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Schedule Announced: 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship

(Thunder Bay, ON) – The Thunder Bay International Baseball Association (TBIBA) and International Baseball Federation (IBAF) today announced the official schedule for the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship.

The schedule outlines the forty-six games that will ultimately determine the World Champion. The participants are the world’s best 18U international teams from 12 different nations. Korea will be looking for their third straight world title, but will have strong competition from Cuba and the United States. As for Canada, they will be looking to make an impact on home soil in their quest to win their first junior gold medal since 1991

The best 18U baseball talent from around the world will converge on Thunder Bay, which is illustrated by the number of high profile MLB stars that got their start at the World Junior Baseball Championship. Current MLB players such as; Joe Mauer (USA), Kendry Morales and Yunieski Betancourt (Cuba) Shin-Soo Choo (Korea), and recent Canadian first round draft picks; Phillippe Aumont, Brett Lawrie and Adam Loewen all took part in the IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship throughout the years.

“The release of the schedule brings a reality to the planning process” said TBIBA President Larry Hebert. “The City of Thunder Bay can start to get excited, and get ready to support their teams”, stated Hebert. “It is always exciting to see the schedule announced, it allows for a greater sense of anticipation as teams start



to think about matchup's and strategy, and fans can plan what games to go to," stated IBAF President Ricardo Fraccari from Rome, Italy.

The tournament will take place in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, with the first pitch being thrown at Port Arthur Stadium on Friday, July 23rd, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) in a game between Panama and Cuba. The gold medal game will take place on Sunday, August 1st, at 4:30 p.m. (EDT).

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Mr. Sylvain Gervais, Vice President de TBIBA est disponible a repondre aux questions en francais sur ce sujet. Son numéro est 514-473-3330.

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 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 Baseball Canada

Federally incorporated in 1964 as the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball, Baseball Canada is the national governing body for baseball in Canada and is made up of 10 provincial associations representing players, coaches and umpires nationwide. Baseball Canada is a member of both the Canadian Olympic Association and the International Baseball Federation. It is funded and recognized by Sport Canada and Heritage Canada, and is recognized by Revenue Canada as having charitable status.



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Pool A	Chinese Taipei	USA	Venezuela	Italy	France	Australia		
Pool B	Korea	Cuba	Panama	Czech Republic	Netherlands	Canada		
GAME	DAY	DATE	TIME	POOL	VISITOR	HOME	FIELD	
1	FRIDAY	23-Jul	10:00	B	PANAMA	CUBA	PAS	
2	FRIDAY	23-Jul	14:00	A	AUSTRALIA	VENEZUELA	PAS	
	FRIDAY	23-Jul	18:15	OPENING CEREMONIES				
3	FRIDAY	23-Jul	19:30	B	CANADA	NETHERLANDS	PAS	
4	SATURDAY	24-Jul	9:00	A	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI	CENTRAL	
5	SATURDAY	24-Jul	9:30	A	VENEZUELA	ITALY	PAS	
6	SATURDAY	24-Jul	12:30	B	NETHERLANDS	KOREA	CENTRAL	
7	SATURDAY	24-Jul	14:00	A	USA	AUSTRALIA	PAS	
8	SATURDAY	24-Jul	16:30	B	CZECH REPUBLIC	PANAMA	CENTRAL	
9	SATURDAY	24-Jul	19:00	B	CUBA	CANADA	PAS	
10	SUNDAY	25-Jul	9:00	B	CUBA	CZECH REPUBLIC	CENTRAL	
11	SUNDAY	25-Jul	9:30	A	FRANCE	VENEZUELA	PAS	
12	SUNDAY	25-Jul	12:30	B	NETHERLANDS	PANAMA	CENTRAL	
13	SUNDAY	25-Jul	14:00	B	CANADA	KOREA	PAS	
14	SUNDAY	25-Jul	16:30	A	AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	CENTRAL	
15	SUNDAY	25-Jul	19:00	A	ITALY	USA	PAS	
16	MONDAY	26-Jul	11:00	B	CZECH REPUBLIC	KOREA	PAS	
17	MONDAY	26-Jul	15:00	A	ITALY	FRANCE	PAS	
18	MONDAY	26-Jul	19:00	A	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA	PAS	
19	TUESDAY	27-Jul	9:00	B	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REPUBLIC	CENTRAL 2	
20	TUESDAY	27-Jul	9:30	A	VENEZUELA	USA	PAS	
21	TUESDAY	27-Jul	12:30	A	CHINESE TAIPEI	ITALY	CENTRAL	
22	TUESDAY	27-Jul	14:00	B	KOREA	CUBA	PAS	
23	TUESDAY	27-Jul	16:30	A	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	CENTRAL	
24	TUESDAY	27-Jul	19:00	B	PANAMA	CANADA	PAS	
25	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	9:00	A	ITALY	AUSTRALIA	CENTRAL 2	
26	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	9:30	A	USA	FRANCE	PAS	
27	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	12:30	B	CUBA	NETHERLANDS	CENTRAL	
28	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	14:00	B	KOREA	PANAMA	PAS	
29	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	16:30	A	VENEZUELA	CHINESE TAIPEI	CENTRAL	
30	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	19:00	B	CZECH REPUBLIC	CANADA	PAS	

