



HOCKEY CALGARY

Operations Manual

Section: Registration - Community

Sub-Section: Overage Players

OVERAGE PLAYERS

Players must register within their proper category as described in *Rules and Regulations 1 – Ages for Competition*. Those players wishing to register for a category younger than their age as of December 31 of the current playing season must apply for Overage Player Status (see “Forms”).

When processing an Overage Player Application there are several pre-requisites that are considered. “**Limited skill**” describes a noticeable lack of basic hockey skill such as skating and balance for his/her age. This also includes limited aptitude for the game in the Pee Wee and higher Divisions. “**Written Verification**” refers to a letter confirming the lack of skill and ability to play in the proper age Division their Association or Coach, including an evaluation report where available. It should be noted the instance of Overage Status is more prevalent in rural leagues and many of the pre-requisites are more appropriately applied to rural players. The number of teams and divisions in the Calgary leagues provide a better opportunity for beginner players or those with limited skill to participate within their proper age category. On average, Hockey Calgary approves one (1) or two (2) overage players every season, generally for health related reasons.

Pre-Requisites for Obtaining Overage Status

*Note: Only 1st year players in a Division will be eligible for Overage

Novice to Initiation

- at the discretion of Hockey Calgary.

Atom to Novice

- player has limited skills (see above for definition)
- beginner player (1st or 2nd year of hockey)
- health reasons – supported by a letter from doctor

Pee Wee to Atom

- player is of small and frail stature combined with limited skills – require written verification of ability (see above for definition)
- player has limited skills – require written verification of ability (see above for definition)
- beginner player (1st year of hockey)
- health reasons – supported by a letter from doctor

Bantam to Pee Wee

- player has limited skills – require written verification of ability (see above for definition)
- beginner player (1st year of hockey)
- health reasons – supported by a letter from doctor

Midget to Bantam

- player has limited skills – require written verification of ability (see above for definition)
- beginner player (1st year of hockey)
- health reasons – supported by a letter from doctor

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Junior C to Midget

- insufficient players to make a team (12), particularly regarding goaltenders
- health reasons – supported by a letter from doctor

Junior C

- overage players are not permitted

Overage Conditions

The following conditions must be adhered to in order to maintain overage status. Overage Status may be revoked at any time when it is deemed that the actions of the player are not in the best interests of those affected by his/her actions.

1. Overage players are not eligible to play in Provincial Championships.
2. Overage players may not be in the top 5 in scoring.
3. Overage players must be in the bottom half of the team in penalty minutes.
4. Overage players who receive a match penalty or a major suspension will have their Overage Status revoked immediately.
5. Overage players are not eligible as affiliates to a higher Division or Category.
6. Overage approval is for games within Alberta only. Additional approval must be secured for any activity outside the Province of Alberta, from the respective Branch.
7. The Overage player is eligible for league, tournament, ESSO Minor Hockey Week and playoff games. It is agreed however that if the team plays an exhibition or tournament game that other team of the Tournament Coordinator must be notified ahead of time.

Applying for Overage Status

The Overage Player Application (see “Forms”) must be completed and faxed to the Hockey Calgary office at 228-0578 along with any necessary documents as described in “**Pre-Requisites for Obtaining Overage Status**”. A visual assessment of the player within his proper age category may be requested at the discretion of Hockey Calgary and a suitable time to view the player will be arranged. Only after final approval is granted by Hockey Calgary is the player permitted to participate in any tryout, practice, exhibition or league game with the team in the lower age category.