

# INJURED PLAYER POLICY

## OVERVIEW

This policy outlines how injured players are managed during evaluations at the start of the hockey season, whether the injury occurs before or during evaluations.

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## DEFINITION OF “INJURED”

A player is considered *injured* if:

- They have a significant injury;
- They are unable to participate in evaluations (or would perform well below their normal level); and
- A doctor has advised against on-ice participation.

**Examples include:** broken bones, concussions, hospitalization, influenza

### **Required documentation:**

A doctor or AHS note outlining:

- Injury details
- Expected recovery timeline
- Return-to-play date

This must be submitted to the director as soon as possible.

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## DURATION OF INJURY

- Players may return once medically cleared.
  - Players remain on the injured list until clearance is provided.
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## PLAYER ASSESSMENT

### **Participated in Evaluations**

- Player will be ranked using evaluation results and coach input
- Placed according to overall ranking

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### **Did Not Participate in Evaluations**

Placement will be based on:

- Previous season evaluations
- Previous level of play
- Coach recommendations

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### **REALIGNMENT**

If a player is clearly placed too high due to injury:

- The player may be moved down
- A player from a lower team may be moved up

This will only occur in rare and obvious cases.