



Player Movement: Frequently Asked Questions

What is player movement?

Player Movement refers to the regulations within the Hockey Canada, OHF and member associations that set out the ability of players to transfer between Minor Hockey Associations or teams. There is no longer a residency requirement to play for an association.

What ages and levels are affected by the new player movement policy?

U10 and older at all levels (House League to AAA).

When do the new policies take effect?

The changes will be implemented for the 2025-2026 season.

Can my child try out for a team outside Sault Major Hockey Association?

Yes, players can attend tryouts at different Associations. Associations cannot restrict a player from leaving.

Will there be restrictions on the number of outside players that can attend programming within Sault Major Hockey Association?

Associations can establish internal restrictions on the players that can attend programming from outside association borders. Sault Major Hockey Association has established the following:

	AA Teams	U12/U13 AAA	U14/U15 AAA	U16/U18 AAA
USA Players	1	1	2	3
Out of District Players	1	1	3	5
USA or Out of District Goalies	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	2	3	5	6



How does my player try out for a different association?

Players are required to be registered with the Association player evaluations. A player is eligible to be offered a spot on the first day of player evaluations.

Are players required to complete three evaluation skates before they can be cut or signed?

There is no requirement to attend three player evaluations before a team makes offers to players. Also, there is no requirement for a player to attend three player evaluations before they can attend another association's player evaluations. Players during the player evaluation window are eligible to attend as many programs' player evaluations as they wish.

Where do players register if they intend to try out in multiple centers?

Players would register with all associations they wish to attend player evaluations for. Registration and try out information is usually posted on each association's website.

Will the registration process for evaluations require a player release from their home center?

Players that are attending player evaluations at U13 and below remain registered until they are released from their previous season team as of 12:00:01am on April 19. Players that are attending player evaluations at U14 and above remain registered until released from their previous season team as of 12:00:01am on April 21. The only exceptions are when a player has an outstanding financial or equipment commitment to an association that is properly recorded in the HCR. In that case, until the outstanding financial or equipment commitment is cleared up, the player is ineligible to participate in player evaluations.

Where can I get more information?

OHF Player Movement: Frequently Asked Questions - <https://ohf.on.ca/player-movement-faqs/>