

# GOBL 19U RULES Ontario Districts 2 & 6

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**Preamble:** *The following rules exclusively govern the Greater Ottawa Baseball League (GOBL) 19U play. These rules, having been approved by the GOBL Board, are to be followed as described. It is imperative that league officials, coaches, umpires, and participants are knowledgeable of these rules, particularly as they differ from both their local house league and INTERLOCK season rules.*

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## Section One (1)- Greater Ottawa Baseball League

### 1.0 Organisation

The Greater Ottawa Baseball League (GOBL), also known as 19U, is a baseball league for players aged 17, 18 and 19. It was established, by the local leagues of Ontario District 2 and District 6, as a replacement for Little League’s “Big League” program at the time of its cancellation within Little League in 2017. GOBL 19U is operated at arms length by the participating leagues of Ontario District 2 and District 6.

The Board of the GOBL 19U consists of the District Administrators of Ontario Districts 2 and 6, the Presidents from any local Leagues which contribute a team to GOBL, and a Convener appointed to oversee the GOBL.

GOBL 19U utilises the “2016 Big League rule set”, along with specific modifications contained within this document, to govern its game play. The 2016 Big League rule set applies unless specifically modified by one of the rule changes and/or clarifications contained within these rules. References to LL “Big League” 2016 Rules are provided (note that the provided references are specific to the 2016 Little League Rule Book) On occasion, and only by exception, the GOBL Board may implement a rule that is more restrictive than the 2016 LL “Big League” Regulations and Rules. This is always done with the aim of improving the quality and fairness of game play across the GOBL.

These rules apply to the teams involved in GOBL 19U play only.

## 1.1 Sportsmanship

**Play Nicely:** Everyone involved in GOBL 19U is a volunteer, including coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, conveners, DA, ADA's, etc. All are generously contributing their time to provide our youth with the opportunity to enjoy baseball. Let us maintain a friendly atmosphere. Before accusing someone of bias, consider the impact of your words. Cooperation among all involved is paramount for the benefit of everyone.

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## 1.2 GOBL Administration

### 1.2.1 District Administrators

GOBL play is overseen by the "GOBL Board", comprising of the District Administrators (D.A.s) for the Districts participating in GOBL 19U play, the Presidents from any local Leagues which contribute a team to GOBL 19U, and the appointed 19U Convener. In exceptional circumstances, such as disciplinary hearings, an outside opinion may be sought by the GOBL board from non-participating leagues if it is determined that such an option would be beneficial. The GOBL Board acts as the "Local League" for the selection of options outlined within the 2016 Little League official rules governing "Big League" play.

### 1.2.2 GOBL 19U Season

The GOBL season runs from mid-May to early-August. Each season will consist of an 18 to 24 game schedule for each team and will end in a single elimination playoff. Playoffs are to be complete by mid-August.

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### 1.2.3 Convenor

The 19U Convenor is essential to the effective operation of the GOBL 19U. See Schedule A for a description of the Convenor responsibilities. It is important to note that the Convenor shall not serve as coach within GOBL 19U.

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### 1.2.4 Schedules

Every effort will be made to ensure teams have an equal number of home and away games throughout the season, ideally scheduling one home and one away game per week.

The GOBL Board reserves the option to determine the start time of weekday games. Typical start times are 6:00 without lights, or 8:15/8:30 with lights.

### 1.2.5 Standings

The convenor will maintain the official standings, which will be accessible on the D2 Website. Every effort will be made to ensure the accuracy of the standings displayed on the website. Standings are calculated as follows:

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- Three points (3) will be awarded for a win (including a win by forfeit).
- Two points (2) will be awarded for a tie.
- One point (1) will be awarded for a loss.
- No points (0) will be awarded for a loss by forfeit.

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- *Games cancelled for any reason other weather shall be forfeits, including games not played as a result of a team's inability to field at least 8 players. A forfeit will result in a*

score of 7 – 0 being awarded with no points being awarded to the forfeiting (losing) team.

