

# **AYHL Player Movement Policy Explanation**

## **Parental Notification Form**

Adopted January 10, 2005

### AYHL Player Movement Policy: "One Season - One Team"

- 1. Player Movement: All AYHL players are free to move at the end of each season to any Member Club at the conclusion of the USA Hockey Tier I National Championship. All players are required to fulfill all financial obligations with their current Club. Any Member Club may impose a Player Movement Restriction against a player who has not fulfilled their financial obligation. Written notification to the League Office is required when placing a player on the Restricted List.
- 2. There will be no "in-season" player movement. "In-season" Player Movement is defined as player who has already committed in writing, to play for one AYHL Member team and is seeking a release to play for a different AYHL member within the same season.
- 3. Once a player has made his/her commitment to an AYHL Member Club, for the purposes of playing on an AYHL team; the player will be deemed ineligible to participate with any other AYHL Member Club for that season.
- 4. AYHL Member Clubs may issue a written release "in-season" to any player for purposes of indicating that the player (and Parents) has met all financial obligations with the AYHL Member Club. However, this release does not authorize the player to participate with other AYHL Members for the duration of that season.
- 5. For the purposes of this policy, the "season" will commence at the start of the AYHL Member Club's initial tryout period and run through the conclusion of the following USA Hockey Tier I National Championship.
- 6. The Youth Commissioner is empowered to review extenuating circumstances, such as family relocation, as a possible reason to exempt a player from this policy.

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of the AYHL Player Movement Policy is to:

- To allow free movement of players after the USA Hockey Tier I National Championships of each season.
- To prevent tampering or recruitment of players after the tryout/signing period.
- To discourage "team shopping" after the tryout period.
- Insure competitive parity.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

It is understood that once the Parent (or legal guardian) signs a player agreement with an AYHL Member Club, for the purposes of their son/daughter playing for an AYHL team, said player's eligibility is restricted to that Member Club and team from the date of the signed Playing Agreement or Contract and the conclusion of the USA Hockey Tier I National Championship. This AYHL policy is considered the "One-season / One team" policy.

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