



## SFYHA Alternative Process for Player Placement

Players who are unable to participate in any of the scheduled fall team player placements may petition the Board of Directors to participate in ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR PLAYER PLACEMENT (APPP) at a later date. The purpose of APPP is to allow players to be placed on a team that best matches his/her ability. Upon receipt of a petition from a player to participate in APPP, the Board of Directors, in its discretion, shall determine if the petitioning player will be allowed to participate in APPP.

- 1) At all age levels, players must complete the APPP request no later than December 15. If a player requesting an APPP has missed the regular travel hockey registration deadline, he/she must also have their late registration approved by the Board of Directors (See Late Registration Policy)
- 2) The following factors will be considered when the Board of Directors determines if an APPP request will be approved:
  - a) Whether the absence was due to a school function which the player was required to attend as part of his/her academic advancement
  - b) Whether the absence was due to participation in a fall school sport which conflicted with the regular placement process
  - c) Whether the absence was due to an injury or illness which prevented the player's participation in the regular placement process
  - d) Whether the player moved to Sioux Falls after the regular placement process was completed
  - e) Such other reasons, as the Board of Directors, in its discretion, determines to be appropriate for consideration
  - f) At the Youth Jr Varsity and Youth Varsity levels where there is a greater level of commitment and specialization in the sport, the Board of Directors and Director of Hockey will be *much* less lenient on APPP requests.
  - g) A player's skill level or prior playing experience will have no bearing on whether or not an APPP is approved.

3) If the board determines that the petitioning player is eligible to participate in the alternative process, the player will have a one week placement with the age-appropriate league (i.e. varsity/junior varsity, Bantam, PeeWee, etc). He/she will practice with the team or teams within that league as assigned by the Director of Hockey. During the one-week placement process, the Director of Hockey and coaches of that age level will evaluate the player and assign him/her to the appropriate team.

4) Under no circumstances may any player already on a team be placed on a different team to accommodate the assignment of the new player that has been assigned through the APPP.

5) The decision of the evaluating coaches regarding team assignment shall be final.

6) In the event the Board of Directors determines that the petitioning player is not eligible to participate in APPP, the petitioning player may choose to participate in SFYHA City League.

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