

# Oshkosh Area Youth Hockey Association

Policy 003 - Double Rostering



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## **Objective**

This policy serves to delineate when and how players will be allowed to double-roster.

## **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**

*Player in their final year of eligibility (PFYE)* - A player who is in their final year of eligibility at their current playing level, and will be moving to the next level the following year (e.g., moving from Squirts (10U) to PeeWees (12U) next season).

*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.

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## **Policy**

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Each season, a determination will be made on the appropriateness for a team to include skaters and/or a goalie on its roster from a lower age classification (double rostering). In general, double rostering is done to address a shortage of skaters and/or goalies and is not intended to give the opportunity for a player to “double-up” on ice time by routinely practicing or playing games for multiple teams. All roster decisions must be in compliance with USA Hockey and Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) rules. OAYHA requirements regarding double rostering:

1. A skater in their final year of eligibility (PFYE) at their current level may be double rostered on a team at a level immediately above their age-appropriate level. For example, a PFYE skater/goalie on a Squirt team could be double rostered on a PeeWee team.
2. A skater/goalie may not be rostered on more than one team at any age level (unless done within the parameters of the WAHA dual rostering rules for girls). For example, a skater/goalie may not be rostered on both a Squirt A and Squirt B teams.
3. If the decision to double roster skater(s) or a goalie for a given team is made, the skater(s)/goalie to be double rostered will be determined as follows:
  - a. The ACDC will attempt to proactively identify the possible need for double-rostering; however, needs for helpers do not need to be approved by the ACDC.
  - b. The Director of Hockey will oversee the fairness of players utilized when help is needed.
  - c. The Director of Hockey, Upper Age-Level Coach(es) and Lower Age-Level Coach(es) will meet to determine the players who are developmentally ready to help at the Upper Age-Level.
  - d. The Director of Hockey will communicate to the Board and Registrar to have players added to the appropriate rosters, if needed.
  - e. The Upper-Age Level Coach(es) will determine when helpers are needed and the Lower Age-Level Coach(es) will determine when helpers are available.
    - i. The Lower Age-Level Coaches are responsible for managing the amount of total games a player participates in for a weekend/season.
    - ii. Players cannot be utilized as helpers when the Lower Age-Level Coach(es) determine that there is no availability. The Director of



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Hockey will mediate any disagreement amongst Coaches. If the Director of Hockey is one of the involved coaches, a Board liaison to the ACDC will mediate.

- f. The Lower Age-Level Coach(es) will communicate with their players to get RSVPs for helping and assign dates each player will help, including notifying the Upper Age-Level Coach(es).
        - g. The above steps should be done as proactively as possible.
4. Rosters, including double roster decisions, must be finalized by the WAHA deadline (December 31st). After this deadline, a skater is not permitted to participate on a given team unless the skater is on that team's official roster, unless a special dispensation has been granted by WAHA.
5. The minimum number of players to field a team, as encouraged by the OAYHA, is 11 players including a goalie. A team can only use double rostered players if there is a critical shortage, less than 10 players, for a game.
  - a. If a team has at least 11 rostered players, then they can only use the number of double rostered players needed to reach 11 total players.
  - b. If a team has less than 11 rostered players, then they can use double-rostered players to get to 11 players at any time Lower Age-Level players are available.
6. Players must be in their final year of eligibility (PFYE) at their current level to be considered for double rostering to the next highest level.
7. The number of games played by double rostered players should be split fairly between all double rostered players.
8. Double rostered players are not permitted to practice with the team they are double rostered with. Players may only participate in practice sessions with their primary team.
9. A player must play at least 5 games with a team between November 1st and the team's first playdown game to be eligible to play for that team in Playdowns and/or the State Tournament should that team qualify for State.
10. Teams can only use double rostered players for playdowns or the State Tournament if there is a critical shortage of players as defined in this document.
11. A double rostered player's main obligation is to their primary team. A skater may not compete for the team they are double rostered on unless participation in that game or games has been agreed to by the Head Coach of the player's primary team.

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12. The intent of double rostering is not to give a skater or goalie additional ice time on a permanent basis, but to assist teams with a shortage of skaters and/or a goalie.
  13. When utilizing double rostered players, the following requirements are to be followed:
    - a. The need to utilize a double rostered player must be determined based on a critical shortage or a goalie need. Utilizing double roster players for games will not be permitted for other reasons (e.g., getting a player to 5 games in case they are needed for the State Tournament).
    - b. Every effort should be made to provide a reasonable amount of lead time when requesting to utilize a double rostered player; and
    - c. If more than one skater is double rostered for a given team, every effort should be made to provide an equal opportunity for them to play when needed, such as establishment of a rotation.

### **Appeal Process**

Not applicable in this instance.