

The following information provides the established MAHA Player Development Camp Policies for those players that are playing out of state. These policies are applicable to all Montana registered players that play out-of-state or for players who have Tier I or Tier II conflicts. **There are no exceptions to these policies.**

Please note that cost is not an acceptable rationale for requesting an exemption. We expect players to make it to the Montana Player Development Camp or another State Camp unless there is a legitimate conflict, which includes but is not limited to: the player is injured, the player would be forced to leave a Tier I or Tier II, prep school, or junior team still playing its season to attend the Montana Camp. It is the practice of the MAHA Player Development Camp to send the best players to the Northern Plains District Player Development Camp, regardless of where they are playing their season

State Camp Exemptions

The preference is that all players attend the MAHA Player Development Camp. Montana players that are playing out of state and cannot attend the Montana Camp should attempt to attend the State Camp where they are located and have an evaluation sent to the Montana Player Development Director. Only State Camp evaluations are considered valid--coach and/or hockey director evaluations are not acceptable. Players must first attempt to follow this process and any request for an exemption must be fully explained, including the efforts taken to follow the process and why they are requesting an exemption.

Any player applying for an exemption to the MAHA Player Development Camp must submit their request in writing along with a (\$60.00) check payable to MAHA. Request must fully explain the reason for the conflict that prevents the player from attending the Montana State Camp. In addition, the request and should include the details stated in the "Required Information" section below. The check is a non-refundable application fee. Note the following:

- Exemptions will not be granted until after the Montana camp.
- Exemptions will be reviewed and ranked by the MAHA High Performance Player Development Committee.
- The final determination of which players go to the Northern Plains District Player Development Camp, including both the players who attended the MAHA Player Development Camp and the players who have applied for the exemption, will be made by the Montana Player Development Director, in consultation with members of the age appropriate evaluation team at the MAHA Player Development Camp, and the MAHA High Performance Player Development Committee, regardless of where they are playing their season.

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Required Information

Following is minimum set of information that must be provided when requesting an Exemption or At-Large request:

- 1. Player Name (First and Last)
- 2. Player Date of Birth
- 3. Position
- 4. Statement that clarifies if the player did or did not attend any previous National Camp
- 5. School or League Playing in the current USAH season
- 6. Current Level of Play
- 7. Current Head Coach's Name (First and Last)
- 8. Coach's Email and phone number
- 9. Parent Name (First and Last)
- 10.Contact Phone Number
- 11.Contact Email
- 12. Fully explain, including the efforts taken to follow the process and why an exemption or at-large slot is being requested.
- 13.Letter of recommendation from player's head coach

Request Package Must Include

- 1. All required information
- 2. Non-refundable check or money order payable to MAHA for \$60.00.

Incomplete packages will NOT be processed.

Items can be mailed to:

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