

CHA Goalie Policy

Starting in the 2025-2026 Season, the Chelmsford Board of Directors is making the following changes of policy and definitions in their Goalie Policy.

Full Time Goalie

Definition

Full Time Goalies are dedicated team goalies for their respective teams. Full Time Goalies are given goalie ice time preference in game play and are expected to attend most team practices as well as participate in Goalie Skills offered to them from CHA. Full Time Goalies are not eligible to play as Skaters during games and can only participate as goalies.

Policy

Full Time Goalie status is not guaranteed to be granted. It is based on the number of players registering as Full Time Goalies at each level as well as the skill level of both registered Full Time Goalies and Part Time Goalies at the time of tryouts.

Full Time Goalie Status is awarded at the sole discretion of the CHA Board of Directors (BoD). In the event Full Time Goalie status is not awarded to a player requesting it, the BoD has the ability offer Part Time Goalie (PTG) status or Skater status to that player on a case-by-case basis.

A Full Time Goalie is guaranteed a minimum of 50% of goalie ice-time based on their given team dependent upon the team's makeup of additional Full or Part Time Goalies. *Please refer to Appendix 1 for a further breakdown of expected goalie ice time based on team makeup.*

Part Time Goalie

Definition

A Part Time Goalie (PTG) is defined as a player who has been awarded by the CHA Board of Directors (BoD) after a tryout to be designated a secondary goaltender for their respective team while maintaining their eligibility to skate out as a Skater on that team. These players are eligible to participate in both Goalie and Skater Skills clinics hosted by CHA throughout the season. PTGs are not guaranteed any goalie ice time in the playoffs. The decision to allow a PTG to play goalie in the playoffs is the sole discretion of the Head Coach.

Policy

The first step in becoming a PTG is to ensure you are registered with a request for PTG status. All PTGs will be required to attend **both** Goalie Tryouts and Skater Tryouts.

For the purpose of being assigned to a team, all PTG applicants will be assigned to a team based solely on their tryout as a Skater, not as a Goalie. Because of this, the issuing of PTG status is limited to the following factors:

- The number of Full Time Goalies trying out at the same level
- The number of PTG applicants
- The number of teams at each level
- The different skill levels of each goalie, both PTG and Full Time Goalie

Because of these factors, there is no guarantee that PTG status will be awarded to any player on any given team. PTG status will be awarded to players based on available goalie openings per team and based on their skill level at the goalie position. *Please refer to the Appendix 1 for a breakdown of available PTG opens at each level.*

The tuition for a Part Time Goalie is the same as a Skater at each level. This is due to the large cost that CHA puts into developing goalies. CHA recognizes the importance of having strong goalies and has committed to the investment required to do so. For that reason, players that can be both Skaters and Goalies are receiving the maximum development that CHA has to offer.

Mite Level

There will be no Part Time Goalie (PTG) status awarded at the Mite level. All Skaters on CHA Mite rosters are eligible to participate as the team's goalie in the event of the absence of a Full Time and rostered Goalie. The decision to allow a player to play goalie for a game is the sole decision and discretion of the Head Coach. That player should also be given the opportunity to practice as the team's goalie in the same week's practices leading up to the game.

If one or multiple players on the roster express interest in playing as a Full Time Goalie, either within the season or for future seasons, it is the coach's discretion to allow those players additional time as Goalie. Converting a Mite player to a Full Time Goalie during the season must be approved by the CHA BoD. In this situation, no monetary changes to tuition are made mid-season.

It is not recommended that any mite aged player, who is not rostered as a Full-Time Goalie, play more than 50% of the games as Goalie.

Squirt Level and Above

Part Time Goalie status can be requested by any player at the time of registration for the upcoming season. They must tryout as both a goalie and a player. For a player to change status from PTG to Full Time Goalie once the season has started, it must be approved by the CHA BoD.

PTG status will be awarded based on the following team guidelines:

Decision Order

First - All Full Time Goalies will be placed at their appropriate levels.

Second – the CHA BoD will review the Part Time Goalie applications for each placed team in order to grant PTG status.

Team Make-up

No team will have more than two (2) Full Time Goalies. In the instance of having two (2) Full Time Goalies, no Part Time Goalie statuses will be awarded for that team. This does not prevent a Head Coach from allowing a Skater who applied for PTG status to play goalie in any game due to Goalie absences. It just means that no PTG status will be awarded.

A team with one (1) Full Time Goalie will award up to two (2) Part Time Goalies. In this instance, the Full Time Goalie will receive approximately 75% of goalie ice time and the Part Time Goalies will receive or split the approximate remaining 25%. For example, in a 4-game stretch, the Full Time Goalie will receive the full goalie ice time for two (2) of the games and split half (1/2) of the other two (2) games with the PTG(s). The scheduling and management of these guidelines will be done by the Head Coach. As players with Full Time Goalie status are not permitted to skate out as Skaters, but players with Part Time Goalie status are able to skate out as Skaters, this percentage is reflective of their commitment as Full Time Goalies.

A team without a Full Time Goalie will award up to two (2) Part Time Goalies. These PTGs will split the goalie ice time as evenly as possible. It would be recommended that within a given game that only one (1) of the PTGs plays goalie, allowing the other PTG to skate out as a Skater.

A team without a Full Time Goalie and with one (1) Part Time Goalie award will commit to a minimum of 50% of goalie ice time to the PTG. For the remaining 50%, the opportunity to play goalie will be offered to other players on the team to try the position at the Head Coach's discretion. As with the Mite level, that player should also be given the opportunity to practice as the team's goalie in the same week's practices leading up to the game.

Policy Adjustments

In the event that a special circumstance arises or a change in policy needs to be addressed. The BoD reserves the right to adjust the Full Time and Part Time Goalie definitions and policy on a case-by-case basis.

Appendix 1

FULL TIME & PART TIME GOALIE AWARD BREAKDOWNS

Mite Level	POTENTIAL TEAM SCENARIOS			
	Full Time Goalie	% Ice Time per Goalie	Part Time Goalies	Notes
	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	All Skaters Offered an Opportunity
	1	75-100%*	Not Applicable	
	2	50%*	Not Applicable	

***Coaches Discretion to allow a Skater showing interest in Goalie to play partial games**

Squirt Level and Above	POTENTIAL TEAM SCENARIOS			
	Full Time Goalie	% Ice Time per Goalie	Part Time Goalies	% Ice Time per Goalie
	0	Not Applicable	1	50%
	0	Not Applicable	2	50%
	1	100%	0	Not Applicable
	1	75%	1	25%
	1	75%	2	12.5%
	2	50%	0	Not Applicable