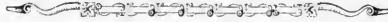


RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING THE

Base Ball Championship of the Dominion



1st. That any regularly organized Base Ball Club winning the Silver Ball, now in the hands of the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club of Guelph, shall be acknowledged as the Champion Club of the Dominion of Canada.

2nd. That a single game shall in all cases decide the Championship.

3rd. That all the matches for the Championship shall be played strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations laid down by the "National Base Ball Association" of the United States and published in Chadwick's Book of Rules and Regulations, with the Rules herein enumerated.

4th. That in no case shall the Champion Club be considered the challenging party.

5th. That to prevent any misunderstanding, every Club playing for the Championship, in the event of being unsuccessful, shall lose the Ball played with during the match.

6th. That any Club winning the Championship shall furnish two sureties in the sum of fifty dollars each, to some responsible person appointed by the givers or losers of the Silver Ball, on the due delivery of the Ball, when fairly won; or farther, that in the event of a Club becoming disorganized while holding the Silver Ball, it shall be given up to the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club of Guelph, and then to be played for as in the first instance, it being the Club from which the Silver Ball emanated, consequently the owners of the Silver Ball, provided no Club is able to hold or retain possession of it for two successive years.

7th. That any Club holding the Ball for two years in succession, and in accordance with these rules, it shall become the undisputed property of that Club, and then it shall be disposed of as that Club shall think proper.

8th. That no match game for the Championship Ball shall be played sooner than the first of June or later than the 30th of September, in each year, unless agreed to by the Champion Club.

9th. That the Champion Club shall be in duty bound to accept all challenges for the Championship Ball in due rotation, and the challenged Club cannot be compelled to play inside of fourteen days from date of the preceding Championship match.

10th. That no Club shall be recognized as the Champion Club until after the Champion Ball is duly won and received from the Club from which the Silver Ball was won.

11th. That any Club competing for the Championship shall receive twenty-five per cent. of the nett gate receipts.

12th. That no Club shall be entitled to hold the Silver Ball unless they can provide an enclosed ground of sufficient size, free from obstructions, for a Championship match to be played upon.

13th. That all Championship matches be played with the "Professional Ryan Dead Ball."

14th. That all matches for the Championship be played on the grounds of the Champions.

15th. That no Club can accept a challenge for the Championship of Canada unless being duly in possession of the Silver Ball as governed by the foregoing rules and regulations.

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