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**OPERATIONAL POLICY: JUNIOR B/C OVERAGE PLAYERS**

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Junior Hockey is open to players twenty (20) years of age and younger in the current playing season, however overage players may be permitted to register on Junior B or C Teams provided they meet the qualifications outlined herein and are approved through the proper process outlined in this policy.

Each team is allowed a maximum of 4 over aged players including affiliates.

**A. Existing Teams** - overage player(s) must have been registered on or before January 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous year and played with that Junior "B/C" team as a twenty (20) year old after January 10<sup>th</sup>. If the overage player(s) played more than five (5) games with a Junior "A" Team after January 10<sup>th</sup>, of the previous season, they are ineligible.

**B. Returning Junior "B/C" Teams (after one (1) year leave of absence)** - may sign an overage player provided that:

1. a. The potential overage player registered and played with a Hockey Alberta Junior "B/C" team on or before January 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous year. If the potential overage player played more than five (5) games with a Junior A team they are ineligible.

Note: The previous Junior "B/C" team has the right of refusal on the playing rights of the player.

- b. The potential overage player must provide written confirmation from the previous team that he has completed all commitments to the previous team (i.e. return of equipment, fees, dues, or time allocated to fundraising, etc.)
2. The potential overage player had previously registered in that community as a Junior "B/C" player.

**C. New Junior "B/C" Teams** - May sign an overage player provided that:

1. a. The potential overage player registered and played with a Hockey Alberta Junior "B/C" team on or before January 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous year. If the potential overage player played more than five (5) games with a Junior A team they are ineligible.

The previous Junior "B/C" team has the right of refusal on the playing rights of the player.

- b. The potential overage player must provide written confirmation from the previous team that he has completed all commitments to the previous team (i.e. return of equipment, fees, dues, or time allocated to fundraising, etc.)



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- D. Players Returning from a Leave of Absence** - A 21-year-old who has had a leave of absence from Junior "B/C" hockey is eligible to register with the last Junior "B/C" club that he was registered with providing he did not play any organized (Professional, Collegiate, International, etc.) hockey in their years of absence. The Junior "B/C" Committee Chair is authorized to rule on these special cases in consultation with the League Presidents.
- E. Players Returning from Senior Hockey** - A 21-year-old who has registered with a Senior hockey team, previously, is not eligible to return to Junior "B/C" hockey as an overage player.
- F. Players Returning from Unsanctioned Hockey** - A 21-year-old who has registered with an unsanctioned hockey team, previously, is not eligible to return to Junior "B/C" hockey as an overage player.
- G. Exceptions to this policy** - Any applications for exceptions to this policy are to be considered by the Junior "B/C" Committee Chair in consultation with the appropriate League Presidents.