

Player Registration Policy

OMHA makes every effort to place players on the team for which they are best suited. Despite these efforts, on occasion, a player is placed in an untenable position. This policy is designed to provide an additional avenue to remedy that situation and to assist players in having a more enjoyable hockey season.

This policy applies only at the atom, peewee, bantam and/or midget level. This policy only applies to all teams above the lowest tiered team in its respective division.

When players are registered for the season with Hockey Alberta, the head coach of a team, in consultation with the division Co-ordinator, will be given the option of registering **a maximum of three** players with the team immediately below the one to which they were initially selected. Generally, those players should be first years.

In the event that the age division Co-ordinator, the head coach **and** the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the player in question **unanimously** agree that the player is better served by dropping down from the team to which s/he was initially selected, they will make that recommendation in writing to the Board. The Board will make the decision.

The **only** intent of this Policy is to salvage a player's season. **Coaches of the lower tiered teams are not allowed to manipulate their lineups by calling upon the players registered in this manner. Coaches attempting this practice will be severely reprimanded by the Board.**

In the event that a lower tiered team finds itself in an **emergency** situation, the Head Coach or Manager can seek Board permission to access a player or two on a limited basis.

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