



Hockey Calgary Registration Policy

Effective 2026-2027 Season

Background

For the 2026-27 playing season Hockey Alberta updated their regulations regarding player registration. As such Hockey Calgary has updated the registration policy to clarify the upcoming changes.

Definitions:

<i>Minor Hockey Association:</i>	An organization as designated by Hockey Alberta to oversee and operate a hockey program within a determined geographic area – Hockey Calgary is the recognized Minor Hockey Association for the Calgary Region.
<i>The Board:</i>	The Board of Directors of Hockey Calgary
<i>Bylaws:</i>	The Bylaws of Hockey Calgary www.hockeycalgary.ca/assets/file/Hockey_Calgary_Bylaws_2024.pdf
<i>Calgary Region:</i>	The geographic area of Hockey Calgary, as previously defined by Hockey Alberta, and now defined by Hockey Calgary. https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1wNuIE4QB-Mzetlp9dCDgbKankF8&ll=50.89439430227334%2C-114.26716485358324&z=12
<i>Member Club:</i>	An organization formed to provide all, or part, of a hockey program, as defined by the Board from time to time, within the Calgary Region. These organizations are granted membership by the Board, under the conditions outlined in Section 3.0 of the Bylaws, and currently referred to as 'Members'.
<i>Participants:</i>	Players, Individuals, coaches, and volunteers of Hockey Calgary

External Boundaries

The Boundaries for Hockey Calgary, as designated by Hockey Calgary are as follows:

- The communities within the City of Calgary Corporate boundaries and;
- Tsuut'ina Nation and;
- Communities outside the City of Calgary corporate boundary including but not limited to Springbank, Harmony, Redwood Meadows and Bragg Creek as detailed on the Hockey Calgary Community and Elite Boundary Map



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Internal Boundaries

The Board has determined that internal boundaries for 'Member Clubs' are important for the operation of hockey leagues within the Calgary Region. The Board believes that boundaries support the overall experience, skill development, competition level and access to ice across the Calgary Region. Keeping Member Clubs within a reasonable size enables all organizations to provide similar playing options and programs within their individual clubs.

- Current Member Clubs: <https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/association>
- Changes from time to time through a boundary review process in consultation with the Member Clubs may occur to achieve the above stated competition goal.
- Link to current Calgary Region member club boundaries:
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1wNuE4QB-Mzetlp9dCDgbKankF8&ll=50.89439430227334%2C-114.26716485358324&z=12>

Residential Qualifications – *Hockey Canada Residency Regulation (Section C)*

1. *Players seventeen (17) years of age and below must register in the Member where their Parent(s) reside, unless the Player is registered in a Hockey Canada School with Residence or Hockey Canada Accredited School, and registers with one (1) of that school's Teams.*
2. *It shall be the obligation/responsibility of each Member, in their sole and unfettered discretion, to implement additional residency registration regulations for the formation of Teams within their Geographic Subdivision.*
3. *A Player's residence is established by:*
 - a. *The Parents' usual residence when Parents live in the same house; or*
 - b. *In cases where the Player has more than one custodial Parent, each of whom lives in separate residence, the usual residence of the Parent with whom the Player usually lives. If the Player lives equally with both Parents, his place of residence shall be determined by the Member.*

NOTE: the term 'usual residence' is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

4. *When a Player's custodial Parent changes due to a guardianship order to an individual who is not a Parent of that Player prior to that guardianship order being obtained, and the Player changes residence to live with that Parent in another Member, the Player may not, in the first Season after that change has occurred, register or Affiliate with any Team that could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Regional or National Championship.*
5. *Authority to assign Residence of a Player is as follows:*
 - a. *Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers vested in it by By-Law 47 may, on application made by or on behalf of any Player, deem such Player to be resident in a Member other than that where his Parent is resident and Hockey Canada's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.*



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- b. A Member, in its sole and unfettered discretion may, on application made by or on behalf of any Player, deem such Player to be resident in a place within the Member other than where his Parent is resident and the Member's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.*
- 6. Members are authorized to make restrictions with regard to the residential qualifications required for Players registered with Senior and Junior Teams under their jurisdiction.*

