

HARWOOD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Player Transfer and Release Policy

Effective May 13, 2019

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It is the goal of HYHA to provide a quality youth hockey experience for skaters from our area. It is our firm belief that it is best for players to stay with their home association but HYHA will reasonably consider transfers and releases from/to neighboring associations.

A formal “transfer and release” request is required for any player that was registered with another association in the previous season and wishes to register with a different association in the current season. To start the process, a Notice of Transfer and Release request must be completed via the online form located on the VSAHA website www.vermonthockey.org*. The deadline for a transfer and release request is November 1st of the current year. Transfers after this date must be pre-approved by the VSAHA Executive Board before the player can be registered and take part in any association practices or games. HYHA strongly recommends that transfer and release requests be submitted as early as possible as of June 1.

The HYHA Board of Directors reserves the right to review and accept or refuse non-exempt transfer requests within their discretion. Player transfers will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis (once the process has been submitted through VSAHA and confirmed in writing to the President of HYHA) and priority may be given to former HYHA players. Transfer and release requests must be confirmed via email to the HYHA President once the Notice of Transfer and Release form is filled out and submitted online to VSAHA. A new player requesting transfer cannot be registered with HYHA until after the process has been started with VSAHA.

Exempt Transfers: A player may transfer as an exempt transfer under the following circumstances, provided they are in good standing from the President of the originating association and they comply with VSAHA requirements.

- 1) A player changes residence to a geographic area that is covered by another Local Association (as defined by VSAHA). The change in residence must occur within the last 12 months.
- 2) The organization the player was registered with becomes inoperative at the player’s age group (8U and younger, 10U, 12U, 14U, etc.) but not by level (Tier I, II, III, IV, etc.). *Example: If a program had a Tier II team in a previous year but drops to Tier III in the current year, player is not eligible as an Exempt Transfer.*
- 3) A player who transferred because previous association became inoperative at the player’s age group, (8U & younger, 10U, 12U, 14U, etc.) but not by level, (Tier I, II, III, IV, etc.) may return the first year the previous association has a team at the player’s age group. *Example: Program A does not have a Youth 12U team in 2018/2019. Player A transfers. Program A has a Youth 14U team in 2019/2020, Player A is 14U eligible*

in 2019/2020 and may transfer back to Program A in 2019/2020 as an exempt transfer. If Player A decides to wait until 2020/2021, player would then be considered non-exempt transfer.

- 4) A player who plays goalie 100% of the time, who is transferring to a Local Association who does not have at least one goalie for the team. The originating association must have at least one goalie at that age and playing category per team.

Non-Exempt Transfers: A player may transfer to a Local Association, Allied Member or any other USA Hockey registered youth team provided they are released in good standing from the President of the originating association and they comply with VSAHA requirements.

Transfer Limits:

- 1) Local Association teams having more than two (2) Non-Exempt transferred players during the regular season shall be ineligible for State tournament play.
- 2) No Local Association team shall have more than four (4) Non-Exempt transferred players.
- 3) Local Associations shall accept no more Non-Exempt transferred players than the total number of travel teams (10U through 14U) formed within their association. For example, if the association has 5 teams at the 10U level and higher, their Non-Exempt transfer limit is 5.
- 4) VSAHA approved combined teams are exempt from these transfer limit rules.

Releases: Upon receiving an email from VSAHA regarding a requested release of a HYHA player, HYHA will have seven (7) days to respond via email with approval or details of any outstanding financial obligation by the player. The only reason to deny a release to a player is if the player owes HYHA any dues, fees or equipment. If HYHA does not respond within the seven (7) days, VSAHA will assume no financial obligation and proceed with the transfer request.

Any player that transfers from a Local Association to another Local Association, Allied Member, or any other USA Hockey registered youth team, must file a Transfer and Release form via the VSAHA website, vermonthockey.org and pay a fee. VSAHA Executive Board must take action on the Transfer and Release and the process must be completed before the player is eligible to play games with the receiving association. If there is a financial obligation outstanding or the transfer and release has not been submitted, the VSAHA Executive Board may extend ineligibility to practices as well.

***NOTE: VSAHA online submission for Transfer and Release requests will open June 1 at www.vermonthockey.org.**