

Memo

Date: November 18, 2015

Re: Double rostering\pulling up skaters

The purpose of this memo is to offer a brief explanation of double rostering\pulling up players and some scenarios when it may be necessary and appropriate to utilize double rostered players in the 2015-16 season.

The practice of double rostering and pulling up skaters is a strategy that has been used for many years in smaller associations to help them field teams at each level of youth hockey. Due to the low number of skaters on many of our teams this year we found it necessary to double roster players to allow skaters to play up in “emergency” situations.

Due to the low numbers, families need to recognize that they are making a commitment to the team. Illness and injury aside, they need to make every effort possible to make it to every game. If all healthy skaters attend the need to pull up skaters should practically be non-existent.

Only skaters at the Squirt and PeeWee level can be double rostered. The double rostered players will be the top 3 skaters in their last eligible birth year at their current level. The top three Squirt players were determined by the most number of points assessed by the evaluators during tryouts. For the PeeWee team the players were evaluated by both the PeeWee and Bantam coaches during practices to determine who those players are.

Players must not be asked to play up unless a true “emergency” situation occurs and it does not affect the team with whom the skater actually plays on. The exception to the rule would be a paid tournament and play downs or State tournament when the skater’s original team is only playing regular games. The team left short skaters would pull from the level below – potentially creating a domino effect. Some examples of emergency situations would be:

-8 skaters or less in regular season game (including the goalie)

-Illness or injury of player(s) excluding them from playing in a paid tournament, play downs or the State tournament

-Gray area: there will always be a gray area and in these cases the coaches will need to discuss and decide. Example A: team 1 is short players and needs to pull up from team 2, but team 2 has games. In the past team 2 has thoroughly dominated who they are scheduled to play. It will be at team 2 coach’s discretion to allow the double rostered skaters to play up. Example B: team 1 is short players and team 2 does not have games, again it will be at team 2 coach’s discretion to allow the double rostered players to play up on team 1.

