

Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association

Policy 002 - *Practice Only Player*



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Objective

This policy serves to delineate what it means to be a practice only player, guidelines around being a practice only player, and who cannot be a practice only player.

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

Full season player - A player who has signed up to participate in both practices and games.

Add definitions for Practice only player, HIP, etc.

Policy

A player may sign up to be a practice only player at any level with the understanding of the following conditions:

1. The player will only be allowed to participate in team practices, which includes any dryland or skills sessions.
 - a. In the instances where only a specific team is practicing (e.g., Squirt A or PeeWee B) the players will be notified which team they will participate with throughout the season.
2. The player is ineligible to participate in games, weekend scrimmages and any other non-practice ice event. There are no exceptions.

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3. The player will not become disruptive to those players who have signed up for the full season. If at any point they interfere with the normal course of practice the coaching staff can remove them from the ice.
 4. Practice only players may see a reduced participation in practice when the team starts to practice team concepts or does system work. They should not be excluded fully, but additional reps can be provided to full season players.
 5. Practice only players will be limited in numbers at each level:
 - a. Mites: 15 players
 - b. Squirts: 7 players
 - c. PeeWees: 5 players
 - d. Bantams: 5 players
 6. Should the Oshkosh Area Youth Hockey Association not host a team at a specific level (e.g., Bantams), those players may be a practice only player at the next lowest level only.
 7. No players will be allowed to practice at a higher level than their age, even in the circumstance of siblings on the team.
 8. Practice only players will be required to pay two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) the rate of full season players, fundraise the full amount required by full season players, and volunteer for 7 hours.
 9. Should a practice only player wish to become a full season player, they must declare so by the 15th of November. This is the date rosters are due to WAHA for participation in the state tournament.
 - a. Any declaration after this date will be considered by the Board, but know that they player will not be able to participate in State-Playdowns or the State Tournament
 - b. No matter the date of declaration, full dues, fundraising, and volunteer hours will be required.
 - c. Team placement will be determined by the coaches at the age level they are playing at with the approval of the competition committee.

Appeal Process

Not applicable in this instance.