

## HAMILTON LACROSSE: REGISTRATION & RELEASES

### ARTICLE MR-II – REGISTRATIONS

#### MR2.08

Any player wishing to play house-league only may register anywhere he/she wishes to play. No club shall require a release for a player to play house-league only. Players playing under this 2025 RULES & REGULATIONS 51 provision may not attend a rep tryout or play in any rep game as an alternate for a team for which they would not be eligible to play under current residency rules. Clubs will keep a list and update current registration software with annotation of players house-league only status to ensure adherence to this rule.

#### MR2.08(a)

A player resident in a community represented by a rep club entered in a category for which he is eligible to play, must register with that club except where such player's services are waived by that club subject to the provisions of MR3.11.

**NOTE:** Any player who has not registered with their resident association by the following dates will be ineligible for a rep release. If a club folds a team for which the player would have been eligible, the player will not be eligible for a release under MR2.08(b).

**Box:** 3rd Sunday in March

**Field:** February 15

**Women's Field:** 3rd Sunday in March

**Fall Field:** 3rd Sunday in August

#### MR2.09(a) Residence Rule:

This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors and OLA Program Director for Player Movement before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide within the established timeline will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and for the entirety of the following season from all sectors of Ontario Lacrosse.

### ARTICLE MR-III – RELEASES

#### MR3.01

A player must apply for a release from his/her club/association to play for the next closest club/association by the following dates of the current playing season.

**Box:** April 15th,  
**Women's Field:** May 15th,  
**Field:** March 1st,  
**Fall Field:** August 30th.

A player may not apply for a release prior to February 1st for Field, March 1st of the current year for Box and Women's Field and August 15th for Fall Field. All players must be registered, and OLA approved for the current season prior to applying for a release. A player will be eligible for one rep release request per playing season, per sector. Such release shall become official immediately upon League and OLA approval.

### **MR3.06**

When a release is granted the caliber of the player, team or centre shall not enter the decision.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- When a release is requested the caliber of the player shall not enter the decision.
- The player requesting the release must be registered with the Hamilton Lacrosse Association prior to requesting the release. *As per OLA Rules & Regulations*, release requests may not be considered if the player has not registered before the following dates:
  - **Box** – 3rd Sunday in March
  - **OMFLL** (Boys Field) - February 15
  - **OWFL** (Women's Field) - Third Sunday in March
  - **Fall Field:** 3rd Sunday in August
- As per OLA Rules & Regulations, release requests cannot be submitted after the following dates:
  - Box - April 15
  - OWFL (Women's Field) - May 15
  - OMFLL (Boys Field) - March 1
- A player may not apply for a release February 1st for Field, March 1st of the current year for Box and Women's Field and August 15th for Fall Field

### **HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR A RELEASE?**

The Player must first be registered (including payment) with HLA. The Player or Parent/Guardian must complete section 1 of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) Release Request Form and deliver it to the HLA President.

HLA will respond within 72 hours to acknowledge receipt of the request. The association will then notify the player/guardian of the date & time of the release hearing in a reasonable period of time (within 10 days). Release requests will typically be heard by a

Release Committee of a minimum of 3 people, one of whom will act as the Chair. A fee of \$100 may be charged to the applicant of the release request. Payments must be received prior to the release hearing.

*The HLA has two options following the release hearing:*

1. Approve the release as either conditional, or unconditional and provide the applicant with the approved release form.
2. Deny the release request and complete section 2 of the Release Request Form with written reasons for denying the request within 5 business days, and provide the applicant with the information necessary to file and appeal to the OLA for a merit review committee. This panel is made up of 3 persons to determine if the appeal merits a OLA appeal hearing.

#### **IF THE RELEASE IS DENIED BY THE HLA:**

- You can appeal your release to the OLA merit review committee, rules and fees for release exist, please consult the OLA Rules & Regulations
- The decision of the Merit Review Committee is final
- If the committee deems that there is “No Merit” to the request, the player will return to their home centre. This decision is not appealable any further
- If the request is again denied, the player’ can either request a refund, or continue to play with his/her current association and try to resolve the differences that led to the request for a release
- If the Merit Review Committee deems that the request does have merit, the appeal process proceeds to the OLA appeal level to be heard by the panel

#### **REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY**

In the event a release is granted, the HLA Refund/Cancellation policy will apply (i.e. withdraw/refund registration will be subject to a **\$55** administration fee). E-payment fees associated with online registrations are non-refundable.