



## **RMLL Return-To-Play Player Movement**

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There have been lots of questions about RMLL player movements for the 2021 return to lacrosse activities. This is a "season" unlike any we have ever seen before, but it contains elements of a normal season, pre-season exhibition games, as well as some novel features. The RMLL Executive met for a long meeting last night (June 21) to discuss COVID protocols and RMLL player movement. A previous message addressed COVID and this message now addresses RMLL player movement.

Here are the basic principles:

- All teams must ensure that before any RMLL player steps on the floor they must have completed the RMLL Intent to Play
- All Protected Lists are frozen. This means no additions, deletions, trades, or releases (outside of the very few exceptions noted below).
- There are no rosters entered into the RMLL system.
- Teams will rely on their Protected Lists and 2019 rosters, or in the case of SrC, Sr Women, Jr B Tier II, and Jr Ladies, their protected areas and 2019 rosters.
- Players, coaches, trainers and managers can only participate on a maximum of **TWO (2) teams** regardless of having a different role on different teams, throughout the 2021 Return-To-Play.
- Not all teams are participating in the 2021 exhibition season. If you are a player on one of the non-participating teams, you are considered a free agent for 2021 only, and can play for another team in your Division or a different Division. No releases are required.
- Players that have moved municipalities since 2019, will be given a one-year release for 2021 return to lacrosse activity only, to play for another team.
- As per RMLL Regulations, exhibition game day rosters are larger than regular season/playoff games. Teams can dress a maximum of 22 runners and 3 goalies.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- **Can a player on a 2019 Jr. B Tier I roster play Jr.A in 2021?**  
Yes, if on the current Jr.A Protected List.
- **If a Jr.B Tier I team has Jr.A players on their Protected List, who were on a 2019 Jr. A roster, can they play for the Jr. B Tier I team in 2021 Return-to-Play?**  
Yes.
- **Do they need a release?**  
No
- **Can 16U players be called up to Junior or Senior Women?**  
Yes, but the regular protocol for minor-to-major must still be followed: 28.9. A Minor Association 16U player may play as a call-up on a Tier I, Tier II, Junior Ladies and Senior Women Franchise as per approved Division Affiliations and required approvals on a per game basis. 28.9.1. The RMLL Franchise coach or manager makes the request to the potential call-up players' head coach or manager. The potential call-up players' head coach or manager must receive approval from the parent of the player. These approvals must be communicated by the potential call-up players' head

coach or manager to the RMLL Franchise coach or Manager copying the minor club president and the minor LGB President or Executive Director. The RMLL Franchise Coach or Manager then forwards these permissions to the Division Commissioner requesting permission to play the 16U player in a specific game. 28.9.2. There is no limit to the number of games a 16U aged player may play as a call-up on a RMLL Franchise.

• **Do 16U players have to complete the RMLL Intent-to-Play to be eligible to be called up?**

No. To be a call-up, the 16U player must be registered to their Minor Club. The Minor Club registration has been extended to July 15, so even if a 16U player did not participate in Minor lacrosse activity but wishes to be a call-up for Jr., they must register with their Minor Club by July 15 midnight.

• **Can a 16U player be called up to more than one Junior or Senior Women's team?**

No. The two team rule (implemented for COVID mitigation) still applies. The player's 16U team counts as one team so the player can only be a call-up to one Junior or Sr. Women's team

• **Can a player who was on a 2019 Jr. A roster play Jr. B Tier II?**

Yes.

• **If a player is on a non-participating team, can they play games for more than one team in a Division?**

Yes. They are considered free agents for the 2021 return to lacrosse activity. But the two team maximum rule still applies.

• **If a player played outside of Alberta in 2019, do they need an inter-provincial transfer?**

Yes. Lacrosse Canada's interprovincial deadline is June 29 at 3:00pm ET.

• **If a player played in Alberta in 2019, but transferred to BC or Ontario can they still play in Alberta in 2021.**

Yes. But they need to re-transfer back to Alberta. Lacrosse Canada's provincial deadline is June 29 at 3:00pm ET.

Yours in lacrosse,

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