- *There is no allowance in the standings for the fact that teams may have played different numbers of games. Any game not completed by the end of the season will be considered a “no-game”, with neither team getting any points.*
- *Tiebreaking details are included below in the Playoff Rules.*

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### 1.2.6 Protest, Ejections, and other Incidents

Efforts should be made to avoid protests. Every Protest, Ejection and other Incident must be promptly reported to the Convenor on the same evening it happens, and certainly before the team’s next scheduled game. The umpire of the game, a coach, and/or any other involved party initiating the protest, reporting an ejection, or providing witness to an incident, should submit an Incident Report separately to the GOBL Board by using the provided form on the District 2 website, <http://d2llontario.ca>. The online form will automatically e-mail the Incident Report to the Convenor, while the participating Districts’ Umpire Consultant(s) may also receive the Incident Report through the system.

#### *1.2.6(a) Protests*

While protests are actively discouraged, they remain allowed in accordance with 2016 Little League Rules (*2016 LL Rules 4.19*) and will be addressed by the umpires on the field. Play will not be suspended for a protest; teams will follow the instructions given by the umpire, and the protest will be treated as an incident for review by the GOBL Board (and/or the Convenor or delegated Protest/Incident Committee dependent upon GOBL direction). Protests must adhere to the appropriate procedures outlined in 2016 Little League rule 4.19 to be considered valid; for example, a manager must officially register their protest with the umpire at the designated time, otherwise, the protest will not be heard. Protests will only be considered when based on a violation or interpretation of a playing rule or use of an ineligible player. No protests will be considered based on an umpire’s judgement call.

#### *1.2.6(b) Ejections*

As per 2016 Little League Rules, an ejected player or coach is automatically suspended from the team's next physically played game. Rainouts do not nullify the penalty. The GOBL Board (or delegated Protest/Incident Committee) may impose additional penalties if deemed necessary, and/or the player's or coach's host League may also apply further sanctions as they see fit.

A player or coach ejected for a second or subsequent time during league play is automatically suspended for the next two games, including during play-offs. The GOBL Board may impose additional penalties if deemed necessary.

The GOBL Board may convene a disciplinary hearing at any time to discuss additional penalties and supplementary discipline should the reported behaviour of players, coaches or any participants warrant additional review.

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### 1.2.7 INTERLOCK Fees

GOBL 19U Fees are set by the GOBL Board before each season and shared with the participating Leagues. These fees support GOBL operating costs including the cost of insurance for GOBL 19U. Prior to the season end, a financial report detailing these expenses will be sent to the President of each League involved. Any remaining balance will be retained in a GOBL account held by District 2 for use in the following season. Any surplus at the end of the season will be considered jointly owned by the contributing Leagues. Cheques for payment of GOBL 19U fees should be made payable to: Ontario District 2 Little League. [Back to TOC](#)

## 1.3 Team, Player, and Call-Up Eligibility

### 1.3.1 Team Eligibility

Any league in Districts 2 and 6 can register one or more teams into the GOBL 19U. Entry of teams from Districts 7 and 8 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. It is mandatory for each team to designate at least one person, to the GOBL 19U Convenor through the D2 Website, who is capable of receiving emails any day of the week and is responsible for disseminating that information to the rest of the team. [Back to TOC](#)

#### *1.3.1(a) Team Size:*

**Minimum Roster:** A twelve (12) player minimum roster size is required to prevent forfeits; exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the DA(s).

**Maximum Roster:** Rosters are limited to a 20-player maximum.

#### *1.3.1(b) Taxi Squads:*

Teams may designate a taxi squad of at most 4 players. Taxi squad players do not need to be registered with the GOBL 19U through the D2 website but must be identified and tracked by the host team's league and be identified to the 19U Convenor. [Back to TOC](#)

### 1.3.2 Player Eligibility

All players must be officially registered with GOBL 19U during the current season. With the exception of "Taxi Squad" players, a team is prohibited from using a player unless that player is properly registered through the online GOBL 19U registration process. This entails having the player's name on roster and ensuring that the roster is accurately entered electronically through the District 2 website, <http://d2llontario.ca>. All players on the regular roster must be registered by May 30, and all Taxi Squad players are to be identified to the convenor by May 30.

#### *1.3.2(a) League Age Eligibility*

GOBL 19U is open to players with League Age 17, 18 or 19. The "League Age" is defined as the player's age as of August 31st of the current year.

"Over-age and Under-age" exemptions are by exception only. Requests for such exemptions must be forwarded for review by the GOBL Board.

