

Please read the following closely.

Paragraph C.9. of the MSHL Handbook is replaced in its entirety, as follows:

C.9. Junior Varsity. A JV team is generally composed of players who possess less skill and size than players on a Varsity team. JV players are usually (although not exclusively) Freshmen and Sophomores.

C.9.a. A player who has skated at the Tier 1 (AAA) or Tier 2 (AA) level of club hockey is not eligible to play JV.

C.9.b. A player who has skated at the travel-level (A, UA, or LA) of club hockey is eligible to play JV during their Freshman and Sophomore years.

C.9.c. A player who has only skated at the house/rec-level (or has no club experience) is eligible to play JV during all four years. However, the MHC Board reserves the right to deny eligibility to any Junior or Senior who has not played travel hockey, but has developed into an "impact player". This determination will be made on the basis of current and prior season statistics as well as in-game observation by the Board.

C.9.d. For the purpose of determining eligibility, a female player will be considered to play at one level lower than the highest level of girl's club hockey they have played. Example: A female player skating for a Tier 2 (AA) girl's club will be treated as a travel-level player for the purpose of determining JV eligibility.

C.9.e. Goalies: If none of a program's goalies are eligible under the above rules, the program may petition the MHC Board for a waiver that allows the least skilled goalie in the program to play with the JV team. For a co-op program, this would be the least skilled goalie from across all schools participating in the JV team.

Section 8.f. of the MSHL Playing Rules is replaced in its entirety, as follows:

8.f. A 3-minute warm-up will commence once the referees allow the teams onto the ice. A 1-minute intermission will occur between each period.

A player's eligibility for JV is based on the highest level of club hockey he/she has "recently" played (last 2-3 years). Please apply some common sense here... example: A player who played for Team Maryland (AAA) two season ago but who no longer plays club hockey should not be rostered on JV.

- Teams that don't have two goalies eligible to play JV may request a waiver such that they are able to roster two goalies for the JV team. The expectation is that the lesser skilled of the two goalies would play the majority of the JV games.

- In addition to goalies, if you think there is a "special" situation that the rules don't consider, you may appeal for a waiver. Please provide me with an email that lays out the situation and requests the waiver. The MHC Board will consider the request and approve/deny the waiver. All teams playing in the JV league will be provided a chance to comment on the waiver request prior to the Board making it's decision.

- A couple of other points about waivers:

-- The registrars will not add an ineligible player to your roster until a waiver is approved.

-- You should expect about a two week turn-around from the time you submit a waiver request until the player is eligible to play in a game... 5-7 days for a waiver to be approved, plus another 5-7 days for the roster update.

-- All waivers must be requested by 15 Dec, so that there is sufficient time to review prior to the USA Hockey deadline for freezing rosters (31 Dec).

Finally, please consider the spirit of the rules, as well as the letter when deciding who will be rostered on your JV team. Thanks.