way of a blind draw at the Coaches meeting
- home team is determined by the flip of a coin at the Plate conference for round robin games
- 5 Pitch has it's own set of rules (minimum # of girls per team and on the field at all times, etc)

WARNING: Check with the host prior to the tournament to confirm what their Select Rules are so that you are not surprised in the middle of a tournament game.