### 1.3.3 Call-Ups and Call-Overs

GOBL 19U permits call-ups noting that they are only and specifically allowed to prevent forfeits and should not be utilized for strategic advantages to the team or for the player's development. The call-up rules for GOBL 19U are as follows:

- a) Teams may call-up League Age 16 players registered in the INTERLOCK League's Senior program. Senior players under League age 16 are ineligible for GOBL 19U.
- b) Players may only be called up if it does not interfere with their own team schedule and the team coach approves the call-up.
- c) Called-up players must be approved by the GOBL 19U Convenor.
- d) Call-ups may only be used to bring the game day lineup to a maximum of 10 players. Any team which has 10 or more of its players present may not use a call-up.
- e) Call-ups are not eligible to pitch.
- f) The GOBL 19U restricts a specific individual player from being called up more than five (5) times during a season. Managers and the Convenor are to ensure that call-ups are spread amongst available and willing players.
- g) Call-overs from the opposing team are allowed if agreed by both participating teams to avoid a forfeit. Call-overs are not eligible to pitch.

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### 2.1 Home Team Responsibilities

The Home team is responsible for:

- Arranging for a home plate umpire and at least one base umpire. TWO UMPIRES should be scheduled for each game. In the event only one umpire shows up for a game, and with the opposing coach's agreement, you may ask for a volunteer from the spectators to do the bases. This should be an exceptional circumstance and not a regular occurrence. If no umpires show up after a 30-minute wait, the home team will forfeit the game to the visiting team.
- Setting up the field with bases and any other equipment required to allow for the game to commence.
- Supplying at least two (2) new approved leather game balls (80cc or equivalent) and to have additional spare approved game balls available to ensure game play may continue.
- Providing the OFFICIAL SCORER. Both teams should track their own scores and pitch counts, reporting them to the website (see rule 4.6 in Section 4 below). Scorekeepers should confer during the game, but in the event of an irresolvable difference, the home team's scorekeeper will prevail.
- Home teams shall use the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line dugouts for their home games.

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## 2.2 Rainouts and Rescheduled Games

Rained out games or games not played as scheduled should be rescheduled as soon as conveniently possible for both teams. The two coaches, assisted by the convener, should reschedule a rained-out game, preferably within one week. (All games must be completed by the recognised regular season end date).

If agreement cannot be reached by the two coaches and the convener on the time and location, the DA is to be notified by the teams involved, and the DA will decide accordingly.

Under no circumstances should a team ask another team to reschedule a game because their own team cannot field a full team for any reason other than rain or weather.

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## 2.3 Game Start Times

All games are scheduled to begin promptly at the time indicated on the schedule. Typical start times are 6:00 without lights, or 8:15/8:30 with lights, but there may be other start times as might be required by the schedule.

Fifteen minutes grace should be allowed for the arrival of late players. (More time may be granted at the umpires' and opposing team's discretion).

*Note: A two (2) hour time limit is imposed on GOBL19U regular season games, see Ending the Game Rules below for details*

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## 2.4 Line-Up Size

There will be no maximum number of players allowed per game, so all players on the roster may be dressed for a game. A coach must never ask a healthy player to miss a game for any reason.

In the interest of preventing forfeits, GOBL 19U has ruled to allow an 8-player minimum. A team must have eight (8) players dressed to play the game. There will be no automatic out for a 9th player when playing with an 8-player lineup. However, if fewer than 8 players are present, the game will be forfeited.

If, during the game, an injury or ejection causes the number of available players to fall to 8 players, the remaining eight (8) players dressed will continue to play the game. There will be no automatic out for a 9th player no longer in the game due to the injury or ejection.

If, during the game, an injury or ejection causes the number of available players to fall below 8, this will result in a forfeit, regardless of the point in the game or the score at the time, unless the participants agree to allow an opponent to loan a player (i.e. an in-game call-over) to the team to re-establish the 8 player minimum.

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## 2.5 Batting Order

GOBL 19U adopts the policy of continuous batting order; therefore, each player present at the game will be in the batting order. Any player who comes late to the game may be added to the bottom of the batting order, including continuation games. *(2016 LL Rule 4.04)*

When a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty. (i.e. There

is \*no\* automatic out (*2016 LL Rule 4.04 Note 2 Option*). If the injured, ill, or absent player returns they are merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues.

