



### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **When does the season start?**

House League usually starts approximately one to two weeks before “May 24 Weekend”. The younger leagues start after the May long weekend – fully dependent upon the diamond conditions and the **SSMBA Schedule**.

#### **Do we play in Alliston only?**

No. Half of the divisional season games are home and away. For example, there are 14 games in 9U. 7 are Away games and 7 are Home games. We travel to other centres within the South Simcoe Minor Baseball Association (SSMBA). The SSMBA is our umbrella body that governs all house league rules for at least 16 centres across Simcoe County and parts of Dufferin and Grey County. Rules, Schedules and Standings, etc. are on the SSMBA website [ssmba.ca](http://ssmba.ca)

#### **When we join, do we need to buy anything?**

You need a jock or jill for all games or practices. NO exceptions. A baseball glove, a good pair of baseball/soccer cleats shoes (no metal spikes)... and lots of patience. That’s it. The baseball hat, shirt, pants, belt, socks and pictures are keepers.

#### **Is TNTBA a town organization?**

No. TNTBA is a community volunteer non-profit organization called a ‘centre’ or ‘town’ under the umbrella of the South Simcoe Minor Baseball Association (SSMBA). The SSMBA governs all house league rules for at least 16 centres across Simcoe County and parts of Dufferin and Grey County. Rules, Schedules and Standings, etc. are on the SSMBA website [ssmba.ca](http://ssmba.ca)

#### **What night does my child play?**

There isn’t a set night until after the coach’s meetings. Coach meetings are set end of April and first week of May. Once head coaches are found and allocated a team, they are given choices for what will be their “home” night. It could be any night. It’s largely dependent on availability of the volunteer coach’s time. This home night represents the team’s home game time and practice time. Coaches will then have a Coach’s Scheduling Meeting with the SSMBA by no later than early May. Then the schedules are posted on the SSMBA website and distributed to all coaches within the SSMBA.

#### **Is this softball or hardball?**

It’s neither. It’s baseball. Starting with first year “over-hand” pitching in the 11U division we use a normal leather baseball all the way through to 18U. The lower aged players from 8u-9U use a baseball with a pitching machine.