



ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION ATHLETE TRANSFER POLICY

The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) strongly encourages the cooperation of its membership to ensure all volleyball participants have a positive experience.

Purpose:

1. To promote ethical behavior by coaches, athletes, and parents by providing guidelines for changing clubs.
2. To ensure that athletes have the opportunity to complete their current season of play should any circumstances outside their control arise.

Definitions

OVA Offer Form – either a re-signing offer form or OVA offer form as defined in the OVA Tryout Window Policy.

Registration Waiver – includes the OVA Individual Registration Form and either the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement or the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Policy:

Ontario Volleyball's indoor competition season is divided into three sections:

	Period	Start Date	End Date
1	Free Agent Period	End of OVA/Volleyball Canada (VC) season (May 31 st)	Date of athlete's commitment to a team. Signing of an OVA Offer Form or Registration Waiver
2	Non-Transfer Period "A"	Date of athlete's commitment to a team. Signing of an OVA Offer Form or Registration Waiver	Feb 1 st
3	Non-Transfer Period "B"	Feb 2 nd	End of OVA/VC Season (May 31 st)

Section 1: Free Agent Period – End of OVA/VC season to the Date indicated on a signed OVA offer form or Registration Waiver

During this period, parents and athletes are permitted to gather information regarding other club programs and athletes have freedom of choice when determining which club they wish to play with the upcoming season.

Section 2: Non-Transfer Period “A”: Date indicated on the OVA Offer Form or Registration Waiver to February 1st

From the moment the athlete and parent signs the OVA Offer Form or the OVA Registration Waiver for the current competition year to February 1st, no transfers are permitted, unless an extreme situation arises.

Athletes can request an **Extreme Exception** for a variety of cases such as, but not limited to:

- A. Primary residence changes out of reasonable travel area
- B. Athlete’s Club/team folds or a significant change in the terms identified in the OVA Re-signing or Offer form
- C. Criminal investigations and/or Convictions within present club

Extreme Exception Request Process

- Athlete/Parents must contact the OVA and the club they are currently registered with via email (ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org) declaring their need for a transfer.
 - This email must provide specifics of the extreme exception (see examples above).
- The departing club maybe required to provide specifics of the requests.
- Once the extreme exception has been approved the athlete/parent must pay a \$50.00 (+HST) transfer fee through NRS (www.nrs.volleyball.ca)

Athletes can also seek a **Release** from a club, which is defined as a mutual written agreement between the club and athlete stating that transferring clubs is in the best interest of both parties.

Release Request Process

- Athlete/Parents must email the Club they are currently registered with and copy the OVA (ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org) declaring their request for a release.
 - This email must provide specifics of the request for release.
- The Club has **5 business days** to approve or deny the request.
 - To approve a request the departing Club must agree that the release of the athlete is in the best interest of both parties and acknowledge in writing that the athlete has been released.

or

 - If a release is denied, the Club must provide the denial in writing with reasons. The athlete is required to fulfill their commitment to the Club they are currently registered with and are not permitted to play at a different club for the remainder of the season.

- If the athlete does not receive a response from the Club within the 5 business days as per the time stamp on the initial email requesting the release, the OVA will approve or deny the request at their discretion.
- If an athlete's request for release is approved they are still responsible to pay any outstanding club fees and are subject to the club's refund and/or cancellation policies. These policies must be attached to the release approval email.
- If the release has been approved the athlete/parent must pay a \$150.00 (+HST) release fee through NRS (www.nrs.volleyball.ca)

An athlete, team, or club may appeal a sanction through the Ontario Volleyball [Appeals Policy](#)

Section 3 - Non-Transfer Period "B": February 2nd to End of OVA/VC Season

During this time no athlete transfers will be permitted for any reason.