



PLAYER RELEASE POLICY

QUINTE MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION



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1.0 Overview

The Quinte Minor Lacrosse Association (QMLA) policy regarding player releases is detailed below. This policy must be used in all cases where a player wishes to be released from the QMLA (their home association), to sign and play with another association. QMLA has a fundamental commitment to the growth and development of QMLA and the game of lacrosse in Quinte. QMLA does not want to hinder the development of any player, so exceptions for the release of individual players to programs in other centres will be considered by a special meeting of the Board in circumstances when such programs are not available in QMLA.

2.0 Policy

A letter is to be sent to the President of the QMLA, outlining the request for release and the reason why you “the applicant” feel it should be granted. In this letter, please indicate any problems that the QMLA may be able to address to prevent future difficulties. Also, the applicant is required to complete section one (Parent/Guardian/Player) on the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s (OLA) Release Request Form and submit the form to the QMLA along with a \$25.00 non-refundable cash player release fee per release.

Any requests will not be accepted prior to January 15th of said year or as outlined by the OLA in that playing year.

A request for a player release will only be accepted once the player is registered with QMLA for the current season, including paying all dues and fees, including the \$25.00 cash player release fee.

New players residing in an area that is not supported by an existing association, that wish to play for the QMLA will be accepted in accordance with Regulation MR-III “Releases” contained within the current OLA Constitution. Once registered with the QMLA these new members will be subject to this policy.

The QMLA will not accept players who are members of other associations unless accompanied with a valid, signed release from their current ‘home’ association in accordance with Regulation MR-III “Releases” contained within the current OLA Constitution. Once registered with the QMLA, these new members will be subject to this policy.

If the QMLA denies a release request, the QMLA will return the OLA form with section two (Lacrosse Club) completed with written reasons for denying the request. The applicant will then be directed on the next steps available to them.



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No releases will be granted from the QMLA until:

- all outstanding monies are paid in full, and
- all equipment belonging to the QMLA has been returned.

The QMLA Player Movement Committee reserves the right to review each application on an individual basis. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact the President via email at president@quintelacrosse.com

3.0 Quinte Minor Lacrosse Association Player Movement Committee

The QMLA Player Movement Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President of House League (or his/her designate), Vice President of Rep Teams (or his/her designate). The President shall chair the Committee. In the absence of any of the above, or if any of the above must disqualify themselves as having a conflict of interest or being involved in the release, the Past President shall become a member of this Committee and, in the absence of the President, the Past President shall chair the Committee. There shall always be three members of this Committee hearing any release request or input request and, if three of the above are unable to serve, the Board of Directors will appoint members to constitute a Committee. Decisions of the Player Movement Committee are considered final.



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Appendix A - OLA 2019 Rules & Regulations

<https://ontariolacrosse.com/content/administration/2019-ola-constitution.pdf>

MR2.09(a)

Residence Rule: This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide may be fined up to \$300. The list of documentation required to prove a bona fide move will be provided by the OLA Program Director.

MR2.09(b)

Any certified OLA player who has played for five (5) consecutive years with the same club or association shall have the option upon changing residence to remain with his previous club or association for the remainder of his minor eligibility. Having made his choice, such player shall remain a member of the club for which he has signed until properly released (see MR3.01, MR3.12).

MR2.10

Residence Rule: In the event a club signs a player from a city, town or village that does not have an entry in box by May 1st, in Field by March 1st, in Women's Field by May 1st, and in Fall Field by August 15th, and at a later date, city, town or village so affected enters a team, the player will remain with the team holding his signed certificate until released. NOTE: Any player who has not registered with their resident association by the following dates will be ineligible for a rep release. Box: 3rd Sunday in March Field: March 1st Women's Field: 3rd Sunday in March Fall Field: August 15th

REGULATION MR-III Releases

MR3.01

A player must apply for a release from his/her club/association to play for the next closest club/association by the following dates of the current playing season. • Field: March 1st • Box: May 1st, • Women's Field: May 15th, • Fall Field: August 15th. All players must be registered and OLA approved for the current season prior to applying for a release. A player will be eligible for one rep release request per playing season, per sector. Such release shall become official immediately upon Zone / League and OLA approval.



