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Host Program 2010 World Junior Baseball Championships



Thunder Bay, Ontario
Where the World
Comes to Play

Thunder Bay International Baseball Association



Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA) is a not for profit organization that was created in 2002. The primary objective of TBIBA is to bid on and host national and international baseball events.

In 2004, TBIBA won the rights to stage the 2004 Baseball Canada Cup. This event involved players under 18 from all provinces to compete for the championship title.

The International Baseball Federation (IBAF) selected TBIBA and Thunder Bay to host the 2010 Junior AAA World Championship following the success of the 2004 Baseball Canada Cup.

The successful hosting of the 2010 Junior AAA World Championship will lead to establishing TBIBA and the City of Thunder Bay as serious contenders in hosting events of this magnitude in the future on a regular basis.

Imagine...

- Thunder Bay as the Baseball Centre of Excellence.
- Thunder Bay as the host for high caliber sporting events.
- Locally hosted sporting events broadcast by major Canadian Networks. (TBD)
- Thunder Bay as a sought after location to visit, play and live.
- Improved local facilities to accommodate world class events now and in the future.
- Hosting events equivalent to World Junior Hockey Championships and FIFA U20 Worlds.
- Creating networks with sister cities.
- Building networks among community organizations, strengthening business, tourism and culture.



2010 World Junior Baseball Championships

- Warm up to the Worlds held July 13th – 16th 2008 was a huge success, paving the way for the 2010 World Juniors.
- The event's hockey counterpart is the World Junior Hockey Championships.
- Involves junior National teams (under 19) of member countries of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF).
- To become eligible, countries take part in regional qualifying events one year prior.
- Countries competing represent all baseball playing regions of the world (Asia, South Pacific, Africa, Europe and the Americas).
- Twelve countries compete July 23rd to August 1st 2010, including one rest day.
- Forty-six games are played over the eleven day event.
- Venues will be Port Arthur Stadium and Baseball Central, with Lakehead University as the Athletes Village.

Hosting Involves:

- Any organization, not necessarily baseball or sports-oriented.
- Planning an event for their team (one host for each of the 12 teams) that captures the uniqueness of the host and provides a memorable experience for the players.
- Selling tickets for the championships.
- Meeting with other hosts to exchange information, inspire friendly competition, and encourage ticket sales.
- Meeting and greeting the team upon arrival.
- Providing hospitality for their team.
- Creating links with sister cities from inbound countries and local ethnic groups (interpreters, familiar foods, customs).
- Imagination—the possibilities for making this a great event are endless.



Team hosts offer a wide variety of experiences for athletes, and demonstrate Thunder Bay's spirit of hospitality.

Benefits of Hosting:

- Develop international networking opportunities.
- Become part of sports history in the making.
- Foster a lasting impression on participants.
- Contribute to a legacy of Thunder Bay as a world class contender.
- Promote your organization at a local/national/international level.
- Inspire community involvement.
- Receive a portion of ticket sales.
- Raise funds for your organization.