

# Interprovincial Player Release Policy

## Baseball Nova Scotia and Baseball New Brunswick

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#### **1. Preamble**

This policy establishes a standardized process for the release and transfer of registered players between Baseball Nova Scotia (BNS) and Baseball New Brunswick (BNB) to ensure fair treatment of players, families, and member associations while maintaining competitive balance across both provinces.

#### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all amateur players registered with either BNS or BNB who wish to participate in programs, leagues, or competitions sanctioned by the other provincial body.

### **3. Definitions**

- Home Province: The province where the player permanently resides and is currently registered
- Receiving Province: The province to which the player seeks to transfer or obtain a release.
- Release: Written authorization permitting a player to participate in programs outside their home province.
- Permanent Transfer: A full registration change from one provincial body to the other.
- Temporary Release: Permission to participate in a specific program, tournament, or season without changing primary registration.

### **4. Eligibility for Release**

A player may request a release under the following circumstances:

- Relocation of primary residence to the receiving province
- No comparable program available in the home province for the player's age or skill level
- Geographic proximity making participation in the receiving province more practical
- Educational enrollment in the receiving province
- Other extenuating circumstances approved by both provincial bodies

### **5. Release Request Process**

#### **5.1 Application**

5.1.1 The player (or parent/guardian if under 18) must submit a completed Interprovincial Release Request Form.

5.1.2 The request must include:

- Player's full name and date of birth
- Reason for release request
- Name of the receiving association or program
- Type of release requested (Temporary or Permanent)
- Supporting documentation (proof of residence, school enrollment, etc.) if applicable.

## 5.2 Timeline

- 5.2.1 All requests must be made to the office of the player's Home Province prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. The request will be forwarded to the President of the Home Province, who may choose to consult with the appropriate Board or Committee members within their Province.
- 5.2.2 The request will be reviewed by the President of the player's Home Province within seven (7) business days of receipt.
- 5.2.3 Should the request be denied on behalf of the Home Province, the President shall inform the player within the seven (7) business day window.
- 5.2.4 Should the request be approved, the President of the Home Province will communicate the decision to the President of the Receiving Province for approval. The President shall also notify the player the documentation has been sent to the Receiving Province for review.
- 5.2.5 The President of the Receiving President shall have seven (7) business days to accept or deny the request and communicate the decision to the President of the Home Province.
- 5.2.6 Should the request be denied, the player shall return to their Home Province.
- 5.2.7 The President of the Home Province shall communicate the final decision to the player.

## 5.3 Fees

- 5.3.1 Administrative processing fee is \$50 per request. Fees are non-refundable and payable to the Home Province upon application.

## **6. Grounds for Approval or Denial**

### 6.1 Approval Considerations

Releases shall generally be granted when:

- The player has relocated permanently
- No equivalent program exists in the home province, or within a reasonable distance to the player's current permanent residence
- The request is made in good faith and not for competitive advantage alone
- Extenuating circumstances related to family or guardianship

## 6.2 Denial Considerations

Releases may be denied when:

- The player has outstanding financial obligations to their home association
- The request appears intended primarily to circumvent provincial eligibility rules
- The player is under disciplinary suspension
- The player has program options within province that are deemed to be a reasonable distance to their primary residence.
- The request is submitted after applicable registration deadline.

## 7. Temporary Releases

- Valid for a single season or specific event (i.e National Championship) only
- The player remains registered with their Home Province
- Must be renewed annually if circumstances persist
- Does not affect the player's eligibility to return to home province programs.
- Process will have to be repeated should the player wish to play in the Receiving Province the following season or for another event.

## 8. Permanent Transfers

- Player's registration is fully transferred to the receiving province
- Home province registration is terminated upon transfer completion
- Player becomes subject to all policies and fees of the receiving province
- A one-year waiting period applies before the player may request a return transfer, unless relocation is documented (i.e the player cannot request to return to their Home Province in the same season once a release has been granted)

## 9. Appeals Process

9.1 All decisions are considered final.

## 10. Annual Review

10.1 This policy shall be reviewed jointly by BNS and BNB each November and amended as necessary by mutual written agreement.