



Pick-Up Player Policy

Purpose:

- a. In addition to OWHA policy, this allows players to register with a team in a lower division or category and play for a team in a higher division or category, typically to fill roster spots when the team is short-handed. A Pick-Up Player is defined as either i) from a lower age level and the same classification or lower, or ii) from the same age level and a lower classification.

Examples:

- U15A team can call from U13A team
- U15A team can call from U13BB team
- U15A team can call from U15BB team
- U15A team cannot call from U13AA team

Guidelines on Offering Pick-Up Player Positions:

- a. Pick-Up Players can only be used to fill an open roster spot created by the absence of a primary player for a specific game or series of games. They are intended to address gaps caused by short-term illness, short-term injury, or short-term absence. For the purpose of this clause, “short-term” refers to any period shorter than three months. In cases where gaps arise due to long-term illness, long-term injury, or long-term absence (defined as three months or longer), all requests for Pick-Up Players must first receive approval from the Board. However, a roster spot for a suspended player cannot be filled with a Pick-Up Player.
- b. The head coach who is requesting a Pick-Up Player must first contact the head coach of the primary team from which the player is being called up. Once permission is granted, the primary team head coach will then reach out to the player and the player's parents.
- c. Pick-Up Players may only participate with one team in a tournament. Pick-Up Players are ineligible for Regional Playdowns and Provincial Championships. Each league (e.g., WOGHL and OWHL) will establish its own guidelines for Pick-Up Players during the playoffs. These guidelines must be followed.

- d. BADGHA strongly encourages the use of Pick-Up Players to maximize opportunities for all players, acknowledging that teams have different pools of players depending on their division.

Primary Obligation:

- e. Pick-Up Players are primarily committed to their registered team. In the event of a scheduling conflict between their primary team and the call-up team, they must attend practices and games for their primary team unless an alternative agreement is made. If the call-up team requires the player during a scheduling conflict, the head coach of the call-up team must first obtain permission from the head coach of the primary team. Then, they should submit a written request to the BADGHA Board, providing an explanation of why the Pick-Up Player is needed.

Documentation/Rostering:

- f. A conversation between the head coach of the primary team and the head coach of the call-up team must take place before a RAMP request is submitted. The head coach of the primary team has full discretion to decide whether or not to approve the call-up to the other team.
- g. Approval from the primary team's staff is required for participation with the call-up team that the Pick-Up Player is joining. This approval must be requested by the call-up team's staff via the RAMP Game Portal, in accordance with OWHA rules and insurance guidelines. Each Pick-Up Player request is valid for a maximum of four (4) calendar days. If additional participation is needed after this period, a new request must be submitted.
- h. To participate as a Pick-Up Player in a game, the player must be listed on the call-up team's roster in the RAMP Gamesheets App. The name of the Pick-Up Player will appear once the process above in g. is completed.

Maximum:

- i. A call-up team may use a maximum of three (3) Pick-Up Players in a single game, provided that there are three (3) roster spots available. To clarify, if there are four (4) roster spots available, only three (3) Pick-Up Players can be utilized for that game.

Game Limits:

- j. A Pick-Up Player may participate with a higher-level call-up team for a maximum of ten (10) games during the regular season.



Goalies:

- k. In special circumstances, the OWHHA allows a team to pick up a goalie during Regional Playdowns and Provincial Championships. All OWHHA and league rules must be followed in this circumstance.