

RIAHA RELEASE RULE
The following Release Rule became effective May 1, 1996

GENERAL TWO: PLAYER RELEASES

- 1) The RIAHA and each MA prohibits recruiting and other similar and harmful abuses of the spirit of amateur hockey. Each MA shall strictly abide by the ban on recruiting. Players, parents and coaches are encouraged to take reasonable steps to avoid transferring from one MA to another and to apply for a release only when necessary. A release allows a player to transfer from one MA that the player is registered with to another MA.
- 2) A player will be released provided that:
 - a) A request for a release is made in writing to the MA that the player is registered with between June 1 and July 31.
 - b) All financial obligations of the player and the player's family to the MA with which the player is registered with are met.
 - c) The player has not had a previous release.
- 3) A request for a release shall be acted upon within 21 days of receipt of the request by the Board of Directors or the appropriate officer(s) of the MA with which the player is registered. The release must be in writing and a copy must be sent to the President of RIAHA within 7 days after the release is granted to be effective.
- 4) A player released under paragraph (2) above shall not be permitted to participate in any State League game, or any competition sponsored or sanctioned by RIAHA, until after July 1 of the following year.
- 5) A released player shall have none of the limitations on participation described in paragraph (4) above if in the opinion of the release committee of RIAHA:
 - a) The MA of which the player is registered with ceases to exist, except because of a merger, or
 - b) The player has changed domicile and the change of the domicile is a hardship to that player or the player's family; or
 - c) A reason deemed by the RIAHA release committee to exist which, for the well-being of the player and the player's family, warrants a release without limitations. An example of such a reason, among others, would be a significant change in the program of the MA with which the player is registered.
- 6) A player seeking a release for a second time or more time shall apply directly to the EB of RIAHA (Care of the President of RIAHA) which has the discretion to grant or deny the request consistent with the spirit and purpose of these rules and regulation. Upon receipt of this request the RIAHA President shall notify players previous MA.
- 7) A request for an unconditional release shall be sent to the President of RIAHA in writing between August 21 and September 30. The President of the RIAHA shall notify the player's previous MA of said request.
 - a) A request for an appeal of the RIAHA release committee's decision for an unconditional release must be made in writing to the President of the RIAHA between October 1 Thru October 15. The EB will render a decision by October 31.
- 8) Any player from Mite "B" and above, who has never played in a State League game may leave one MA and go to another MA without any penalty (unconditional.) Any player under Mite "B" or in instructional may also move without penalty. Players should follow the normal release procedure listed under RIAHA RULES AND REGULATIONS-GENERAL TWO that is listed here.

It is further understood and agreed that by registering a child with this MA that the child shall be subject to and shall abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this MA and RIAHA, a copy of which shall be made available to me or my child upon request.