

## Rep Releases

1. Player/Parent shall request a release in writing to BOMBA to the attention of the Director of Rep Baseball. The written request must be made prior to October 15th. No Release requests will be considered after October 15th.
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 President of the organization based on the recommendation of the REP Committee.
6. Once a player receives a release, 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 he/she 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 he/she 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.
9. Players in the Major Bantam to Major Midget age group are permitted to try out for any team within COBA without a release. If a player provides evidence that he/she has been offered a spot on a COBA team, a release from BOMBA will be provided to the player. (rule voted by COBA in January & August 2019 for the 2020 season).

## Residency Policy

To try out for a Burlington rep team, players must be in one of the 6 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 can be of different local association but 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 can be of different local association but 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 his/her age group may play for us without a release from his/her 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 he/she 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.

6. A Major Bantam to Major Midget aged player from another COBA association may attend BOMBA tryouts without a release but will be required to obtain a release from their local association if a spot is offered on a BOMBA team.

A Minor Rookie Ball to Minor Bantam aged 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. Major Bantam to Major Midget BOMBA teams may choose players from other COBA organizations (#6 above) without the restriction of choosing Burlington players first.

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.

Approved by the BOMBA Board of Directors on September 15, 2019.