**In continuation of a suspended game:** Players present for the first part but not for the continuation will be skipped in the batting order without penalty. Players who were not present in the first part but are now present for the continuation will be added at the bottom of the lineup regardless of where the current spot in the batting order is.

Given that GOBL 19U has adopted continuous batting order, the use of designated hitters in the line-up is not allowed.

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## Section Three (3) Game Play Rules

### 3.1 Wood Bats

Bats may be crafted from a single piece of wood. If made from alternative materials such as aluminum/alloy, composite, composite wood, or any combination (e.g., hybrid composite handle), they must adhere to the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard. Additionally, non-wood bats must be clearly labeled with a legible silkscreen or other permanent BBCOR certification mark.

*Notes: a. Bat rule detailed description:*

- *Max length – 36 inches.*
- *Max diameter – 2 5/8 inches.*
- *Must be -3, cannot weight more than 3 ounces less than its length in inches.*

*c. Non-wood bats may develop dents and or cracks from time to time. Bats that have cracks or sharp edges, or that cannot pass through an official 2 5/8 inch bat barrel testing ring must be removed from play.*

*b. The use of batting donuts are not permitted.*

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### 3.2 Defensive Substitutions

Given that continuous batting order is utilised, the GOBL Board has chosen to allow for unlimited defensive substitution. Players can be substituted in the field at any time during the game **except for the pitcher**. Once the pitcher has been removed, they can still play in any other position but may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.

*Note that while there is no mandated "equal play rule" for the GOBL 19U program, teams are encouraged to adopt equal play as a team rule.*

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### 3.3 Pitchers

The GOBL 19U strictly follows the 2016 "Big League" Little League Regulations and Rules with respect to managing pitchers and is enforced with an overriding view to protecting players' arms. The following rules are to be strictly followed without exception: (*2016 LL Reg VI*)

- All players are eligible to pitch except for "call-ups", call-overs, and "over-age players" (unless an over-age player is specifically approved to pitch by the GOBL Board).
- There is no restriction on the number of pitchers that can be used in a game.
- 2016 Little League Pitch Count rules shall be strictly followed.
- GOBL 19U Board has ruled that pitchers once removed from the mound, may not return to the mound in the same game.
- Any player warming up the pitcher must wear an approved regulation catcher mask (i.e. hockey style mask) and use a catcher mitt. Only players are allowed to warm up pitchers.

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*Note: Managers are reminded that 2016 Big League pitch count rules are as follows:*

- *Maximum Daily Pitches – 105*
- *Pitch count rest periods:*
  - *1 – 30: no rest;*
  - *31 – 45: 1 day;*
  - *46 – 60: 2 days;*
  - *61 – 75: 3 days;*
  - *76+: 4 days.*
- *Pitchers may pitch in a maximum of two games in any calendar day, daily pitch count and rest period rules remain extant.*
- *Threshold rules apply to the maximum daily pitches and pitch count rest periods, and are in place to allow pitchers to finish an at bat whilst reaching a set threshold. Official pitcher records shall indicate the threshold reached and that threshold shall be identified post-game on completion of the game states on the D2 website.*
- *Calendar Day Pitcher / Catcher Restrictions: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. A player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.*

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### 3.4 Courtesy Runners

GOBL 19U Board rules that the use of a "courtesy runner" for the catcher is permitted when there are two (2) outs.

Note: The "courtesy runner" must be in the team's batting order and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.

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In order to prevent injuries, contact between players must be avoided at all times. Failure to do so may result in the offending player being ejected from the game. Any intentional contact or attempt at intentional contact will result in immediate ejection from the game and the offending player will be ejected immediately and may subsequently be subject to supplementary discipline.

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## Section Four (4) End of Game – Post Game Rules

### 4.1 Game Length and Curfew

GOBL 19U allows tie scores. If a game reaches regulation length and is then called due to curfew or weather, the tie score stands.

A time limit is imposed on all INTERLOCK regular season games. No inning is to begin more than 2 hours after the scheduled (i.e. not “actual”) start time. No inning should begin unless there is a reasonable expectation of completing that full inning.

Games at unlit fields may be ended earlier due to darkness at the sole discretion of the umpire.

