

The OMLA Import Player Policy

It is the intent of the OMLA to develop and promote players within the organization to represent their home town at the highest level of competition. Non-resident players will be considered for a position with an Oakville Rep Team under the following conditions:

1. The player has obtained a signed release from their organization and is eligible under the OLA Residency Policies and Procedures to play for Oakville.
2. The player is able to participate in a tryout process and is identified by the coaching staff as a player whose skill set will exceed that of a community based player. In the event that an imported player applies for a position with the club after the formal Tryout process, the player will be invited to a formal evaluation practice with the One club and be assessed by all the coaches within the age division as well as the VP of Rep. If decided the player's skill set would exceed that of a player who has been selected for the Team, the team will sign the player as an additional runner.
3. One imported Goalie will be allowed to be selected to play within an Age Division.
4. A maximum three imported players will be permitted to play in an Age Division provided there are two Rep teams at that age group. One additional imported player will be allowed for each additional Rep team within that Age Division.

Tampering: under no situation will a non-resident player be allowed to be contacted by a Member of the Oakville Association in an attempt to persuade that player to participate with the Oakville Minor Lacrosse Assn. This would be considered as Tampering and is not an acceptable practice within the OLA. If it is discovered that Tampering has occurred the player and Member of the association will be removed from the organization.

Exceptions: If additional imports are requesting to participate with an Age Division that exceeds our policy above; a request can be made to the VP of Rep, to make an exception to the policy. This would need to be communicated to the Board of Directors and approved. An example of when an exception would be required would be to provide additional runners to a team in order participate at the Rep level which would provide Oakville residents the opportunity to compete with a team.

Import Player receives Non Import Status: If a Non Residential player participates with the Oakville Minor Lacrosse Association for two consecutive years they will be considered as a non-import player.