

	Title	Player Release Policy
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1.0 OVERVIEW

This policy will govern the procedure of when and how we will release players from AMHA. Decisions regarding releasing of players will be made by the President in conjunction with the Executive Committee (EC) and for AAA players the ACAA Committee will consult with the EC.

2.0 POLICY

2.1 ALLOWED RELEASES

- 2.1.1 When a player is let go during tryouts of our AAA or AA teams, we will give that player a permission to tryout form to go for a second tryout at a location given to us by Hockey Alberta or their league. If the player makes that team, then that association will request a transfer through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) and we will release the player for one year.
- 2.1.2 After the AMHA Evaluations are complete, if a player requests a release to another MHA, we will provide them a one-year release if the team they will be moving to is considered a higher-level team.
- 2.1.3 After AAA tryouts are complete and the team is formed, if a player requests a release to another MHA, we will need to get Hockey Alberta's approval, ensure funds to date have been paid and in consultation with the ACAA and the AAA coach the EC will decide if they are going to replace the player on the roster from the last releases or leave the spot vacant and use Affiliates for the rest of the season.
- 2.1.4 We will make exceptions, for last year U18 players that are requesting to be released so they can play at another association and a permanent release will be given.

2.2 RELEASES NOT GIVEN

- 2.2.1 In general, player releases are not granted for players to go to another MHA in Alberta, when AMHA has an appropriate level team for the player to play on here in AMHA.
- 2.2.2 If releasing a player from AMHA will cause a detriment to the division (i.e. Not enough players or goalies to make the teams), AMHA will NOT release the player.

2.3 EXCEPTIONS

2.3.1 If an exception is made to release a player even though AMHA has an appropriate team for them to play on, then it would be a permanent release, where they cannot return to AMHA in the future.

2.3.1.1 If a Permanent Release is granted and there are multiple children in the family then a Permanent Release may be granted for all children, not just the player requesting the release.