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Athletics Ontario Transfer Policy

Guiding Principle:

Athletics Ontario believes that all athlete transfers, whether done during a calendar/membership year or at the beginning of a new calendar year, should be done with full knowledge and disclosure to all coaches and clubs involved.

An Athletics Ontario coach, club official, athlete, parent of an athlete, or any other agent acting on behalf of an AO club (herein called Club/Coach) is NOT PERMITTED to contact another Athletics Ontario athlete, for the purpose of recruiting or the discussion of membership status at any time during a calendar/membership year while said AO athlete is currently registered with another Athletics Ontario Club or Coach.

If a Club/Coach, other than the Club/Coach of record for the current year of an AO athlete, is approached by AO athlete for the purpose of transferring to their AO Club/Coach, the 'new' Club/Coach who was approached by said athlete must communicate the details of the contact to the Athletics Ontario Club/Coach of record of said athlete. Failure to do so will be considered a breach of the AO Code of Conduct.

Policy:

- 1) **End of Year Transfers:** All athletes may transfer to any Athletics Ontario Member Club/Coach at the beginning of any calendar/membership year without restriction. If an athlete wishes to move to another club at the beginning of a new membership year, no communication with AO is required. However, AO strongly recommends that said athlete communicate with his/her previous club regarding their intentions.

If funds and/or property are owed to the former Club/Coach by said athlete, such reimbursements and/or return of property must be completed. If these funds and/or property are not returned, the "previous" Club/Coach may file an appeal to AO, and if substantiated by AO, sanctions including but not limited to those listed in the AO Code of Conduct - up to and including termination of membership in AO - may be imposed against said athlete. Once all outstanding funds are paid and property returned, the sanctioned athlete may be reinstated upon written appeal to AO.

- 2) **Unattached Athletes:** Athletes registered in the 'Unattached' membership category may transfer their membership status to an Athletics Ontario club at any time in any given year. Said athletes are required to notify AO regarding their intent to transfer their membership to a new Club/Coach by completion of the "Athletics Ontario Application for Transfer" in the appendix attached to this policy and receive confirmation, before they compete for the new Club/Coach. The difference in registration fees between the fee for an Unattached Athlete and that of their new membership category will *not* be reimbursed by AO.
- 3) **Mid-Year Transfers:** All athletes who wish to transfer from one Club/Coach to another Club/Coach during a calendar/membership year must notify AO using the application form in the appendix of this policy. Failure to comply with this notification step may result in sanctions including but not limited to those listed in the AO Code of Conduct - up to and including termination of membership in AO - and may be imposed against said athlete and/or the "new" Club/Coach.

Once the AO Application for Transfer has been completed, and confirmation from AO received, the athlete may train with the 'new' Club/Coach as appropriate.

Both the 'former' and 'new' Clubs/Coaches must be involved in the completion of the Application for Transfer and acknowledge notification of the transfer.

If all parties agree (including the athlete, the "former" Club/Coach and the "new" Club Coach) the athlete may continue to compete for and represent the "former" club; otherwise the athlete must compete as "Disassociated" for the remainder of the calendar/membership year.

The athlete may not compete under the 'new club' name and/or colours until the beginning of the next calendar/membership year.

NOTE: All Applications for Transfer must be sent to the Athletics Ontario office for review and acceptance. Transfers are NOT complete until the paperwork has been received and confirmed by the Athletics Ontario office, and athletes may not compete as 'Disassociated' athletes until the transfer has been finalized.

Coaches and Recruiting: The Athletics Ontario position is that recruiting of an athlete while the athlete is training with and/or competing for another Club/Coach is unethical and NOT PERMITTED. An Athletics Ontario coach, club official, athlete, parent of an athlete, or any other agent acting on behalf of an AO club (herein called Club/Coach) is NOT PERMITTED to contact another Athletics Ontario athlete, for the purpose of recruiting or the discussion of membership status, at any time during a calendar/membership year, while said AO athlete is currently registered with another Athletics Ontario Club or Coach.

If Club/Coach is involved in such prohibited activity, and if such activity is substantiated to the satisfaction of AO, sanctions including, but not limited to those listed in accordance with the AO Code of Conduct, up to and including termination of membership in AO, may be imposed against any and/or all individuals involved.



Athletics Ontario Application for Transfer

Athlete Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Athletics Ontario Number: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____

Current Club Information:

Club Name: _____ Coach: _____

New Club Information:

Club Name: _____ Coach: _____

Reasons for Transfer:

I **DO** ___ or **DO NOT** ___ wish to represent my **CURRENT** club until calendar/membership year end.
(Check desired response)

Signature of athlete

Date

Current Club: We do hereby acknowledge receipt of the Application to Transfer from the above athlete.

We **DO** ___ or **DO NOT** ___ support the athlete representing **OUR** club until calendar/membership year end.
(Check desired response)

Signature of current coach

Date

New Club: We do hereby acknowledge receipt of the Application to Transfer from the above athlete.

We **DO** ___ or **DO NOT** ___ support the athlete representing **FORMER** club until calendar/membership year end.
(Check desired response)

Signature of new coach

Date

Please mail this form to the Athletics Ontario office at:

3 Concorde Gate
Suite 211
Toronto, ON, M3C 3N7

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