



Western Ontario Athletic Association

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March 29, 2019.

Dear W.O.A.A. Softball Centre/Team Contact:

If you are no longer looking after the Softball program in your area, I kindly ask that you forward this information onto the proper person.

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W.O.A.A. SOFTBALL ANNUAL/SCHEDULING MEETING: ROOKIE THROUGH MIDGET TEAMS (BOYS AND GIRLS)

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019.

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

**PLACE: W.O.A.A. OFFICE (DOWNSTAIRS),
49 ALFRED STREET WEST,
WINGHAM, ONTARIO.**

Please note that the location of the meeting will be the same as last year and will be held at the W.O.A.A. Office, 49 Alfred Street West, Wingham, Ontario. (Note: Additional parking is available at Libro Credit Union, please do not block their ATM).

This meeting will be a combined Annual and Scheduling Meeting. All teams present must be paid in advance prior to the calling to order of this meeting. A coach for each team must be in attendance with dates and times of home games. If a team does not have a representative present, the W.O.A.A. will not be held responsible for the scheduling of that team's games.

ENTRY FORMS:

Entry forms for schedule teams must be returned to the W.O.A.A. Office, Box 110, WINGHAM, Ontario. N0G 2W0, by **APRIL 15TH, 2019**, so that tentative groupings can be made for the Scheduling Meeting.

Depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the W.O.A.A. Softball Convenors, all play-offs will be held tournament style for 2019. The W.O.A.A. are currently looking for host centres for some of these tournaments. If your centre is interested, please contact the W.O.A.A. Office at woaa@hurontel.on.ca or contact the appropriate Convenor.

The tournaments will hopefully be finalized at the Annual/Scheduling Meeting so that players can arrange their summer job schedules/vacations and that the tournaments are completed before students return to college and university at the end of August.

If you or someone you know would be interested to help our Softball program by sitting on the W.O.A.A. Softball Committee, please contact the W.O.A.A. Office. We are always looking for volunteers.

At the April 23rd meeting, we will also be discussing the amendments from the OASA Annual General Meeting. We will be setting up the W.O.A.A. Softball Program for 2019 and preparing the schedules for the regular schedule teams.

W.O.A.A. UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS:

Pitching Clinic:

May 13th, 14th and 16th – W.O.A.A. Pitching Clinic –Wescast Community Complex, Wingham, Ontario. (Registration Form enclosed).

Instructor: Doug Neil and Assistants.

Team Coaches are also welcome to attend (at no charge) with their players.

W.O.A.A. PRIVACY POLICY:

The use of personal information in Canadian commercial activities is now protected by federal legislation under the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). This Act applies to both traditional, paper-based business as well as on-line commercial activities. In order to comply with PIPEDA, the W.O.A.A. has adopted a Privacy Policy (this document is available for viewing on the Web Site at www.woaa.on.ca). Furthermore, the W.O.A.A. adopted an “Opt-Out” provision for anyone who feels that they do not want their personal information to be distributed to third parties. This “Opt-Out” provision is at your discretion and should you wish to exercise this option, please indicate so on the 2019 entry form.

DESIGNATED EMAIL:

Again for the 2019 Softball season, the W.O.A.A. will be implementing email communication as our primary way of forwarding and receiving data between the office, Softball Chairman and Convenors to the Centre Contact Person. Each centre must designate an email address that will be used by your Softball association.

W.O.A.A. WEB SITE:

All 2019 Softball schedules will be posted on the revised W.O.A.A. Web Site www.woaa.on.ca We will be posting our Softball schedules and doing our score reporting through TheOneDB. Each team will be given instruction on score reporting at the Annual/Scheduling Meeting.

INSURANCE:

The W.O.A.A. will be offering an insurance package through OASA. It includes a 5 million dollar liability coverage, 2 million dollar Directors and Officers Errors and Omissions liability with accident and \$5,000.00 dental coverage. It is mandatory that all W.O.A.A. schedule teams have this coverage and Bye teams must provide proof of

comparable insurance coverage or else purchase the insurance offered by the W.O.A.A. Costs for coverage are \$67.00 per team (OASA have increased for 2019).

