



MINOR RELEASE POLICY

The Minor Release Policy applies to athletes wanting to play in Eastern Canadian Qualifiers and Provincial Championships outside of their region. Athletes are eligible to be picked-up by any team in the province for exhibition play.

The goal of the minor release policy is to ensure all athletes in New Brunswick have a place to play softball at their age classification and appropriate tier, while ensuring teams are not being depleted of players and are able to maintain growth within their region.

- To request a release, members must submit their request for release in writing to the Technical Director or designate of Softball New Brunswick Inc. between April 23rd and May 7th, 2025. Decisions on requests for releases will be made by May 14th, 2025.
 - a. The Technical Director or designate holds the right to consider requests for release after the May 14th, 2025 deadline.

If a minor player requests a release from their region, the Technical Director will consider the best interest of the sport, athlete and needs of the team(s) within the province. Athletes must request for a release on a yearly basis.

[2025 Minor Release Request Form](#)

Procedure

1. Any player wishing to be released from their region must submit the [request form](#) to the Technical Director or designate within the request window. Players may indicate their preferred team, but are not guaranteed to be placed on that team.
2. The Technical Director or designate will review the request and grant or deny the release based on the following:
 - a. No teams in the players age classification or tier within their region for the player to play for.
 - b. Exceptional circumstances.
3. If there is no team within their age classification or tier within their region, the athlete will be granted a release from their region and will be permitted to play with another **team** in the province in their age classification and tier determined by the Technical Director or designate.

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- a. The released player may play at a Provincial Championship or Eastern Canadian Qualifier with **only** the team they were released to.
- b. If there is no team within their age classification or tier in the province able to accommodate the athlete, their next option will be to play at the next oldest age classification and tier within their region (ex. U13 athletes will play U15, U15 athletes will play U17, etc.).
 - i. If there is no team within their region at the next oldest age classification, the athlete will be released from their region and will be permitted to play with another **team** in the province in the next oldest age classification and tier determined by the Technical Director or designate.
4. If a player requests a release from their region based on exceptional circumstances, the Technical Director or designate will review the grounds of the request. If it is deemed an exceptional circumstance, the Technical Director or designate will:
 - a. Consult with the Regional Director(s) and appropriate coordinator.
 - b. Consult with the existing teams within the province on their roster needs
 - c. Follow-up with the athlete to review the decision made.

Release Requirements

1. If a player is granted a release they will be required to attend Eastern Canadian Qualifiers and Provincial Championships with the team they were released to, if applicable, unless an exceptional circumstance arises.
 - a. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the athlete not being eligible for a release in the following season.

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