



3.5 Player Transfers

The Association aims to support and aid in the development and growth of our local Teams, as well as an individual Player's skill and love for the game of baseball/softball. The Association recognizes that on occasion, the need for Players to transfer to another association will arise (a "Player Transfer"). Player Transfers may become necessary if a Player's skills and the programs currently offered in the Association that season do not align. In these instances, a Player Transfer may be considered for the benefit of the Player's development. A Player Transfer is required when any Player who is a Resident wishes to transfer to an association that is outside the boundaries/town limits of the team he/she is wishing to transfer to.

As a general rule, Player Transfers requests are only granted at the AA/AAA baseball and Rep softball levels. Transfers are as otherwise in accordance with the bylaws, or rules and regulations for player transfers as outlined by Baseball Alberta or Softball Alberta (as applicable).

In addition to as stated herein, any Player requesting a Player Transfer from the Association to another association must follow the player transfer guidelines as per Baseball Alberta or Softball Alberta:

- Baseball- (<https://www.baseballalberta.com/forms/>)
- Softball- Players U15 and under who wish to register on a team outside the Association for the season must first receive a Player Transfer from the Association.

The following applies to any Players from the Association applying for a request for a Player Transfer:

1. All Players seeking a Player Transfer from the Association to another association **MUST** first register with the Association, including paid registration fees prior to requesting a Player Transfer – Upon Player Transfer approval, and at the Association's discretion, a \$25.00 administration fee may be charged.
2. The Player must complete and submit a Player Transfer request form and any related documents to the President, beginning January 1st and received no later than March 15th. All decisions on Player Transfers will be received one (1) week after the next regularly scheduled board meeting and any decisions by the President are final. Appeals can be made following the Baseball Alberta/ or Softball Alberta appeal process (as applicable).
3. SLMBA will not support lateral transfers (i.e. B to B / AA to AA) unless at any time the President deems, in his/her sole discretion, that it is necessary or advisable, including without limitation:
 - If the Association cannot form or guarantee a Team at the same level for that year of play
 - If a Player is deemed by the Association to have moved their principal residence from the boundaries of the Association to a principal residence that is within the boundaries of another association
 - The total number of registered Players of the given age category and the ability to form a Team, or the tier of the Team will not be affected by the Player Transfer, but will provide a better overall experience for all Players development.
4. All Player Transfers are valid for the current season of play only. All Players will return to Association at the end of each season. Player Transfers will not be granted at the community sport/recreation level except in exceptional circumstances.