

Calgary Spring Football Association (CSFA)

RELEASE INQUIRIES – RESPONSE PROCESS

1) A Release is decided by the Head Coach (HC) of the Player's boundary/designated team.

- a) A player seeking a release to play for another team must report to their Boundary Team and request a release from the HC. It is the HC's decision to grant or deny the request.
- b) The decision of the HC is based on what he believes is in the best interest of the players and the team.
- c) If a release is granted - the boundary/designated team's HC will email the receiving team's HC (cc'ing the CSFA Administrator) with the notice and approval of the release.

2) The League Executive does not interfere and will not force a HC to give a release.

- a) The CSFA Rules and Regulations Sections #19 and #20 which pertain to: Boundaries, Team Districts, Releases is included on Page 2.
- b) Questions may be directed to: calgaryspringfootball.csfa@gmail.com

3) The Player's choices if a release is not granted:

- a) Choice 1: Player can choose to play for designated team and become a positive member of their boundary team's community. (*Player's Code of Conduct – Section #12 of Rules and Regulations*)
- b) Choice 2: Player can choose to not play football for his boundary/designated team and is thereby choosing to not play football within the Calgary Spring Football League.

4) Expectation: Players and their families respect the CSFA's policy regarding releases.

- a) We reiterate that we will not force a HC to grant a release.
- b) It is not the CSFA Executive's duty to be held accountable for a player's choice. Respecting and following the CSFA League's rules is expected and if the player chooses to not abide by the League's rules, the consequences of that decision are upon the player.





CSFA – RULES & REGULATIONS: BOUNDARIES, TEAM DISTRICTS, RELEASES

19. (a) A Player must play for the Team in the Team District in which the Player lives unless, the Player:
- (i) has been released from the Team in the Team District in which he lives and waived by that Team (a signed release in a form accepted by the Executive must be attached to registration form). Players released at the CBFA level or by a CBFA team are not eligible to stay with the organization for which they played their CBFA bantam football; or
 - (ii) has received a signed release in a form acceptable by the Executive from the Team in the Team District in which he lives; or
 - (iii) has played for a Team in a Team District other than the one in which he lives during the previous Spring Season and has moved to another Team District. For clarity if a player has played for a certain Team for a year (Team A) and moves out of Team A's district to a new Team District, the player can choose to remain with Team A or continue to play for Team A, despite not living in Team A's District.
- (b) Any Team which knowingly breaches the provisions of paragraph 19 hereof and allows a Player who does not live in its district to play for it shall forfeit all games in which that Player has played and in addition, all coaches and managers who had participated or acquiesced in such breach may be suspended or expelled from the Association.
- (c) Team Districts are as determined by the Executive at the Executive's sole discretion. The Executive has full power and authority to determine the Team Districts and if the designated area for a team as specified in the CBFA rules is different than the designated area for a team as determined by the Executive, the Team Districts will be as designated by the Executive and the Executive decision prevails and governs over the team area specified by the CBFA.
- (d) A Calgary Non-Designated Player can play for whichever Spring Team they choose. If a Calgary Non-Designated Player plays for a Spring Team in any Year, that Calgary Non-Designated Player becomes the property of the Spring Team the player played for in that Year and cannot play for any other Team unless that player obtains a release from that team.
- (e) A Rural Non-Designated Player must play for a Rural Team, unless decided otherwise by the Executive.
- (f) Except as stated herein in paragraph 19, no Team may register a player from outside their Team District without that player having been waived by the Team in whose Team District the player resides. Players who reside outside a Team District and play for a Team without a waiver from the Team in whose Team District the player resides shall be deemed to be ineligible. An exception shall be Players who change residence within the football season. Those players shall be deemed to be resident in the Team District which was their residence on February 1, in the Year.
- (g) Any Player who plays two (2) consecutive years for the same CBFA team and resides in a Spring League area that is not the same as the CBFA area, that Player can choose to play for the same Spring Team as his/her CBFA team or for the Spring Team in which that Player currently resides within the Spring League's boundaries. Whichever Spring Team such Player chooses to play his/her first Spring Season, if such player is in his/her grade 9 or grade 10 year, that Spring Team becomes such Player's team for the duration of such Player's Spring League eligibility and the Player cannot decide in a future Spring Season to change his/her mind and play for the previous CBFA team or the Spring League team that Player decided not to play for. If a grade 9 Player chooses to not play in the Spring League as a grade 9 and grade 10 player, but chooses to play his/her first Spring Season as a grade 11 player, that Player must play for the Spring Team such player currently resides in the Spring League's boundaries.
20. Any Player who is waived by a Team shall be waived by that Team for the entire duration of that Player's eligibility for Spring Football. If the Player then plays for another Team, the Player becomes property of that Team and cannot play for any other Team unless the player obtains a release from that Team.