



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. They must first register with that association and pay the Baseball Alberta Player Registration fee (Competitive fee for 'AAA'/'AA' or Community fee for 'A') through the Home Association.
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 4 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. If they have an association that is closer, then CMBA encourages them to register with that closer association originally.

CMBA Import Provisions by age category (Our goal is for all rep teams to have a min 70% Resident or Grandfathered Status)

U9 (Rookie) – No Imports allowed

U11 (Mosquito) – No Imports allowed (All Categories)

U13 (Pewee) - House (A) – No Imports allowed

- Rep (AA) – Max of 4 imports allowed based on 11 player team (only for top AA team)

- Rep (AAA) – No Limit on Imports

U15 (Bantam) - House (A) – No Imports allowed

- Rep (AA) – Max of 4 imports allowed based on 11 player team (only for top AA team)

- Rep (AAA) – No Limit on Imports

U18 (Midget) - House (A) – No Imports allowed

- Rep (AA) – Max of 4 imports allowed based on 11 player team (only for top AA team)

- Rep (AAA) – No Limit on Imports

- There will be no lateral transfers at the AA division into CMBA.
- All imports must follow the Transfer Policy as outlined by Baseball Alberta or any other League Governing Body.
- All imports must first register with their home association and must provide documentation of that registration at the first tryout date.
- Imports 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 Director/Coordinator.
- 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. AAA to AAA or AA to AA) out of CMBA.
- All CMBA Players must register with CMBA prior to trying out with other associations and adhere to transfer rules.
- All "AA" or "AAA" player transfer requests will only be entertained if CMBA is unable to field a team at the player level to capacity, by registration night.

Note: Final approval on all Import Players both into and out of the association lies with the CMBA Board. Ruling will be based on the best interests of the association and the individual athlete. 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 CMBA Board Decisions are Final.

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.

U7 (5, 6 & 7yr old) Rally Cap – Minimum of 6 players per team

U9 (Rookie) – Minimum of 9 players per team

U11 (Mosquito) - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

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

U13 (Peewee) - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

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

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

U15 (Bantam) - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

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

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

U18 (Midget) - House (A) – Minimum of 10 players per team

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

- Rep (AAA) – Minimum of 11 players per team (Max of 20 Players per BA)

*- **Eligibility of Overage Players (19yo) for U18 will be determined in accordance to the league rules set out by the governing bodies 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.