

Very Important New Policies – Please Read

Team Formation Policy

The primary goal of youth hockey is to allow participation of all youth in the sport of hockey. Each year, as age groups change and enrollment increases or decreases, the Board has to make decisions regarding the number of teams, the number of players on each team, and the skill level of those teams. The Board must follow the guidelines set forth by the Canadian Hockey Divisions as well as US Hockey Guidelines. Our goal is to have a competitive team, yet safe environment for our players and we must consider age, skill level, safety, ability, and the overall team impact in making those decisions.

In the event that the number of players, registered allows a competitive team, selection of players will be based on the stated criteria above. In addition, skills assessment including skating, puck handling, checking, and game awareness will be completed in a tryout event. The assessment will be completed by three independent evaluators selected by the Board of Directors of the association. The evaluator's decisions will be final.

In the event more than one team is needed for non-competitive play, the players will be evaluated and assigned to teams by the coaches of those teams. The Board of Directors must approve the level of play for each division.

Attendance Policy

If a player misses two (2) practices in one (1) calendar week, he or she will not be able to play in the first period of the next game that they attend. If there is only one (1) practice in a week this policy does not apply. There will be no carryover from week to week.

Attendance is required at all scheduled practices and games unless the player or a member of the player's family has notified the coach or team manager in advance for the following approved absences:

- School functions including other team sports, educational trip, band, etc.
- Major tests or homework assignments
- Family scheduled vacations
- Family emergencies
- Illness
- Religious practices
- Other exceptions may be approved only by the coach

Payment Policy

Payment in full is due at registration. Players will not be allowed on the ice for practice or games until full payment is made and all registration forms received. Requests for special financial consideration and/or payment plan shall be made in writing to the executive committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar) of the Aroostook Amateur Hockey Association, outlining all reasons for the request. All requests will remain confidential. Please send requests to: Aroostook Amateur Hockey, PO Box 161, Presque Isle, ME 04769. Any payment plan shall be pre-approved by the executive board. If any payment is not made, the player will not be allowed to practice or play in any games until payment is received.