

Inter-Affiliate Player Transfer Protocol

Minnesota Hockey, Inc., a duly registered affiliate of USA Hockey, requires that any player who resides in another state and wishes to play hockey with a team in the Minnesota Hockey program, without changing his/her residence to Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed Inter-Affiliate Player Release from the player's resident state.

Conversely, Minnesota Hockey requires that any Minnesota resident wishing to play hockey in another state, while remaining a resident of Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed Inter-Affiliate Player Release from Minnesota Hockey, Inc.

This protocol is consistent with the terms and conditions of the USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement that grants each affiliate the right of "exclusive jurisdiction" within the definition of its geographical boundaries.

The Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors will designate one person who will act upon all Inter-Affiliate Player Release requests from those who submit them, using the following criteria:

1. This protocol applies to all Youth (18 years old & younger) and all Girls (19 years old & younger) programs that are conducted during the Minnesota Hockey "regular season", which extends from the date players are permitted to register for a given year through the end of the Minnesota Hockey Youth/Girls State Tournaments in March. Those players in the Adult or Women classifications are excluded from this protocol.
2. Prior to submitting a request for transfer, all players must first register with their resident state. For players coming into Minnesota, an approved Inter-Affiliate Player Release and a copy of the USAH registration confirmation page from the player's resident state must be obtained, then submitted to and approved by the Minnesota Hockey designee before the player may be placed on a Minnesota Hockey team roster. Minnesota players desiring to play outside of Minnesota must provide a copy of their USAH registration confirmation page, verifying that they are registered for the current playing season in Minnesota.
3. Transfer of players who live in contiguous border communities, and desire an Inter-Affiliate Player Release based upon geographical proximity of their residence, will be considered on a case-by case basis. Approval of such requests will not be unreasonably withheld.
4. Only Youth (18 years old & younger) and Girls (19 years old & younger) players in good standing with their releasing state affiliate will be considered for an inter-affiliate player release.
5. If another USAH Affiliate elects not to follow this Protocol, Minnesota Hockey may accept players from that Affiliate without following this Protocol.



MINNESOTA HOCKEY, INC. INTER-AFFILIATE PLAYER RELEASE FORM

PLEASE PRINT

DATE: ____/____/____

LEVEL OF PLAY _____

To be filled out by Player or Player's Parents Guardian

Player's Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Is this player currently registered with Minnesota Hockey? _____

MN Hockey District _____ Previous team affiliation: _____

Playing Level: _____ Classification: _____ Head Coach: _____

Player wishes to transfer to: Team Name: _____

USA Hockey Affiliate: _____

Reason for Request (Please include all pertinent details: _____

By affixing my/our signatures below, we attest:

1. The player named herein is duly registered with Minnesota Hockey (a USAH affiliate) and is currently in good standing with both organization's and their respective affiliates.

A. Copy of USAH's player registration confirmation page is attached to this signed release form.

2. The player named herein is a resident of the state of Minnesota and, even though playing hockey with another USA Hockey Affiliate, has no plan to change this residency status within the next twelve (12) months.

3. In the event the player named herein does not qualify for a state program above, or in the event the player opts not to participate in a stated program above, the player shall return to Minnesota to participate at the Tier II level (or lower) or resubmit an additional inter-affiliate player release form to accurately reflect where the player is playing.

4. We understand that this Release automatically expires at the end of the current season, which operates from September 1 through August 31 of the current calendar year. If the player wishes to continue participation in a Tier I hockey program outside of Minnesota beyond the season stipulated herein, while retaining Minnesota residency, a new application for Release must be submitted.

Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Required if player is under 18 years of age)

I have reviewed this form with those affixing their signatures and have found that all of the requirements defined in the Minnesota Hockey Inter-Affiliate Player Transfer Protocol, as established by the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors, have been met and do hereby approve this request.

Minnesota Hockey, Inc., By _____ its _____ Date: _____