

**BASEBALL ONTARIO  
RECOGNITION OF ALTERNATIVE BASEBALL PROGRAMS  
FOR 2010 PLAYING SEASON**

In order to allow for players to determine where they wish to participate in 2010, Baseball Ontario is announcing its recognition of alternative programs for the 2010 playing season.

For players (i.e., where whole teams are not playing in an alternative baseball program), Baseball Ontario recognizes the following organization(s):

- PBLO franchises in good standing with the PBLO and complying with the agreement between Baseball Ontario and the PBLO (currently, those franchises include: Team Ontario, Intercounty Terriers, Ottawa Nepean Canadians, London Badgers, Team Toronto, Niagara Rebels, Ontario Blue Jays and the Oakville Royals.)
- Little League
- Ontario Senior Select
- National Capital Senior Baseball League
- All Senior Men's Houseleague Programs

Players who are involved with a recognized alternative baseball program may ONLY sign with the OBA Local Association that holds their current playing rights by virtue of residence or because the player played with that OBA Local Association in 2009. If the Local Association who holds the player's rights decides NOT to sign the player, the player may NOT sign with any other OBA team during the current playing season. This means that a player playing alternative baseball can sign with an OBA team for the 2010 season BUT the only team the player may sign with is the Local Association that holds the player's playing rights.

For OBA teams (i.e., where the entire team is playing as a team in an alternative program), if the OBA team has the approval of its Affiliated Association, it may play in any of the following alternative baseball programs:

- PBLO
- AABC
- Can-Am (Windsor area senior league)
- American Legion
- NABF
- Boys of Summer
- Little League

OBA teams wishing to play in one of those alternative baseball programs must follow all rules applicable to OBA teams, including rostering and release requirements, and must comply with their obligations to their Affiliated Association and Baseball Ontario.

Teams wishing for Baseball Ontario to recognize any other alternative baseball program may request the Board of Directors to consider their request. Any such request must be made in writing, have the approval of the team's Affiliated Association and provide reasons why Baseball Ontario should recognize the alternative baseball program. Baseball Ontario's Board of Directors reserves the right to approve or reject any such request.

Anyone having any questions regarding these provisions may contact David Huctwith, 1st Vice President at [david.huctwith@sympatico.ca](mailto:david.huctwith@sympatico.ca)