Note: Games 31 - 46 to be played July 30th - August 1st.
PAS- Port Arthur Stadium; CENTRAL- BASEBALL CENTRAL; CENTRAL 2 - BASEBALL CENTRAL 2, All Stadia Located in Thunder Bay.



Playoff Schedule

<u>GAME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
31	FRIDAY	30-Jul	9:00		B #5	A #6	CENTRAL 2
32	FRIDAY	30-Jul	9:30		A #5	B #6	PAS
33	FRIDAY	30-Jul	12:30		A #2	B #3	CENTRAL
34	FRIDAY	30-Jul	14:00		A #1	B #4	PAS
35	FRIDAY	30-Jul	16:30		B #2	A #3	CENTRAL
36	FRIDAY	30-Jul	19:00		B #1	A #4	PAS
37	SATURDAY	31-Jul	9:00		L31	L32	CENTRAL 2
38	SATURDAY	31-Jul	9:30		W31	W32	PAS
39	SATURDAY	31-Jul	12:30		L33	L36	CENTRAL
40	SATURDAY	31-Jul	14:00		W33	W36	PAS
41	SATURDAY	31-Jul	16:30		L34	L35	CENTRAL
42	SATURDAY	31-Jul	19:00		W34	W35	PAS
43	SUNDAY	01-Aug	9:00		L39	L41	CENTRAL 2
44	SUNDAY	01-Aug	9:30		W39	W41	CENTRAL
45	SUNDAY	01-Aug	12:00	BRONZE	L40	L42	PAS
46	SUNDAY	01-Aug	16:30	GOLD/SILVER	W40	W42	PAS
****host reserves the right to move a Canadian Quarter Final game to the evening draw on Friday.							
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2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship Facts

- Since, 2000, the 12 team event has been held every two years and involves the 18 and Under National teams of member countries of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF);
- There have been 22 competitions dating back to 1981. Besides Canada, hosts have included the USA, Mexico, Australia, Cuba and Chinese Taipei;
- A total of 46 games are played. Countries competing represent all baseball playing regions of the world, namely Asia, the South Pacific (Oceania), Africa, Europe and Americas (North America, Central America (Caribbean) and South America);
- Twelve countries will compete in the IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship over 10 days (July 23rd to August 1st) which includes one rest day. Venues in Thunder Bay will be Port Arthur Stadium and Baseball Central;
- Korea won the gold medal, U.S., the silver and Cuba won the bronze medal at the 2008 event in Edmonton;
- Several Major League stars have played in this event including: Justin Upton, (DBacks), JP Howell, (Rays), Paul Konerko, (White Sox), Delmon Young, (Twins), Joe Mauer (Twins), Michael Cuddyer, (Twins), Jeremy Bonderman (Tigers), JJ Hardy, (Twins) and Chad Billingsley (Dodgers) from the United States, Ryan Dempster (Cubs), Larry Walker (retired), Russell Martin (Dodgers) from Canada; and Shin-Soo Choo (Indians) for Korea;
- The event's hockey counterpart is the IIHF World U20 Junior Hockey Championships and soccer counterpart is the FIFA U20 Soccer Championships.
- The event website can be found at www.worldbaseball2010.com. Watch for updates. Also, find information at www.baseball.ca and www.ibaf.org, the IBAF website.
- A Fanfest, cultural festival and instructional clinics are planned to surround the event.
- Join our Facebook Group: 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championships!!
- For more info, contact info@tbibaseball.ca. Please visit www.worldbaseball2010.com.

