



## COMPETITIONS: PLAYER SUBSTITUTES FOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The substitution procedure is designed to assist association teams who, from time to time, experience a last-minute shortage of players due to injury or illness. It is not intended to build a team's calibre but to maintain a minimum team's roster size, and to avoid any last-minute cancellations that result in expenses to the Host Association.

- For substitution purposes, the playing seasons extends from October 1st to April 15th.
- Eligible players for all divisions up to and including 18+ must be registered with Ringette Ontario in the current playing season.

Requests for substitutions must be made at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the official beginning of the tournament. Requests made with less than forty-eight (48) hours or during the tournament will only be granted for medical or extenuating circumstances.

Players (including goalies) cannot play in more than one (1) sanctioned event on more than one (1) team on the same weekend or in the same sanctioned event.

All substitutes must be listed on the TRF Adjustment form and the form must be submitted to the Invitational Tournament Host Chair within their specific deadlines and/or at the Event Registration, and/or before a game to substitute for a player who had to leave the tournament.

Substitute players can be either/or:

- same age division or one lower, same calibre or less.
  - Example 1) A U16AA team could choose:
    - a U16AA/A/B/ C team player
  - Example 2) A U16A team could choose:
    - a U16A/B/C team player; or
    - a U14A/B/C team player
- one calibre higher only, one age division lower.
  - Example: a U16A team could also choose:
    - a U14 AA player

18+AA teams could choose substitutes from the 18+U or 18+A or 18+AA divisions.

18+U teams could choose substitutes from 18+A or 18+U divisions, so long as they meet eligibility requirements for the institution.

18+A teams could choose substitutes from 18+A, or 18+BB and below divisions.

NOTE: 18+U/A/AA teams will be permitted to draw substitutions from RO registered U19 players who are eighteen (18) years old by DECEMBER 31st of the current playing season.

NOTE: A U19 player, who has decided to play 18+ by registering on an 18+ TRF, is not eligible to substitute for a U19 Team (except where a Two Team Player Agreement exists).

### **Substitution Rules for 18+AA/A/U & U19 and Below Teams**

- Teams may carry up to four (4) substitute players in total per tournament.
- The maximum number of lateral (Example: U16B to U16B) players permitted as part of the four (4) substitutes will be two (2).
- Substitutes must replace a player who is unable to attend part or all of that tournament. If the player they are replacing returns to play, the substitute may NOT continue to play, although they could then replace another player who was injured or called away.
- The roster can never increase in size because of a substitute and **cannot exceed twelve (12) skaters with substitutions.**
- Skaters registered as U19 or under may play as a substitute for ONE sanctioned tournament in a season. Goalies registered as U19 or under may play as a substitute in TWO sanctioned tournaments in a season.
- Skaters registered as 18+ may play as a substitute in up to TWO sanctioned tournaments in a season. Goalies registered as 18+ may play as a substitute in up to THREE sanctioned tournaments in a season.
- Any player that appears on a T.R.F. Adjustment Form more than allowed by their age group constitutes violation of Sanction Rules, unless written approval is received from Ringette Ontario Operations Director.
- Exceptions to the above rules may be given in emergency situations. Requests must be approved in writing by the RO Operations Director.

[TRF Adjustment Form for 18+AA/A/U & U19 and Below Teams](#)

### **Substitution Rules for 18+BB and Below Teams**

- Teams may carry up to the number of regular (Excludes Two-Team Players) players listed on their TRF. The TRF cannot increase in size due to substitutes.
- There is no maximum number of lateral (Example: U18B to U18B) players permitted.
- All players (skaters & goalies) registered as 18+ BB or below may play as a substitute in up to ten (10) games in sanctioned tournaments in a season.
- Any player that appears on a T.R.F. Adjustment Form more than allowed by their age group constitutes violation of Sanction Rules, unless written approval is received from Ringette Ontario Operations Director.
- Exceptions to the above rules may be given in emergency situations. Requests must be approved in writing by the RO Operations Director.

[TRF Adjustment Form for 18+BB and Below Teams](#)