

MBL Waiver-Request Review Policy

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Policy Statement

The purpose of the policy is to assist the Chanhassen Baseball Operating Committee (“BOC”) in reviewing requests for Metro Baseball League (“MBL” – i.e., the travel-team league) residency waivers into or out of the Chanhassen travel baseball program within the letter and spirit of MBL rules, and within the time constraints created by tryout and team-formation schedules.

MBL residency rules referred to within the policy are found in Section II of the MBL General Rules for the applicable year, at: <https://www.mbl.bz/pages/rules-general-mbl>

Submitting a Residency-Waiver Request

Please submit any residency-waiver request (a “Waiver Request”) to CAA’s BOC at CAAVPBaseball@gmail.com.

Timing of Review for Waiver Requests

CAA travel baseball tryouts occur in August of each year, to select teams for the following Spring. To qualify for the standards of review listed below, a Waiver Request must be submitted no later than one week prior to the close of registration, to permit the BOC to respond to the Waiver Request before tryouts begin.

- If a Waiver Request is submitted after August 4, 2024, but before the player participates in tryouts, the BOC will apply its reasonable judgment to the Waiver Request and will not be bound by the standards of review below.
- If a Waiver Request is submitted after tryouts are complete, the BOC will be permitted to reasonably determine whether the Waiver Request will be reviewed at all. Any such Waiver Request that is reviewed will be entirely subject to the reasonable discretion of the BOC and will not be bound by the standards of review below.

Waiver from Home Community

Any player who lives in another MBL community (e.g., Eden Prairie, Chaska, Minnetonka) and is seeking a residency waiver to play in Chanhassen must also obtain a waiver from their home baseball association permitting them to leave that community’s baseball organization. Evidence of this waiver-consent should be submitted along with the player’s Waiver Request to the BOC.

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Standards of Review

1. **Existing Chanhassen MBL travel player who loses Chanhassen residency.** The following standards of review will apply for any player who:
 - (i) played on a Chanhassen MBL team during the most recent season;
 - (ii) will not satisfy MBL's residency requirements for the upcoming season; and
 - (iii) requests an MBL residency waiver to play on a Chanhassen team for the upcoming season.
 - a. **Three or more years of non-waiver Chanhassen MBL experience.** If a player has played on a Chanhassen MBL team for at least the last three years without need of a residency waiver, and both the player and his family have been in good standing with regard to the Chanhassen Code of Conduct during that period, the BOC will grant a Waiver Request by the player to continue playing for Chanhassen MBL, unless there are reasonable circumstances to justify denying the Waiver Request.
 - b. **Fewer than three years of non-waiver Chanhassen MBL experience.** If a player has played on a Chanhassen MBL team for fewer than three years without requiring a residency waiver, and both the player and his family have been in good standing with regard to the Chanhassen Code of Conduct during that period, the BOC will exercise its reasonable discretion to evaluate whether the best interests of the Chanhassen baseball program are served by granting the waiver request to continue playing for Chanhassen MBL.
 - c. **Player or family with history of non-compliance with Code of Conduct.** Regardless of the player's Chanhassen MBL tenure, if the player or his family have been meaningfully out of compliance with the Chanhassen Code of Conduct at any time, the BOC will not grant the Waiver Request, unless there are exceptional circumstances to justify granting the Waiver Request (which must include full remediation of any non-compliance with the Code of Conduct).
2. **Non-Chanhassen resident who requests waiver to play for Chanhassen.** The following standards of review will apply for any player who:
 - (i) did not play on a Chanhassen MBL team during the most recent season;
 - (ii) will not satisfy MBL's residency requirements for the upcoming season; and
 - (iii) requests an MBL residency waiver to play on a Chanhassen team for the upcoming season.
 - a. **General standard.** The BOC will exercise its reasonable discretion to evaluate whether the best interests of the Chanhassen baseball program are served by granting the Waiver Request to permit the player to try out and play for a Chanhassen MBL team.
 - b. **Player and family were not in good standing.** If the player or his family have been meaningfully out of compliance with either (i) the Chanhassen Code of Conduct at any time; or (ii) any other community association's code of conduct at any time, the BOC will not grant the Waiver Request unless there are exceptional circumstances to justify granting the Waiver Request (which must include full remediation of any non-compliance with any code of conduct).

3. **Existing Chanhassen resident and MBL travel player who requests waiver to play for another team.** The following standards of review will apply for any player who:
 - (i) played on a Chanhassen MBL team during the most recent season;
 - (ii) will qualify as a Chanhassen resident under MBL's residency requirements for the upcoming season; and
 - (iii) requests an MBL residency waiver to play on a non-Chanhassen team the following year.
 - a. **General standard.** The BOC will exercise its reasonable discretion to evaluate whether the best interests of the Chanhassen baseball program are served by granting the Waiver Request to play MBL for a non-Chanhassen team. The effect of this waiver on the number of available players for one or more levels will be a material factor in the BOC's decision.
 - b. **Player or family with outstanding amounts due to CAA.** If a player or family is responsible for any outstanding amounts due and payable to CAA, all such amounts must be paid in full before any waiver may be authorized.
4. **Chanhassen resident who hasn't played for a Chanhassen MBL team requests waiver to play elsewhere.** The following standards of review will apply for any player who:
 - (i) has NOT played on a Chanhassen MBL team during the most recent season;
 - (ii) will qualify as a Chanhassen resident under MBL's residency requirements for the upcoming season; and
 - (iii) requests an MBL residency waiver to play outside Chanhassen for the upcoming season.
 - a. **General standard.** The BOC will exercise its reasonable discretion to evaluate whether the best interests of the Chanhassen baseball program are served by granting the player's Waiver Request to play MBL for a non-Chanhassen team. The effect of this waiver on the number of available players for one or more levels will be a material factor in the BOC's decision.