

## ZONE 5 LACROSSE COUNCIL RELEASE PROCESS

Version 1

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This process is a guideline to help better define the process around player releases. It will not supersede any written guidelines or policies concerning player releases currently in place by an association.

- 1. A player wishing to be released from any association within Zone 5, to play for another association in any given season must submit a properly filled out release form, as per their association's policy.
- 2. All release requests will be reviewed by the associations Executive and a response provided to the applicant, in writing, within 3 to 5 days, or in accordance to that associations policy concerning releases.
- 3. No player may be released by the association after May 15 of that year.
- 4. The association will provide a signed written approval of the release.
- 5. The players and the other association must abide to all conditions on releases.
- 6. If the association has not agreed to provide a release, the player seeking such release may appeal to the governing OLA zone council for Zone5.
- 7. Such a request for appeal, must be accompanied by a copy of your release request, a copy of their reply and a \$100, non-refundable fee.
- 8. A committee of no less then 3 council members, appointed by the Zone Director, and are bias and impartial to the home or destination association, shall review the appeal.
- 9. The committee will invite the player, a family representative, and the home association to a review hearing, to discuss the appeal.
- 10. If the Zone 5 council does not approve the request, as per the zone's policy, the player may then appeal to the OLA. A \$150 fee for an appeal will apply, and a council date for the appeal will be set and attendance in mandatory.