



Zone 8

Release Process 2019

The below is a guideline based on Zone and OLA rules and regulations. There also may be additional rules and regulations to follow based on the clubs individual rules and regulations/constitutions.

- ALL RELEASE REQUESTS MUST BE HEARD BY WAY OF A HEARING.
- Releases can only be addressed as of January 1 of the upcoming season.
- Any player applying for a release must be registered by March 19 of the season.
- Deadline for applying for a release is May 1 of the season.
- Player/Parent must complete and submit a release form located on the OLA website to the club president.
- The release request must indicate the club they wish to be released to and must be the next closest centre.
- The club president should respond to the player/parent to acknowledge receipt of the request and advise that a hearing will be arranged and will be advised of the details (usually conducted at the clubs monthly meeting, if urgent meeting required I would suggest the club issues a fee to absorb the cost to hold the hearing). NOTE: Caliber of play reasoning cannot be heard.

Suggested club hearing process/structure:

- Player/parent to provide the club president the original copy of the request form before hearing commences and fee, if applicable.
- Player/parent addressed the board the reason for the request (approximately 5 minutes)
- Player/parent exits the room in order for the board to discuss and vote to either grant or deny the release (approximately 10 minutes).
- Once decision made, ask the player/parent to return and provide the decision of the board and the reason.

If release granted: Club president completes the club section of the release form, either unconditional release to the centre being released to or grant conditional release to the club requested and list the conditions. President must sign and provide the original form back to player/parent and instruct them that the form must be provided to the centre they will be registering with.

If release denied: Club president must complete the club portion that the club denies the request and the reasoning. President must sign and give form back to player/parent and advise if the wish to appeal the club decision to Zone they can contact the director by email, zone.8@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions with regards to releases, please contact the Zone Director, Steve Kelly at zone.8@hotmail.com