#### *Notes:*

- *When there is another game scheduled immediately following the current game, whether it be another GOBL 19U game or another league’s game, we must respect that booking. Umpires are asked to stop play and clear the field & dugouts at least 5 minutes before the start time of the next game.*
- *On a field with lights where another team has a permit for a subsequent game or practice, the GOBL 19U game must end at least 10 minutes before the start time on the next game permit.*
- *For a late game on a field with lights on an automatic timer, a curfew is imposed: the game must end at least 10 minutes before the time the lights are scheduled to turn off.*
- *If an inning is incomplete when darkness, rain or curfew ends the game, then the score reverts to the last complete inning UNLESS the home team is at bat and has tied or gone ahead during this partial inning, in which case the score at the time the game is called stands.*

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### 4.2 Regulation Games

GOBL 19U defines regulation games as follows: A complete game is 7 innings (6 1/2 if the home team is ahead. A regulation game must have 5 innings complete (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead).

#### *Notes:*

- *GOBL 19U games may be declared over earlier due to the Run Rule, see details in the rule below.*

### 4.3 Mercy “Run Rule”

GOBL 19U elects to use this following options of the **2016 LL Rule 4.10(e) “Run Rule”**:

- a. If after 5 innings (4 1/2 innings with the home team ahead) one team is leading by 10 or more runs, the game shall be declared over.

- Note: if the visiting team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.
- b. The official score is the score at the time the Mercy Rule takes effect, even if the coaches choose to play out the game as exhibition or practice.
- c. There is no “per-inning” run limit.

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#### 4.4 Rainouts / Suspended Games / Continuation

If it is obvious that rain will make the field unplayable, the home team coach should call the opposing coach and the convener to cancel the game. This must be done at least 1.5 to 2 hours before game time (depending on the distance the visitors are traveling) and only in situations where it is clear that the rain will not cease. Otherwise, both teams should report to the diamond.

Once both teams have arrived at the field, the decision remains with the coaches until the official game start time. At that time, the umpire becomes the sole judge whether a game must be suspended due to unsuitable weather conditions or the unfit condition of the playing field.

Rained-out games or games not played as scheduled should be rescheduled promptly by the two coaches with the assistance of the convener, preferably within one week. (All games must be completed by the recognized regular season end date). If agreement cannot be reached by the two coaches and the convener regarding the time and location for rescheduling, the convener will make the final decision and schedule the game in the system. Any game not completed by the end of the season will be considered a “no-game”, with neither team getting any points.

Games suspended due to weather, after game start but before reaching regulation must be rescheduled for continuation. The game will resume exactly from the point it was suspended (Managers and Umpires should ensure that the scorebooks and pitching records are recorded accurately to reflect the suspended situation on the field).

- Players present for the first part but not for the continuation will be skipped in the batting order without penalty. Players who were not present in the first part but are now present for the continuation will be added at the bottom of the lineup regardless of where the current spot in the batting order is.
- If the game is resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.
- Pitchers previously removed from the mound during the first part remain ineligible to pitch as they may not return to the mound during the game.
- For scorekeeping purposes, it shall be considered the same game, and all batting, fielding, and pitching records will count.

- It can be completed preceding the next scheduled game between the same teams is the situation allows.

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#### 4.5 Safety – Lightning and Thunder

For games where lightning and severe storms may be imminent, umpires and coaches must abide by the Little League Canada **Policy O-4.0 on Weather**.

- Here is a link to that policy: [http://d2llontario.ca/SMaLL/Documents/Current LL Canada -4.0 - Weather Policy - REVISED \(Nov 2016\).pdf](http://d2llontario.ca/SMaLL/Documents/Current LL Canada -4.0 - Weather Policy - REVISED (Nov 2016).pdf)
- Here is a Government of Canada Link: [http://pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded\\_documents/1856/Lightning\\_Safety - Securite Foudre ENGLISH.pdf](http://pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded_documents/1856/Lightning_Safety_-_Securite_Foudre_ENGLISH.pdf)

**Simply put: if *either* thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the game needs to be suspended and a 30-minute delay process begins. See the above policy for additional direction.**

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#### 4.6 Reporting Game Scores and Pitch Counts

Each team is to select an individual who will visit the District 2 website, <http://d2llontario.ca>, and enter the required GOBL 19U Play stats:

- score
- pitch counts
- player participation

Reports are to be completed “as soon as possible after each game.” An easy-to-use form is provided at the web site, which lists the team’s players, and for each player has a box for pitch count and a check box to indicate whether the player played or not. The representatives of both teams must submit the results as each team can only enter the results for their half of the game.

