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GUIDELINES for PLAYER MOVEMENT BETWEEN GMBA PARKS

These Guidelines are intended to support and strengthen our members, the local park associations, by providing the continuity of the player and volunteer base within their own community so that they can continue to offer a viable program. Since the focus for the Spring Season is to create and sustain a strong and competitive house league, we need to ensure that there are mechanisms in place so that each park continues to have the player base to participate fully in our spring house league.

For purposes of these guidelines, catchment areas are defined as the areas from which each park has traditionally registered their players. These usually align with existing Little League feeder parks. For example, Layritz registers players who came from Layritz and Hampton Little Leagues and Esquimalt Baseball.

A. PLAYERS/FAMILIES REQUESTING A MOVE:

1. A player is expected to play at the local BC Minor Park within whose catchment area they live.
2. A player may move to an adjacent park for the following reasons:
 - Attends school, day care, etc. within another Park's catchment area
 - Special request of family—reasons may be varied, may be confidential

NOTE: Attending Lambrick Park Secondary school for the Baseball Academy is voluntary, and as such a release to attend this academy is exempt for park transfers. However, players attending Lambrick Park Secondary may still qualify for a transfer based on other GVBA guidelines.

3. Players requesting a release for the reasons above may only be released to an adjacent park that offers baseball programs in their division. This is to discourage "shopping" for a park.
4. If a player wishes to move to an adjacent park, they and their family are required to:
 - Make the request in writing to their local park president
 - The letter is to be signed by the local park president if he/she agrees with the move. If no agreement/signature, the request is denied.
 - Registration may be completed at the receiving park on presentation of this letter, if the receiving park is able to accept this player, that is, they have room to accommodate the player without displacing a player from their own catchment area.
5. Players who move to an adjacent park under this agreement, are expected to remain with the receiving park for the remainder of their youth baseball career to provide continuity



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for both of the parks involved and for the player and family. The exception is when a player moves to a higher level of play within their division.

6. All parks are expected to cooperate and not accept out-of-catchment registrations during their registration process.

B. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS TO ACCOMMODATE TEAMS/NUMBERS/ETC.

1. Park associations are permitted to work with other park associations to make sure that all players can be accommodated to play. For example, two parks may each have not enough players to create a new team, but could create a new team if combining the players.
2. Park associations may decide within their own park whether to move players on last registered/first to move basis or to ask for volunteers.
3. Players who play in a different park from their catchment area are expected to return to their home park for the following season. However, they may apply to move under item #A above.
4. If a program is not offered at the park in whose catchment area the player resides, the player may move to a park of their choice offering the program. When the player reaches the age of a program offered within their local park, they are expected to return to their park. However, they may apply to move under #A above to an adjacent park.

C. "METRO TEAMS" – Single Season and Summer All-Star

1. If a player tries out for a single season team (i.e. Bantam AAA, Midget AAA or Premier) or summer all-star team and is not selected for the team for which they are trying, they may be able to try out for another team. After they have exhausted all opportunities for higher level of play, they are expected to return to the local Park within whose catchment area they reside. Then item #A and/or #B will apply if the player wishes to change or the local park is unable to accommodate them.

D. APPEAL

If a player and their family are not happy with the decisions made by their local parks, they may appeal in writing to the Registrar of Greater Victoria Baseball.