

Mission Statement

This policy has been developed to help associations continue to operate hockey programs for youth in their community, while being able to join other associations to provide meaningful games in tournament and exhibition play.

This policy *has not* been created to allow for the formation of all-star teams or to allow teams to leave players at home for the purpose of increasing their competitive advantage at tournaments by teaming up with other associations stronger players.

Associations that are not following the spirit and intent of this policy will lose the privilege of using this policy and may face further sanctions.

What is a Joint Team?

Two or more associations that register eight (8) players or less in the same division may combine with another Association within the same geographic zone to form an "A" team (house league) in that division for the purposes of participating in sanctioned "A" tournaments and exhibition games. Approval for such will be considered annually by the Minor Committee.

Conditions of a Joint Team

- I. Associations wanting to create a Joint Team need to complete the Joint Team Form (see appendix) starting November 1st of the current hockey season and submit it the Branch Office.
- II. The Minor Committee will review and respond to all applications within ten (10) days of receipt of application.
- III. Travel outside of the Branch is not permitted.
- IV. Travel Permits are obtained from the Minor Convenor or the General Manager in the absence of the Minor Convenor.

Registration Process

- I. Players will be carded with their Home Association in the Hockey Canada Registry and may practice within their Home Association
- II. Between the associations operating the Joint Team, HNO Regulation (E) must be satisfied by the coaches, bench staff and trainer
- III. Changes made to the roster after initial approval need to be submitted to the minor committee for approval
- IV. For the purpose of tournament and exhibition games, teams will apply to the Minor Convenor for a travel permit and will attend the tournament with a letter from the Minor Convenor stating the team is approved under the joint team policy, a valid travel permit and an approved Hockey Canada Registry Roster from both Associations will be required

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New Policy

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