



Zone 9 Lacrosse Council

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Dear Parent:

This letter is to assist you in your request for a release from your child's current Lacrosse association.

Your first step is to send a letter to the Association President, outlining your request and the reasons that you feel it should be granted. You should also mention any problems that the club might be able to address to prevent future difficulties of this nature. The Association is required to deal with a request within three to five days, but you must allow some additional time for our postal service to return their answer to you.

If the Club's answer is negative, then you may pursue your release at the Zone level. (Instructions on how to proceed should be provided by the Association along with their letter of denial for your request.)

A letter, requesting a Zone hearing of your release inquiry, should be sent to the Zone Director. This request must be accompanied by: a copy of your letter to the Association, a copy of their reply and the appeal fee*. (If the Association has not replied within a reasonable amount of time, you should phone the Zone secretary, who will contact the President in order that the paperwork might be complete prior to the hearing.)

*A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 (as per the Zone 9 Guidelines) must accompany each application to the Zone, for a player release hearing.

(Zone 9 Guidelines - excerpt)

E. APPEAL FEE:

Any appeal to the Zone, of a decision regarding releases or suspensions, must be accompanied by a non-refundable appeal fee of **\$100.00** (in cash, certified cheque or money order). No appeal hearing will be scheduled until the fee is paid.

You will then be advised of the location, date and time of your appeal hearing. It will be beneficial for the players to be in attendance, in order for the committee to speak to them as well as to their parents. This will allow the committee members to make a more informed decision. (The Association will also have representation at this hearing to explain their reasons for not granting the original request.)

The following are the three possible results of your release hearing and the action to be taken:

- If your unconditional release is granted, you may then register with another Minor Lacrosse Association of your choice. **In the event that this is not the next nearest Club, then you will also need releases from every Club that is closer to your residence community.**
- If a one-year release is granted, then you may register with the next nearest Minor Lacrosse Association for the upcoming season. This allows you a season to assess the improvement of your former Association and permits you to return to that club with no releases necessary. If you wish to stay with your new club in the following year, you must again request a release from your original club. A second release granted to the player is permanent and you will continue to play for the new club until released by them.

- In the event that your request is denied, you may then continue to play with your current Minor Club or you may file an appeal with the Ontario Lacrosse Association:

(O.L.A. Constitution - excerpt)

B7.04 I. The first level of appeal will be to the League or Zone. The cost of the appeal shall be \$100.00

II. The second level of appeal shall be directed to the O.L.A. Appeals Committee. The cost of the second appeal shall be \$100.00

Note: All appeals must be submitted in writing (with cheque) within 15 days of the previous decision. (Please include copies of all correspondence with your current Club and with the Zone.)

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Attention: Mr. Ron MacSpadyen – Program Director. E-mail: ron@ontariolacrosse.com

If you have further questions, please feel free to call me and I will try to assist you, to the best of my ability.

Yours in Lacrosse,
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