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### Section Five (5) Play-Off Rules

#### 5.1 Playoff Setup

The Convenor will set the playoff format.

In divisions with more than 7 teams, teams will be divided into an “A” side and a “B” side. Conveners are granted the flexibility to draw the line through the standings to create the “A” and “B” sides, though it is suggested that over .500 teams should be on the “A” side, and under .500 teams should be on the “B” side; teams that finish exactly .500 could be placed on either side.

In the case of an unbalanced schedule, where teams may not play all other teams or play teams in their own league more frequently than teams from other leagues, the Conveners may decide not to split into "A" side and "B" side. Instead, they may opt to run one large playoff.

The play-off format for each side is a single-elimination play-down.

## 5.2 Tiebreakers

If two or more teams are tied in the standings at the end of the season, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a. The team with the greater number of wins on record, followed by (if necessary),
- b. Head-to-head results between the tied teams,
- c. The team with the better record against the highest placed team in the division, then the second highest placed team, etc., until the tie is broken.

## 5.3 Playoff Games

Playoff games will be scheduled by the convener in consultation with the coaches. It is understood that the games will be played at the earliest time that a field is available, but, unless absolutely unavoidable, teams will not be required to play more than two GOBL 19U playoff games in a week. Playoff games will sometimes be scheduled on Sundays and Fridays, even if there were no Sunday or Friday games during the regular season.

The team with the higher place finish in the regular season will be the home team for any play-off game.

All play-off games are sudden death. Extra innings must be played if the game ends in a tie. Tied games cut short by darkness, curfew or rain must be continued as soon as possible.

The curfew or time limit does NOT apply to GOBL 19U playoff games, which must be played through to completion and a winner is determined. However, playoff games may still end 'early' if called by the umpire due to darkness, weather, a scheduled game is following the playoff game, or because the lights are scheduled to go off. If a playoff game ends early as previously described, but has reached the regulation game length (including a subsequent reversion to the previous inning if the current inning is not yet complete), there is no requirement to resume the game unless a winner cannot be declared due to a tie.

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*Examples:*

- *Visiting team ties the game in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning but the game is called due to lights scheduled to go off before completing the inning. In accordance with 2016 LL rule 4.11 (d), the game end is to be determined to be the end of the previous inning. In this case the 6<sup>th</sup> inning was complete with the home team in the lead – the home team is declared the winner as it was of a regulation game length.*
- *Teams were tied from the 5<sup>th</sup> inning onward, prior to the commencement of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. The visiting team goes ahead in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, but the game is called due to lights scheduled to go off before completing the inning. The game must subsequently be resumed, as soon as possible, exactly at the point the game was called.*

## 5.4 Playoff Player Eligibility

GOBL 19U playoffs player eligibility requires that all players will have played a minimum of 40% of their team's regular season games to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.

NO allowance will be made for games missed due to participation in other (non-GOBL) baseball programs. Appeals may be made to the GOBL Board for consideration of exceptional circumstances regarding individual player eligibility.

*Note: The GOBL Board has implemented the eligibility rules in an effort to protect our rostered teams, and their committed players, from potential concerns of adding strong “ringer” players to teams late in the season just prior to or at the commencement of the playoffs.*

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## GOBL Rules: Schedule A – Convener Duties

It is essential that GOBL have an active Convener for the duration of the season.

The convener shall NOT be a coach although it can be someone who is associated with a team.

The Conveners must be able to communicate via email any day of the week.

The Convener is responsible for:

- Coordinating GOBL Insurance for the forthcoming season;
- For assisting in the creation of the season schedule;
- Communicating information to the teams;
- Making sure each team promptly enters their game scores, pitch count, and participation data at the appropriate web site;
- Overseeing the approval of call-up requests
- Assisting the coaches involved in rescheduling rained out games;
- Keeping Official Standings (an effort will be made to ensure the web site is correct, but the convener will be the final arbiter); and,
- Scheduling and overseeing the playoffs.

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