



**Intercountry
Baseball League**

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The IBL Rules of Operation provide that at the end of each season each Club is to provide to the League a protected list of a maximum of 25 players. The protected list consists of players from the prior season whose options are being picked up, graduating players from the junior affiliate club and open players who have signed a contract for the upcoming season.

The IBL Rules of Operation also provide that during a specified period following the finalization of the protected lists for Clubs, a player who wishes to do so is entitled to request his release from the Club who has placed that player on its protected list. If the player's request for a release is denied by the Club (which it is entitled to do), the player may request that the League hold an appeal hearing to consider the player's appeal for a release. The appeal is heard by a panel of three independent Club representatives who will decide upon the merits of the request for a release.

Normally, Clubs finalize protected lists by September 15. The release request period is then between September 15 and November 15. This year, because of the delay in finalizing protected lists while the League finalized arrangements for the return of the Guelph Royals, protected lists have only recently been finalized. Accordingly, the period for player release requests commenced on January 9, 2012 and will end on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

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