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### **Clarington Baseball Association Release Policy Proposal**

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 CBA 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 CBA. 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 CBA.

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 CBA team a release will be signed by the CBA.
2. Players wishing to tryout or join a team other than the Baseball Ontario EBLO teams outlined above and outside of the CBA territorial boundaries, must request a release in writing to the Rep Director of the CBA. The release request will be reviewed by the Release committee and their recommendation will be forwarded to the CBA Executive. The release request must outline the reasons for the release and an in person meeting may be requested by the CBA. A release form will only be issued with the approval of the CBA 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 CBA 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 CBA.
4. If the player wishes to play for a team in another affiliate, then both a local release (CBA) and an affiliate release, Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (EOBA) is required.
5. If a player is a resident of Clarington 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 CBA, they can appeal that decision to our affiliate, the EOBA. If the EOBA upholds the decision of the CBA, the player may then appeal to Baseball Ontario.