

OGHA POLICIES & PROCEDURES

PICK UP PLAYER (AFFILIATE PLAYER)

At times, teams are short handed due to rostered players who are injured, ill or away. As OGHA has approximately 100-110 female players (5-17 yrs old), roster sizes can vary from 10-18 players. For the smaller rosters, teams can be compromised if more than one player(s) are absent. Larger rostered teams can afford to have some missing and still play with no need to PU.

Purpose of PU

- 1) To assist players to develop their skills and experience a more competitive level of hockey moving from House League level to Rep level.
- 2) To assist coaches to have rosters to play at a level where players feel motivated, competitive as well as reduce the risk of injury and fatigue.

Roster

- 1) Players can only be PU if there is a player away. Players on the bench/ice cannot exceed the roster.
- 2) Maximum of 3 players can be PU on one roster.
- 3) House League can only PU if their roster size drops below 10 (Minimum roster of 1 goalie and 12 skaters).
- 4) Rep Teams can PU to max their roster. Rep can PU to ensure full roster as competitive or as per decision based on the Coach to ensure competitive ability present.

Selecting the PU

- 1) Players can only be PU from a lower level or a comparative level. For example, a Pee wee player can be picked up for Bantam level. HL players can be PU from HL to HL or HL to Rep. Rep players are PU from a Rep team to a Rep team.
- 2) Players from an older age group cannot play down a level. For example, a Pee wee player cannot play with an Atom team.
- 3) The PU player's priority is their own team and the PU situation must not interfere with a game of their primary team. For example, a Bantam player cannot PU for the Midget Team if it means they will miss their Bantam or game.

Goalies

Goalies can be PU at the same level or one level up regardless of HL or Rep. For example, an Atom HL goalie can play with Atom Rep, Pee Wee HL and Pee Wee Rep.

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Process of PU

A coach who wants to pick up a player for any regular game MUST use the following process:

Contact the Head Coach of the team to request written permission. No player plays until the approval is granted. Email is sufficient with the Vice President (VP) of OGHA copied on all emails.

- 1) The OGHA encourages all coaches to allow those interested players in experiencing a pick up situation, as this will develop the players, which in turn will be considered an asset for the player's current team. Coaches can discuss with their teams and ask who may be interested to play up. A short list should be created with player and positions to be used when a Coach requests a pick up situation. If a coach is having difficulty acquiring approval and is not satisfied they may bring the issue to the VP of the OGHA using the complaint form.
- 2) Respectful and open communication is encouraged between all parties. Coaches are NOT to approach players or the player's parents prior to obtaining written pick up approval from the Coach. This is considered internal tampering and may result in the suspension of the Coach.
- 3) If the player is suspended while acting as a pick-up player, the player's own team must honor that suspension.
- 4) The pick-up player must be designated on the game sheet with the symbol "PU" beside her name.
- 5) The pick-up players must be registered with the OGHA.
- 6) You cannot pick up to replace a suspended player.

Practices

PU players can attend practices of PU teams. This will familiarize the player with the PU team line/drills in order to be prepared to play game(s) with team. Attending a PU practice must not interfere with the player's regular team practices or games. Coaches need to obtain permission from the Vice President of OGHA if long standing issues arise with players. Goalies are allowed to practice with teams where there is only one rostered goalie and the coach has requested the assistance.

***Coaches may present a Player Development plan to the Executive for approval.

Tournaments

The player pick up process is different for OWHA tournament games and OWHA league and playoff games. Be aware of the exact rules. Failure to follow the appropriate procedures will result in forfeiture of games and suspensions of coaches.

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