

AAYHA PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

PURPOSE

The Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association will provide a process to permit a player to request a transfer to play in another association.

POLICY STATEMENT

All player transfers must follow Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association (AAYHA) and Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) policy.

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No player who permanently resides within the boundaries certified by WAHA as the Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association may play for any other association, except:

1. Listed below are two important rule changes that were adopted by the WAHA Board of Directors on May 16, 2014 regarding player transfers. These rule changes were effective May 16, 2014.
 - a. Rule change Article 1, Section J, page 44 removes the grandfathering language regarding player transfers to an out of district association. Effective with this new rule, a player is grandfathered ONLY if the player has on file with WAHA a transfer form for two seasons with the same out of district association prior to May 16, 2014. If a player does not meet this requirement they are now always considered a transfer and are not eligible for grandfathering. In addition, a WAHA consent to player transfer form must be filed annually with the WAHA registrar for all transfers that are not grandfathered. As in the past, teams are only permitted to roster two (2) out of district players. Adopted language - Article 1, Section J, page 44: Players may transfer from one association to another, regardless of classification, only with written consent of the releasing association. No transfers shall be made after Dec. 31. Written consent must be obtained annually. These skaters shall always be considered as out of district on the rosters of the accepting Association. Any team accepting more than two (2) players from another WAHA certified association would not be eligible for State Tournament play. For Example: Team A accepts one (1) player under rule F-1 and two (2) players under rule G. Players transferring from an association classified as "Tier I" must return to the association serving their place of residence unless they meet all obligations covered in these rules, see Article 6 of these rules. Note: A player who transfers from a team/association classified as "Tier I" and does not return to the association serving their place of residence must obtain all written releases from both the team/association last played on and the association serving their place of residence, as specified in these rules.

- b. New rule Article 1, Section I, Sub-Section 1, Paragraph 1, Page 43 permits a player from a home association that is below Division 1 to transfer to a Division 1 association without filing a WAHA consent to player transfer form annually IF the player is rostered on the top team of the Division 1 association. If the player is not rostered on the Division 1 top team the player must return to their home association. Adopted language - Article 1, Section I, Sub-Section 1, Paragraph 1, Page 43: A player may play for a team from the nearest association offering a Division 1 team, provided the highest team offered by the association serving player's place of residence is of lower classification. The player must be selected by that nearest association to play on their highest classified team. For example: a squirt from a Division 3 association "B" team could play for a Division 1 or 2 association provided the player is selected to play on the association's "A" team. The player could not play for any association classified as Division 2, 3 or 4 or on any team other than the highest classified team of a Division 1 association. If a player is not selected to play on the highest-level team, the player must return to their home association. (NOTE: Players accepted under Section F-1 at all times shall be considered as an out-of-district player while rostered with any team of any association except the association serving their place of residence.) Adopted by the WAHA Board of Directors on June 30, 2014 (NOTE 2: All players who skated up with any non-home Association not classified as Division 1 during the 2013-2014 season and before, shall be declared grandfathered with the non-home Association they are currently skating up with for as long as they continue to skate on the highest level team in the appropriate age level. If they do not play on the highest level non-home Association team, they must return to their home Association and must comply with all transfer rules).

2. The family requesting a waiver to play for another WAHA association will complete the following:

- Request in writing to the AAYHA Board the desire to transfer their skater to another association. All requests must be submitted by October 1st.
- Appear in person before the Board, a closed session is available for the family, of the AAYHA Board of Directors by the October Board Meeting, detailing why they are requesting to leave the association.
- The AAYHA Board will not hold a special meeting to handle these requests.

The Board will review and vote on all such requests, regardless when received on or before the regular October Board meeting, but no later than the October Board meeting. Any requests received after October 1st will not be reviewed. The President will provide each member requesting such waiver with written confirmation of the Board's decision within 10 calendar days of the meeting at which the waiver request was voted upon. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final and binding.