



2025-26 UNDER-18 USA HOCKEY WRITTEN TRANSFER – NON-U.S. CITIZENS
(Excluding Canadian Citizens)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Position: ☐ Player ☐ Goaltender Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

City & Country of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Old National Association: _____ Last Club: _____

New National Association: _____ New Club: _____

Duration: ☐ Limited Until: _____ ☐ Unlimited (must hold Permanent Resident Card)

Is player in the USA with parents? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email form with: Acceptable Residency Documents & Player's Passport Photo Page

Per International Ice Hockey Federations (IIHF) transfer regulations, non-citizen players must be transferred from the country in which the player was born, regardless of whether they have ever played hockey in that country.

This form is to be used for players under 18 years old, that are non-U.S. Citizens (excluding Canadians), playing hockey on youth & girls classification teams. There is no fee to process this written transfer.

DIRECTIONS: When completing the form, print clearly. do not abbreviate club or association name.

- **Old National Association** – The name of the federation in which the player was born.
- **Last Club** – The name of the club the player played for last season. If none, write N/A, if player has not played before write, never played.
- **New Club** – The name of the club the player will be playing for during the current season.
- **Transfer Duration** – A limited transfer can be for one season, or multiple seasons, but cannot exceed the length of the visa expiration date, or the date of the players 18th birthday. An unlimited transfer is a permanent transfer to the new federation (USA Hockey) and can only be processed if the player/players parents hold a permanent residency card. If applying for an unlimited transfer, the UTR form (page 2) must be filled out in its entirety and submitted with transfer.

In addition to completed transfer, non-U.S. citizen players must also provide proof of resident status (acceptable residency documents) in the U.S. along with copy of the player's passport photo page.

ACCEPTABLE RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS

Players who are citizens of another country and residing with a parent shall be considered eligible to register if the parent(s) holds one of the following: Alien Registration Receipt Card or Permanent Resident Card, or one of the following visas: A. Government Official; E. Treaty Trader or Investor; G. Representative to International Organization; H. Temporary Worker; I. Foreign Information Media Representative; J. Exchange Alien; L. Intra-Company Transferee; M. Non-Academic Student; O. Aliens of Extraordinary Ability; P. Athletes and Entertainers; Q. Cultural Exchange; R. Religious Workers; or TN. Professional. A driver's license is not acceptable.

Players, who are citizens of another country and are in the U.S. without a parent, must hold an F. Academic Student classification visa, J. Exchange Alien visa, Alien Registration Receipt Card or Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).

A player in the U.S. on a B1/B2 Visitor Visa is not eligible to register with youth team.

TIMELINE: An international player will not be approved in the USA Hockey Registry until approval is received by the outgoing federation and the IIHF. This process takes a **minimum of 3 days** (not to exceed 8 days from when the transfer is entered into the IIHF registry for approval).

Once this transfer application is completed, return along with players passport photo page and residency documents to the USA Hockey National Office by email for processing. To check the status of your transfer approval, contact your local program registrar as they will be able to view the approval in the USA Hockey Registry.

USA Hockey, Inc.
ATTN: Transfer Department
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Phone: 719-538-1516 • Email: transfers@usahockey.org



UNLIMITED TRANSFER REQUEST

This note explains the player's rights and responsibilities when planning to transfer from one country to the national association of another country. It should be read carefully and must be signed by the player before the International Transfer can be processed and must be uploaded to the online transfer system when requesting the transfer.

The choices the player has to make:

1. The player has the option to choose the basis on which he is transferred – limited or unlimited and this would be indicated in the transfer request made in the Online Transfer System
 - 1.1 A limited transfer means that the player transfers temporarily to a specific club under the jurisdiction of the “new” National Association but automatically returns to the former Member National Association when the transfer expires. During the period of the temporary transfer he may still call upon his former Member National Association for support. A limited transfer cannot be limited to less than the period of the player's firm contract with his new club.
 - 1.2 An unlimited transfer means that the player transfers permanently to the jurisdiction of the “new” National Association and ceases to have any connection with, or the option to ask for support from the former Member National Association. If the player wishes to play in the territory of any other National Association including returning to his former Member National Association he will require a new transfer and be responsible for all associated service charges.
2. There are financial implications depending on the choice the player makes – to transfer on a limited or unlimited basis.
 - 2.1 Before processing the transfer the IIHF requires both involved clubs and respective National Associations to carry out certain research designed to protect both the player and the clubs involved. National Associations may charge for this service up to a maximum of 500 CHF, except for the transfer of players under the age of 18 (IIHF International Transfer Regulations Section I Article 5). The IIHF will charge an administrative fee to process the transfer within the online system. The player is responsible for paying these service charges.
 - 2.2 A player who elects to transfer on a limited basis will revert to the jurisdiction of his former Member National Association once the limited period has expired without incurring any service charges at that time.
 - 2.3 A player who elects to transfer on an unlimited basis but then later wishes to revert to the jurisdiction of his former or another Member National Association will have to initiate the transfer procedure as described in 2.1 above and will be responsible for the associated service charges.
3. Other considerations – Before electing to transfer on a limited or unlimited basis you should consider the following:
 - It is usual practice for the club to which the player is going to play to pay, or for the player to negotiate his contract on the basis that the club will pay all the service charges. The player should make sure of the position before signing his contract otherwise he will be responsible for the service charges.
 - The player may feel more at ease by preserving the link with the former Member National Association. If so, and, if having transferred to a “new” National Association on a limited basis and even in the knowledge that he will be renewing his contract with the same club or staying in the same country, he may elect to transfer for consecutive seasons on limited transfers.
 - The player should contact his former Member National Association in order to discuss the consequences that an unlimited transfer may have.

I warrant that I have read understood the choices open to me and that I have had the opportunity to take independent advice in connection therewith, and, I hereby confirm that I wish to transfer from the National Association of

_____ to the National Association of _____ USA Hockey _____ on
an unlimited International Transfer.

Name in full (please print) _____

Signature _____ Place and Date _____

Witnessed by (Name, Date and Signature): _____