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## **TBA PLAYER RELEASE PROTOCOL**

Under the TBA constitution a player is properly registered with a local association team when the team roster is signed by the player (if the player is younger than 18, by a parent) and then approved by the TBA Registrar. The player's playing rights remain with that local association team for the following year if it continues to operate a team in the series for which the player's age qualifies him/her. In addition, should a player not register with a TBA club but play either professional baseball or with a team that participates in a programme that is not under OBA jurisdiction, said player's playing rights remain with the TBA local association with which the player last registered.

If a player wishes to register with another team, it is necessary to obtain a release. To do so the player or parent should prepare the TBA Player Release Form, which may be downloaded from this site. The form should then be submitted to the President, Secretary or Registrar of the local association holding the playing rights. It should be noted that managers and coaches are not authorized to approve releases, except in the case of Senior teams.

If the release is approved, the form must be signed in the designated place (A) by the proper local association authority and returned to the player/parent involved. This release should then be given to the manager or coach of any new team with which the player wishes to register.

If the release request is denied, the form must be signed in the designated place (B) by the proper local association authority and returned to the player/parent involved. The player/parent then has the right to appeal the denial of the release request to the TBA President who will appoint a committee consisting of a minimum of 3 members of the TBA Executive Committee to hear the appeal. If this TBA committee also denies the request for release, the player/parent may appeal the decision to Baseball Ontario.

If a player released from a local association wishes to register with a team outside of Toronto, a further release is required from the TBA.

### **NOTES:**

Any player who has participated in 6 games or more for a team cannot be released to register with another team in that season. No player may be released after June 25 of the playing season. No release will be granted or accepted by the TBA unless a player has returned all club property and, where applicable, paid the full team registration fee.

**It should be noted that, for Etobicoke and Scarborough teams, the local association with the proper authority is the Etobicoke Baseball Association or the Scarborough Baseball Association, not the individual park league that is a member of the EBA or SBA.**

### **SPECIAL NOTE RE MANAGERS/COACHES:**

Any manager or coach wishing to move from one local association to another at the same age level as the previous year or the immediately higher age level must secure written permission from the executive of the local association of the previous year's team.