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Zone 10 – Lacrosse Release Appeals

Dear Parent:

I am in receipt of your recent e-mail message and am sending this letter to assist you in addressing your questions with regards to your request for a release from your child's current Lacrosse association.

Step 1:

Is to register your child with your local club and send a copy of the OLA Release Request Form – Box (http://ontariolacrosse.com/page/ola_forms) to your resident lacrosse Association President, outlining your request and the reasons that you feel it should be granted. The Association is required to acknowledge your request release within 72 hours. This does not mean that a decision needs to be provided within that time frame, but it should be dealt with within a reasonable amount of time (at their next regularly scheduled meeting), or within 31 days at the latest.

Where your Association has not replied within a reasonable amount of time, you should contact the Zone Director / Secretary, who will contact the President in order that the necessary paperwork might be complete prior to the hearing.

When your local club makes their decision they will forward a copy of their decision to you, copying the Zone Director and Zone Registrar. If the Club denies your release request, then you may pursue your release at the Zone level. (Instructions on how to proceed should be provided by the Association along with their notification of denial for your request.)

Step 2:

A letter/e-mail, requesting a Zone hearing of your release inquiry, is to be sent to the Zone 10 Director. This request must be accompanied by the following:

- 1. a copy of your completed original release request to the Association,*
- 2. a copy of their reply, (which should be on the same form)*
- 3. the appeal fee*. (*A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the Zone, for a player release hearing. No appeal hearing will begin until the fee is paid. This \$50.00 may be paid in cash at the Zone hearing.)*

You will be advised of the location, date and time of your appeal hearing. It may be beneficial for the player to be in attendance, in order for the committee (all Zone 10 clubs have representation) to speak to them as well as to their parents. This will allow the committee members to make a more informed decision. (Your resident Association will also have representation at this hearing to explain their reasons for not granting the original request.)

The following are the three possible results of your release hearing and the action to be taken:

- 1. If your unconditional release is granted, you may then register with **the next nearest** Minor Lacrosse Association.*

2. *If a one-year release is granted, then you may register with the next nearest Minor Lacrosse Association for the upcoming season. This allows you a season to assess the improvement of your former Association and permits you to return to that club with no releases necessary. If you wish to stay with your new club in the following year, you must again request a release from your original club. A second release granted to a player to a club they have been released to prior would make this an unconditional release, which would require that the player's rights are owned by the new club and you will continue to play for the new club until released by them. If your home association does not have a team entry at your child's level then you MUST return twice to the home club (so three years for the release to be unconditional).*

3. *In the event that your request is denied at the Zone level, you may then continue to play with your current Minor Club or you may file an appeal with the Ontario Lacrosse Association:*

(O.L.A. Constitution - excerpt)

B7.04 I.	<i>* The first level of appeal will be to the League or Zone. The cost of the appeal shall be \$50.00</i>
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II.	<i>The second level of appeal shall be directed to the O.L.A. Appeals Committee. The cost of the second appeal shall be \$100.00</i>
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Note: *All appeals must be submitted in writing (with cheque) within 15 days of the previous decision. (Please include copies of all correspondence with your current Club and with the Zone.)*

*To: Ontario Lacrosse Association
3 Concorde Gate, Suite 306
Toronto, Ontario M3C 3N7
Tel: 416-426-7066 Fax: 416-426-7382
Attn: Release Request Appeals*

Hopefully, the information provided here aides you in understanding the process you need to follow in order to pursue this course of action.

Yours in Lacrosse,



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