

904. **Player Releases**

The Club follows the rules set forth by Ringette Alberta for Player Releases. The rules specify the requirements for letting Athletes register or play for a Team in a different Association, Club, or Zone. The process set forth by Ringette Alberta includes notifying the resident association of intent to attend tryouts for another zone/association, and (if offered a position on a team) completion of a Ringette Alberta [Player Release Form](#). See Ringette Alberta Policy and Guidelines for full requirements.

Athletes planning to request releases from the Zone 5 AA Club must attend Zone 5AA tryouts in the appropriate division (i.e. U14, U16 or U19). No request for releases will be considered until after the athlete attends tryouts. The Club reserves the right to request athletes attend a minimum of 3 tryout sessions prior to being considered for a release.

Athletes are not eligible for a Player Release until they have been released from the tryout process by the coach.

Players that will be 18 years of age as of Dec 31 of the current playing year do not require signed release forms.

The objective of this process is to ensure fairness and consistency for all athletes and work in accordance with the framework of the Ringette Alberta Policies for Player Releases.

Releases are valid for the current season only and are automatically terminated at the end of the season. While the Athletes themselves are responsible for maintaining Release documentation, it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to keep a List of Releases for each season.

905. **Athletes From Other Zones**

The Club *does* permit Athletes from other Zones to play on Zone 5 AA teams subject to:

- a. The Release Policy set forth by Ringette Alberta;
- b. The Playing Up rules herein contained;
- c. Executive Approval. Players may attend tryouts but will not be accepted on to a team without executive approval.
- d. At U14AA, no imports will be accepted as the goal of the Club is to develop players within Zone 5. An exception to this will be made in cases where a viable team cannot be formed in Zone 5AA without the addition of import players.
- e. At U16 and U19, imports may be accepted as the focus shifts from development to a greater expectation of success. Import players must make up less than 26% of a team's total athletes. An exception to this will be made in cases where a viable team cannot be formed in Zone 5AA without the addition of a greater percentage of import players.