



## *Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association*

### REP RELEASE POLICY

The basic premise of Baseball Ontario's residence rule for rep baseball is that players are to play with the local association where they reside. MSBA's boundaries are: 1) on the east, the Credit River; 2) on the south, Lake Ontario; 3) on the west, the Mississauga/Oakville border; and 4) on the north, the south side of Eglinton Avenue West. Players from within those boundaries need a release from MSBA before trying out or playing with a different local association's rep team.

To request a release, a player/the player's parent(s) should write MSBA's VP Rep Baseball/Select, Alvaro Morales, [ams59@bellnet.ca](mailto:ams59@bellnet.ca) with the following information:

- a) player's name;
- b) date of birth;
- c) address;
- d) team the player played with in the previous season; and
- e) the reasons for the requested release.

Barring exceptional circumstances, releases for the following season will be only granted at the earliest on the Monday of the Labour Day week-end.

#### **A release is not automatically granted on request.**

The MSBA VP Rep Baseball/Select and the Executive VP will review the circumstances of the requested release and provide a response by the later of: (i) 7 days after receipt of the release request, and (ii) the Monday of the Labour Day week-end of the year previous to the season for which the release is sought. The response may be any of the following:

- 1) Grant the release;
- 2) Deny the release; or
- 3) Require the player to participate in MSBA rep tryouts for the appropriate age group of the player. If the player is required to participate in MSBA tryouts and there is not a spot on an MSBA rep roster offered to the player, then the player will be released. If a spot on an MSBA rep roster is offered to the player, then the player will be denied the release.

If MSBA denies a player a release, then the player will be advised as to the player's appeal rights to Central Ontario Baseball Association.

NOTE: Releases are automatic under Baseball Ontario rules for players accepting a roster spot on an EBLO team on or prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September as long as the EBLO team submits its roster to Baseball Ontario by the Wednesday following such 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Otherwise, releases are required to join an EBLO team.