



Policy Name: Roster Size Policy		Date of Approval December 6, 2025	Effective Date: September 2026
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PREAMBLE

The following outlines the process for applying to exceed the standard roster limit [Oversize Team]. Applications must include a clear rationale, complete player roster, and be submitted through the online portal.

Applications must be submitted by the association president or registrar.

This policy applies exclusively to teams classified as “A” level within the Minor Hockey divisions. Only A teams may utilize the [Oversize] Team policy.

POLICY

Minor Hockey Associations may register an A-level [Oversize] Team as follows, with approval by the Executive Director.

- U9, U11, U13 and U15, U18 divisions: a maximum of 23 players.
1. Any association wishing to roster more than the above number of players shall apply to the Minor committee. This application shall be initiated by the President or Registrar of the local Minor Hockey Association. In the application, a rationale explaining the request for a variance from the team formation regulations.
 2. The application must include a roster of team members with each player’s name.
 3. Applications shall be submitted online through the portal.
 4. The Minor Committee shall review the request based on the following timelines:

Applications Received by:	Will be Reviewed by:
October 1 st	October 15 th
November 1 st	November 15 th
December 1 st	December 15 th
No Requests shall be accepted after December 1st.	

Teams under this policy may only dress 20 players (18 players and 2 goalies) for any exhibition, tournament, league, or play-off game according to Hockey Canada Rules.