

Back Up Goalie Rule Clarification

This rule pertains to Youth and Girls teams. Rules for HS are listed in that section.

USAH rules allow any player to play in any position provided that they are a member of the team that is registered.

All teams are required to have two goaltenders. At least one of the goaltenders on the team must be a regular member of the team. They should be identified on the roster with "G" for goaltender. The second goaltender may be an active member of the team that will not regularly play goalie. They should be identified on the roster with "IG" for Identified Goalie. In the case where the position of goaltender will rotate among the players, two players should be selected and identified as the IGs for the team.

In addition to members of the registered team being identified as the goaltenders, a Back Up Goalie (BUG) may be registered on the team as the second required goaltender. The BUG must be a player from within the organization and come from a team that is playing at a level beneath the team. For example- the goalie on a SQ A team may be the BUG on the SQ AA team. It may also be a goaltender from any of the Mite teams within the organization provided they are from the same category- namely house or travel. The BUG on the SQ A team may not be a SQ AA goalie since they are from a playing level above the team.

House teams are balanced so the BUG on a House B or C team may be any house player from the same playing level or from a playing level beneath the team. For example, a Peewee House goalie may be the BUG for any PW House team within the same organization. They may also be the BUG for any Bantam House team within the organization.

House players (B or C) may not serve as the BUG for a Tier II or Tier I team. Tier II goalies may not serve as the BUG on a House or Tier I team. Tier I goalies may not serve on a Tier II or House team.

BUGs may only participate with the team in the event that the designated goalie(s) are injured or unavailable. The team must notify the AHAI Registrar or President if they will be using the BUG in a game. That notification should be made by phone.

The only exception to this rule will be at the discretion of the AHAI Registrar if both rostered goalkeepers are ill, injured or unable to participate. This request must be documented and sent to the AHAI Registrar, in writing, before an exception will be considered.