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International Baseball Coming to Minnesota

(Minneapolis, MN) – The Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA), St. Cloud River Bats, St. Paul Saints, and Minnetonka Diamond Club/Minnetonka Millers in conjunction with the USA Baseball and Baseball Canada are proud to announce the **Pre-Worlds International Baseball Series**. The series will take place from July 12th to July 20th, 2010, and act as a warm-up for those teams participating in the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

The series will be discussed at a **meeting** involving the **partners beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday January 28th, at the Canadian Consulate, 701 4th Av S, Suite 900, Minneapolis**. The **organizing committee** of the **2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship** will also be present at **Twinsfest** over the weekend at the **MetroDome**.

The **media is invited** to attend the meeting at the Consulate on the **28th** as each organization involved in the event will have representation to **answer any questions or inquiries**.

Thirteen games will be played in total and the series will feature the 18U National Teams from the United States, Canada, and Chinese Taipei * who will later be participating in the 2010 World Junior Baseball Championship from July 23 to August 1 in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. The Minnetonka Millers, Minneapolis All Stars, Chaska Cubs and St. Cloud & Area Selects will add the local competition to the July 12th – 20th event.

* Although not confirmed at press time, the participation of Chinese-Taipei is expected.

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January 28th Meeting Attendees:

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About the Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA)

The Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA), a not-for-profit organization, was created in late 2002, with its primary objective being to bid for and host national and international baseball events. The TBIBA aspires to be regarded by the national and international amateur baseball communities as the organization to stage well run, well received and professionally managed championship events played on world class facilities. In 2006 the TBIBA was awarded by the International Baseball Federation (IBAF) as the host organization the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship, July 23 to August 1, 2010.

About the International Baseball Federation (IBAF)

Founded in 1938, the International Baseball Federation (IBAF) is a non-governmental organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as administering men's and women's baseball at the world level. Located in Lausanne, Switzerland - the Olympic Capital - and counting more than 125 National Member Federations, the IBAF organizes the IBAF Men's and Women's Baseball World Cup, the AAA (18U) and AA (16U) World Championships, and it sanctions the World Baseball Classic, among other international baseball tournaments. The IBAF works to develop and grow the game of baseball around the world. For more information, please visit IBAF.org.

About USA Baseball

USA Baseball is the National Governing Body of amateur baseball in the United States and is a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The organization selects and trains the World Baseball Classic Team and World Cup Team (and all other USA Baseball Professional Teams); the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team; the USA Baseball 18U, 16U and 14U National Teams; and the USA Baseball Women's National Team, all of which participate in various international competitions each year. USA Baseball also presents the Golden Spikes Award annually to top player in college baseball. For more information, please visit www.usabaseball.com and www.goldenspikesaward.com.

