

RETURN TO HOCKEY SUBSTITUTE GOALTENDER

As a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Teams are not able to access affiliate players during the 2020-2021 season. The following guidelines have been established to provide direction to teams on how to manage a situation when their registered goalie(s) are unavailable.

Within the 'Tiered Minor Hockey' and the 'All Female Divisions' (U9 – U18) the following process(es) will be in place:

U9 and U11 - No Substitute Goaltenders will be approved for any Teams within these Divisions. If a team's goaltender is unavailable, the team can access the following options (in order):

- If the opposing team has a back-up goaltender dressed, request to use that goaltender
- Dress any other player from their team to complete the game as a goaltender.

U13, U15 & U18 – If a team's goaltender is unavailable, the team can access the following options (in order):

- If the opposing team has a back-up goaltender dressed, request to use that goaltender
- Dress any other player from their team to complete the game as a goaltender.
- If not possible, teams have the ability to apply for access to a Substitute Goaltender through their Age Category Governor via their League Chair.
 - If approved, the Team must ensure that all protocols for using a Substitute Goaltender (as outlined below) are adhered to.
 - Substitute Goaltender **MUST** be from the same association

Important Notes

- Requests will not be approved for a Substitute to act as a back-up goaltender.
- If the opposing team has a back-up goaltender available, substitute goaltenders **will not** be approved.
- It is recommended that Teams in the U11, U13, U15 & U18 Divisions encourage players to practice the position of goaltender throughout the season to prepare for a potential scenario where a replacement is needed.

Protocols for Using an Approved Substitute Goalkeeper

Approved Substitute Goaltenders are not considered part of a 'Competition Cohort' and must follow these guidelines leading up to and during play:

- A private dressing room should be procured for the Substitute Goaltender as they are not permitted inside the team's dressing room
- The substitute Goaltender is not permitted to engage in the following:
 - Handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, etc.
 - Team meetings in close proximity or inside the dressing room