



## Goalies

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### Objective:

To ensure that the association coaches and teams understand the goalie position.

### Applicability:

This policy applies to all NCHA teams.

### Process:

This policy is intended to provide guidance on goalie selection, registration and temporary replacement:

1. Bantam A to Midget AA can register one player as a goalie and register the other goalie as a player, in the vent they want them to play out.
2. Pee wee AA and lower, can register all kids as players and all can play out or in net.
3. If your goalie(s) get sick or injured, you can replace them with any other goalie from the NOHA, with the proper approval, as long as they from the same or lower division or category.

### NOHA Regulation Reference:

These regulations have been modified slightly to suit the NCHA applicability.

#### *R.2.1. Team composition:*

*AAA teams: Each team shall consist of not less than 12 registered players, **two (2) of whom must be goalkeepers.***

*Bantam AA to Midget A: Each team shall consist of not less than 11 registered players, **one (1) of whom must be a goalkeeper.***

*Pee wee AA and Below: Each team shall consist of not less than 11 registered players.*

*R.3.9. A replacement for a goaltender who may be seriously ill, or be injured so as to prevent his/her playing with his/her team may be permitted, upon the*



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*production of medical evidence satisfactory to the President of the NOHA or his designate. Such findings shall be from a qualified medical person such as a doctor or a nurse practitioner. Application for such replacement shall be made to the President of the NOHA until the team enters Hockey Canada Inter-Branch playdowns, after which time it shall be made to the Hockey Canada.*

*R.3.10. The player obtained under Item R.3.9. must be from the same or lower division or category and from within the NOHA, and must be registered and join the team within 10 days of the date on which the injured or medically unfit goalkeeper played his/her last game, or prior to the next scheduled game of his/her team, if his/her team is not scheduled to play within the 10 day period. The replacement goalkeeper shall be used as a regular goalkeeper and will be permitted to play at the discretion of the coach.*

*R.3.11. A replacement goalkeeper cannot be replaced by another replacement goalkeeper unless he/she is medically unfit.*

*R.3.12. The regular goaltender shall return to play when the player has been cleared by a qualified medical person such as a doctor or a nurse practitioner and the replacement shall return to his/her original team.*

*R.3.13. A replacement goalkeeper acquired under Items R.3.9. to R.3.12., from a team of a lower category or division, may return to his/her original team regardless of the number of games played in the higher category or division, provided permission was obtained prior to his/her playing as a replacement.*

*R.4.21. Notwithstanding the special exceptions permitted in Items R.2.1., R.4.7., R.4.19. and R.4.20., teams may register only 25 players in Junior and Senior and 19 players in Minor Hockey – provided two are goalkeepers, who shall not play in any other position. Any coach who allows either of the goalkeepers to play in any position other than goal shall be automatically suspended until dealt with by the Branch Executive, when playing under the Branch. No Novice, Atom or Peewee team (other than Peewee AAA) shall be required to designate a goalkeeper.*