



Ottawa and District Girls Hockey Import Rule

The development of this policy was compiled through a concerted effort between all the Associations who have signed on to this new policy. Thanks all to those who agreed to make this happen.

What has become very evident was that an import policy is a difficult one to implement and understand. It's a delicate balancing act to allow enough import players able to move ensuring all Associations have enough players to ice higher level competitive teams thereby allowing as many girls to play as possible at the highest tier appropriate.

Our goal through this policy is to have our girls' hockey teams compete at the highest possible level based on the composition of the teams within our own Association and within the agreed upon import rule. In short, we pick teams and then decide where they will compete, rather than deciding where we want a team to compete and then picking the best players to compete at that level. This could mean that an Association doesn't ice teams at the AA level, even though we may have some legitimate AA players who may then leave the Association to play at the AA level in another association. On the other hand, if we open our registration to allow more AA imports, our own girls that get bumped down could end up leaving us so, either way, Associations risk losing players.

In the end, we all hope to ice all levels, based on our own Association players. Imports should ensure players are allowed to play at a level appropriate and that there are appropriate level teams within all Associations.

This policy will be in effect as of the date of signature.

Definitions:

Import – a player is defined as an import if they were registered with any ODWHA Association over the previous 2 seasons starting in 2017-2018 other than the one they are currently trying out for. Exceptions may be granted for players that have moved from residences outside Ottawa prior to the start of the season in question. For example if a family has moved from Brockville to Ottawa then consideration may be given to not classifying as an import. For the 2019-2020 seasons only, a player can request amnesty to be exempt from import status, provided that they are registering for a female Association that they had previously been registered with during their hockey history in OWHA (Request can only be made 1 time).

*Female players whom have not ever played in OWHA are not considered import players.

Rules:

Imports are only permitted for as outlined below:

- Any Peewee AA, Bantam AA and Midget AA Age and Tier Category in any Association can ONLY register up to three (3) import players in any given season;
- Any Intermediate, Midget, Bantam, Peewee A/BB/B/C Age and Tier Category as a group are permitted up to three (3) import players combined.
- NO Association will accept a player to play in their Association should they have received an Ontario Womens Hockey Association enforced release.

This import policy does not apply to House league, Intermediate AA or Senior hockey. There will be NO IMPORTS PERMITTED AT Novice and Atom Competitive.

This import policy does not require an Association to accept registration of any imports, but only to establish maximums.



Exemption Process

Any player seeking consideration for exemption from the Import policy **MUST ALWAYS** provide the attached Exemption form – Annex A, to the respective impacted Association Presidents for approval. The Exemption approval **MUST** be approved by both the outgoing and incoming Presidents in order for the player to be exempt from being considered as an Import.

For the 2019-2020 seasons only, a player can request and will be granted automatic exemption from import status, provided that they are registering for a female Association that they had previously been registered with during their hockey history in OWHA (Request can only be made 1 time).

Amendments:

Amendments will be permitted should all Gloucester-Cumberland Girls Hockey Association; Nepean Girls Hockey Association; Kanata Girls Hockey Association; and Ottawa Girls Hockey Association be in agreement.

Additional signatures to this Import Policy will always be welcomed!

Penalty:

Should one of the Associations signatures to this policy be in breach, the Association Bond provided as part of the participating organizations MOU will be forfeited.



President Ottawa Girls Hockey Association
James Wojtyk

2019-02-05



President Nepean Girls Hockey Association
Jarrett Thompson

02/05/2019



President Kanata Girls Hockey Association
Trevor Rose

Feb 5/19



President Gloucester-Cumberland Girls Hockey Assoc.
Gerald Gosselin

02/05/2019



ANNEX A

EXEMPTION TO IMPORT STATUS

Player Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth: YYYY/MM/DD: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: (first, last) _____

Mother Home Phone: _____

Mother Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: (first, last) _____

Father Home Phone: _____

Father Cell Phone: _____

Email Address 1: _____

Email Address 2: _____

Email Address 3: _____

Registration History (Last 3 Associations Registered for)

1	_____	Years (yyyy to yyyy)	_____
2	_____	Years (yyyy to yyyy)	_____
3	_____	Years (yyyy to yyyy)	_____

Current Team, Team Number, and Association Transferring From

Team Name _____ Team Number _____

Association _____

Association Transferring To

Association _____

Rationale



Approvals

Outgoing
President
Signature

Authorized Name & Position (please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Incoming
President
Signature

Authorized Name & Position (please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

IMPORT EXEMPTION APPROVAL FORM

- Please note that two signatures - one from both outgoing Association and receiving Association are required.
- For the 2019-2020 seasons only, a player can request amnesty to be exempt from import status, provided that they are registering for a female Association that they had previously been registered with during their hockey history in OWHA (Request can only be made 1 time).
- The decision by the Associations is final and is not subject to appeal by the applicant.