

# Player Transfer Policy

**U14 and under players who wish to register on a team outside their own local association must apply each year for a Player Transfer.**

This “Player Transfer” will also be accepted by Softball Alberta for Provincial Play – subject to the release of the player from their home association only.

The ONLY conditions for granting a Player Transfer are:

- No teams exist in your local association, or
- Not enough players to compete on a team

**A copy of all approved Player Transfer forms must be forwarded to your District Organizer, the Softball Alberta Minor Director & the Softball Alberta Office with annual registration forms.**

- Player Transfer forms and instructions are located on the Softball Alberta web site [www.softballalberta.ca](http://www.softballalberta.ca)
- Please note that each local Association may have specific submission dates, or deadline dates. Please check with your local association prior to submittal. The 7 day response timeline will then be in effect with these dates, if applicable, and
- Please note, for the purpose of Receiving or Releasing players, only Local Associations may do so. However, a District / Zone Association located within a major center may assume the rights allotted to Local Associations for this purpose and only for those teams that reside within their boundaries
- Please note - LEAGUES - for the purpose of the player transfer policy, shall not have the rights allotted to Associations, be it local or district, in order to receive and/or release players.
- The Transfer is only applicable in the year of issue

## DEFINITIONS:

**Team** - A team is a group of individuals working together to achieve a common goal. A group does not necessarily constitute a team. Teams normally have members with complementary skills and generate synergy through a coordinated effort which allows each member to maximize their strengths and minimize their weaknesses.

**Authorized signature** – is the signature of the President or an individual who has signature authorization as identified by the President for the minor ball association.

**Player** – is an individual registered or intending to register with the intention of participating in the game of softball. In the case of minors, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will represent the player.

**District Association** – For the purpose of the Player Transfer Policy – within a major center may have two (2) or more recognized divisions in operation and/or two (2) or more softball associations or leagues

**Leagues**- Refer to Article I. H. in the Softball Alberta Handbook

**Local Association**- Minor Association in good standing, with 3 consecutive year’s membership with Softball Alberta. Refer to Article I – I. ASSOCIATIONS in the Softball Alberta Handbook

**Receiving Association** – the association to which the player is being transferred to.

**Releasing Association** – the association from which the player is seeking a transfer.

**Resident District Organizer** – the District Organizer responsible for the area which includes the player’s Resident Local association.

**Resident Local Association** – is the local association, in the simplest terms, in which the player legally resides.

**“Transfer to” District Organizer** – the District Organizer responsible for the area to which the player is requesting a transfer to.

**Residency** - The player will be a legal resident of the Local Association where they will register/affiliate in If required, residency shall be determined by, Article I – G. of the Softball Alberta Handbook

## **PURPOSE**

- To help prevent a decline in player numbers. In order for the sport to grow, the softball community must continue to support and develop grassroots programs.
- To give local associations the opportunity to develop their teams & programs without the fear of losing players to other associations.
- To develop fair and equitable criteria for players wishing to participate in programs outside of their local association.
- To provide an earlier deadline for player movement than the previous “Zone Transfer Policy”.
- To gain a better understanding of player movement from association to association.
- To give local associations the opportunity to foster the skill development of their players.

## **PARAMETERS**

- It is expected that all associations will work cooperatively to accommodate the development of viable teams and players.
- It is responsibility of the player, parent/guardian of the player, to ensure all requirements of the transfer have been met and that the transfer has been completed.
- Releasing Association must respond to a Player Transfer Request within 7 days – If the player transfer request is denied then the Releasing Association **MUST** provide rationale, information on the Releasing Associations appeal process, and options for the player going forward.
- The boundary of each local association will be defined by its municipal boundaries or Urban Service area. Any discrepancy shall be clarified by Softball Alberta using [www.google.ca/maps](http://www.google.ca/maps)
- Players residing within the boundaries of a Local Association must register with that Association unless released.

- In the event where the player resides in the middle of 2 Associations, or if there are more than 1 Associations within their city, town, village, or hamlet boundary line and the player chooses one, over the other, then that Association will be used as the player's Local Association.
- If the 2 associations are located in different zones the player must register with the Local Association in the zone of the player's residence.
- Players, who do not reside within the boundaries of a local association and **have never** registered with any local association member, must register with the nearest local association to their residency of ordinary travel.
- Associations are not required to accept players from another local association.
- Player Transfers are for a **one year term**, expiring on August 31 of the current year.
- Players return to their Resident Local association upon expiration of the transfer.
- Players may attend training camps outside their local association without a Player Transfer.  
**NOTE: Attending training camps or try-outs does not constitute a reason for transfer.**
- A player without an approved Player Transfer will be deemed an ineligible player and subject to all rules of ineligible player as set out in our handbook.
- All affiliated minor players are eligible to register on one provincial roster by the June 15<sup>th</sup> roster deadline. If a player is registering on a provincial roster that is NOT with the team they played for all year, they DO NOT need a Player Transfer.
- The decision of the Softball Alberta Appeals Committee will be final and binding.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Player, parent/guardian must complete the Player Transfer form in full – **incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

## ASSOCIATIONS IN AGREEMENT:

- If a player wishes to play on a team outside his or her local association & if both the Releasing Association & the Receiving Association agree, then the player may play for the team outside his or her local association.
- Transfer must contain the Authorized Signature of the Releasing Association & the Receiving Association
- Completed transfer must be forwarded to the following:
  1. [info@softballalberta.ca](mailto:info@softballalberta.ca)
  2. Softball AB Minor Director - [minordirector@softballalberta.ca](mailto:minordirector@softballalberta.ca)
  3. Softball AB Exec. Director – [michele@softballalberta.ca](mailto:michele@softballalberta.ca)
  4. “Resident” District Organizer -
  5. “Transfer to” District Organizer -

**If a Player Transfer is denied:** A player has the right to appeal to Softball Alberta as per Article I. of the Softball Alberta Handbook.