



ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIVESTREAM & VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

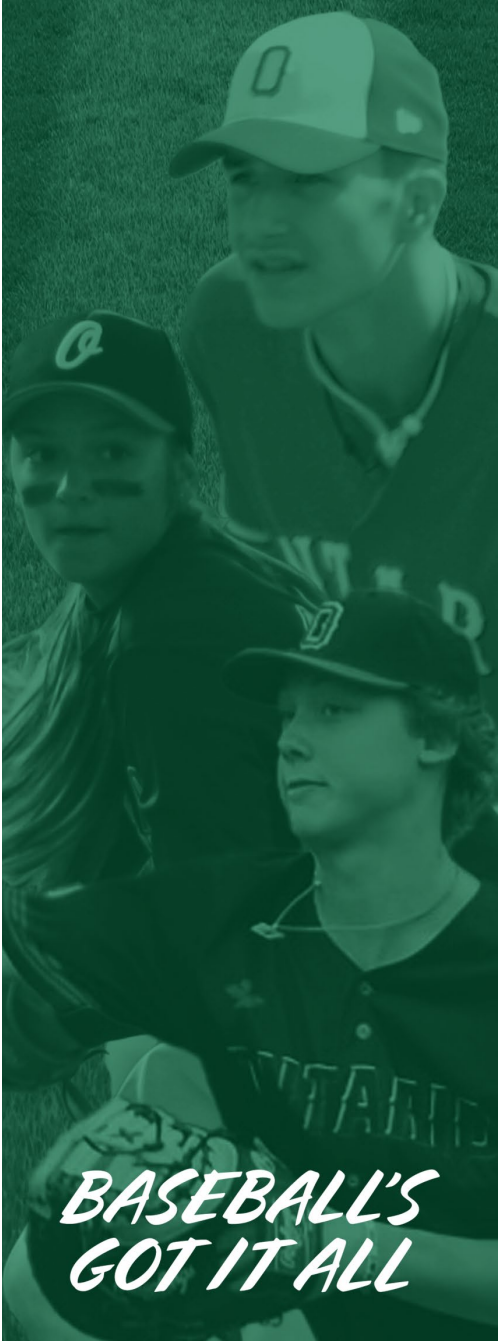
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The purpose of the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) includes fostering and promoting baseball at all levels in the Province of Ontario. The OBA permits and encourages teams to promote themselves on all forms of social media and livestream games whenever possible. This practice allows parents, grandparents, friends, family, and fans from anywhere in the world to watch their favourite amateur ballplayers develop their skills. It can be a valuable way for organizations to maintain supporter interest, to provide players with exposure to opportunities for playing higher levels of baseball, and to grow the sport by exposing the game to new audiences. It can also be used to assist in training and instructing players to help develop their skills.

As baseball is played in a public setting with no expectation of privacy, participants are not required to provide permission to livestream or otherwise record games.

While livestreaming is permitted and encouraged, it is important to remember some key points which emphasize the OBA's commitment to respectful sport:

- Livestreams must never be used to argue, contest, criticize, or disparage an umpire or their calls. Livestreams are not instant replay systems, and the OBA does not endorse or permit instant replay.
- Monetizing amateur baseball in Ontario is not permitted. Livestreams or the resulting digital recording must not generate funds for individuals or organizations (including the team) without the express written consent of the OBA. The sale of advertisements, subscriptions, or sponsorship on livestreams or recordings, and the sale of the videos themselves is strictly prohibited, without the express written consent of the OBA.
- Gambling on OBA games is strictly prohibited.
- Livestreams and the resulting digital recording may be used for the purposes of scouting teams and recruiting players (ie: College, University, Professional Baseball, etc).
- The use of drones to capture videos is not permitted during games but may be used in practices and before the game.
- Players, coaches, umpires, officials, and fans are required to abide by all municipal, provincial, and federal laws as well as OBA policies and rules at all times. Digital recordings may be used by the OBA or law-enforcement when allegations of wrongdoing or conduct worthy of disciplinary sanction is involved.



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