



2026 Process for Minor Box Lacrosse Release Requests

Releases are only valid for the current box season.

The entire release process, **finalized by the commission signature**, must be complete **before** a player is eligible to play or practice with the accepting association. This includes tryouts.

Parents who have transferred guardianship of their children to another adult need to contact the BCLA Registrar who will provide the appropriate *Statutory Declaration of Residency Form* to be completed, as per Regulation 8.03

Not all requests are approved.

As per BCLA Minor Directorate Operating Policy 8.08, Any player found participating in any lacrosse-related activities with a team they are not officially registered with will have their release request automatically denied.

As per BCLA Minor Directorate Operating Policy 8.05, the local commission has the right to place the player in an association where the commission feels it would be in the best interest of the league and then the player.

As per the BCLA Minor Directorate Operating Policy 8.09, each commission will process all submitted requests by April 30th. Release requests after April 30th will be processed when the respective commissions executive can meet to review the requests. Requests will be processed by commissions in a timely manner, keeping in mind that most of these bodies meet monthly.

Process:

- Player must register with their home association via the association's online registration system and request a release by completing this release request form and submitting it to the home association for approval. **All** information **must** be filled out including the reason for the request. Playing history may be verified by the BCLA registrar at the request of the association or commission.
- If the home association approves, they immediately advise the commission chair via email and the association representative forwards the signed release request form with the completed registration form for the next commission meeting.
- If the home association does not approve, they must provide their decision and reason for denial, to the parents via email within 72 hours of their monthly association meeting.
- Parents may request a review of a home association denial to the local commission through their local zone representative within 14 days of the written notification.
- Commissions will review release requests monthly, either at their regular meeting or special release meetings, starting in March and ending in May.
- If the commission agrees to release the player, the commission will place the player in an association as per policy 8.05.
- The commission will advise the joining association within 72 hours of the meeting, cc'ing the home association, providing player name, division and contact information.
- The commission will provide the players completed registration form to the joining association's registrar and a copy of the completed release request form to the BCLA registrar.
- The joining association will advise the player and parents of their acceptance within 72 hours of the commission notification. If the joining association cannot take the player, another club will be asked to take a player
- If the commission denies the request, they must provide their decision and reason for denial to the parents via email within 72 hours of their monthly or special release meeting.
- Parents may appeal a commission denial directly to the Minor Directorate through the BCLA office, within 14 days of written notification.

Appeals:

- Appeals at any level must be accompanied by all relevant and supporting documentation.
- Minor Directorate appeals must be accompanied with a \$500 payment to BCLA (e-transfer), refer to BCLA Appeal Process Appendix A General Operating Policy.



2026 PLAYER RELEASE REQUEST FORM

Only Valid for One Season (Box)

It is mandatory to complete the form up to but not including the approving signatures.

Date of Request: YYYY _____ Day _____ Month _____

Player's Name: _____

Date of Birth: YYYY _____ Day _____ Month _____

Current Residence: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Parent's Cell Phone: () _____

Parent's E-Mail: _____

Home Association: _____

Last club played for: _____ Division: _____ Tier: _____

Goalie: Yes No

Reason for Request: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date:

Sections below to be completed by Approving Bodies only

Releasing Association: Approved (☐) Declined (☐)

President's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Comments:

Authorization of _____ Commission: Approved (☐) Declined (☐)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Accepting Joining Association: Approved (☐) Declined (☐)

President's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Comments:

Minor Box Lacrosse Release FAQ's

1. **Who decides where my child will play?** This decision is made by the local commission where you have registered (Island, Interior, North or Lower Mainland).

How is this decision made? There are a number of criteria that are taken into consideration when a player has requested a release. The main ones are – which association needs players, where the released player lives in relation to which association needs players, past releases. If there are multiple releases from the same association, best efforts are made to send two + players to the new association

2. **When will I be notified?** Regardless of when your association sent in your release request to the appropriate commission, it is unlikely you will get any information on where your child has been released to until a week after the March declaration meeting (this is where all association presidents commit to the number of teams they will have in every division). This takes place on the 2nd Tuesday in March (in the Lower Mainland), so it is unlikely to hear until the 3rd week of March. Each commission operates slightly differently, so check with your commission chair
3. **If my association registration page says they have a wait list, what should I do?** You should register with your home association as early as you can. When you see this, it doesn't necessarily mean they won't have a spot for your child. They are usually waiting for enough additional registrations to make another team. If they don't end up having a team, you may be released from your home association to play elsewhere.
4. **Can I request a specific association to be released to?** Yes, the request will be considered but the commissions will follow their general guidelines (see 2 above) and strive to have your child playing as close to your home association as there is space available.
5. **My association doesn't have an A team, and my child wants to play on an A team. Can I request a release for that?** You can request a release from your home association but can expect the request to be denied.
6. **Can I practice with the home association until I am released?** You can practice with the home association if you wish. You can't practice with any other association team until you have been properly released to another association.
7. **Can I turn a release down?** You can but the commission will (may not be able to re-release) not re-release you. If you wish to return to your home association, you can but that will depend on their circumstances.

To find the full policy, refer to Regulation 8 Moves.