



## **2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship Media Backgrounder**

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# Thunder Bay International Baseball Association

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## **Media Information**

### **Media Headquarters**

The media headquarters will be located at Port Arthur Stadium or Lakehead University (to be confirmed). 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

### **Lakehead University**

955 Oliver Road  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1  
Tel: (807) 343-8110

### **TBIBA Website**

[www.tbibaseball.ca](http://www.tbibaseball.ca)

### **2010 IBAF World Junior Championship Website**

[www.worldbaseball2010.com](http://www.worldbaseball2010.com)

### **IBAF Website**

[www.ibaf.org](http://www.ibaf.org)

### **Working Press Credentials**

All media covering the 2010 IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship must submit a credential request to: [info@tbibaseball.ca](mailto:info@tbibaseball.ca)

Press credentials must be worn at all times by all members of the media to gain entrance to the venues or when requesting interviews with players, team representatives, or members of the host organization.

### **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 and Baseball Central.

### ***Media Press Box***

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

### ***Media Entrance***

To be determined.

### ***Parking***

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

### ***Pre-Championship News Conference***

A pre-championship press conference at Port Arthur Stadium is scheduled for Thursday, July 22nd, 2010, with a start time to be announced at a later date.

### ***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.

### ***Press Box Services***

A box score of each game will be available after each contest. Starting Friday, July 23rd, after each game, up-to-date tournament statistics will be provided daily.

Wireless Internet service will be available in the press box at Port Arthur Stadium. Plans for wireless services at Baseball Central will be finalized at a later date.

### ***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**

955 Oliver Road  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1  
Tel: (807) 343-8110

## **Tournament Schedule**

**Schedule is tentative and subject to change.**

<u>GAME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
1	FRIDAY	23-Jul	10:00	A	PAS
2	FRIDAY	23-Jul	14:00	B	PAS
Opening Ceremonies Friday 23-Jul 18:15 at Port Arthur Stadium					
3	FRIDAY	23-Jul	19:30	B	PAS
4	SATURDAY	24-Jul	9:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
5	SATURDAY	24-Jul	10:00	A	PAS
6	SATURDAY	24-Jul	13:00	B	BASEBALL CENTRAL
7	SATURDAY	24-Jul	14:00	A	PAS
8	SATURDAY	24-Jul	17:00	B	BASEBALL CENTRAL
9	SATURDAY	24-Jul	19:30	B	PAS
10	SUNDAY	25-Jul	9:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
11	SUNDAY	25-Jul	10:00	B	PAS
12	SUNDAY	25-Jul	13:00	B	BASEBALL CENTRAL
13	SUNDAY	25-Jul	14:00	A	PAS
14	SUNDAY	25-Jul	17:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
15	SUNDAY	25-Jul	19:30	B	PAS
16	MONDAY	26-Jul	10:00	B	PAS

17	MONDAY	26-Jul	14:00	A	PAS
18	MONDAY	26-Jul	19:30	A	PAS
19	TUESDAY	27-Jul	9:00	B	BASEBALL CENTRAL
20	TUESDAY	27-Jul	10:00	A	PAS
21	TUESDAY	27-Jul	13:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
22	TUESDAY	27-Jul	14:00	B	PAS
23	TUESDAY	27-Jul	17:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
24	TUESDAY	27-Jul	19:30	B	PAS
25	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	9:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
26	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	10:00	A	PAS
27	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	13:00	B	BASEBALL CENTRAL
28	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	14:00	B	PAS
29	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	17:00	A	BASEBALL CENTRAL
30	WEDNESDAY	28-Jul	19:30	B	PAS
31	FRIDAY	30-Jul	9:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
32	FRIDAY	30-Jul	9:00		PAS
33	FRIDAY	30-Jul	13:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
34	FRIDAY	30-Jul	13:00		PAS
35	FRIDAY	30-Jul	17:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
36	FRIDAY	30-Jul	19:30		PAS
37	SATURDAY	31-Jul	9:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
38	SATURDAY	31-Jul	9:00		PAS
39	SATURDAY	31-Jul	13:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
40	SATURDAY	31-Jul	13:00		PAS
41	SATURDAY	31-Jul	17:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
42	SATURDAY	31-Jul	19:30		PAS
43	SUNDAY	01-Aug	9:00		BASEBALL CENTRAL
44	SUNDAY	01-Aug	9:00		PAS
45	SUNDAY	01-Aug	13:00	BRONZE	PAS
46	SUNDAY	01-Aug	16:30	GOLD/SILVER	PAS

# 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 Chinese	Moncton	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
18	1999	Taipei	Kaisong	USA	Chinese Taipei	Cuba
19	2000	Canada	Edmonton	Korea	USA	Cuba
20	2002	Canada Chinese	Sherbrooke	Cuba	Chinese Taipei	USA
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), Japan, US, Cuba, Venezuela, South Africa, Australia and Canada are the twelve teams that have qualified for 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.
- Australia was chosen by Baseball Oceania to represent their region.
- Canada enters the tournament draw as host country.

## **Host Groups**

Twelve Thunder Bay community groups 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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:marketing@tbibaseball.ca) and James Lucas, Tournament Coordinator, (807) 346-0045, or e-mail [info@tbibaseball.ca](mailto:info@tbibaseball.ca)

## **Awards**

The Team awards for First and Second place will be presented on the field of play to both teams following the Championship Match. Team awards for the Third place team will be awarded on the field of play following the Bronze Medal game. All individual awards will be presented on the field of play at the conclusion of the Championship Match.

## **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.