



Aurora King Baseball Association Release & Import Policy

Policy

Aurora King Baseball Association's (AKBA) primary goal is provide playing and development opportunities for the residents of Aurora and King Township, including opportunities to play at the highest level possible.

While respecting the York Simcoe Baseball Association's (YSBA) philosophy on imports, in order to achieve its primary objective, AKBA will not permit any imports on a team at the 11U level or below, which includes Select teams without the approval of the AKBA Board, requested through the VP and Rep and Select.

Athletes that have been grandfathered into the Association as per the YSBA's grandfathering rules, will not be considered an import as it relates to these rules.

If any age division has two teams, the 2nd team is not permitted to having any imports without the approval of the VP of Rep/Select.

Players trying out for an AKBA team at the 12U or higher levels will be required to follow the YSBA rules with respect to releases and imports. (YSBA Rules attached).

In order for a player U8 to U11 to get a release from the AKBA to play in another Centre, that player must have been cut from the AKBA team. If there are two teams in a said age group, that player must be cut from both teams.

If a player has already been released by AKBA, that player will not require a release again to play for that same Centre, however if the released player is looking to move to another Centre, that player must obtain another release from AKBA, following the rules above.

Procedures

Players leaving Aurora – The parent or legal guardian of a player will be required to email the VP of Rep/Select to request a release from AKBA. The VP of Rep/Select will verify with the Head Coach(es) that said player was released and then will issue the release to said player. If the player did not tryout or was not cut, a release would not be issued, and the said player would be required to appeal the AKBA decision to the YSBA.

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14U and Above

Tryouts for teams may start as early as the day following Labour Day.

No Local YSBA Release is required the day following Labour Day through October 31st.

Any player signed by a team during this period will be deemed to have a Local Association release.

A player requesting to be signed after October 31st will require a Local Association release. If the requested release is denied, the Rep appeal process is available.

12U-13U

Tryouts for teams may start as early as the day following Labour Day.

No Local YSBA Release is required the day following Labour Day through October 31st.

Once a player is offered, and accepts, a spot on a team other than their home Local Association, a request must be made to the YSBA for Affiliate Approval, which will be granted.

A player requesting to be signed after October 31st will require a Local Association release. If the requested release is denied, the Rep appeal process is available.

Exceptions:

Any 12U and 13U player from a B Center or lower playing on a Classified Single A team during the regular season, may only receive a release if that player is trying out for a team that was classified AAA/AA the previous year and has no intention to drop down to Single A.

It is understood that the playing rights of a player, who tries out for one or more AAA/AA team(s) and is not selected, will remain where they were as determined by section RP1.5 (b) of the Baseball Ontario Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division and the Rep Playing Rules.

11U and Under

No change to current YSBA By-laws.

8U/9U

No 8U/9U player will be provided a Release unless there is, a) no Rep team in their home Local Association or b) they have been cut from the home Local Association team they tried out for.

PLAYERS WISHING TO LEAVE YSBA

Any player, whose playing rights are held by a Local Association within the YSBA, requesting to be signed by a Local Association outside of the YSBA will require a release from both their home Local Association and Affiliate Association (YSBA) at all levels, except Junior and Senior.

PLAYERS WISHING TO ENTER YSBA

Any player requesting to be signed by a Local Association within the YSBA, whose playing rights are held by a Local Association not a member of the YSBA, will require a release from both their home Local Association and respective Affiliated Association at all levels, except Junior and Senior.

NO TEAM IN HOME LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Where there is a Local Association but the Local Association does not have a team at that particular series, a player may play for any team within the YSBA without a release. For the purposes of this rule, minor (e.g. 8U (Minor Rookie), 10U (Minor Mosquito), etc.) is not defined as a separate series from major (e.g. 9U (Rookie Ball), 11U (Mosquito), etc.). If a combined minor/major program is offered by a Local Association, then the Local Association is considered to have a team in the particular series. The player is expected to return to his/her Local Association, unless a release is obtained.

TAMPERING

The Head Coach of a team found to have tampered with a player, as defined by the Baseball Ontario Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division, will receive a three (3) game suspension and a \$250 fine levied to his/her Local Association for each incidence of tampering. Tampering includes any address manipulation that is discovered prior to the start of the season.

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19. Player Transfers and Releases

(a) Divisional Restrictions

- (i) 8U Minor Rookie Ball players may not transfer to another Local even if they are planning to play at the 9U Rookie Ball level.
- (ii) When a player has played outside his home Local and wishes to go to another Local outside of his home Local (but within the YSBA), releases are required from both the Home Local (where the player resides) and the Local for which the player last played.
- (iii) Players wishing to play in the Baseball Ontario Elite League (see Section 23 below) and secure a spot on the roster for a 15U Bantam/18U Midget Elite League Team are not subject to the Release rules. See Section 23 below for further details.

(b) Release Process

- (i) A player needs to secure his or her release from their home Local before the player can tryout (9U Rookie to 13U Peewee) or play on (14U Minor Bantam to 21U Junior) any other team.
- (ii) If a player wishes to leave the YSBA, the player must obtain a Local release, and then the player shall apply to the YSBA Policies and Procedures Chair for a YSBA Release. For greater certainty, the player may **NOT** tryout with any team outside of the YSBA without first securing the Local release **and** the YSBA Release.
- (iii) Players will apply directly to the Chair of the Policies & Procedures Committee in writing for either a YSBA. The Chair will forward to the YSBA Board of Directors (for review and approval) any request for a Release out of the YSBA.
- (iv) Any player who has requested a release from their Local and the release has neither been granted nor denied may apply directly to the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee no earlier than thirty (30) days from the original request date to their Local.

(c) Denial of Local Release

- (i) If a player is denied a Local release, the player may appeal directly to the Chair of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee.
- (ii) The Chair of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee will set up a hearing of all the parties to review the facts and render a decision. The Chair will provide a schedule of hearing dates.
- (iii) If the appeal is approved, the player shall be entitled to a release from their Local **ONLY**. Any player wishing to play for a team **outside of the YSBA**, must secure a written release from the YSBA.
- (iv) If the appeal is denied, the player may then appeal the decision to the Chair of the Technical Committee of the OBA.

(d) Application for a Release (for movement outside the YSBA)

- (i) All players shall tryout with a team within the YSBA boundaries other than their previous season's team, before pursuing a release to play outside the YSBA boundaries.
- (ii) A player requesting a release must complete a YSBA Request Release Form (which can be found on the YSBA website) and submit it to the Chair of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee. The Chair will review the request to determine if additional information is required, there is sufficient information to process the request or a Release hearing should be scheduled. The Chair will forward to the YSBA Board of Directors (for review and approval) any request for a Release out of the YSBA.

NOTE: A YSBA Release request will not be reviewed until the applicant has been granted or denied a release from his Local, or until the passing of thirty (30) days from the date on which the release was requested (as per section 19(b)(iv)).

- (iii) Releases will not be considered unless the player has received all the required releases as described in Section 1(a)(i).
 - (iv) All requests must be received by the YSBA on or before **June 15th**.
 - (v) If approved, the release will be issued within 72 hours of the decision of the YSBA Policies & Procedures Committee.
 - (vi) If the release is denied, the player may then appeal to the Chair of the Technical Committee of the OBA.
- (e) All requests for YSBA Releases will be acknowledged within seven (7) days of the receipt of the request. Hearings will be held as per the schedule release by the YSBA Policies and Procedures Committee.
- (f) No release hearings will be heard from the period **June 15th** to Labour Day each calendar season.