



Oakville A's Rep Programming Update

July 30, 2014

Baseball Oakville operates the Oakville A's, the official Rep baseball program in our community. The Oakville A's play in the Central Ontario Baseball Association ("COBA"). COBA is an official affiliate of the Ontario Baseball Association ("OBA"), which is the official governing body for baseball in the province of Ontario, and recognized as such by Baseball Canada.

A's Rep Committee

The A's Rep program will be delivered by a committee for the 2015 season.

Tony Busseri, VP Rep and Committee Chair
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jim Saufl

David Gillespie
Dan Marion

Richard Griffin
Tyler Moe

A's 2015 Program Focus

The Oakville A's Rep baseball program will deliver an **elite baseball** development program for players ranging in age from 7 to 21. As outlined in our Rep Manual, elite is defined by the:

1. Quality and depth of baseball coaching provided,
2. Opportunity to train year round,
3. Ability to compete against the best,
4. Opportunity to develop in a competitive and supportive environment,
5. Exposure received by a player to showcase their talent.

The outcome of our **elite baseball** development program will be to maximize the talent and opportunity for each of our Rep baseball players. We strive to provide the best baseball environment available to an Oakville based ball player.

In 2015 we are specifically targeting to improve our overall programming by:

- A. Adding the ability to train year round at our own indoor training centre.
- B. Creating a connection between cohort teams and between all A's teams – each A's player and coach is part of something much bigger.
- C. Providing better A's Rep leadership visibility. You will see members of the Rep Committee out at our diamonds.



A's Player Streams

Baseball Oakville has an integrated program at each cohort that starts at House League and finishes at Tier 1. The Rep program will have two streams Tier 1 and Tier 2. Historically Tier 1 has been called AAA and Tier 2, AA.

Tier 1 is Baseball Oakville's highest level of competition. **Playing at this level is a commitment.** Players aspiring to play AAA have made a decision to invest in themselves to maximize their talent and see where it will take them.

Tier 2 is our feeder team to our Tier 1 club. As a cohort moves through the eleven (11) age series, a player's talent matures and skill sets develop. Today's Rookie Ball Tier 2 player is likely a Tier 1 player at Peewee or Bantam. To meet that upward movement of talent, Tier 2 will heavily emphasize individual player development, including a greater exposure to positions.

The Rep Manual – http://baseballoakville.com/Pages/1480/OMBA_Documents/ - is a good document to read to better understand how our A's programming is delivered.

A's Rep Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Coach mentor and checker Phase 1 (Rookieball):	David Gillespie
Coach mentor and checker Phase 2 (Mosquito and Peewee):	Scott Kirkpatrick
Coach mentor and checker Phase 2 (Bantam and Midget):	Jim Saufl
COBA board representative:	Tony Busseri
Planning and Administration:	Tony Busseri
Town of Oakville liaison:	Dan Marion
A's Training facility planning and management:	Dan Marion
Player exposure and recruitment:	Tyler Moe
Coach selection, discipline and player releases:	Full committee

2015 A's Teams

The Oakville A's operate 19 teams in 10 divisions, according to a player's age. There will be no Select programming. Based on demand and interest, House League may decide to add All Star teams at each age group – this decision will be made in May 2015.

Age Series	Age	Number of Teams	Birth Year for 2015 Season
Junior Rookie Ball	7-8	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2	2007, 2008
Rookie Ball	9	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2	2006



Minor Mosquito	10	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2	2005
Major Mosquito	11	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2 ⁽¹⁾	2004
Minor Peewee	12	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2	2003
Major Peewee	13	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2 ⁽²⁾	2002
Minor Bantam	14	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2	2001
Major Bantam	15	2 – Tier 1 and Tier 2	2000
Minor Midget	16	1 – MEL	1999
Major Midget	17-18	Tier 1/2	1997, 1998
Junior	19-21	Tier 1	1994, 1995, 1996

⁽¹⁾ Baseball Oakville will consider adding a third team if there is the depth and quality of players at tryouts.