Hockey Calgary Residency Policy – All Streams

- Member Clubs based in the Calgary Region are restricted to registering only players who meet the residential qualifications as set out above in the Hockey Canada regulations, and Hockey Calgary specific policies below.
- All minor aged players (4 to 17 years old as of December 31st in the current playing year) must be permanent residents of the Calgary Region, or any participant from outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), which, at the sole discretion of Hockey Calgary, have been admitted for membership for a such a period as determined by Hockey Calgary.
- **All Players are required to register with their resident Member Club, including all first-time registrants**
- A minor aged player whose parents have joint custody and reside in different Elite or Community Member Club boundaries shall register in the Elite or Community Member Club where they registered the previous season provided one parent still resides within the boundaries of that club. If neither parent resides within the boundaries of the previously registered Elite or Community Member Club, then the player shall register with a Member Club where one of the parents resides. NOTE: If a player attends tryouts for Elite hockey and does not make a team then they shall be deemed to be a resident of the Community Member Club where their parent lives that was used for Elite tryout registration.
- All U21 aged players (18 years or older as of December 31st in the current playing year) must be permanent residents of the Calgary Region, or any participant from outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), which, at the sole discretion of Hockey Calgary, have been admitted for membership for such a period as Hockey Calgary determines. A U21 aged player is expected to play with a team representing their Jr B or Jr C Member Club in which such player legally resides or is qualified to play. A release is required to play for another Member Club. Registration may be accepted for out-of-boundary players who work or attend post-secondary in Calgary in the U21 category.

Community Hockey Registration

- All players must have a valid Respect in Sport Parent qualification attached to their Hockey Canada file **prior** to registration:
<https://hockeyalbertaparent.respectgroupinc.com/>



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- All participants must be registered through their resident Member Club's registration portal located on their website.
- All first-time registrants must provide valid proof of age (birth certificate or passport), and a minimum of 4 proofs of residence documents (as outlined in your Member Club's registration information)
- Previously registered players transferring, whether within the Calgary Region or from a club outside of the Calgary Region, must provide a Parent Declaration Form signed by both custodial parents and a minimum of 4 proofs of residence (as outlined on the Parent Declaration form)
- Registration opens for all Member Clubs on June 15th

Exceptions Process – Community Member Clubs Only

Out of boundary requests: At this time, Hockey Calgary **does not accept** registration from players who reside outside our current designated boundaries that form the Calgary Region.

Change of Member Clubs within Calgary boundaries: Players who wish to register with a Member Club other than their resident designated Member Club may apply via the Player Movement Form (available May 1st – September 1st) Criteria for application are posted with the form: <https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/forms/player-release>

Grandfathering – Community Member Clubs Only

- Players whose residency changes to another Member Club within the Hockey Calgary internal boundaries may apply to remain with their previous Member Club; provided they have played three or more consecutive seasons with the previous Member Club
- Grandfathering does not apply for players who leave the Hockey Calgary program for non-sanctioned hockey who have changed residency during their absence from Hockey Calgary sanctioned programs.
- Grandfathering does not apply for any community that may be affected by boundary review.

Elite Hockey Registration

- As per Hockey Alberta regulations, all Elite players must register for tryouts in their resident Elite draw zone (Elite Member Club in Calgary):
<https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/association>
- **First time tryout players** must contact their resident Elite Member Club to have their file shared for try out registration from their Community Member Club
- Elite Player Movement Requests to try out with a non-resident Member Club must be filed via the online form, open from May 1st to July 1st only. The criteria that may be considered in such an application are detailed on the form:
<https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/forms/player-release-elite>



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- **Second tryouts are permitted at the AAA level only.** Players released by their resident Elite Member Club AAA team may access a 2nd tryout by following the procedure outlined in the following policy:
<https://www.hockeycalgary.ca/stream/view/stream/elite-council>
- Players who have been released from Hockey Calgary, and who have registered and played sanctioned hockey outside the Calgary Region, while still residing within the Calgary Region, are not eligible for Elite tryout within the Calgary Region - they must try out within the draw zone of their chosen non-Calgary Region club.
- Hockey Calgary does not accept registration from players who reside out of the Hockey Calgary Elite draw zones.
- Players moving to the Calgary Region must contact their Community Member Club first to have their file transferred before registering for Elite tryouts.