

PLAYER MOVEMENT REQUESTS



PURPOSE

In accordance with Rocky Mountain Athletic Association's policies relating to player releases, the CMHA will provide guidance to the RMAA Board for any players seeking a release from the CMHA's jurisdiction.

SECTION 1 – PLAYER RELEASE PROCESS

- 1.1 The CMHA is committed to providing an opportunity for exceptional players to participate in elite hockey including AA and AAA programs. The CMHA will adhere to Hockey Alberta's processes as they relate to AA and AAA tryouts. Player releases for this purpose are not administered by this Policy and will solely follow Hockey Alberta's regulations.
- 1.2 Although the CMHA will generally not support player releases, the CMHA respects that there may be extenuating circumstances where a release may be requested. These scenarios may include:
 - a) There being insufficient spots for a player on a team within their age division;
 - b) There being no team within the player's age division;
 - c) Movement by Special Exception:
 - a. The player wishes to move to a different stream of hockey (female hockey, recreational hockey etc);
 - b. Movement to another association due to extenuating circumstances.
- 1.3 This Policy is subject to the rules and regulations surrounding Player Movement established by Hockey Alberta.
- 1.4 Parents that are seeking a release from Carstairs Minor Hockey to allow for their player to tryout for a different association shall fill out the Hockey Alberta Player Movement Form, and submit it to the Player Development Coordinator prior to the first day of evaluations. Any Player Movement Forms submitted after the commencement of evaluations will be denied by the Board.
- 1.5 The Board shall consider the following factors in determining if a player release is due to extenuating circumstances as outline in Section 1.2:
 - a) Location of workplace of parents / guardians;
 - b) Location of the school of the players;
 - c) Distance of travel / accessibility to ice times;
 - d) Safety (Emotional/physical) concerns
 - e) Need for the player in the accepting association.

PLAYER MOVEMENT REQUESTS



- 1.6 The Board shall recommend refusal to the RMAA for any Player Movement requests based solely on dislike of a coach, teammate, other Member of the CMHA, or the Association.
- 1.7 Upon receipt of a Player Movement Form, the Player Development Coordinator shall present the form to the Board for consideration. The recommendation of the Board shall be forwarded to the RMAA for final decision.
- 1.8 It shall be the responsibility of the Parent to follow all processes established by Hockey Alberta.

SECTION 2 – PLAYER IMPORT PROCESS

- 2.1 The CMHA is open to allowing for players from outside of the CMHA's jurisdiction to join the Association on a year by year basis in instances where the addition of a player would be in alignment with the Board's objectives.
- 2.2 Players seeking to join the CMHA shall follow the below procedures based on their respective home association:
 - a) Players from Crossfield or Didsbury Minor Hockey Associations:

Players shall submit a request in writing to the President of the Carstairs Minor Hockey Association seeking permission to join the CMHA with justification for the request. The nature of this request, if accepted by the Board, would require approvals from the RMAA prior to registration.
 - b) Players from outside the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association:

Players shall follow the Hockey Alberta Player Movement Request process as outlined on the Hockey Alberta Website. A completed form, including justification for the request when applicable, shall be submitted to the President of the Carstairs Minor Hockey Association.
- 2.3 The Board endeavors to form ideal team sizes of the following numbers for each age divisions:

U7	10-12 skaters
U9	13 skaters
U11	13 skaters plus goaltenders
- 2.4 Player Import requests will be accepted on a continual basis but no decision will be rendered by the Board until after August 1st annually. The Board generally will only accept player import requests on the following basis:

PLAYER MOVEMENT REQUESTS



- a) Players intending to relocate to the CMHA's jurisdiction within the hockey season.
 - b) Players that have previously played within the CMHA's jurisdiction and wish to return to the CMHA for a subsequent season which will contribute towards the accomplishment of the Board's ideal team sizes as identified in Section 2.3.
 - c) Players that have not played within the CMHA's jurisdiction that would contribute towards the accomplishment of the Board's ideal team sizes as identified in Section 2.3.
- 2.5 The Board shall endeavor to confirm that all players within the jurisdiction of the CMHA have registered prior to considering import players, but recognizes that additional CMHA players may register following the acceptance of import players which may increase teams greater than ideal team sizes.
- 2.6 In the event that the Board receives numerous player import requests in accordance with this policy, prioritization of imports shall be as follows:
- a) Goaltenders: In the event that additional goaltenders are required to permit the CMHA to have a goaltender for each U11 team, the Board may accept an import goaltender as soon as deemed necessary.
 - b) Players from within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association in the order that they are received. Players that have previously left the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association to pursue comparable opportunities in other Minor Hockey Associations may be deprioritized in the Board's discretion.
 - c) Players from outside the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association in the order that they are received.
- 2.7 Recognizing that import requests will not be considered until after August 1st, and subsequently after the Early Bird deadline, registration fees shall be determined based on the timelines associated with the complete submission of the request, plus any applicable out of boundary surcharges as determined by the Board.