

Hockey Northwestern Ontario may allow during any scheduled Exhibition, League or Tournament Game the use of a goaltender from another Hockey Team of lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance shows that an emergency goaltender is required by the Hockey Team concerned.

Pre-Requisites for Obtaining an Emergency Goaltender

1. Medical evidence or extenuating circumstance must show that a replacement goaltender is required by the Hockey Team in question.

Extenuating Circumstance include but are not limited to the following:

- a) Registered goaltender(s) absence due to family or school events.
 - b) Affiliated goaltender(s) unavailability due to registered team's commitments.
2. All attempts to utilize an affiliated goaltender must be exhausted.
 3. The Emergency Goaltender must be from another Hockey Team of lower Division or Category. For Minor Hockey, it is recommended the Emergency Goaltender comes from within the teams Minor Hockey Association; however, goaltenders from outside the Association may be permitted.
 4. Only one Emergency Goaltender will be allowed per game.
 5. Teams that choose to register only one goaltender to their hockey team for the hockey season may only apply for an Emergency Goaltender if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance show that the registered goaltender and all affiliated goaltender(s) are not available. These teams will not be permitted to access an Emergency Goaltender for the purpose of having a backup on the bench.

Use of the Emergency Goaltender

1. If approved as a backup, the Emergency Goaltender will be permitted to dress, warm-up and sit on the bench during the game in which they have been approved for.
2. The approved "Emergency Goaltender Request" form must accompany the team throughout the duration of the game.
3. If approved as a backup, the Emergency Goaltender may only enter the game if the team's registered goaltender becomes sick and/or injured during game play.
4. Should the approved Emergency Goaltender enter into the game, an injury report must accompany the game sheet and be submitted to the HNO Branch within twenty-four (24) hours of the game's completion.

Criteria for HNO Approval

1. The “Emergency Goaltender Request” form must be signed by the team Association’s President.
2. The “Emergency Goaltender Request” form must be signed by the Emergency Goaltender’s registered Hockey Team’s Coach.
3. The date, location and opponent for the games in which the Emergency Goaltender would be used for must be listed.
4. Rationale for the Emergency Goaltender must be clearly explained and completed on the “Emergency Goaltender Request” form.
5. Once all signatures have been gathered, and all areas on the “Emergency Goaltender Request” form have been filled in, the completed form will be sent to the HNO Executive Director for final approval. If the Executive Director is unavailable, a Director of the respective Zone shall approve the Emergency Goaltender Request.

Passed by the Board of Directors: December 7, 2019

New Policy

Reviewed: Biannually