

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the **Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA)** and the **Montana Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA)**, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Affiliates."

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a formal agreement between IAHA and MAHA to permit amateur youth hockey players residing within Idaho or Montana to register and play for sanctioned hockey clubs in either state. This agreement aims to maximize player development opportunities and support local club roster viability while ensuring compliance with USA Hockey regulations.

2. Player Eligibility & Reciprocity

- **State Cross-Play:** Any player in good standing with their home state affiliate is eligible to participate on a team registered under the neighboring affiliate.
- **Governing Rules:** Players must abide by the rules, bylaws, and code of conduct of the host affiliate and host club while participating in their programs.
- **Discipline:** Disciplinary actions or suspensions imposed by one affiliate will be honored and enforced by the other.

3. Executive Approval Process

- **Presidential Sign-Off:** No cross-border player registration will be finalized without the express, written approval of both the IAHA President and the MAHA President.
- **Request Submission:** The player's family must submit a formal player release or transfer request to their home state affiliate first.
- **Review Criteria:** Presidents will evaluate requests based on local club impact, player development needs, geographic proximity and the possible displacement of current players.
- **Documentation:** Approved exceptions must be documented via electronic mail or standard affiliate transfer forms before the player takes the ice for standard season practices or games.

4. Financial & Insurance Responsibilities

- **USA Hockey Insurance:** All players and coaches must maintain current USA Hockey membership to ensure valid liability and medical insurance coverage.

- **Club Fees:** The participating player is solely responsible for all registration, ice, and team fees mandated by the host club.
- **No Affiliate Liability:** Neither IAHA nor MAHA shall be held financially liable for a player's failure to pay club dues or fees.

5. Term & Termination

- **Effective Date:** This agreement becomes active immediately upon receiving signatures from both Affiliate Presidents.
- **Duration:** This MOU remains in effect for the duration of one complete hockey season, concluding on August 31.
- **Annual Renewal:** This agreement will automatically renew for subsequent seasons unless either party provides written notice of non-renewal.
- **Termination Notice:** Either affiliate may terminate this MOU by providing 60 days' written notice to the other party.

6. Signatures of Agreement

By signing below, both IAHA and MAHA indicate their acceptance of the terms outlined in this document.

For the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA):

President Name (Printed)

President Signature / Date

For the Montana Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA):

President Name (Printed)

President Signature / Date