



RINGETTE ONTARIO

PLAYER TRYOUT/RELEASE

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- 1.1. An Association has the right to defer the signing of a release until **SEPTEMBER 15th** of each year to assist in the formation of teams.
- 1.2. All releases must be signed and provided to the receiving region by **NOVEMBER 15th** of each year, unless the Region establishes an earlier date.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1. A Player Tryout/Release Form is required when a player, U19 age or under, requests permission to try out for a Registered member (Local Association) other than the Registered Member with whom they are presently registered. The Player Tryout/Release Form must be submitted to the Releasing (Region) on or before the deadline of any given season.
- 2.2. A player may request permission to try out and subsequently be released for the following reasons:
 - 2.2.1. Level of play not available
 - 2.2.2. Age group not available
 - 2.2.3. Other
- 2.3. The Player Tryout/Release Form is to be signed in the following order of priority:
 - 2.3.1. Parent/Player
 - 2.3.2. Releasing Association
 - 2.3.3. Releasing Region (if different than Receiving Region)
 - 2.3.4. Receiving Region
- 2.4. Process the Player Tryout/Release Form as follows:
 - 2.4.1. The player must initially be a registered player and complete Part 1 of the Player Tryout/Release Form
 - 2.4.2. The player must obtain the signature of the President of the Home Association on the Player Tryout/Release Form before being allowed to participate in another association's tryouts. The Home Association may not deny any request for tryout, however, signing the tryout portion (Part 1) of the Form does not mandate the Home Association to sign the release portion (Part III) of the Form.
 - 2.4.3. No players may be allowed to tryout ice of an association other than their local association without submitting a "Tryout/Release Form". The Region will determine the penalties appropriate for the circumstances.

- 2.5. Each Association President must supply the Regional Membership Services Coordinator with a Summary of all players who have attended a tryout held by the association and a list of all players for whom the association has authorized by way of Tryout Release Form to participate in a tryout with another association.
- 2.6. The timeline for providing these lists will be determined by the Regional Membership Services Coordinator.
- 2.7. The Receiving Association will complete Part II of the Player Tryout/Release Form only after the player has been selected for one of its teams. (If the player is not selected, no further action will be taken, and the form may be retained on file by the Receiving Association). Ringette Ontario Registration Fees must be submitted by the Receiving Association to Ringette Ontario.
- 2.8. The Receiving Association will present the Player Tryout/Release Form for the necessary signatures on Part III (i.e.) Home Association, Receiving Association, Region.
- 2.9. The Region shall list all completed and approved Player Tryout/Release Forms on a Player Tryout/Release Form Summary and submit it to the Ringette Ontario head office by **DECEMBER 1st** of each playing season.
- 2.10. An Application for Player Release Form that is signed approved by the Home Association, Receiving Association and Region shall deem that applicant as released, effective for one season. All appropriate RO fees and dues for that applicant will be recorded with the Receiving Association.
- 2.11. An Application for Player Release approved for the same individual from the same Releasing Association to the same Receiving Association for three (3) consecutive seasons shall constitute a permanent Registered Participant change for that individual. All records held with the Corporation shall so change on the Registration expiry date of the third consecutive year.
- 2.12. The approved release shall expire at the completion of the player's current playing season.
- 2.13. If a player has been released to an A or AA team, for reason "Level of Play", that team will be committed to remain at the A or AA level for the remainder of the season and the team cannot retreat to any lower level of play.
- 2.14. A Player Release granted on "Level of Play" will only be released to the closest association offering that level of play. This association is considered the player's "Current Association" and has first right to receive the players if released by the player's "Home Association". Closest association shall be governed by the player's Home Region Policy.

2.15. Each year a player's first loyalty must be to their home association. If the home association hosts tryouts for their level of play they must attend and if selected must remain with their home association. If released on level of play from their home association and their "Current Association" hosts tryouts for their level of play they must attend and if selected must remain with their "Current Association". If their "Current Association" does not offer or does not accept the player, then the "Current Association" relationship is terminated, and they must follow their regions closest association policies based upon their home association.

2.16. In all cases any interruption of the "Current Association" relationship terminates the relationship of the player to the association and they return to the home association relationship. If they are released to a new association this then becomes their "Current Association".

2.17. For purposes of determining the closest association, the associations within the player's home Region will have priority over associations in another Region regardless of proximity. The Executive of player's home Region will resolve any disputed situations.

2.18. Where a release is approved by the player's Home Region for release to another Region, determination of closest association shall be governed by the Receiving Region's policy.

If a player plays Out of Region on a release, then in the subsequent year, they must restart the release process within their region before they return to the Out of Region Current Association.

2.19. A U12 player may be released for level of play if not offered a position on an A team in their own association.

2.20. Where level of play is offered, a player must attend A/AA tryouts in their association. If the level of play is not offered in their home association, the player must attend A/AA tryouts at the next closest association. Any player not meeting this standard will not be allowed to play at the A/AA level for the current season.