

**March Proposal Submitted by Long Range Planning Committee**  
**Rules and Regulations Article I Registration; Completion**  
**Section D. Individual Members**

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Those individual members who are players, coaches and/or referees shall be registered with Massachusetts Hockey.

In order to be registered a member shall:

1. complete the USA Hockey Registration process and pay required registration fee;
2. players registered as individual members on a youth team must play for the town association of residence except that a resident of a city or town which does not have a registered association may join an association in another city or town. A member from a city or town which does not have a registered association who has joined another city or town association shall be deemed to be a member of that association for his/her youth hockey career and shall not be considered a non resident player (as per 3 below) in their original association. Midget level teams/players, players rostered on a National Bound Bantam team and Girls/Women teams/players participating above the Girls/Women Tier 3 level shall not be subject to these requirements. In addition, a player may remain a member of the city/town association he/she has played for if the player's family relocates to another city/town and that player will not be considered a non resident player as per paragraph 3 below, however once the player no longer participates in that original association he/she would be considered a non resident player (per 3 below) if he/she subsequently returns to the original association (and does not reside in the city or town).
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of D.2 requirements, a city or town association may register and roster up to three (3) members per roster who are non residents provided such member does not have outstanding financial obligations to another Massachusetts Hockey or USA Hockey affiliated association. Any player coming into a program who played elsewhere the previous season must provide a written financial release from their previous program to the new organization at the time of registration. Any disagreements on whether a player owes money to another program can be appealed to the District/Division Registrar.
4. An association described in Article I Section 1(A) may petition for a waiver from the requirements of Article I, Section 1(D)(3) to their District Registrar who shall present it at the next District Meeting or a special meeting for a vote. The meeting held for such a vote must occur on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>. In such a case, a vote shall be held for each individual roster not a group of rosters. A simple majority vote is required for approval. There shall be no absentee voting. District Directors and Association Representatives may attend a meeting held for such a vote in another District to state their opinion on the roster exemption, however, these individuals shall have no vote. The District Registrar shall give 7 days notice of a meeting held for such a vote, however, the Registrar is not required to communicate this to other districts. An adverse decision of the District may be appealed by the program to the Roster Committee. The District approvals, including rosters or lists of players shall be forwarded to the Roster Committee by the District Registrar within 10 days of the vote for a review. The review shall be limited to established precedents in relation to creating teams from combinations of Associations, rostering out of state players and the adverse effect of such teams on competition factors for state bound tournaments. The Roster Committee shall notify the District Registrar of its findings within 14 days. The decision shall be final with no appeal. The decision of the District (or the Roster committee, if appealed) is valid for the current hockey season only.

5. An association described in Article I Section 1(A) must receive and retain a form signed by all nonresident players and their parents/guardians indicating that they are aware that they are a nonresident participant and that the association may be applying for a roster exemption. The blank form will be available on the Mass Hockey web site. It is recommended that an electronic version of this form be included with association registration materials. There are three groups not required to complete this form:

a. A player who resides in a city or town which does not have a registered Mass Hockey affiliate association who has joined another city or town association shall be deemed to be a member of that association for his/her youth hockey career and shall not be considered a non resident player in their original association. This form is not required in this case.

b. Midget level players and players rostered on a National Bound Bantam team are not required to complete this form.

c. Girls/Womens players participating above the Girls/Womens Tier III level are not required to complete this form.

d. A player who relocates and who remains a member of the city/town association he/she has played for previously will not be considered a non resident player for as long as the player stays with the original program and, therefore, need not complete this form.