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MR3.02

Any player who has been turning out regularly to practice with his team, but who is not given a chance to play in more than one (1) of six (6) games which with said team, may apply to the Board of Directors for consideration as a free agent and eligible to play for another team. (Subject to regulations of residence rule and to signing date.)

MR3.03

If a release is desired the player must apply for such a release and, if the release is approved, have the release portion of the certificate signed by his proper club officials. A copy of the release must be forwarded to the Corporation for consideration within seven (7) days from the date of receipt. The player will not play until Corporation approval has been given.

MR3.04(a)

Any OLA member and/or club found tampering with players or obtaining releases for players or not otherwise complying with intent of the residence rule regarding releases shall be suspended until dealt with and/or forfeit their bond and be fined one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars. The player(s) will not be eligible to sign with the team with which he (she) participated without permission.

Tampering shall be defined as follows: Inviting or allowing to participate in camps, clinics, practices, or to play in any scheduled or exhibition games, a member of another club, without first having obtained written permission from that club.

MR3.04(b)

Prior to the Club Registrar approving any registrations at the club level, where residency is in doubt, it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to promptly verify, in writing, with the Zone / League Registrar to ensure the rights of said player(s) would belong to that club.

MR3.04(c)

If a player is found to be incorrectly registered it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to immediately advise the player, in writing, with a copy to the correct association and the League / Zone Registrar.

MR3.04(d)

Any association found to have registered player(s) that are not residentially bound to, or previously released to, that association, without Zone / League approval will be fined \$500.00 per occurrence.

MR3.05



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In the case of a dispute over a player by two or more clubs, the dispute will be settled by the Board of Directors after a hearing involving all parties. The player shall not play until the dispute is settled.

MR3.06

When a release is granted the caliber of the player, team or centre shall not enter the decision.

MR3.07

All agreements with the OLA regarding releases will be honored provided that such releases are made according to the regulations.

MR3.08

A Midget or Intermediate player may not be moved up to the Junior category without their proper release from their club and in accordance with Regulations. (See Regulations MR-V, R-VI, R-VII)

MR3.09

Where it is found that a registered minor player eligible for a Junior team has played in a higher percentage of Junior games than minor games, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in Midget or Intermediate playoffs. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest. (MR10.06)

MR3.10

No rep player may be conditionally released more than once to the same club. If a club releases a rep player to the same club a second time, that player is unconditionally released to that club. A player released to play House League may not play Rep for that Club seeking that player's release, either as an AP or otherwise, without the releasing club's written permission. Any player released to play house league may be released more than once to the same club without becoming unconditionally released.

BOX NOTE: Paperweight players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association. Soft Lacrosse players must return to their own resident association once attaining Paperweight age.

FIELD NOTE: U9 players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association. U9 players **MUST** return to their own resident association once attaining U11 division play.



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WOMEN'S FIELD NOTE: U9 players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association.

- U9 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U11 division play.
- U11 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U13 division play.
- U13 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U15 division play.

MR3.11

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Directors, release a player from a club, if said player and club have not been invited to attend the meeting at which such releases are being considered.

MR3.12

Midget or Intermediate box players who are signed to a Junior box team but who are going to be released back to their Minor team, must be released by that Junior team prior to June 1st of the playing year, in order to apply to be reclassified to play for his/her Minor team (players being released after June 1st will be ineligible to return to their Minor clubs).

MR3.13

Applications for new minor organizations must be presented to the Zone / League in which they are applying for membership before January 1st. Once membership is accepted, as per the Zone / League Operating Policy, and OLA approved, the applicant shall remain a member of the Zone / League until properly released. Requests for a release must be submitted by the Club President, in writing, to the Zone / League Secretary by October 31st. The caliber of play shall not enter in the decision when a release is requested.