⁽²⁾ Baseball Oakville will consider moving to two Tier 1 clubs and a Tier 2 club based on the depth and quality of players at tryouts.

MEL Minor Midget A's

In June 2014, Baseball Ontario announced that four of its affiliated associations (Central Ontario Baseball Association, Hamilton District Baseball Association, Toronto Baseball Association and the York-Simcoe Baseball Association) had signed an agreement to form a new Midget Elite League (MEL) commencing with the 2015 playing season. The MEL agreement allows Minor or Major Midget aged players within the four affiliated associations to try-out for any of the new MEL teams, without the need for a player release.

The Oakville Minor Baseball Association (OMBA or Baseball Oakville) is proud to announce the commencement of a new MEL Minor Midget team starting this fall and a MEL Midget team in the fall of 2015.

Tyler Moe (T: (416) 580-1240, E: tylermoe@ymail.com) has been appointed the head coach of the Oakville A's MEL Minor Midget team and brings with him his extensive baseball background and experience. Tyler is currently employed by the Major League Baseball's Baltimore Orioles as an Area Scout in Canada. Earlier this year he was named as a member of the Top 100 Most Influential Canadians in Major League Baseball by Bob Elliott of the Canadian Baseball Network.

For more information on our MEL Midget program please go to our website at [http://baseballoakville.com/Pages/1778/Midget_Elite_League_\(MEL\)/](http://baseballoakville.com/Pages/1778/Midget_Elite_League_(MEL)/).



2015 A's Tryouts

With the exception of our Minor Midget MEL team, tryouts for 2015 teams will be held in September 2014. Details on tryouts will be announced within the next two weeks. When announced they will be posted on our website at http://baseballoakville.com/Pages/1779/2015_Rep_Tryouts/.

Tryouts for the 2014-2015 Oakville A's Minor Midget Elite Team will be held on the following dates: August 12 @ Oakville Park at 7 pm, August 13 @ Oakville Park at 7 pm, and August 18 @ Oakville Park at 7 pm.

Indoor Training Facility

Set to open in October 2014, Baseball Oakville is proud to announce its new 10,700 square foot Indoor Training facility, which is set to become the cornerstone for player training and development in Oakville.

Centrally located at 2270 Speers Road in Oakville, the new facility will provide players with access to the year round training with highly experienced coaches in a professional setting, that they are looking for to take their game to the next level.

Corbetts Source for Sports in Oakville - <https://corbetts.sourceforsports.com/> - has been chosen as Baseball Oakville's indoor training facility partner. Corbetts has been a long time supplier to Baseball Oakville and has stepped up to provide all of the facility's required training equipment. Vendors participating in outfitting our facility through Corbetts include Rawlings, Worth and Jugs.

Baseball Oakville will announce in September 2014 a full list of corporate sponsors who have graciously provided cash contributions to fund the purchase the turf for the indoor training facility.

Key features of the facility include:

- All training areas to be fully turfed.
- 5,000 square feet (50'x100') of fully turfed open space for fielding and skills training, featuring 22 foot plus ceiling height.
- Multiple full length hitting tunnels featuring Jugs pitching machines.
- Pitching areas featuring both portable and clay mounds.
- Parent viewing area.



A's Head Coach Selection

The hiring of all Tier 1 Head Coaches will be completed by the Rep Committee and approved by the Board of Directors before Labour Day. Tier 1 Head Coaches will be hired under a 2-year agreement and will be held to specific metrics during the term of the agreement.

A Tier 1 head coach will lead the cohort and work with the Tier 2 head coach to develop a consistent training and development philosophy for all players. Also, the Tier 1 head coach will work with the Rep Committee to select the Tier 2 coach after the Tier 1 team is selected.

Other 2015 A's Programming Notes

Baseball Oakville will not be hosting a Cannon Cup tournament in September 2014.