

OASA PLAYER RELEASE INFORMATION



OR 4.4 b) Minor Division i) General 2)

No player may be registered on another team certificate unless properly released by the player's former team. A player requires a release from the affiliated home centre and the next closest affiliated centre to the home centre. In the case that the home centre is not an affiliated centre, it will be the 2 closest affiliated centres to the player's residence in order to be able to register with any other centre in the province.

June 1 – Deadline to submit a release request

May 15 – Affiliation deadline for U15, U17, U20

June 1 – Affiliation deadline for U9, U11, U13

OASA recognizes that teams and players need to plan their season before the deadline date for teams to affiliate. With that in mind, the following procedure will be followed for requesting and approving a player release:

1. Teams can affiliate and request a player release as early as January 1 of the current year. The signed release request form can be submitted any time after January 1 of the current year up until June 1.
2. Releases will be approved by OASA based on the previous year's affiliated teams, plus any teams that have affiliated in the current year at the time of the release request.
3. Players can be approved, or not approved, for release any time between Jan 1 and June 1 based on the previous year's affiliations as long as the release request is submitted prior to June 1.
4. The two closest centres are the two centres closest to the player's residence that were affiliated in the previous year or in the current year at the time of the request. The centres considered must be in the player's current age category and the previous year's age category.
5. If there is only one centre closer than the distance between the player's residence and the player's proposed new centre then the player only needs one release.
6. OASA will post on the OASA website a list of affiliated centres in the previous year in each age category. This list will be updated as teams affiliate in the current year.
7. Any requests for affiliated team contact information can go through the OASA Registrar.
8. For all release requests submitted prior to the June 1 deadline, the Registrar will determine if the request meets the release requirements within one week of receiving the request.
9. Release requests after the date of June 1 are not permitted except for exceptional circumstances which are reviewed by the Residency Committee.
10. Teams are to submit a copy of their approved release form with their team affiliation.
11. Teams are to refer to the current year's OR 4.4 in the OASA By-Laws and Operating Rules for further clarification on player release and residency rules.

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