

## **Commencing in the 2026 Season (Fall 2025 tryouts)**

### **REP RELEASES**

#### **8U to 11U**

1. Player/Parent shall request a release in writing to BOMBA to the attention of the Director of Rep Baseball.
2. The Rep Committee will review the request and do the following
  - a. Identify the player and age series
  - b. Determine if the player attended tryouts. If not, determine if the player has played on Burlington Rep team(s) in the past.
  - c. Consult with the Manager (or Managers if more than one team) for the respective age series to determine if the player in question is qualified to play Rep on a BOMBA team
  - d. The Rep Committee will determine if the player is of interest to the team or teams in that age series
3. If the Managers and the Rep Committee agree that the player in question would not have made any BOMBA Rep team in that age series then the Rep Committee will issue a written release.
4. If the Managers and the Rep Committee agree that the player in question is capable of playing Rep and a Manager has an interest in the player, there will be no release.
5. All release must be signed by the BOMBA President based on the recommendation of the REP Committee.
6. Once a player receives a release and is placed on a Baseball Ontario roster, that release does not have to be renewed on a yearly basis. ie OBA (Ontario Baseball Association) accepts this as permanent. If a player returns to Burlington then the original release becomes null and void.
7. If a player provides evidence that the player has been offered a spot in the Elite Baseball League of Ontario (EBLO), a release will be provided per COBA regulations.
8. Burlington residents are prohibited from trying out for another Association (EBLO excepted) without a release (regardless of whether or not the player is currently on a Burlington Rep team). For more information, refer to the Central Ontario Baseball Organization rules Gold Book and the Baseball Ontario Constitution and Playing Rules.

#### **12U & 13U**

BOMBA will provide a release to any player who is not attending tryouts for a Burlington team for the following season and wishes to try out for another COBA team.

#### **COBA Policy**

COBA allows players at specific age groups to tryout for other COBA teams without a release. If a player provides evidence that they have been offered a spot on a COBA team, BOMBA will provide a release. Please check the COBA website for permitted age groups as it may change year over year.

**\*\*Burlington residents in all age groups who leave Burlington for another organisation are welcome to tryout in future years. No release is required from another organisation.\*\***

COBA website:

<https://cobabaseball.com/>

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### **RESIDENCY POLICY 8U to 11U**

To try out for a Burlington Rep team, players must be in one of the 5 categories listed below:

1. Players must be residents of the city of Burlington as described by our official boundaries. **All Burlington residents attending tryouts, who were not on a BOMBA Rep team the previous season, must provide proof of residency to the Rep Committee at the BOMBA office.** Proof of such residency would include, but is not limited to, a driver's license or property tax bill.
2. Players from a different local association and who have played on a Burlington House league baseball team within BOMBA for one season and have a current release from their local association will be considered Burlington residents.
3. Players from a different local association and who have played on a Burlington Rep baseball team within BOMBA for one season and have a current release from their local association will be considered Burlington residents
4. A player from another local association with no rep team at their age group may play for us without a release from their local association but a release is recommended.
5. A player from another local association that has a release from their local association and a release from the team they played for in the previous season (if different from their local organization). A release must be presented to the Rep Committee prior to attending the first tryout.

**For the 8U to 11U age groups**, a Burlington resident (#1, 2 or 3 above) that is Rep calibre will be chosen before out-of-town players (#4 or #5 above) regardless of the calibre of any out-of-town players.

Out-of-town players (#4 or #5 above) will only be considered for the Bulls 2 or 3 team unless there is no additional team for that age group.

A player who is from another organization who does not have a release and/or misrepresents themselves as a Burlington resident will be removed from tryouts and/or the team for which they have been selected and will be prohibited from attending tryouts the following season, regardless of whether a release is subsequently obtained.

### **RESIDENCY POLICY 12U**

For each 12U Burlington Rep team, a maximum of four (4) "out-of-town players" (with a current release from their home organization) will be permitted to be rostered. A release must be provided before attending tryouts.

### **RESIDENCY POLICY 13U**

There will be no limit on the number of" out-of-town players (with a current release from their home organization) rostered. A release must be provided before attending tryouts

### **COBA Policy**

A player from another COBA association may attend BOMBA tryouts without a release for specific COBA approved age groups but will be required to obtain a release from their local association if a spot is offered on a BOMBA team. BOMBA teams at these age groups may choose players from other organizations without the restriction of choosing Burlington players first.