

Oshkosh Area Youth Hockey Association

Policy 006 - Transfer Policy



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Objective

This policy outlines the process for families wishing to transfer out of or into the OAYHA.

Storage

Editable document formats of this policy shall be stored in an easily identified and secure directory within the approved Google Drive. A PDF of the latest approved revision must be made available on the Association's website in an easily identified and readily available location. All policies created should include instructions for storage.

Access

1. Revisions shall be accessible to all Directors and Officers for the purpose of historical tracking and future versions.
2. A PDF of the latest approved revision shall be accessible to the public through the association's website.

Definitions

Editable document - A Google Doc, MS Word Doc or other word processing document that is easily updated.

Index - A Google Sheets, spreadsheet, table or other list that allows for easy searching and identification of a list of items.

Date approved - the date when the Board of Directors approved the policy.

Date posted - the date the policy was published to the website.



Policy

For families requesting to transfer out of the OAYHA:

Per WAHA Policy, no player who permanently resides within the boundaries certified by WAHA as the Oshkosh Area Youth Hockey Association may play for any other association, except:

1. A player may play for a team from the nearest association offering a Division 1 team, provided the association serving the player's place of residence is of a lower classification. The player must be selected by that nearest association to play on their highest classified team. For example: a squirt from a Division 3 association "B" team could play for a Division 1 association provided the player is selected to play on the association's "A" team. The player could not play for any association classified as Division 2, 3 or 4 or on any team other than the highest classified team of a Division 1 association. If a player is not selected to play on the highest-level team, the player must return to their home association. (NOTE: Players accepted under Section F- 1 at all times shall be considered as an out-of-district player while rostered with any team of any association except the association serving their place of residence.) (Note 2: All players who skated up with any non-home Association not classified as Division 1 during the 2013-2015 season and before, shall be declared grandfathered with the non-home Association they are skating up with for as long as they continue skate on the highest level team in the appropriate age level. If they do not play on the highest level non-home Association team, they must return to their home Association and must comply with all transfer rules.)
2. Players may transfer from one association to another, regardless of classification, only with written consent of the releasing association. For further clarification, consult the WAHA Guide Book, Article 1, Section G and H.
3. The family requesting a waiver to play for another WAHA Association will complete the following:
 - a. For requests received between May 1 and June 1
 - i. Complete [Transfer Request Form](#)
 - ii. Pay a \$50 non-refundable transfer fee
 - iii. Requests will be voted on at the June Board Meeting
 - b. For requests received outside of the period in 3(a):

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- i. Request in writing the desire to transfer their skater to another association. **All requests must be submitted by September 1st.**
 - ii. Submit a \$50 non-refundable transfer fee
 - iii. Obtain a letter from the Board of Directors of the transferring to association detailing why they wish this player become a member of their association.
 - iv. Appear in person before a closed session of the Oshkosh Area Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors at the September Board Meeting, detailing why they are requesting to leave the association. The Board will review and vote on all such requests, regardless when received, at the regular September Board meeting. The President will provide each member requesting such a waiver with written confirmation of the Board's decision within ten(10) calendar days of the meeting at which the waiver request was voted upon. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final and binding.
- c. Per WAHA policy, player releases are good for 1 season. In addition, any associations accepting released players are restricted to 2 out of district players per team (i.e., if an association has 3 teams at a particular age level they can accept 2 per team, 6 total). Please note that a release does not guarantee that the player will be able to play at another association. Released players must contact the receiving association to understand their processes.
- i. Players that return to the OAYHA after our registration is complete will be required to pay any applicable late fees, and will not be considered a new player to our association.

For families requesting to transfer into the OAYHA:

1. Explicitly state, in writing, why the player wants to play for our association. The statement should address what is admirable about our association, the reasons for leaving your current association, and a list of associations they have played at along with a statement outlining any Code of Conduct violations there (this will be verified by calling the Association Presidents).

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2. Appear in person before a closed session of the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors to review the reasons why they want to play for OAYHA, answering any clarifying questions the Board may have, if necessary.
 3. The player is not allowed to participate in any OAYHA activities until this process is complete.
 - a. If try-outs are already complete, the player will start with the lowest team until an appropriate placement can be determined by the coaches at that level and approved by the competition committee. This should be completed within 2 weeks of the player's return to the ice.

Appeal Process

Not applicable in this instance.