

## MN Hockey Participation Rule

The Participation Rule may at times seem complex, but it plays a critical role in maintaining our community-based traditions.

1. First-time registration is always with the Association of Residence, or where you live.
2. If a player wants to participate where he/she goes to school (Association of School Participation) rather than where they live, the Association of Residence is required to waive the player (neither the releasing nor receiving associations can refuse the waiver). It is a semi-permanent waiver, effective as long as the player continues to attend the school. If the player stops attending that school, he/she reverts back to their Association of Residence for participation or waiver.
3. There are some natural "break points" where students change schools – typically the transition from elementary to middle or junior-high school, and from middle or junior-high school to high school. Players who change schools at these "break points" have full eligibility to compete in their Association of School Attendance at any division.
4. Players who change schools outside of the normal "break points" can start playing in the their Association of School Attendance immediately, but are not eligible at the highest division for one year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school.