



RINGETTE ONTARIO ATHLETE RELEASE POLICY

1. ATHLETE RELEASE

- 1.1 A CLUB HAS THE RIGHT TO DEFER THE SIGNING OF A RELEASE UNTIL **SEPTEMBER 15TH** OF EACH YEAR TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF TEAMS.
- 1.2 ALL RELEASES MUST BE SIGNED AND PROVIDED TO RINGETTE ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR BY **NOVEMBER 15TH** OF EACH YEAR UNLESS RO COMMUNICATES AN EARLIER DATE.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1 AN ATHLETE RELEASE FORM IS REQUIRED WHEN A PLAYER, U19 AGE OR UNDER, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO BE RELEASED TO A LOCAL CLUB OTHER THAN THEIR HOME CLUB.
- 2.2 A PLAYER MAY REQUEST PERMISSION TO BE RELEASED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
 - 2.2.1 Level of play not available
 - 2.2.2 Age group not available
 - 2.2.3 Other
- 2.3 AN ATHLETE RELEASE FORM IS TO BE SIGNED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY:
 - 2.3.1 Parent/Player
 - 2.3.2 Releasing Club
 - 2.3.3 Releasing Region (if different than Receiving Region) Membership Services Coordinator
 - 2.3.4 Receiving Region Membership Services Coordinator
- 2.4 THE RECEIVING CLUB WILL COMPLETE THE ATHLETE RELEASE FORM ONLY AFTER THE PLAYER HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR ONE OF ITS TEAMS. RINGETTE ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP FEE, DUES AND INSURANCE FEES WILL BE INVOICED TO THE RECEIVING CLUB BY RINGETTE ONTARIO.
- 2.5 THE RECEIVING CLUB WILL PRESENT THE ATHLETE RELEASE FORM FOR THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES (I.E. HOME ASSOCIATION, RECEIVING ASSOCIATION, REGION, ETC.)
- 2.6 AN APPLICATION FOR ATHLETE RELEASE FORM THAT IS SIGNED APPROVED BY THE HOME CLUB, RECEIVING CLUB AND REGION SHALL DEEM THAT APPLICANT AS RELEASED, EFFECTIVE FOR ONE SEASON.

- 2.7 AN APPLICATION FOR ATHLETE RELEASE APPROVED FOR THE SAME INDIVIDUAL FROM THE SAME RELEASING CLUB TO THE SAME RECEIVING CLUB FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE SEASONS SHALL CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT REGISTERED PARTICIPANT CHANGE FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL. ALL RECORDS HELD WITH THE CORPORATION SHALL SO CHANGE ON THE REGISTRATION EXPIRY DATE OF THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR.
- 2.8 THE APPROVED RELEASE SHALL EXPIRE AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PLAYER'S CURRENT PLAYING SEASON.
- 2.9 IF A PLAYER HAS BEEN RELEASED TO AN A OR AA TEAM, FOR REASON "LEVEL OF PLAY", THAT TEAM WILL BE COMMITTED TO REMAIN AT THE A OR AA LEVEL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AND THE TEAM CANNOT RETREAT TO ANY LOWER LEVEL OF PLAY.
- 2.10 A PLAYER RELEASE GRANTED ON "LEVEL OF PLAY" WILL ONLY BE RELEASED TO THE CLOSEST CLUB OFFERING THAT LEVEL OF PLAY. THIS CLUB IS CONSIDERED THE PLAYER'S "CURRENT CLUB" AND HAS FIRST RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE PLAYERS IF RELEASED BY THE PLAYER'S "HOME CLUB". CLOSEST CLUB SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE PLAYER'S HOME REGION POLICY.
- 2.11 EACH YEAR A PLAYER'S FIRST LOYALTY MUST BE TO THEIR HOME CLUB. IF THE HOME CLUB HOSTS TRYOUTS FOR THEIR LEVEL OF PLAY, THEY MUST ATTEND AND IF SELECTED MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR HOME CLUB. IF RELEASED ON LEVEL OF PLAY FROM THEIR HOME CLUB AND THEIR "CURRENT CLUB" HOSTS TRYOUTS FOR THEIR LEVEL OF PLAY THEY MUST ATTEND AND IF SELECTED MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR "CURRENT CLUB". IF THEIR "CURRENT CLUB" DOES NOT OFFER OR DOES NOT ACCEPT THE PLAYER, THEN THE "CURRENT CLUB" RELATIONSHIP IS TERMINATED, AND THEY MUST FOLLOW THEIR REGIONS CLOSEST CLUB POLICIES BASED UPON THEIR HOME CLUB.
- 2.12 IN ALL CASES ANY INTERRUPTION OF THE "CURRENT CLUB" RELATIONSHIP TERMINATES THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PLAYER TO THE CLUB AND THEY RETURN TO THE HOME CLUB RELATIONSHIP. IF THEY ARE RELEASED TO A NEW CLUB THIS, THEN BECOMES THEIR "CURRENT CLUB".
- 2.13 FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE CLOSEST CLUB, THE CLUBS WITHIN THE PLAYER'S HOME REGION WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER CLUBS IN ANOTHER REGION REGARDLESS OF PROXIMITY. THE EXECUTIVE OF PLAYER'S HOME REGION WILL RESOLVE ANY DISPUTED SITUATIONS.
- 2.14 WHERE A RELEASE IS APPROVED BY THE PLAYER'S HOME REGION FOR RELEASE TO ANOTHER REGION, DETERMINATION OF CLOSEST CLUB SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE RECEIVING REGION'S POLICY.

- 2.15 IF A PLAYER PLAYS OUT OF REGION ON A RELEASE, THEN IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THEY MUST RESTART THE RELEASE PROCESS WITHIN THEIR REGION BEFORE THEY RETURN TO THE OUT OF REGION CURRENT CLUB.
- 2.16 WHERE LEVEL OF PLAY IS OFFERED, A PLAYER MUST ATTEND A/AA TRYOUTS IN THEIR CLUB. IF THE LEVEL OF PLAY IS NOT OFFERED IN THEIR HOME CLUB, THE PLAYER MUST ATTEND A/AA TRYOUTS AT THE NEXT CLOSEST CLUB. ANY PLAYER NOT MEETING THIS STANDARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY AT THE A/AA LEVEL FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.