



LAKES AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Dual Roster Policy 2025-2026 Season

The following provisions apply to participation in hockey programming with Lakes Area Hockey Association ("LAHA"), which includes the Boji Mammoths.

Each season, a determination will be made regarding the appropriateness of including skaters and/or a goalie from a lower age classification on a team roster (dual rostering). In general, dual rostering is intended to address shortages of skaters and/or goalies and is not designed to provide players with additional ice time by routinely practicing or playing for multiple teams. All roster decisions must comply with USA Hockey and Mid-West Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA) rules.

1. A skater/goalie may be dual rostered on a team one level above their age-appropriate level. For example a skater/goalie on a Squirt team could be double rostered on a Pee wee team;
2. A skater/goalie may not be rostered on more than one team within the same age level, unless allowed under MWAHA 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 dual roster skater(s) or a goalie for a given team is made, the skater(s)/goalie to be dual rostered will be determined as follows:
 - a. The Head Coach of the requesting team must meet with the Hockey Director to identify the number of dual roster skater(s)/goalie needed and the specific skater(s)/goalie being requested.
 - b. The Hockey Director will meet with the Head Coach of the lower age team and discuss the players requested for dual roster spots;
 - c. The Hockey Director and the requesting team's Head Coach will meet with the parent(s) of the player(s) requested to be dual rostered to review this policy, explain how the Head Coach intends to utilize the dual roster skater(s)/goalie, and seek consent to dual roster their player(s);
 - d. Upon receiving consent from the parents of the player(s) requested to double roster, the Hockey Director will submit the final list of dual rostered players to the LAHA Board for approval. The Registrar will then be directed to add those players to the official rosters no later than November 1.
4. Rosters, including dual roster decisions, must be finalized by the MWAHA 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 MWAHA;
5. A dual rostered player's main obligation is to their primary team. A skater/goalie may not compete for the team they are dual rostered on unless participation in that game or games have been approved by the Hockey Director and the Head Coach of the player's primary team;

6. The intent of dual 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. Dual rostered players should routinely practice with their primary team, and are only allowed to practice with their dual rostered team in those weeks in which they are needed to address a shortage and the Hockey Director and Head Coach of their primary team have approved to allow them to compete with the dual rostered team that weekend; unless otherwise approved by Hockey Director and Head Coaches of both teams.
7. When utilizing dual rostered players, the following requirements are to be followed:
 - a. The need to utilize a dual rostered player must be determined based on a shortage. Utilizing dual roster players for games will not be permitted for other reasons;
 - b. Every effort should be made to provide a reasonable amount of lead time when requesting to utilize a dual rostered player; and
 - c. If more than one skater is dual 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.