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PREAMBLE

This policy outlines the rules and regulations governing the movement and eligibility of minor hockey players within Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) in accordance with HNO and Hockey Canada regulations.

POLICY

Permitted Player Movement

Inter-Association Movement

- Minor hockey players shall be allowed to play for any Association within HNO.
- The player must follow all HNO regulations and qualifications under Hockey Canada regulations.

Seasonal Release

- Minor hockey players shall be automatically released at the conclusion of each season.

Restrictions on Player Movement

U7/U9 Eligibility and Movement

- Players aged six (6) years or younger as of December 31 of the current season may only registered and participate in the U7 program.
 - These players are not permitted to affiliate to a higher division of hockey.
 - In accordance with the **U7 Pathway/Jamboree** policy (A5.a), players that are six (6) years of age as of December 31 of the current season may roster and play in the U9 division. They are not permitted to affiliate to a higher division of hockey.
 - 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 program.
 - In accordance with the **U9 Pathway/Jamboree** policy (A 5.a), players who are eight (8) years of age as of December 31 of the current playing season, may affiliate to U11 starting December 1 of the current playing season and may play a maximum of ten (10) games. Affiliation beyond U11 is not permitted.
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