



Ringette Ontario

PLAYER RELOCATION

1. EDUCATION RELOCATION

- a. Player relocation occurs when there is a change of player's boundaries due to:
 - i. Valid upon acceptance of the supporting documentation by the receiving the membership services coordinator.
 - ii. Valid only for post-secondary school relocations. Valid secondary and primary school relocations will fall under permanent primary residence relocation.
 - iii. Valid only while school enrollment is continuing or for the current ringette season. Educational relocations must be reapplied for each ringette season and are exempt from the three year and current association rules. If the player at any time drops out of the school program or ceases to be enrolled for whatever reason prior to October 31st of the current playing season, the education relocation is terminated immediately.
- b. A player who is playing on an education relocation must continue to play for that team for the entire season as of October 31st of the current playing season.
- c. Required supporting documents for education relocation include:
 - i. Official confirmation of school enrollment
 - ii. Copy of letter to school authorizing ringette to check on and confirm school enrollment during the year.
 - iii. Proof of residential address for the school year, which can include official communications from the school showing the new address, utility bill and/ or permanent driver's license showing new address.

2. PERMANENT PRIMARY RESIDENCE RELOCATION

- a. Valid upon acceptance of the supporting documentation by the receiving Membership Services Coordinator, the releasing Membership Services Coordinator and the Ringette Ontario Membership Coordinator. If the player's home residence reverts to the previous address at any time during the first three (3) ringette seasons the relocation is revoked and the player must revert to their previous home association.

- b. Required supporting documents for permanent primary residence relocation include:
 - i. A copy of a fully executed rental agreement or registered transfer of the ownership. If the purchase has yet to close a fully executed agreement to purchase and sale will be accepted, provided that a registered transfer of ownership is submitted once completed.
 - ii. Executed copy of any relevant separation agreement, custody orders or divorce degree.
 - iii. In the event a parent is moving from the former habitual residence and there is no divorce or separation agreement, the player's habitual residence will be considered the original place of residence prior to the parents move.

3. OPTIONS

- a. Upon approval of either an education relocation or a permanent primary residence relocation a player has the following options:
 - i. The player can continue to be the property of the association to which they currently belong to abide by the rules of their home region.
 - ii. The player can become a participant of the association representing the community in which they now reside. If the case where there is no geographic association with jurisdiction or in cases where the association with jurisdiction does not provide the level of play desired the region's closest association policies will govern the association to whom the player will be assigned.
 - iii. If the relocation is accepted and approved, the player, parents and association are required to report promptly to the region any material change in any fact or document submitted as part of the relocation request.
 - iv. Executed copy of any relevant separation agreement, custody orders or divorce degree.
 - v. In the event a parent is moving from the former habitual residence and there is no divorce or separation agreement, the player's habitual residence will be considered the original place of residence prior to the parents move.

- b. Upon approval of either an education relocation or a permanent primary residence relocation a player has the following options:
 - i. The player can continue to be the property of the association to which they currently belong to abide by the rules of their home region.
 - ii. The player can become a participant of the association representing the community in which they now reside. If the case where there is no geographic association with jurisdiction or in cases where the association with jurisdiction does not provide the level of play desired the region's closest association policies will govern the association to whom the player will be assigned.
 - iii. If the relocation is accepted and approved, the player, parents and association are required to report promptly to the region any material change in any fact or document submitted as part of the relocation request.

4. RELOCATION DECISION APPEAL

- a. Relocation requests that are denied may be appealed to the regional tribunal process of the receiving region within seven (7) days of the decision. Should the receiving region does not receive a tribunal request within seven (7) days, the player's residence will be deemed as the former address.
- b. Associations who feel that an approved relocation has an impact upon their association and feel the relocation should have been denied may, following the regional tribunal process, request a tribunal hearing on the approved relocation. An association request for a tribunal hearing on an approved relocation application must be formally initiated through the regional tribunal process within seven (7) days of the decision. Should the tribunal request be accepted by the region the player's residence will be deemed as the former address until the tribunal has been completed and the matter has been resolved.
- c. The regional tribunal process will follow the rules established for contested application for player release.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PENALTIES

- a. Every association shall be responsible for the eligibility of all the players that are registered with their association or participating within their association.
- b. Any player, who is a registered participant of ringette Ontario and who has been proven by their region or ringette Ontario to have falsified any document, forged any documents, played under an assumed name or under other than their own birth certificate may be suspended from participating in ringette for up three (3) years.
- c. Any team official or executive of an association who is found to have been party to, or having any knowledge of, any wrong doings in any relocation application, shall be automatically suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from playing or holding office with any team or association affiliated with ringette Ontario.
- d. For tracking purposes, the completed form must be submitted to the Ringette Ontario Membership Coordinator who will forward it to both the accepting region and previous region for signature prior to submission to the association.