

Whitby Minor Baseball Association (WMBA)

Release Policy

In support of the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) residence rule and in order to field competitive Representative (Rep) teams it is the position of the WMBA that a player must play where he/she resides. Therefore no releases will be given to a player if there is a position available on a Rep team for their age group within the WMBA. Exceptions to this rule will be assessed on a case by case basis (process outlined below) and where it is in the best interest of the WMBA.

1. Players trying out for Baseball Ontario EBLO teams may attend those tryouts without a release. If they make an EBLO team other than the WMBA team a release will be signed by the WMBA.
2. Players wishing to tryout or join a team other than the Baseball Ontario EBLO teams outlined above and outside of the WMBA territorial boundaries, must request a release in writing to the Rep Director of the WMBA. The release request will be reviewed by the Rep Committee and their recommendation will be forwarded to the WMBA Executive. The release request must outline the reasons for the release and an in person meeting may be requested by the WMBA. A release form will only be issued with the approval of the WMBA Executive and signed by the President. This can only occur at a meeting of the board (which meets once a month) or at a special meeting called by the President, with a quorum of the Executive present.
3. Release requests submitted after June 15th of the current WMBA season, or, during the tryout process for the following season, will not be reviewed until all tryouts for next year's teams have concluded. Coaches can not approve releases from the WMBA.
4. If the player wishes to play for a team in another affiliate, then both a local release (WMBA) and an affiliate release, Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (EOBA) is required.
5. If a player is a resident of Whitby and has never played OBA baseball, and wishes to play for an association other than where they reside, a release is still required as outlined above.

If a player requests a release and is denied by WMBA, they can appeal that decision to our affiliate, the EOBA. If the EOBA upholds the decision of the WMBA, the player may then appeal to Baseball Ontario.