



# TEAM DALLAS

## Out-of-Community Player Policy

*13O & 14U Teams*

### Purpose

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This policy establishes a consistent and transparent process for evaluating out-of-community player requests for Team Dallas 13O and 14U teams.

The intent is to:

- Support player development at the appropriate level
- Maintain strong alignment with TAHA member organizations
- Ensure fair and consistent decision-making

### Definition: Out-of-Community Player

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An out-of-community player is defined as:

- A player whose family's primary residence is outside of the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) area
- Is rostered within a TAHA-affiliated organization

### Guiding Principles

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#### Local Development First

Players should participate within their home organization when a comparable and appropriate developmental opportunity exists.

#### Director-Led Process

The preferred method is that all requests must be initiated and managed through the player's local hockey director to ensure proper evaluation and alignment.

The secondary method is for the Team Dallas Coach to approach the Team Dallas Board with the situation and take it to the director of the non-DFW program.

#### Situational Evaluation

Each request is reviewed individually based on player development needs, competitive fit, and available opportunities.

## Decision Matrix

All requests are evaluated across the following criteria:

Category	Key Question	Importance
Local Team Availability	Is there an appropriate team within the player's home organization?	Critical
Competitive Level Fit	Can the player compete at the Team Dallas level?	High
Development Need	Does Team Dallas provide a meaningful development advantage?	High
Local Director Recommendation	What is the home organization's assessment and recommendation?	Critical
Roster Consideration	Is there an appropriate roster opportunity on Team Dallas?	Medium
Logistical Feasibility	Is participation practical for the player and family?	Low

## Decision Outcomes

### Deny

A request will typically be denied if:

- The player has access to a comparable and appropriate team locally, and/or
- The local hockey director recommends the player remain within their home program

### Conditional Review

A request may require additional evaluation if:

- Local opportunities exist but may not fully meet the player's development needs
- Additional assessment (e.g., further discussion or evaluation) is required

### Approve

A request may be approved if:

- The player does not have access to an appropriate local opportunity, and
- The local hockey director supports the request, and
- The player demonstrates the ability to compete at the Team Dallas level

## Process

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### Step 1: Request Initiation

- All requests must be submitted by the player's local hockey director
- Direct requests from families will not be considered
- The Team Dallas Coach can submit a request to the Team Dallas Board

### Step 2: Director Submission

The local hockey director provides:

- Player background (age, position, current level)
- Current team and placement
- Assessment of player ability and development needs
- Confirmation of local team availability
- Recommendation (approve, deny, or neutral)

### Step 3: Team Dallas Board Review

The Team Dallas Board reviews each request using the defined criteria and makes a situational decision.

### Step 4: Decision Communication

- All decisions are communicated to the local hockey director and team Dallas Coach
- The local director communicates the outcome to the player's family

### Step 5: Documentation

Team Dallas maintains internal records of:

- Requests received
- Decisions made
- General rationale for consistency and future reference

## Closing Position

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This policy is designed to:

- Prioritize player development
- Reinforce the strength of local TAHA organizations
- Ensure a fair, consistent, and transparent process