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2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship Media Backgrounder

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Thunder Bay International Baseball Association

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Media Information

Pre-Championship Press Conference

A press conference will be held on July 22nd, 2010 at 19:00 p.m. at Lakehead University (Room TBA). A representative from each participating team is requested to be present for interview.

Media Headquarters

The media headquarters will be located at Port Arthur Stadium it will open on Thursday, July 21st, 2010, to Sunday, August 1st, 2010.

Port Arthur Stadium

420 Lisgar St
Thunder Bay, ON, Canada P7B 6P7
Tel: (807) 345-5825

2010 IBAF World Junior Championship Website

www.worldbaseball2010.com

IBAF Website

www.ibaf.org

Media Credentials

All media covering the 2010 World Junior Baseball Championship must submit a credential request online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WJBCScoutingcredential>

Thunder Bay Hotel Accommodations

Media Hotels (Media must be prepared to provide a credit card number to reserve the room.)

Approximately 30 hotel rooms have been reserved at the Valhalla Inn Hotel (<http://www.valhallainn.com>). The Valhalla Inn is approximately 7km from Port Arthur Stadium, Baseball Central and Lakehead University. Any other information regarding accommodations can be obtained from the City of Thunder Bay Tourism department at <http://www.thunderbaytourism.com>

Media Interview Room

Media Interview room will be provided at both Port Arthur Stadium.

Media Press Box

Media Press Box will be provided at both Port Arthur Stadium and Baseball Central.

Parking

Press Parking will be available at Port Arthur Stadium, and Baseball Central.

Post Game Interview Policy

The post game interview policy will be communicated to all members of the media prior to the start of the Championship.

Rest Rooms

Men's and women's rest rooms will be available at Port Arthur Stadium, Baseball Central, and Lakehead University.

Tickets

Any members of the media, who have been authorized for working press credentials, will have access to any and all games at the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship.

2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship policy does not include complimentary tickets for members of the media. Media representatives interested in purchasing tickets for their spouses, families or significant others may do so through the Box Office at Port Arthur Stadium.

2010 IBAF World Junior Championship Host Organization Personnel

Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA)

Larry Hebert - Chair/President

Sylvain Gervais - Vice Chair / Vice President

Warren Philp - Executive Director

Doug Heath - Treasurer

Lincoln Galbraith - Assistant Treasurer / Technical Director

Jeff Halvorsen - Director of Marketing

Mike Chamberlain - Director of Volunteers

Rick Carson - Director of Insurance

Reg Galbraith - Director Facilities

Ron Haworth - Director of Logistics

Nick Melchiorre - Director of Legal Services

Don Morrison - Director at Large

Mike Skube, Director of Protocol

Mary Anne Oliphant - Director of Sponsorship

James Lucas, Tournament Coordinator

Lakehead University – Host Institution

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Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1

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History

2010 IBAF AAA 18U World Junior Baseball Championships History

Number	Year	Host Country	City/Town	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	1981	USA	Newark, NJ	Korea	USA	Australia
2	1982	USA	Knoxville, TN	USA	Japan	Australia
3	1983	USA	Johnstown, PA	Chinese Taipei	USA	Canada
4	1984	Canada	Kindersley, SK	Cuba	USA	Chinese Taipei
5	1985	USA	Albany, NY	Cuba	USA	Chinese Taipei
6	1986	Canada	Windsor	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
7	1987	Canada	Windsor	Cuba	USA	Canada
8	1988	Australia	Sydney, NSW	USA	Cuba	Chinese Taipei
9	1989	Canada	Trois-Rivieres	USA	Cuba	Australia
10	1990	Cuba	Havana	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
11	1991	Canada	Brandon	Canada	Chinese Taipei	USA
12	1992	Mexico	Monterrey	Cuba	USA	Chinese Taipei
13	1993	Canada	Windsor	Cuba	USA	Chinese Taipei
14	1994	Canada	Brandon	Korea	USA	Chinese Taipei
15	1995	USA	Boston	USA	Chinese Taipei	Australia
16	1996	Cuba	Sancti Spiritus	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
17	1997	Canada	Moncton	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
		Chinese Taipei				
18	1999	Taipei	Kaisong	USA	Chinese Taipei	Cuba
19	2000	Canada	Edmonton	Korea	USA	Cuba
20	2002	Canada	Sherbrooke	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
		Chinese Taipei				
21	2004	Taipei	Taipei	Cuba	Japan	Korea
22	2006	Cuba	Sancti Spiritus	Korea	USA	Canada
23	2008	Canada	Edmonton	Korea	USA	Cuba
24	2010	Canada	Thunder Bay	TBA	TBA	TBA

The Road to Thunder Bay

Italy, Netherlands, France, Korea, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Panama, US, Cuba, Venezuela, Czech Republic, Australia and Canada are the twelve teams that will participate in the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship.

