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| RULES AND REGULATIONS NOTICE OF MOTION - Minor Regional Import Rule | |
| **Rules and Regulations**  **Submitted by: Softball New Brunswick Board of Directors** | |
| **Moved by: Seconded by:** | |
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| **REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)  Section 4:00, Article 2.0 (b) page 8 | |
| **WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.) | |
| b A resident import is a player (Junior and above) playing outside their region and advises, in writing, the president of S.N.B. Inc. by June 1st. Any player who makes their intentions known, in writing with a team outside their region, must play all provincial ball with that team. The resident import rule doesn’t apply to players in Senior “A” Fast Pitch Provincials.  Resident import must put on two Minor Development Clinics if requested by Softball New Brunswick Inc.  **EXCEPTION:** Any Junior and Midget aged players have the right to play in their classification for Provincials. Teams within their region have the first right of refusal. If no team exists in region of habitation then the player may register with one team in classification and then return to their region of residence and play for an intermediate team.  \*Please note, this is the adult Provincial Import Rule as written | |
| **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion) | |
| **ADDITION:**  Add a rule to section 3:00, **Article 5.0 Minor Regional Import Rules** to read:  a. Minor regional imports are **NOT ALLOWED** in minor provincial age class competition.  i. An exemption to this rule may be permissible if any of the following criteria are met:  1. If there are no other teams within the region for the player to play for;  2. If they receive a written release from the President of Softball New Brunswick Inc  b. A minor regional import is a minor player (U12 age class and above) who is playing, or has  interest in playing outside of their region.  c. A minor player may request, in writing to the president of Softball New Brunswick Inc. by  May 15th for an exemption to play outside of their region for the current playing season. The  process to receive a release from the President of Softball New Brunswick Inc will be as  follows:  i) Submission of a letter addressed to the President of Softball New Brunswick Inc  requesting the release of the athlete, and the rationale as to why they are requesting a  release.  ii) The President of Softball New Brunswick Inc, will contact the appropriate Regional  Director and inform the Regional Director that a release of an athlete has been requested.  The Regional Director will provide the President of Softball NB with the following  information:  1. If there are other age class teams within the region available to the athlete;  2. If there are age class teams in the region, provide any (if applicable) objections to the athlete being released from the region;  3. Provide a formal letter from the appropriate Regional Director to the President of Softball New Brunswick Inc either granting or refusing the release of the athlete from the region.  iii) The President of Softball New Brunswick Inc. will, upon the completion of the  aforementioned items above, render a decision on whether the athlete will in fact  receive a release from their region or not. The final decision will be delivered in  writing to both the applicant as well as the Technical Director of Softball New  Brunswick Inc. no later than one (1) week after receiving the request for a regional  release. | |
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| **RATIONALE:**  There has been numerous instances of minor athletes playing for teams outside of their region. The premise behind the rule recommendation is to increase the total number of athletes playing for teams within their region and to hinder the formation of 'all star' teams at provincial championships. | |
| **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual) | |
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| **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:** \_\_X\_\_ Carried \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ Defeated |