

Here is some feedback from the Baseball SAC

· **Can your sport be played in a different season that it currently is in now?**

Baseball could be played in the Fall, however I think Football and volleyball would take away several athletes.

· **Which seasons can your sport be played in?**

Fall/Spring

· **What is the preference of season? Why?**

Great question. Baseball is currently played in the Spring with several teams having players who play at the rep or elite level. Those players are in their seasons during the OFSAA Baseball Championships. Things have worked out thus far. Having Baseball in the Fall might allow for more flexibility on facilities and players as some rep and elite teams are still competing in the Fall but for the most part in a less competitive nature (not all but most). I can only speak for Northern Ontario but we typically can't get on our baseball fields until after the May long weekend, because of this we have to host our NOSSA Championships a week prior to OFSAA and have our City Championships in the Fall.

· **Do you feel there is an advantage to teams who may play their sport in the Fall and then compete at OFSAA in the Spring, for example?**

I think it would be very interesting to host City Championships in the Fall followed by Regional Championships in the Spring to then be followed by OFSAA Championships in the Spring as well. I would love to hear other peoples perspective on this point.

Can your sport be played in a different season that it currently is in now?

There is merit to playing in both seasons. In the spring, one of the downsides is that the athletes are just getting into their competitive seasons and might not be at their full capacity. Conversely playing in the fall may find the athletes suffering from over use injuries sustained from their respective seasons of play.

Travel team athletes often find themselves playing in tournaments in both seasons of play so this may or may not be a concern.

As mentioned by J.G. access to fields is often an issue in Toronto as well. Parks and Rec are reluctant to grant permits until early to mid May and very often said fields are not well maintained. With this said, playing in the fall would provide for better fields of play. The issue again is with permits. In Toronto, permits end at the end of September. So that would drastically impact scheduling.

Which seasons can your sport be played in? As mentioned above, it is feasible to play in the fall, but the preference would be the spring.

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Any time you compete across semesters you run the risk of losing athletes due to graduation and other circumstances. Would there be a process where new athletes could be added to the roster to fill vacant roster spots ? In this day in age,

many elite / travel team athletes are training year round So I would not see any advantage.