

Release Policy of Belleville Amateur Baseball Association

It is the position of BABA that a player must play within the boundaries of the association where they reside. Therefore no release will be granted to any player if there is a position open on a rep team for their age group within BABA.

Exceptions to this rule will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Section 1.01 Exception Process (Release Request):

Players wishing to change teams outside of the boundaries of BABA must request their release in writing to the **Vice President of Rep** of BABA.

The release request must outline the reasons for the release and an in person meeting may be requested by BABA.

A release form will only be issued with the approval of BABA executive, signed by the association President. This can only occur at a meeting of the board.

Board meetings happen monthly or a special meeting as called by the President, with at least half of the executive present.

If the player wishes to play for a team in another affiliate, then both a local release (BABA) and an affiliate release (EOBA) would be required.

If a player has never played OBA baseball, and wishes to play for an association other than where they live, a release is still required as outlined above.

Section 1.02 Appeal Process

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

EOBA Statement on Release Appeals:

Section 2 (Membership and Registration) from the EOBA Constitution (as of Jan 2006)

2.7.2 A player wishing to change their Association or Team or Club must first secure a written release from their old Association or Team or Club, signed by the current Executive of that Club. If this release is refused, the player has the right to **notify the secretary** of the EOBA of their privilege to present their case, in person, to the EOBA Executive for their decision. The Association(s) or Team(s) or Club(s) concerned shall have the privilege of representation at the hearing. Releases shall not be valid until filed with the Registrar of the EOBA and with the Secretary of the OBA.

Contact Information Required for Release Requests and Appeals can be obtained from the website, www.bellvillebucs.com/executive.htm