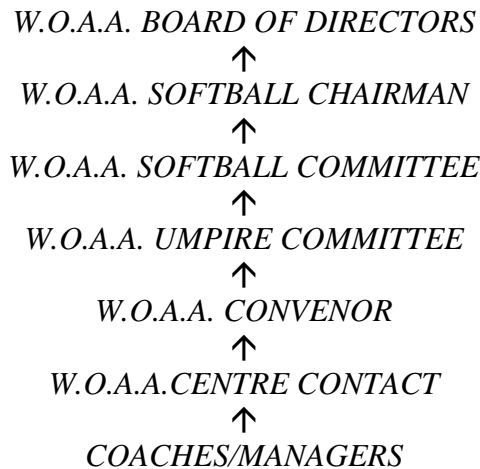
POLICE CHECKS:

For the 2019 ball season, it is the Policy of the W.O.A.A. that a current three (3) years Police Check is required for any individual who is in a position of trust or authority while working with youth (under the age of 19). It is the responsibility of each team, league or association to ensure that Police Record Checks have been completed.

NOTE: This is being mandated by our insurance broker. Each team, league or association will be required to obtain the Police Checks and name one individual as the Designate to obtain, review, monitor and report back to their team, league or association as required their findings; in complete confidentiality.

CENTRE CONTACTS:

The W.O.A.A. will once again be dealing with only ONE person per centre. Be sure that you list the person whom your centre wants in that position on the entry forms. Enclosed is a brief description of the duties of the Centre Contact. Following this channel of command will alleviate problems for everyone.



SOFTBALL COMMITTEE:

The 2019 Softball Program will be handled by a Softball Committee but all correspondence will be distributed out of the W.O.A.A. Office, Box 110, WINGHAM, Ontario, N0G 2W0. (519)-357-3512, Fax: (519)-357-4341 Website: www.woaa.on.ca E-mail: woaa@hurontel.on.ca

W.O.A.A. PRESIDENT:

Mr. Allan Dickson, 135 Frances Street, Wingham, Ontario, N0G 2W0. (519) 357-2224 (H), (519) 357-3880 (B), jallandickson@hotmail.com

W.O.A.A. SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Mike Mulvey, 520 Angus Street, Wingham, Ontario. N0G 2W0. mikemulvey70@hotmail.com, (519) 357-5525 (H).

UMPIRE PROGRAM:

Enclosed please find the dates and times of the Softball Umpire Clinics for the 2019 season. Please distribute these so that everyone interested in umpiring in your

community will plan to attend. Please remember that all teams must use W.O.A.A. Softball carded umpires for W.O.A.A. games.

UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF:

If you encounter an umpire problem or have an umpire concern, please contact:
W.O.A.A. Umpire-In-Chief:
Mr. Dave Millen, R.R. #2, TEESWATER, Ontario. N0G 2S0 (519) 392-6555 (H)
(519) 392-6736 (FAX)

W.O.A.A. OFFICE HOURS:

The address of the W.O.A.A. Office is 49 Alfred Street West in Wingham. The W.O.A.A. Office will be open from Monday - Friday from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and we have an automated phone system at (519) 357-3512. If you want to leave a message in the general mailbox, press 0, if you want to leave a message for the Executive Administrator Linda Espensen, she is at Ext. 1. The fax machine will be on to accept your faxes at (519) 357-4341 or you can e-mail us at woaa@hurontel.on.ca
Visit our new, revised website at www.woaa.on.ca

RULEBOOKS:

Just a reminder to all Centre Contacts and Umpires that the Softball Canada Rulebooks are now published only every other year. This is a print year and the rulebooks issued to your teams this year are valid for the 2020 season.

TROPHIES:

Also, if a team in your area won a championship last year, please return the trophy the night of the Annual/Scheduling Meeting. Bye teams are asked to mail the trophies directly back to the W.O.A.A. Office. Individual notices have been enclosed for centres with trophies still out of the office to date.

If you have any inquiries about entering a ball team for the up-coming season, please contact the W.O.A.A. Office at (519) 357-3512, fax us at (519) 357-4341, e-mail us at woaa@hurontel.on.ca or write to us at P.O. Box 110, WINGHAM, Ontario. N0G 2W0.

I remain,
Yours in Softball,

Linda M. Espensen

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W.O.A.A. Executive Administrator.

cc: W.O.A.A. Office,
Allan Dickson, W.O.A.A. President,
Mike Mulvey, W.O.A.A. Softball Chairman,
W.O.A.A. Softball Committee Members,
Dave Millen, W.O.A.A. Umpire-In-Chief.

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