



## CITY OF LAKES YOUTH HOCKEY WAIVER POLICY

City of Lakes' primary mission is to provide a positive learning atmosphere at an affordable cost to the residents of Minneapolis. Our intention is to build the hockey community by developing a love for the game of hockey among the families and players within our boundaries. City of Lakes' boundaries, as stipulated by Minnesota Hockey, are dictated by zip code and include all portions of the city of Minneapolis north of Interstates 94 and 394.

As the association grows, our intention is to continue to increase both the number and level of teams, and we view retention of players as being integral to that growth. However, when players' skills increase to a level beyond those for which City of Lakes fields a team, we applaud their graduation and support their move to the next level.

This policy is in accordance with Minnesota Hockey Residency Rule B.1. found in the Minnesota Hockey Handbook, Section IV: *Participation*. It is our hope and intention that this policy not be perceived as punitive, but as retention of talent built in our community.

Our specific waiver policy:

- All players within our boundaries should register at the beginning of the season with City of Lakes (COL). City of Lakes will not unconditionally waive players if we have a team skating at the level of the player requesting waiver. We will continue to recognize and comply with MN Hockey's "school waiver" policy.
- Should any player wish to try-out with another association for a level which City of Lakes does NOT have a team, City of Lakes will sign a conditional waiver allowing the tryout. City of Lakes currently fields squirt C teams as well as a peewee B2 team.
- COL will not waive mini or mite aged players
- If, after successfully trying out, a player is placed on a B2 level team at or above at the Squirt level, or On a B1 level or above at the PeeWee level, the player may move to the other association with City of Lakes' support.
- If a player changes associations for the reasons described above, registration fees paid to COL will be reimbursed in full.
- After tryouts, if a player is not placed on a level with another associations as outlined above, the waiver will require they remain playing hockey with their home association, City of Lakes. Appeals to the Titan board will not be granted.
- It should be noted that COL's intention is to continue to expand the levels of teams. At such time as that occurs, the above conditions will apply to those additional levels as well.
- The COL Board reserves the right to waive these policies if, at their sole discretion, when there are circumstances that justify doing so.