



PLAYER / TEAM ELIGIBILITY

**PLAYER CLASSIFICATION AND MOVEMENT
MINOR / MAJOR PLAYER CLASSIFICATION**

(Criteria was established and passed by the SNB BOD on their March 7th, 2021 Conference Call)

MINOR MALE / FEMALE	MAJOR MALE	MAJOR FEMALE
U7	U23	Women's FP
U9	Men's FP	Women's SP
U11	Men's Orthodox	Adult Co-ed SP
U13	Men's SP	
U15	Adult Co-ed SP	
U17	(Wooden Bat Orthodox)	
U20		

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER / TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- **MINOR** - Only Fastpitch Provincial Championships are offered.
- **MAJOR** - Provincial Championships are offered in Fastpitch, Orthodox, Slo-Pitch and Co-ed Slo Pitch.
- **MINOR** Players aged U9 to and including the U15 age group are eligible to play in 2 Provincial Championships per season. U7 aged players are only allowed to play up to the U9 Provincial Championship.
- **MINOR** Players aged up to and including U15, their second Provincial Championship may only be the next age group above theirs. A player's DOB is the starting point for playing in a Provincial Championship or playing up a Provincial Championship. Ex. 2007/2008 fall within the U15 age group.
 - A player may play in the 'A' or 'AA' division if offered by SNB, if playing above their age category.
 - Female athletes are eligible to attend male designated tournaments, but age group rules still apply
- **MINOR** Players aged U17 and up are able to play as many Provincial Championships available to them. To be eligible to attend a **MAJOR** Provincial Championship, the player's DOB must fall within the U17 age group (Ex. 2005/2006) and also receive permission from SNB before committing to play.

MINOR MALE / FEMALE PLAYER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17
U7 Age Group	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
U9 Age Group	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
U11 Age Group	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
U13 Age Group	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
U15 Age Group	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

MINOR FEMALE PLAYER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	U17	U20	Women's FP	Women's SP	Co-ed SP
U17 Age Group	YES	YES	** YES	** YES	** YES
U20 Age Group	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES

- **** YES** - A Player must request approval from the SNB Technical Director before committing to play in a Provincial Championship in a higher age group.

MINOR MALE PLAYER PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	U17	U20	U23	Men's FP	Men's O	Men's SP	Co-ed SP
U17 Age Group	YES	YES	**YES	**YES	**YES	**YES	**YES
U20 Age Group	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

MINOR PLAYER IMPORT RULE

- A **MINOR** regional import is a minor aged player who is playing, or has interest in playing outside of their region in a Provincial Championship or Provincial League.
- MINOR** regional imports are **NOT ALLOWED** in SNB **MINOR** provincial age class competition or Provincial Leagues.
 - A player is required to play within their region.
 - An exemption to this rule may be permissible if any of the following criteria are met:
 - If there are no other teams in the players age classification or higher within the region for the player to play for;
 - If they receive a written release from the President of Softball New Brunswick Inc. following the procedures found in the Rules and Regulations policy.



3. Requests for release must be submitted by June 15th to the President of SNB Inc.
- c. A **MINOR** player aged U17-U20 wanting to play in a MAJOR provincial class competition.
- i. A player is required to play within their region.
 - ii. An exemption to this rule may be permissible if any of the following criteria are met:
 1. If there are no other teams within the region for the player to play for.
 2. If they receive a written release from the President of Softball New Brunswick Inc. following the procedures found in the Rules and Regulations policy
 3. Requests for release must be submitted by July 15th to the President of SNB Inc. Requests must state which **MAJOR** category they are requesting a release to play in. Please note exemptions may be granted for hardship cases.

MAJOR (ADULT) REGULATION - RESIDENCY RULE

- a. U23 male and male/female Major (Adult) players have no restriction on what team/region they play for in a provincial championship.

MINOR TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR MINOR EASTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

MINOR TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR SNB PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. If a team wants to play in a secondary Provincial Championships, they are required to play within their own age category first (or be registered and paid to do so should their respected provincials come afterwards)
2. A team's secondary Provincial Championship may be only 1 age category above their own age category, the 'AA' Division, if available. Softball New Brunswick withholds the right to approve any teams wanting to play in a secondary Provincial Championship and determine if the team meets the 'AA' criteria.
3. All Provincial Championship rostered players will need to abide by the individual Player eligibility rule for Provincial Championships.
4. Teams wishing to play in a secondary Provincial Championship must request entry into a secondary Provincial Championship through the Softball New Brunswick office.

MINOR TEAM ELIGIBILITY for SNB PROVINCIAL LEAGUES

1. Teams would be required to play in their own age category.
2. If they are a hybrid team they must play in the higher age category of their oldest players.
3. A team can apply to SNB for an exemption to play 1 age category higher based on the skill level of the team and need for meaningful competition.
 - a. SNB will be establishing the criteria to approve an exemption



MINOR PLAYER AFFILIATES for SNB PROVINCIAL LEAGUES

1. Players may only affiliate with one team within their region of an older age category. This would be submitted to the league commissioner. (Determining the players age classification will be based on their DOB).
2. Players who are affiliates may play a maximum of five (5) of the affiliate's team SNB league games. This would be tracked and submitted to the league commissioner.
 - a. 1 game = 1 at bat and/or inning playing defense
 - b. A player will not be charged 1 game if they sit on the bench the entire game
 - c. Exceeding the five (5) game maximum, player/coach will face disciplinary action upon review
3. Female athletes are eligible to play in a Male Provincial League, Male athletes are not permitted to play in SNB Female leagues.
4. The affiliate rule does not apply to Exhibition, Eastern Canadian Qualifiers, Provincial Championship, Eastern Canadian Championship or Canadian Championship Games.