

**Preamble:**

At the 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) the membership voted in favour of permitting player movement through an open border system. At the 2016 and 2017 AGM, Notice of Motions have been submitted to change the system back to a residency-based system, these motions never made it to the floor for voting. Once again in 2018 an MHA is submitting a Notice of Motion to vote to go back to a residency-based system. By creating a player movement policy, it gives two options for the membership:

- a. Vote to remove the regulations regarding player movement and move forward with this policy. The result would be the directors of the board would control the policy. Members would bring their concerns to the directors to move forward to the board. Which the directors could address and vote on in a nimbler manner than with a regulation.
- b. Defeat the option to remove the regulation and make it policy. Then vote on the motion to change the system back to residency. Regardless of the outcome of the vote, we can continue to get motions annually on the issue of player movement, with any member being able to submit a notice of motion to make the change as per the by-laws.

**Policy:**

1. Player movement permitted:
  - a) Minor hockey players will be allowed to play for any Association within the HNO. The player must be in compliance with all HNO regulations and qualified under Hockey Canada regulations.
  - b) Minor hockey players will be automatically released at the conclusion of each season.
2. Player movement not permitted:
  - a) Players six (6) years of age or younger as of December 31 of the current season may only be registered to and play for a U7 program. They are not permitted to affiliate to a higher division of hockey.
  - b) Player movement not permitted: Players seven (7) or eight (8) years of age as of December 31 of the current season may only be registered to and play for a U9 team.

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New Policy

Reviewed: Annually