

Lakers Hockey CLUB ASSOCIATION

Petitioning Policy

Any player interested in playing for the Lakers Hockey Club who is not a student at a charter school can request to be petitioned as a player for our club **each season**. (Each petition is good for only one season.) The request should be brought to the Hockey Director for consideration.

The Hockey Director will approve or disapprove the petition to AHAI. When determining appropriateness of the petitioning, many factors may be considered. These factors include but are not limited to:

- Whether any player in same position will be double rostered, hence potentially introducing availability issues
- Whether petitioning of an "outside" player will overwhelmingly, negatively affect the playing time of a player in our charter schools.

It should also be noted that the level of play for any player will not be taken into account when decisions are being made for the petitioning.

However, it will always be the intent of the club to have backups for every position. No player should assume he will play every game, regardless of position. (e.g.: we will never elect to have only one goalie per team)

Should the Hockey Director determine the petitioning to be fair to all charter school players, he will work with the Registrar and President to make the official petitioning request through AHAI. All final decisions reside with AHAI.

Any requests for petitioning should be made prior to the posted official close of registration. A decision on petitioning of potential players will be made at least one week prior to evaluations. Late registering players that need to be petitioned will only be considered if that player is needed to conform to AHAI policy for rostering. In the event the petitioning player is from a school that has a hockey team, a letter from the school team stating the player has been cut from their team needs to be obtained and submitted to AHAI with the petitioning request.

Lakers Hockey Club has the right to petition through AHAI to have a school added as a charter school. Once a school district is petitioned as a charter school, any players from that school will have the same benefits of open enrollment as any other player.