

# **MINNESOTA HOCKEY**

## **Inter-Affiliate Player Transfer Protocol**

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Minnesota Hockey, Inc., a duly registered affiliate of USA Hockey, requires that any player who resides in another state and wishes to play hockey with a team in the Minnesota Hockey program, without changing his/her residence to Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed waiver from the player's resident state.

Conversely, Minnesota Hockey requires that any Minnesota resident wishing to play hockey in another state, while remaining a resident of Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed waiver from Minnesota Hockey, Inc.

This protocol is consistent with the terms and conditions of the USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement that grants each affiliate the right of "exclusive jurisdiction" within its geographical boundaries.

The Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors will designate one person who will act upon all interstate waiver requests from those who submit them, using the following criteria:

1. This protocol applies to Youth and Girls programs that are conducted during the Minnesota Hockey "regular season", which extends from the date players are permitted to register for a given year through the end of the Minnesota Hockey Youth/Girls State Tournaments in March. Those players in the Adult or Women classifications are excluded from this protocol.
2. Prior to submitting a request for transfer, all players must first register with their resident state. For players coming into Minnesota, an approved waiver from the player's resident state must be obtained, then submitted to and approved by the Minnesota Hockey designee before the player may be placed on a Minnesota Hockey team roster.
3. Minnesota Hockey will accept approved players from another state who wish to play in Minnesota because the state in which they reside does not offer a program similar to those offered in Minnesota.
4. Minnesota hockey will approve an interstate waiver request from one of its resident players provided that the player will be participating in a program classified as Tier 1 by a USA Hockey Affiliate and Minnesota Hockey does not offer such a program.
5. Transfer of players who live in contiguous border communities, and desire an interstate residency waiver based upon geographical proximity of their residence, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approval of such requests will not be unreasonably withheld.
6. If another USAH Affiliate elects not to follow this Protocol, Minnesota Hockey may accept players from that Affiliate without following this Protocol.