



## **HDBA Boundaries and Rep Release Policy**

### ***Boundaries:***

- 1) The boundaries of the Hamilton Cardinals shall be the boundaries of HDBA.
- 2) The boundaries of Ancaster Minor Baseball shall be the following postal codes: L9G & L9K.
- 3) The boundaries of Dundas Minor Baseball shall be the following postal codes: L9H.
- 4) The boundaries of Binbrook Minor Baseball shall be the following postal codes: L8J and the portion of L0R that is within HDBA boundaries.
- 5) The boundaries of Mahoney Park shall be the following postal codes: L8E L8H, L8K, and L8G
- 6) Release policy for House league players shall be set by the House league Committee.

### ***Release Policy:***

All players within HDBA are eligible to play for the Hamilton Cardinals.

Ancaster Minor Baseball, Binbrook Minor Baseball, Mahoney Park and Dundas Minor Baseball will have equal rights to any players within their boundaries. Players within Ancaster Minor Baseball boundaries are eligible to play for Ancaster Minor Baseball or the Hamilton Cardinals. Players within Dundas Minor Baseball boundaries are eligible to play for Dundas Minor Baseball or the Hamilton Cardinals. Players within Binbrook Minor Baseball boundaries are eligible to play for Binbrook Minor Baseball or the Hamilton Cardinals. Players within Mahoney Park boundaries are eligible to play for Mahoney Park or the Hamilton Cardinals. All other local associations have the right to register rep teams as well. Upon notifying the HDBA Registrar of their intent to register a rep team postal code boundaries will be provided.

The Hamilton Cardinals will complete AAA tryouts by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday after Labour Day. Players not offered a roster spot at on the AAA teams at that time are free to try out for any Hamilton rep team while respecting current boundaries of any local associations fielding teams.

## **Players requesting releases from their Local Association**

All release requests shall be forwarded by the Local Association to the Registrar of HDBA within 24 hours of receipt at [registrar@hdba.ca](mailto:registrar@hdba.ca)

All release requests shall be either granted or denied within 7 days.

The Registrar of HDBA shall be copied on any correspondence granting or denying a release.

If a release is denied, Registrar of HDBA shall inform the player/ parent that they have the right to an HDBA appeal hearing.

## **Players requesting releases from HDBA**

Any players requesting releases from HDBA must first obtain releases from any Local Association within HDBA offering a Rep program at the player's age category.

## **Players requesting Appeal Hearing**

Appeal hearings shall be held at the soonest possible time but not more than 30 days from the request for appeal.

Appeal hearings shall be chaired by HDBA Registrar or designate if Registrar is not available.

Three members of HDBA Local Associations/ Board of Directors shall sit on the Appeals Committee and will decide the outcome of any appeal.

**If bona fide evidence of tampering is presented the committee shall deny the release.** These guidelines apply to releases within or outside the HDBA boundaries.

Decisions made by the Release Appeal Committee are final.

As per the HDBA Constitution there may be an appeal to the HDBA President under limited circumstances.

The player or the Local Association involved in the appeal may also appeal to Baseball Ontario through the Technical Committee.

## **Tampering**

Any player that registers online or in person for any Local Association that does not hold the player's playing rights by either having registered the player on a rep roster the prior season or by residence shall inform the player and his or her parents if under age 18 that they require a release. Registration can be for any try out, formal or informal training, or league play.

The Local Association can, if they desire and know, direct the player or parents who to contact for a release. The Local Association can have no further contact with the player or the family until such time as a proper release is obtained. The player and family can be directed to contact the HDBA Registrar if they require more information at [registrar@hdba.ca](mailto:registrar@hdba.ca)

Any contact between the Local Association whether coaches or volunteers or executive members will be considered tampering and the offending party will be directed to the HDBA Discipline Committee. Local Associations need to be aware that Baseball Ontario may also wish to hold discipline hearings. Offences may be punishable by lengthy suspensions of coaches and substantial fines for Local Associations.

**Please make your coaches and volunteers aware of these rules.**

This Map represents the boundaries of the City of Hamilton. Some parts of the city are not within HDBA boundaries. All postal codes starting with L7 are within COBA boundaries. The Southern area of L0R is within HDBA, the Western area of L0R is split with HDBA, COBA and ICBA.

