

Policy 12 – Hockey Player Ineligibility Replacement



Applies To: All CMHA teams, team staff, and Executive members involved in roster management or player eligibility decisions.

Purpose

To establish a consistent and transparent process for replacing players who become ineligible during the season, and to outline jersey and uniform procedures for the promoted replacement player. This policy ensures fairness, operational continuity, and compliance with CMHA and OMHA regulations.

Section 1 – Definition of Ineligibility

13.1 A player may be declared ineligible due to one or more of the following:

- Injury or illness
- Disciplinary action or suspension
- Violation of residency or boundary rules
- Roster documentation or registration errors
- Other circumstances deemed appropriate by the CMHA Executive

Section 2 – Replacement Player Selection

13.2 Teams may replace an ineligible player with a player from a lower-tier CMHA team, provided the following conditions are met:

- The player meets all CMHA and OMHA eligibility criteria
- The player is age-appropriate and capable of playing at the required level
- If the replacement is from house league, the player must have attended the rep tryouts

13.3 All replacement players must be approved by the CMHA Director of Hockey Operations or designate.

13.4 Roster changes must comply with OMHA deadlines and documentation requirements.

Section 3 – Jersey Number & Uniform Assignment

13.5 A promoted player may retain their jersey number from their previous team **only if** that number is not already in use by a current player on the new team.

13.6 If the requested number is unavailable:

- The promoted player must assume the jersey number of the ineligible player, if available
- If a number conflict remains unresolved, the team shall assign an available number

13.7 Uniform items such as socks, practice jerseys, and tournament gear that were issued to the ineligible player may be transferred to the promoted player if sizing permits.

13.8 If a new jersey is required due to sizing or numbering conflict, the cost is the responsibility of the promoted player unless an AP jersey is used or otherwise approved by CMHA.

Section 4 – Communication and Responsibilities

13.9 The Head Coach and Team Manager are jointly responsible for:

- Communicating this policy to players and families
- Coordinating with CMHA regarding any replacement approvals
- Ensuring proper documentation and reporting

13.10 All roster changes must be reported to CMHA and filed in accordance with OMHA protocols.

Section 5 – CMHA Oversight

13.11 The CMHA Executive reserves the right to review any player replacement decision.

13.12 Any violation of this policy may result in:

- Reversal of the player replacement
- Disciplinary action for team officials
- Additional CMHA oversight or sanctions