



River City Softball Player Transfer Policy

Purpose and Philosophy

River City Softball Club (RCSC) is committed to developing players in Zone 6 (City of Edmonton). We strive to provide playing opportunities to accommodate the needs of all players looking to compete at a community level to a competitive level from U11 to U19 RSC endeavours to run competitive teams at the A and B level that are able to successfully compete at the provincial level and gives consideration to athletes who cannot find a competitive program in their home community. This policy will outline the manner in which RCS will accept and release players with a goal of improving player development and ensuring that players looking to play have an opportunity to do so with RCS.

1.1 Import Players

1.1 Definition

1.1.1 A player will be classified as an Import Player if:

- They reside outside of Zone 6 in a community with or without an active and equivalent level (e.g., U13A) Softball Program

1.1.2 A player is NOT considered an Import Player with RCS if they meet any of the following conditions:

- Is a resident who lives within the boundaries of the City of Edmonton (Zone 6).

1.1.3 A player who lives equal distance between associations but has previously played for the other association, thus requiring a release from that association will not be considered an import in the application of this policy.

1.2 Criteria

1.2.1 Every Import player must be in compliance with Softball Alberta Zone Transfer Policy and any other relevant Softball Alberta policy.

1.2.2 Import Players are responsible for completing the relevant years Softball Alberta Player Transfer form and obtaining the required signatures from the releasing organization and providing this to RCS for consideration.

1.2.3 Coaches with teams playing in the U11, U13, and U15 categories may select a maximum of 40% of their players as import players except where approval by the board has been granted for exceptional circumstances. **(There will be a one-year transition period for U11, U13, and**



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U15 Teams where coaches will be allowed to increase the import ratio to 50% for the 2024 season)

1.3 Application

1.3.1 The RCSC board may consider increasing the number of allowed import players on a team if the team is unable to reach the necessary numbers to make a viable team at a certain age/skill level.

1.3.2 The RCSC board may upon specific request exempt pitchers and/or catchers from the 40% cap based on need for an appropriate skill level for a team.

1.3.3 RCSC registrar will maintain a list of all import players on each team. To ensure that ratios are met.

1.3.4 RCSC will receive player transfer forms and provide copies to Softball Alberta.

1.3.5 Any player wishing to appeal their designation as an import player may request a hearing with the RCS board.

1.3.6 If a player makes a River City Team prior to the Transfer Paperwork for that season is released, that player must have written approval that a transfer request will be accepted from their previous organizations Board. If they do not that player will not be accepted by River City until one is in place.

1.3.7 Special requests will be reviewed on an individual basis by the RCS board.

2.0 Player Release

2.1 Requests and Application

2.1.1 A release is not required for players in age categories U17 and up.

2.1.2 A player seeking a release from RCS may submit a Softball Alberta transfer form to The River City Softball Board once the form is available from Softball Alberta. Requests will not be reviewed or considered by the board until the final Sunday in March of the year in which release is being requested.

2.1.3 The request should be accompanied by any relevant rationale as to why the request should be granted.

2.1.4 As per Softball Canada player transfers are only applicable in the year of issue, so players where RCS is their home association will need to apply on a yearly basis for continued release.



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2.1.5 RCS will automatically approve any player transfer for a player looking to play for another Zone 6 organization. Paperwork still will be required to be submitted to RSC to sign off on the player.

2.2 Assessment and Approval

2.2.1 The Board will determine on a case-by-case basis if the release will be granted.

Decisions will be final. (Except where 2.1.5 applies)

2.2.2 The following guidelines will be some of the variables discussed when assessing the request and determining whether a release shall be granted:

- Whether the player has received an offer for the same age category but higher-level team with another association. i.e. Player is offered B with our association but A with another (Except where 2.1.5 applies)

2.2.3 Any transfer forms received will be responded to within 7 calendar days of receipt with the 1st application review beginning the final Sunday in March of the year in which release is being requested.

2.3 Exceptions

2.3.1 Any exceptions to this policy and the process for releasing players as indicated in this policy, must receive a majority vote from RHSC Board Members, Exceptions will be reviewed on an individual case by case. Exceptions requests can be sent to (riverscitypresident@gmail.com)