



**Carnarvon Ball Club
Lions Minor Baseball
Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association
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Catchment Guidelines for Player Movement Between Greater Victoria Baseball Association Parks

These guidelines are intended to support and strengthen our members and 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.

With some parks not offering the full range of divisions, three (3) catchment maps are used. 5U – 11U, 13U and 15U – 18U. New players to GVBA are to use the map for their age group to determine what park to register at. If a player lives in an area that changes catchment on the 13U or 15U-18U map or if they move into another catchment, that player can remain with their original park for the remainder of their youth baseball career.

A. REQUESTING A MOVE

1. A player may request a move to *an adjacent* park for the following reasons:
 - i. Attends school, day care, etc. within another park's catchment area
 - ii. Special request of family – reasons may be varied, may be kept confidential by the originating park president.
2. To request a move to *an adjacent* park, the following must be done:
 - i. The family is required to make the request in writing to their local park president.
 - ii. The park president is to reply to the request with their decision and *include the president of the receiving park and GVBA registrar if a release is granted.*
 - iii. The receiving park can accept the released player *as long as they are not displacing a player from their own catchment.*
3. 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 for both parks involved and for the player and family.

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 not have enough players to create a team each but could create a new team by combining the players. This is common during the fall season as there are fewer players and teams across the city.



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2. Park associations may decide within their own park whether to move players on the 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 the following season. However, they may apply to move under item A above.

C. PROGRAM NOT OFFERED

1. When a program is not offered at the park in whose catchment area the player resides, the player may register at an adjacent park. 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 item A above.
 - i. In the case of 13U at Lions or Layritz not being offered. The players are to register at the other park. This will keep the continuity for this group as Lions players transition to Layritz for 15U.

D. APPEAL

1. 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 Association.

E. PLAYERS OUTSIDE OF GVBA

1. Players living outside of GVBA (Malahat and north), a request must be made to BC Baseball. Families are to contact the GVBA Registrar for guidance (gvbareg@gmail.com).