

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

MN Hockey 2024 rule

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District 6 Open Discretionary Waiver Guidelines based on school attendance — Applicable Exclusively to District 6 Associations

District 6 is a residence-based association, and it is the expectation that all players are expected to play for their association where their residence resides.

District 6 also recognizes the importance of playing hockey with your schoolmates and friends in some circumstances. We want to make that opportunity available when possible.

Any players that open enroll into a district 6 school boundary that do not fall into the Minnesota Hockey rule for mandatory waivers must obtain a discretionary waiver to participate in the corresponding association with acceptance criteria outlined below. D CZ

Players must demonstrate either a tie to residence or school for the association they want to be released to.

- **STEP 1: HOME (RELEASING) ASSOCIATION:** You must first contact your home association (where you live/reside) registrar to start the waiver process. Situations considered are limited to first time registrations outside of the mandatory waiver eligibilities, sibling waivers and some relocations. (Based on residency criteria)
- **There is no requirement that your home association and/or district will release you.**
- District 6 must sign off on all waivers and will review displacements, school and association history.

STEP 2: IF RELEASED, RECEIVING ASSOCIATION CRITERIA:

- Termite/Mite/6U/8U - Will accept discretionary waiver requests for any player open-enrolled within the association's school district boundaries. *(Must be requested every season till squirts)*
- 1st year Squirt/10U – (Mandatory) Based on MN Hockey rules will process waiver requests for any player open-enrolled within District 6 Association School District boundaries. No team restrictions. *(Will remain valid as long as player is continually open-enrolled and playing in their school association)*

- 2nd Year Squirt/10U - 2025-26 ONLY Based on MN Hockey rules, will accept first time discretionary waiver requests for any player open-enrolled within District 6 Association School District boundaries. No team restrictions. *(Will remain valid if player is continually open-enrolled and playing in their school association)*
- Peewee/12U through Bantam/15U - Will accept discretionary waiver requests for any player open-enrolled within the association's school district boundaries. Players may be restricted from making the top team if it is their first year open-enrolled. MUST be enrolled for a full school year to be eligible for the top team. *(Must be requested every season).*
- Jr Gold/19U - (Mandatory) Based on MN Hockey rules we will provide mandatory waivers for any player open-enrolled within District 6 Association School District boundaries. No team restrictions.

All waivers based on school enrollment require proof of enrollment; Discretionary waivers for other reasons will be considered individually and will be reviewed by both associations and the district.

District 6 Policy; A \$2000 fine will be issued to any family found to have provided false or fraudulent registration information, such as incorrect residential addresses. The fine is payable to District 6.

WEBSITE PROPOSAL

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Discretionary Waivers

No association may release a player without approval of the receiving association and District 6. Waivers may be provided based on school and team numbers

School based waivers may be requested for the following:

- 1st year of hockey registration that falls outside of the mandatory eligibility outlined above.
- Sibling waivers for players waived prior to 2024-25 season who are open enrolled in the association boundaries. Both siblings must maintain continuously enrolled.
- Change of schools based on a home relocation may be considered based on residency rules and requirements.