

St. Catharines Minor Lacrosse Box Release Process – Policy

Release program for Rep Players:

It is the intent of the association to develop and promote players within the organization to represent their home town at the highest level of competition. Releases from the organization will only be granted in the following instances:

1. In the instance whereby a player has failed to make a rep team and will be given an opportunity to play and develop his skills with another organization to play rep.
2. In the situation whereby either the player or parent has contravened the League Acceptable conduct policy and it is the decision of the Executive Committee to release the player.
3. A decision from the executive that it would be in the best interest of a player or family that they would be better off playing outside of the organization.

All players will be given a one year conditional release, no unconditional releases will be allowed. Please note that if a player is given two consecutive releases to another club they will automatically become that club's property.

Release Process:

Any player requesting a release must do so after February 1st in the current year they are eligible to play. Releases will only be accepted by the club up to March 1st which is approximately 2 weeks prior to the ZONE 9 Release deadline. Players must register with the Home Club (St. Catharines) prior to filing a Release request.

REP PLAYERS REQUESTING A RELEASE MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED ST. CATHARINES TRYOUTS.

Any player or parent /guardian requesting a release will be required to complete the OLA Release Request form and submit it to the SCMLA President. The Form can be found on the OLA website under Documents. A separate form is required for Box and Field.

The SCMLA President will review the document and respond via email to the applicant within 72 hours of receipt of the Release Request Form advising that the request has been received and a timeframe within as to when and where the hearing will be held. The hearing must take place within 30 days of notification of receipt of the request.

The Release Committee will consist of selected members of the Executive Board. Committee members may be substituted due to availability. Both Player and Parent attendance is mandatory.

Once the Hearing is completed the Release Committee will convene and decide on whether a release will be approved or denied.

- A) If the request is denied, the association must return the form with section 2 complete with written reasons for denying the request to the applicant within 48 hours, provide the applicant with the information necessary if they wish to proceed and escalate the Appeal to the next step which would be the Zone. There is a fee to be paid to the Zone if the Player/Parent wishes to proceed with the escalation of their Release request. A copy of the denied form along with a copy of all associated emails, and hearing minutes will be kept on file for reference purposes. A member of the SCMLA will be invited to the Zone Release Hearing to provide information and supporting details as per their rationale for denying the release.
- B) If the request is approved the SCMLA President will complete section 2 of the Release request Form – Box, keep a copy of the approved form along with a copy of all associated emails, and hearing minutes will be kept on file for reference purposes. The Original Release Request form (both pages) will be provided to the applicant within 48 hours as it is required to be attached to the player's new registration form as proof of his/her release. The Release must be very specific and clearly stated if it is for Rep or HL Box, Field, or any combination of the above mentioned divisions. Conditions can be made to include the Release is for Rep Box only if the player does not make a rep program the player must return to HL.

In all Instances the Player or Parent will be advised as to the next steps of the release process including a list of Centres that the player would need to report to in the case that a release is granted or the contact information and next steps of the release process.