

ONTARIO BASKETBALL PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

Purpose

This Policy encourages players and their families to make informed choices about selection of teams and member clubs. It promotes commitment and respect among players, coaches and teams. This policy also enables Ontario Basketball (OBA), as a sport governing body, to promote fair competition among its member teams and to uphold the values of equity, opportunity and accountability for its members. The Transfer Policy was amended in June, 2014 to reflect the changing landscape of club basketball in Ontario.

Policy

As outlined by Ontario Basketball, an OBA player participating in the competitive rep program will require a release should he or she want to join another OBA member club. To complete the transfer of a player, the OBA member to which the player is transferring ("Transferee Club"), will complete the "Transfer Form" (available on OBA website) and pay a fee to the original club to compensate for the loss of the player. The transfer will be administered by Ontario Basketball upon receipt of completed "Transfer Form" and administrative fee from the Transferee Club.

Application

This Policy applies to all youth players in the OBA system participating with OBA member club competitive rep (travel) teams from the U10 to U19 age categories. This policy does not apply to players who have never previously registered with an OBA team or club; or youth players changing teams within the same OBA member club.

Timing

Once a player has signed to a particular OBA member club, he/she is committed to that OBA member club until he/she is released by that OBA member club.

A player is permitted to be temporarily released (form available on OBA website) for, a) basketball if the original club does not field an OBA club team during the summer or b) Ontario Basketball or Canada Basketball high performance programming. A player may request a temporary release from his/her OBA member club upon completion of his/her Ontario Cup Provincial Championships.

Joining an OBA member club team

The following are the steps to joining an OBA member club team:

1. Sign roster after successful tryouts
2. Sign membership application (held by OBA member club)
3. Club submits roster to Ontario Basketball
4. Club submits registration fee (and transfer administrative fee if applicable) to Ontario Basketball

Player Transfer Fee

The fee for a player to transfer from one OBA member club to another OBA member club is \$300; payable by the Transferee Club to the OBA member club the player left (\$250 to the latter OBA member club and \$50 to OBA for administrative purposes).

Summer Season

Each OBA member club must inform its players of its intention to field a summer team in the applicable age category no later than May 1 each calendar year. Should an Ontario Basketball member team not participate in summer basketball programming (e.g. AAU events); a player from that team may request a temporary release from its OBA member club.

Responsibility of Players

During the commitment period (September 1 to May the following year), a player must play for the OBA member club team he/she has joined and may not join another OBA member club team, except under the following circumstances:

- The OBA club or team he/she has joined has ceased operations or does not offer an OBA club team at the next age category;
- Should a player not be successful in making his/her OBA club team, he/she is eligible to transfer to another OBA member club (without having to supply documentation and fee).

- Personnel within the OBA club or team are considered, in the discretion of OBA, ineligible to continue as such; or
- The player's family relocates outside the area served by the OBA club or team he/she joined (such a relocation must be substantiated through appropriate legal documentation).

A player who has been removed from a roster for disciplinary reasons may not join another OBA member club team without approval from Ontario Basketball.

Breaches and Penalties

Any person who is aware that a player is in breach of this Policy may report such a breach by means of a written complaint to Ontario Basketball provided that all complaints to Ontario Basketball must be in writing from the OBA member club president and brought to the Commissioner of Fair Play.

Note: OBA member clubs are encouraged to investigate the complaint and to contact the opposing member club to resolve the matter directly, before a complaint is submitted to Ontario Basketball.

In the event an Ontario Basketball entity (i.e. player, coach or club) is found to have breached this Policy, by way of a club administrator, coach, player or family member, Schedule A & B of Ontario Basketball's Fair Play Policy and Procedures will apply to those responsible for violating the policy.

Request for Exemption

An individual and/or club may request an exemption from the above policy by completing and submitting a Request for Exemption form. A committee to govern this process will be formed by OBA.

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