

PLAYER TRANSFER/LOAN POLICY

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27.1 Rationale:

- To provide an opportunity for individual player development while maintaining and promoting advancement of Water Polo within Manitoba

27.2 Guidelines:

- For the purpose of this policy:
 - **Player** refers to a water polo athlete of any age group or registration category registered with a team/club/league under MWPA jurisdiction
 - **Player Transfer** refers to a player who leaves a team or club affiliation during a season and wishes to register with another team or club during the same season, in or beyond the province of Manitoba
 - **Player Loan** refers to a player who remains affiliated with his/her club of registration during the season but plays with another team/club for a specific tournament or competition.
- In order for a player transfer or loan to be sought and approved the athlete must be in good standing with their current club, provincial association and WPC, this applies to athletes of all ages
- A completed transfer/loan form must be received by the office with all appropriate signatures, only after the athlete receives approval of transfer in writing may the athlete be allowed to participate with the new team/club.
- All transfers/loans received by the MWPA will be processed within seven (7) days

27.3 Procedures:

27.3.1 Player Transfers

- A player can only be registered with one club per season
- Registered athletes may transfer from one club to another club or have their registration status modified, subject to a signed acknowledgement between both clubs involved (Transfer form attached). The Transfer Form must be submitted to MWPA with the Executive Director having the authority to approve.
- Financial considerations brought about by the transfer remain an issue to be resolved between the player and involved teams/clubs.
- Once the annual membership commitment to a club has expired, a formal transfer is not required. For example, an athlete can register for another club at the beginning of each new season.

27.3.2 Player Loan

- In order to encourage individual player development, a player can be loaned to another team/club for a specific tournament and/or for training

leading up to a specific tournament while maintaining registration with his/her original club.

- Registered athletes may be loaned from one club to another club, within or outside of the province of MB subject to a signed acknowledgement between both clubs involved (Player Loan form attached). The agreement must be submitted to MWPA for approval at least 14 days prior to submission of the roster for the tournament with the ED having the authority for approval.
- In the case of National Championship League (NCL), all WPC policies will apply

27.3.2 Exceptional Circumstances

- A player loan submission for greater than 2 out of province loans/season may be considered for approval under exceptional circumstances and with approval of the MWPA Board. These circumstances include
 - An individual player is considered to be at an extremely high competitive level and cannot regularly compete at that level with a club registered in the province of MB.
 - There are less than 4 players registered within the province of MB as MWPA competitive players in a single age group.