

Baseball Manitoba Residency Rules

1. Each league determines the actual geographic boundaries of the area from within which it shall select players. These boundaries must be described in detail and shown on a map and dated.
2. Any disputes regarding boundaries between leagues, and final determinations of boundaries will be made by a sub-committee of the Competition Committee.
3. For Baseball Manitoba purposes the principal residence for all 18U age category and younger players shall be the actual physical structure in which the person resides (not box office) as of April 1. This is the designated geographical area where the primary care giver resides.
4. An “address of convenience” is not permitted. Baseball Manitoba does not recognize temporary relocation for baseball registration purposes only. The penalty for violation of this rule may result in the disqualification of a player, team or entire league from regular season and/or provincial championship competition.
5. Residence is established by:
 - a) The parents’ usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent as of April 1 of the current calendar year.
 - b) In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; or, if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; or again, if the player lives equally with both parents, their place of residence shall be determined by Baseball Manitoba as of April 1 of the current calendar year.
 - c) When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person (in which case there must be a Court order or other lawful proof of guardianship) as of April 1 of the current calendar year.

NOTE: The term “usual residence” is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

NOTE: In the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- a) the application of the Divorce ACT,
- b) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
- c) loss of parental authority,
- d) when it is deemed the child’s development is compromised,
- e) when both (2) parents are deceased,
- f) married, or the equivalent of married

6. Players who are required to change residence and continue to live with their parents will automatically be released.
7. If a player moves with parent or guardians, new residency for purpose of baseball must be established prior to April 1 of the current calendar year.
8. Baseball Manitoba shall retain the right to request the information listed below, but is not limited to, in order to confirm residency status. Residence shall be established and supported by documents dated on or in force between April 1st of the previous year and April 1st of the current year, from three or more of the following categories to determine residency of such parent(s) or guardian:
 - i. Property Tax Assessment
 - ii. Current utility statement or credit card statement (i.e. gas, electric, water, phone)
 - iii. Manitoba Driver's License
 - iv. Rental agreement or bill of purchase of new residence
 - v. Voter's Registration
 - vi. Welfare / Child Care Records
 - vii. Local (municipal) Records
 - viii. Insurance Documents
 - ix. Military Records
 - x. Internet, Cable, or Satellite Records
 - xi. Vehicle Records
 - xii. Financial Records (loan, credit, investments, etc.)
9. Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate bona fide continuous habitation by Baseball Manitoba in its discretion. It is recommended that leagues require some proof of residence within the league's boundaries at the time the player registers. Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence may lead to ineligibility to baseball.
10. If the claim for residency is challenged, three of the above materials must be submitted to Baseball Manitoba, with an affidavit of residency from the parent(s) or guardian. Baseball Manitoba shall decide the issue, in its sole discretion, and that decision will be final and binding. Residency documents must illustrate that the residence (as defined above) was inside the league's boundaries throughout the regular season.

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