



CMBA Player Import and Roster Size Policy

NOTE: THIS POLICY applies to the stated categories within Camrose Minor Ball Association. Governing league rules may nullify the terms of this policy. All CMBA Board decisions will be final.

Player Import Policy

Camrose Minor Baseball Association is committed to our players, families and community. We strive to provide our players with an experience that promotes athletic development, sportsmanship and teamwork. We also recognize, respect and support the boundaries defined by League governing bodies regarding other member associations and encourage the development of all baseball programs throughout the province. CMBA recognizes that neighboring communities offer differing levels of programs that may not meet the specific needs of their athletes (i.e. no rep program offered or athletes wanting to play at a higher level). In an effort to provide the greatest possible development for our homegrown athletes, as well as provide a program of choice for athletes in neighboring communities, CMBA has developed the following policy in regard to imports and transfers in and out of our association.

Definitions

For the purpose of this Policy an **Import Player** will be defined as any player who wishes to play for CMBA, who resides outside the City of Camrose and fall under the listed criteria:

1. If there is a Baseball Alberta Association that is closer to their home than Camrose, they will be considered an import.
2. If a player previously played with an association outside of Camrose, they can try out in Camrose but would be considered an import.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. In the case of Camrose County players, if their closest baseball association is CMBA, then they will not be considered an import.
2. If they come from a community within or outside the County of Camrose that does not have a baseball program of equivalent level, and CMBA is the closest association to offer that level of program, they would not be considered an import.
3. (Grandfather Clause): If a player has played all their minor baseball in Camrose or at a minimum of 2 consecutive years at any level, and lives outside the City or County of Camrose, they would not be considered an import. If the grandfathered player leaves and plays for another association or takes a year off, this status will be lost.

CMBA Import Provisions by age category.

11U - Rep (AA) – Max of 4 imports allowed based on 12 player team.

13U - Rep (AA) – Max of 4 imports allowed based on 12 player team.

15U - Rep (AA) – Max of 6 imports allowed based on 12 player team.

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- Our goal is for all AA teams to have a min 75% Resident or Grandfathered Status.
- CMBA reserves the right to alter or adjust import cap levels if deemed necessary to provide an adequate number of players to form a team.
- All imports must follow the Transfer Policy as outlined by Baseball Alberta or any other League Governing Body.
- Lateral Transfers for Imports *INTO* the association will only be entertained with pre-approval from the outgoing association.
- Players from Camrose who are found to be of equal talent to that of import players will be given preference on

all rep team rosters. We recognize that talent evaluation can be subjective, and feedback will be sought from multiple sources...the coaching staff, independent evaluators, and the CMBA Rep Directors.

- There will be no carry-over of imports from year to year.

CMBA Player Import Provisions requesting transfer to another association

- There will be no lateral transfers (i.e. AA to AA) out of CMBA.
- All “AA” player transfer requests will only be entertained if CMBA is unable to field a team at the player level to capacity, by registration night.
- ***Exceptions for player movement MAY be made based on criteria such as the personal well-being of the player mentally or physically, harassment, racism, discrimination, prejudice, or potential opportunities that CMBA may not be able to provide. If you are wishing to apply for transfer based on a Violation of any of the items listed by a team official, parent, player, etc., you will need to provide adequate proof of these happenings to the CMBA President for investigation into the matter.***

Note: Final approval on all Import Players both into and out of the association lies with the CMBA President. The President will uphold the rules based on what the Provincial Governing body and League Mandates for transfers first and foremost. Ruling will also be based on the best interests of the association while also taking into consideration the interests of the individual athlete.

Roster Size Policy

Camrose Minor Ball recognizes the need to outline team roster size in all divisions throughout the Association. Minimum player requirements have been set for teams to help alleviate any confusion prior to the evaluation process. Maximum player levels are dependent on rules set by League Governing bodies.

5U (3,4 & 5) Tee Ball/Blast Ball – No teams for this program

7U (6 & 7yr old) Rally Cap – Minimum of 6 players per team

9U (Rookie) – Minimum of 9 players per team

11U - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

- Rep (AA) – Minimum of 11 players per team (Max of 18 Players per BA)

13U - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

- Rep (AA) – Minimum of 11 players per team (Max of 18 Players per BA)

15U - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

- Rep (AA) – Minimum of 11 players per team (Max of 18 Players per BA)

18U - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

- Rep (AA) – Minimum of 11 players per team (Max of 18 Players per BA)

- Eligibility of Overage Players (19yo) for 18U will be determined in accordance to the league rules set out by the provincial governing bodies and league the team is registered into.

Note: In extenuating circumstances, the above roster sizes may be subject to registration numbers for any of the stated divisions. This will be at the discretion of the CMBA Board. All CMBA Board Decisions are Final.