APPENDIX "A"

PARK LOCATIONS AND GROUND RULES MISSISSAUGA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL GROUND RULES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE DIAMONDS BEING USED BY THE MBA FOR SEASON PLAY.

NO VARIATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE PERMITTED EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN NOTE 3, ARTICLE B. 7.02 RELATING TO PLAY OFF SERIES.

NOTES

- 1. The term "batted ball" shall be interpreted as meaning a legally batted ball as defined in the "OFFICIAL RULES OF BASEBALL".
- 2. The obstructions or hazards mentioned in these ground rules (trees, soccer posts, lamp standards, ditches, overhanging screens, etc.) have been determined by actual first hand observation. The ground rules for each diamond take into account the whereabouts of the obstruction or hazard, its distance from home plate, its potential to affect the outcome of a game and the Series (Tyke, Pee Wee, Bantam, etc.) expecting to be using the diamond.
- 3. If, prior to or during a game, a diamond acquires an obstruction or hazard not covered in these ground rules and not immediately removable, the plate umpire may establish a temporary ground rule for that game only.
- 4. Dead area shall be considered a line extended from the end of the screen, parallel to the foul line.
- 5. Balls thrown or hit into out-of-play area are governed by Rule 7.05. Please refer to Rule 7.05 (Official Rules of Baseball) for awarding of bases.

6. <u>Curfew - Lighted Diamonds</u>

The curfew for all MBA lighted diamonds shall be 11:00 p.m. sharp. No new inning may begin after 10:45 p.m. The plate umpire shall call the game at 11:00 p.m. regardless of the game situation. If play ends in the middle of an inning, score shall revert back to the last completed inning (unless the home team is winning or tied and it is the bottom of the inning).

7. <u>Curfew - Lighted Diamonds, Double Header - 1st Game</u>

The curfew for the first game of a double header shall be 8:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated on the Official MBA Schedule. No new inning shall begin after 8:15 p.m. The plate umpire shall call the game at 8:30 p.m. regardless of the game situation. The score shall revert back to the last completed inning (unless the home team is winning or tied and it is the bottom of the inning). This curfew does not apply if there is not a scheduled game or practice following the 1st game on a lighted diamond. The scheduled game at 8:30 pm is to start by 8:45 pm

8. Any game ended by **curfew** or **darkness** is deemed to be a complete game, regardless of the number of innings played.

9. Games Called in Progress - Due to Weather:

Will be considered complete if five (5) full innings have been played or if the home team is leading after 4 ½ innings. If not complete, the game will be replayed in its entirety.