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**Subject:** Upper Deck – A Heart felt message to our membership

Dear BMBI Families,

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Upper Deck Baseball Academy will be closing at the end of May here in Brampton.

For so many in our community, Upper Deck was never just a building; it was a cornerstone. It was where athletes showed up on cold winter nights chasing improvement. It was where young players first began to understand what hard work truly looks like. It was where confidence was built, friendships were formed, and a love for the game deepened with every rep.

We want to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank the original owners Frank Fascia, Mike Fascia, Joe Ferreira, Stan Wilson, and Frank Maury. What they created was not easy. It requires vision, risk, and an incredible amount of sacrifice. Because of their commitment to the game and to this community, countless athletes were given an opportunity that simply did not exist before.



That opportunity extended far beyond high-performance training. Upper Deck became a hub for recreational player development through evaluations, clinics, camps, and Sandlot programs where athletes of all levels were welcomed and supported. It provided an entry point for so many young players to learn the game, build confidence, and fall in love with baseball. For many, it was where their journey truly began, and where they were given the foundation to grow, develop, and ultimately transition into our travel program.

Their impact reaches far beyond the walls of that facility. Players who trained there have gone on to achieve success at the local level, earn collegiate opportunities, and even reach the professional ranks. But beyond the



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accomplishments themselves, it is the journey and what we have been fortunate enough to witness as coaches that truly define their impact.

We have felt the pride of watching athletes commit to their schools, seeing them put on their college colours for the first time, representing years of work, sacrifice, and belief. We have shared in the excitement of draft days, hearing names called that once echoed through those training sessions as young players simply chasing a dream. And we have experienced the emotion of seeing athletes represent their country, wearing the flag with pride on an international stage knowing their journey began right here in our community.

Those moments stay with you. They are a reminder of what is possible when opportunity meets dedication. They are a reflection of the environment that was built at Upper Deck, one that didn't just develop players; but helped shape futures. To witness that progression, from a young athlete with a goal to someone living it out, has been one of the greatest privileges we have had as coaches.





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We also want to recognize Frank Fascia in his role as General Manager, and as a past President of Brampton Minor Baseball; someone who has been a constant presence in this community for years. What has made Upper Deck special is not just the training, but the environment, and Frank has been at the centre of that. The conversations between reps, the check-ins with players, the familiar back-and-forth with parents in those moments created a sense of belonging that went far beyond baseball. The relationships, energy, and that same welcoming presence will carry forward into what comes next.

In that same spirit, we want to extend our sincere thanks to all the current and former staff who helped bring Upper Deck to life every single day. Coaches, instructors, front desk staff, and support teams all played a role in creating the environment that so many benefited from. Their dedication, energy, and care for the athletes are a major part of what made the facility what it was.



The loss of a dedicated baseball facility in Brampton is significant. A space like Upper Deck is more than just turf and cages it is infrastructure for development. It provides athletes with consistency, access, and an environment built specifically for their growth. In a Canadian climate, where outdoor training is limited for much of the year, a dedicated indoor baseball facility is not a luxury; it is essential. It allows players to stay connected to the game, to continue progressing, and to compete with athletes from regions that have access year-round.

For a city like Brampton rich in talent, diversity, and passion for sport, having a dedicated baseball facility represents opportunity. It means young athletes have a place to belong. It means development pathways can be sustained and elevated. It means the next generation has a chance to dream bigger, because they have the resources to support those dreams.



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While this moment is difficult, our focus is firmly on what comes next, and we approach it with optimism and intent.

We want our membership to know that we are actively exploring options for a new facility, with the goal of ensuring that our athletes continue to have a place to train, develop, and grow without interruption. We are committed not just to replacing what was lost, but to building something that reflects who we are today and where we are doing something even stronger for our athletes and families.

Upper Deck Baseball Academy leaves behind a lasting imprint on this community. We are incredibly grateful for what it gave to our athletes, our families, and the game itself.

And as we move forward, we do so with purpose, with gratitude, and with a clear vision to ensure that baseball in Brampton not only continues but thrives.

We would also like to bring our community together one more time in this space. On Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are inviting all current & former Brampton Minor Baseball families; whether from our travel or recreational programs, to come to Upper Deck, have a hotdog, and spend time together. The event will start at 11AM and run through to approximately 2PM.

It will be a chance to walk through the facility, reflect on the memories created within it, and connect through the stories, smiles, and laughter that defined so many experiences there.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our program.

Sincerely,

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