



Combined Team Policy & Request Procedure

Any two (2) or more Local Associations may request VSAHA to approve a single combined team when one (1) or more of the local associations do not have enough age appropriate players available to form their own team. Players from the local associations in the age category of the combined team should not be denied or cut from participating unless approved via the operating plan that was approved/modified as part of the approval process.

The VSAHA Executive Board will review the application and supporting documentation and approve or not the combined team request. The Executive Board may refer the application to the VSAHA Full Board for their review and vote. If the application is referred to the Full Board, at least two (2) weeks must be provided to State Representatives to review with their local boards before voting on the matter at the next scheduled VSAHA board meeting.

Procedure:

1. Complete the online application at www.vermonthockey.org
2. Provide the following documentation:
 - a. Minutes from each local association approving the combined team request
 - b. Registration numbers from each local association for the requested age grouping for the combined team request
 - c. Written operating plan on how the combined team will be administrated
3. VSAHA Executive Board will review application and all submitted documentation and approve, deny, or defer to the VSAHA Full Board for consideration
4. If combined team is approved, players must first be claimed by their current association in the USA Hockey Registration portal. After that, the managing association can claim the players in their USA Hockey Registration portal. This order is important so that the player's association remains correct in the system, otherwise the player will be subject to the Transfer and Release policy.