



WINNIPEG BOX LACROSSE COMMISSION PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

A. PURPOSE

The Winnipeg Box Lacrosse Commission (WBLC) recognizes there are times where a player either requests or is required to transfer to another Club and this policy will outline that process.

B. SCOPE

There are four (4) main circumstances that a player transfer could happen, such as:

1. A player wants to register with a different Club, that is outside their current catchment area.
2. A Club has too many or too few players to properly fill a roster.
3. A player wants to play lacrosse for the first time, but they live outside all current Club catchment areas, or their catchment Club is not active.
4. A player who played lacrosse in our league, but a new Club has started that incorporates the players home address into their catchment area.

C. PROCESS

1. For Item B.1. a player and/or Guardian must complete the Player Transfer Request and submit it to the WBLC for consideration. The form can be found on our website and must be filled out entirely to be considered.
 - i. The request goes from the WBLC to the player's home Club for consideration, where the home Club will make one of the following decisions:
 - a. The home Club approves the release of the player, then confirms the destination Club will accept the player transfer. If the destination Club accepts the transfer, the transfer is approved. If the destination Club does not accept the transfer, the transfer will be denied, or
 - b. The home Club denies the release of the player
2. For Items B.2. and B.3. the Clubs will handle the player transfer internally.
 - i. During the team formation process, Clubs discuss the number of players on each of their teams in case there is a need to move players. If a player transfer is required, Clubs will discuss the best option for the player(s).
 - ii. Once a spot on a roster has been identified with another Club, the home Club will discuss the transfer with the player/guardian(s). If the player does not have a home Club, the adoptive Club will become their home Club until such time as a Club starts in their catchment area.

3. For Item B.4. the grandfather clause will be in effect, in such:
 - i. The player has to have played the previous season with another Club in our league
 - ii. When the new Club starts up, the player can choose to stay with the same Club they played with last year, or transfer to the new Club in their catchment area.
 - iii. If the player decides to stay with the same Club as the previous year, they will remain a member of that Club. However, that player can choose to transfer to the Club in their catchment area, at any time, pursuant to our rules and policies and it will be automatically approved. Once the player registers with their catchment Club, they cannot freely register with any other Club without following B.1. of this policy.
 - iv. If the player decides to register with their catchment Club, they will not be allowed to register with any other Club without following B.1. of this policy.
4. All player transfers must be declared to the WBLC, are subject to approval of the WBLC and must be completed by the WBLC Registrar.
5. All player transfers are valid for the current season only, notwithstanding the Grandfather clause.
6. Pursuant to B.1., any player who transfers to a Club for three (3) consecutive seasons, will become a member of that Club, provided the Club was the same for all three (3) seasons.
7. Decision on player transfers can be Appealed as per our Appeal Policy

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