European qualifiers concluded on August 10th, 2009. The Results were:

01. Italy*
02. Netherlands*
03. France*
04. Russia
05. Germany
06. Spain
07. Czech Republic
08. Ukraine
09. Slovakia
10. Belgium

Asian qualifiers concluded on August 31st, 2009. The Results were:

01. Korea*
02. Chinese Taipei*
03. Japan*
04. China
05. Sri Lanka
06. Thailand

America's qualifiers concluded on October 22nd, 2009. The Results were:

01. USA*
02. Cuba*
03. Venezuela*
04. Panama
05. Aruba
06. Colombia
07. Argentina

* - Indicates teams that qualified for the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship.

- South Africa was chosen by the African Continental Division to represent their region. However, they have withdrawn and will be replaced by Czech Republic.
- Japan qualified in the Asian Qualifiers. However, they have withdrawn and will be replaced by Panama.
- Australia was chosen by Baseball Oceania to represent their region.
- Canada enters the tournament draw as host country.

Community Hosts

Twelve Thunder Bay community hosts will host the twelve baseball teams that attend the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship and provide the players with a sample of Thunder Bay Hospitality. Each club is assigned to a specific team, and team members are invited to events such as, cookouts, golf outings and tours of Thunder Bay's many attractions and points of interest.

Team	Service Club
Canada	HMCF Griffin
USA	Lakehead Canoe Club
Venezuela	Local Venezuelan Community
Italy	Italian Cultural Centre
Netherlands	Dutch Canadian Society
Australia	Nurses of Thunder Bay
Czech Republic	Lakehead Antique Car Club

France	Club Canadien Francais
Cuba	MEMO - Cuba
Panama	Port Arthur Rotary
Chinese Taipei	Fort William Rotary
Korea	Leadership Thunder Bay Alumni

Stadia

Port Arthur Stadium

Port Arthur Stadium is used exclusively for baseball and is home to the Thunder Bay Border Cats of the Northwoods League. From 1993 to 1998, the stadium was also home to the Thunder Bay Whiskey Jacks of the Northern Professional League. The Port Arthur Stadium was constructed in 1951. The Port Arthur Stadium is owned and operated by the City of Thunder Bay Parks Division.

Address

420 Lisgar St
Thunder Bay, ON, Canada P7B 6P7

Dimensions Port Arthur Stadium

Left field line 330'
Left field alley
Center field 400'
Right field alley
Right field line 330'
Height of left field wall 8'
Height of center field wall/batter's eye 16'
Height of right field wall 8'
Height of scoreboard 8'to 24'
Stadium capacity 3,000

Baseball Central

Baseball Central was initiated in 1987 to house two ball fields to meet senior men's league specifications. One ball field has been completed with approximately \$600,000 of upgrades. A second field will be completed in time for the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship.

Address

944 Central Ave.
Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

Dimensions Baseball Central

Left field line (330')
Left field alley (360')
Center field (400')
Right field alley (360')
Right field line (330')

Height of left field wall (7')
Height of center field wall/batter's eye (7')
Height of right field wall (7')
Stadium capacity (750)*

* - Subject to change based on advanced ticket sales.

Tournament Coordination

The Tournament Coordinator of the TBIBA is responsible to provide organizational and administrative services associated with events encompassing and surrounding the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship. James Lucas, Tournament Coordinator is the principal contact, (807) 346-0045, or e-mail info@tbibaseball.ca

Promotion and Advertising

The objectives of the promotional efforts associated with the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship are to build awareness of the event among Thunder Bay-area residents and to support ticket-selling efforts. The principal contacts are; Jeff Halvorsen, Director of Marketing, (807) 624-5317 or e-mail marketing@tbibaseball.ca

Awards

The Team awards for Gold, Silver, and Bronze as well as the individual awards will be presented on the field following the conclusion of the Gold Medal game.

Beyond the Ball park

In addition to the Championship event Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA) is arranging for several other programs to run in conjunction with the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship.

The TBIBA is partnering with AHA (Arts and Heritage Alliance of Thunder Bay) to add a Festival component to the event and enhance tourism activities. The collective goal is to establish a connection between the visitors attending the Championship and the arts and cultural community of Thunder Bay and the surrounding area.

TBIBA is also planning to host a "FanFest" for the public to attend outside of the scheduled games. The "FanFest" will take place at the venue of Port Arthur Stadium, and Major League Baseball International has tentatively committed to sending five apparatuses from their "FanFest" to the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship. These five interactive components are mainstays of the "FanFest" that makes annual appearances at the Major League Baseball All Star game.