



## Policy 17: PLAYER RELEASES

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### PURPOSE

This Policy outlines the process for obtaining a release from Kitchener Minor Baseball Association (KMBA) in alignment with the Intercounty Baseball Association's (ICBA) process for obtaining a release to play in a different centre within ICBA. It is the responsibility of the team and local sports association to ensure all releases have been verified and approved before allowing a non-resident player on the field at a try-out within their association.

### DEFINITION

Catchment area: Players who reside in the following municipalities are considered part of the KMBA catchment area, as per ICBA: Kitchener, Plattsville, Ayr, Breslau, Petersburg.

### PROCEDURE

#### **Players within KMBA Catchment Area**

Players within the KMBA Catchment area must provide a written request via email to [admin@kitchenerminorbaseball.ca](mailto:admin@kitchenerminorbaseball.ca) to receive a release. The reason for the release request must be disclosed as we wish to understand the reasons for the request.

It is not the opinion of KMBA that players who no longer wish to participate in our program should be restricted. However, in an effort for KMBA to retain strong competitive programming at all levels, KMBA will only release a maximum of 33% or a maximum of 4 players from any single rostered team.

#### **Players outside of KMBA Catchment Area**

All releases obtained are to be sent to KMBA to [admin@kitchenerminorbaseball.ca](mailto:admin@kitchenerminorbaseball.ca). The following procedures must be followed.

If you are currently playing with a sports association within ICBA (i.e., WMBA) and you wish to try out or play for KMBA, you must first ask for a release from your current home association. If you are currently playing with another centre outside of ICBA and you would like to try out and play on a KMBA team, you must also go back to your home association and request a .

### **Players outside of ICBA catchment area**

Players who wish to play for a team outside of the jurisdictional boundary of the ICBA as per the OBA constitution must obtain a written release from both the local association in which he/she resides and from the registrar/secretary of the Inter County affiliate before becoming eligible to sign with a new team.

### **REVIEW AND UPDATES**

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and best practices. Updates or revisions to the policy will be incorporated into KMBA's governance practices as necessary.

By adhering to this policy, we uphold the values of integrity, accountability, and transparency within KMBA and demonstrate our commitment to serving the best interests of the organization and its members.

Any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this policy, please contact the President or the Vice President. We will update this policy periodically to reflect any changes in our practices or legal requirements.