

ST. ALBANS SKATING ASSOCIATION (SASA)

Player Exit & Withdrawal Policy (Final)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations for player commitment, withdrawal, financial responsibility, and release eligibility in alignment with USA Hockey and Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Acceptance of a SASA roster position constitutes a **full-season commitment**, both athletically and financially.

Withdrawal from SASA does not relieve a player or family of their financial obligations.

3. DEFINITIONS

Withdrawal / Exit

A player leaving SASA after accepting a roster position, regardless of reason.

Release

Formal authorization required for a player to participate with another USA Hockey program.

Outstanding Debt List (ODL)

A record of unpaid financial obligations that may impact eligibility within SASA and affiliated organizations.

4. NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

All withdrawal requests must be submitted in writing to SASA and include:

- Player name and team
 - Effective date of withdrawal
 - Reason for withdrawal
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5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Acceptance of a roster position constitutes a **binding financial commitment**.

If ANY player (including goalies) withdraws after accepting a roster position, the full registration fee is due (\$1,300) plus the value of volunteer hours (\$750) regardless of participation or reason for withdrawal.

6. PAYMENT DEADLINE

Any outstanding balance resulting from withdrawal must be paid in full no later than:

October 1 of the following SASA season

7. FAILURE TO PAY

Failure to satisfy the outstanding balance by October 1 will result in:

- Ineligibility for SASA registration, evaluations, or participation
 - Denial of future roster placement
 - Placement on the Outstanding Debt List (ODL)
 - Potential ineligibility within ANY USA Hockey affiliated program
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8. RELEASE POLICY

Players will not be granted a release to another program unless:

- All financial obligations are paid in full
- The request is reviewed and approved by the SASA Board

SASA reserves the right to deny or delay a release in accordance with this policy and Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association guidelines.

9. COLLECTIONS & LEGAL ACTION

If the outstanding balance is not paid by October 1, SASA reserves the right to pursue all available remedies to recover the debt.

This may include:

- Referral to collections
- Initiation of legal action, including filing a claim in **Vermont Small Claims Court**

Any allowable costs associated with collection efforts may be added to the outstanding balance.

10. LIMITED EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this policy may be granted **only at the discretion of the SASA Board** in cases of:

- Season-ending injury (with documentation)
 - Verified medical condition
 - Family relocation outside the region
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11. IMPACT ON FUTURE PARTICIPATION

Players who withdraw and fail to meet financial obligations may:

- Be deemed ineligible for future SASA participation
 - Be subject to review for future roster placement
 - Remain restricted until all obligations are satisfied
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12. BOARD AUTHORITY

The SASA Board reserves full authority to:

- Interpret and enforce this policy
 - Approve or deny withdrawal and release requests
 - Determine exceptions
 - Enforce financial and eligibility consequences
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FINAL ENFORCEMENT CLAUSE

Acceptance of a SASA roster position constitutes a **binding commitment to the full season and full financial obligation.**

Failure to meet these obligations will result in enforcement actions, including loss of eligibility, placement on the Outstanding Debt List, and potential legal action.