



8. RESIDENCE & IMPORT CAP RULES

(Extracted from the Baseball Nova Scotia Handbook)

- 8.1.1 In the minor age divisions of Mosquito, Pee Wee or Bantam, in order to be eligible for provincial play downs, a player(s) **must** be a resident of Nova Scotia (city, town or village) before June 1 of the current playing season.
- 8.1.2 Players who are a BNS registered member of an association and who wish to play competitive baseball and/or have played competitive baseball for their current association, are therefore required to play for or try out for their own association's competitive teams, provided: 3.2.1 The association is offering a competitive program at the level in which a player(s) wishes to play.
- 8.1.3 If the association, where a player was a member the previous year, is not offering a competitive program at a certain level and the player wishes to play at that level, then they are required to:
- A) Play or try out with another association, within their own Region, that is offering the competitive team/program;
 - B) Return to their own association if they do not make the team in which they have tried out;
 - C) Return to their previous association the following year if their former association (in which they left) begins offering a competitive team/program at that level.
- 8.1.4 If no associations within the region in which a player resides are offering a competitive program/team at the level in which a player wishes to participate, then that player is eligible to move out of the region to play or try out for a competitive team that another BNS region is offering.
- A) Players who are not successful in making a team outside their region, will therefore be required to return to their own association to play, provided their association is offering the next competitive level;
 - B) If a player's association is not offering a particular level but another association in their region is offering that competitive level the next year, then the player will be required to return and play for an association in that region;
 - C) Players must return to their own association or region the following season, whenever the association or region has team(s) that are offering a competitive level in which a player wishes to play;
 - D) If none of the associations in a player's former region are offering a competitive program at the level in which a player wishes to play, then they will become eligible to remain with the association and play outside their own region for another season.
NOTE: In doing so, a player then becomes a member of the region in which they have played for two consecutive seasons.
- 8.1.5 Players who have played with one association for two consecutive seasons are thereby considered a registered member of the association in which they have played.
- 8.1.6 Players who have played with more than one association within a region for two consecutive seasons are thereby considered a registered member of their last association and are considered part of that BNS defined region and not the region in which they left.

- 8.1.7 Players then wishing to play for or try out another association's competitive team must refer to and follow the above subsections rule 3.2 - 3.5
- 8.1.8 If there are extenuating circumstances, such as Family transfers, Marital breakdown or Late moves, whereby a player is required to move and reside outside their current association or region, the BNS Executive may permit a player to be eligible to play with another team within the province.
- A) If a player who has moved outside the area/association in which they were registered and wishes to return and play for that association, then consideration may be given to the player by the Regional Director;
 - B) Applications for player releases, based on extenuating circumstances only, are to be first made to the Regional Director, in the region in which a player moves, prior to the first Friday in July of the current season;
 - C) The Regional Director, after reviewing the application, will then make a decision, after which the BNS office will be notified as to the decision that was made;
 - D) If the player(s) appeal the RD's decision, then the BNS Executive will become the Appeals Committee and their decision will be final.

Rule 8.2 - IMPORT CAP RULE

- 8.2.1 In the major divisions of Midget and Junior, in order to be eligible for provincial playdowns, a player(s) must be a resident of Nova Scotia (city town or village) before June 1 of the current playing season;
- 8.2.3 In both the Midget and Junior divisions, teams must have two-thirds of their players coming from their own association;
- 8.2.4 If a Midget or Junior team is operating as an independent team, then two-thirds of their roster must come from the area in which they are registered with BNS;
- 8.2.5 Teams will only be allowed to carry/register one-third of their team roster consisting of players that reside outside the area in which the team is registered/plays and/or the player(s) was registered as part of another association the previous season.