

	Title	Injured Goaltender Policy
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1.0 OVERVIEW

This policy is intended to be utilized when a goaltender is injured or ill before or during the evaluation process and they are unable to participate in the entire evaluation process due to their injury or illness. This policy will be utilized to place the injured goalie on an AMHA playing level, tier and/or team in the absence of a complete evaluation process.

2.0 DEFINITION OF “INJURED”

A goalie shall be designated INJURED when the following conditions apply:

- 2.1 Substantial injury has been sustained, and;
- 2.2 Participation in Evaluations is not possible or would be at a level recognizably below expectation, and;
- 2.3 Medical documentation advising against participation in on-ice activity has been obtained.

Recognized injuries include, but are not limited to:

- Broken bones
- Concussions
- Hospitalizations
- Quarantine requirements due to Covid-19

Illnesses, such as a cold or stomach flu are not considered injuries unless accompanied by medical documentation.

Medical documentation of the injury is required. A letter from a physician or AHS stating the extent of the injury, duration of recovery and expected return date for sport participation should be sent to the Division Coordinator as soon as possible after the injury.

3.0 DURATION OF INJURY

- 3.1 An injury obtained pre or mid-evaluations does not preclude the goalie from returning.

- 3.2 Once a goalie is placed on the injured list, he/she shall remain there until notification of clearance is sent to the Division Coordinator. A goalie designated under the policy must return to the evaluation process upon clearance of documented injury.
- 3.3 The duration of the injury and recovery shall be determined by a medical professional and submitted to the association for determination of placement. In the event that a range of dates is provided (i.e. 4 to 6-week recovery), the association will always default to the maximum recovery time.
- 3.4 An injury resulting in an expected Return to Sport date beyond November 30th will void the injured goalie's placement on any team. In this instance, upon clearance by a medical professional, the goalie may be placed on a team, availability dependent.

4.0 POLICY

At no time shall a goaltender be re-assessed, re-evaluated or provided extra evaluation sessions to determine their placement to a level, tier or team.

This policy will be enacted quickly and appropriately and any decisions resulting from the implementation of this policy will be rendered during, and no later than before, the conclusion of the evaluation process.

In all circumstances it is the intent of AMHA to ensure a goaltender is not penalized in his or her placement to a level, tier or team due to their injury or illness.

The final decision for the placement of an injured or ill goaltender to a level, tier or team will be made by the Goalie Coordinator, the Division Coordinator, the Stream Director of the involved division, Evaluations Coordinator, AMHA staff and the Lead Goalie Evaluator. Their decision will be based on implementation of this policy.

Any grievances associated to decisions rendered utilizing this policy are to be processed utilizing the Evaluation Grievance Policy #8.1.2.

5.0 Placement Mechanism

Goaltenders who are injured or ill after the skill session skates but are able to return to a portion of the scrimmage skates, will be placed in the scrimmage skates based on their obtained ranking from the skill session skates.

Goaltenders who are injured or ill before the skill session skates and are able to participate in a portion of the scrimmage skates will be placed in the scrimmage skates based on their last year's placement.

In all circumstances, an injured or ill goaltender's ranking, for any portion of the evaluation process for that current year, will be the primary source of information utilized to determine their placement to a level, tier or team.

The placement of an injured or ill goaltender to a level, tier or team, will be determined based on the following criteria.

- 5.1 If the goaltender is able to participate in any portion of the evaluation process then their obtained ranking through that portion of the evaluation process will be utilized to determine their placement to a level, tier or team. Should injury occur mid-evaluation, software “tagging” will be utilized to generate a final team assignment.
- 5.2 If the goaltender is unable to participate in a sufficient portion of the evaluation process, then his/her placement to a level, team or tier will be determined based on his/her previous year’s Player Report card, previous year’s head coach recommendations and the previous year’s team placement in order to generate “tagging” within the evaluation software.

6.0 REALIGNMENT POLICY

In the event that we got it wrong and the injured goalie was obviously put on a team too high for them, we may look at the realignment policy and move them down to a lower team and move the lower goalie up. This would only be done in extreme cases. We would not move an injured goalie up.