



## **NOHA Select Program Policy**

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In accordance with NOHA Regulation 3.2.a), the following is the Select Hockey Policy as approved by the NOHA Board of Directors

### **Purpose**

The Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) Select Hockey Policy establishes a structured program for House League players. This program is intended to:

- Provide a development bridge to competitive hockey, or
- Offer additional competition and skill development for players who do not wish to commit the time or cost to competitive hockey.

NOHA Select Hockey is designed to offer a tryout-based, enhanced opportunity for House League players.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all recognized (sanctioned) NOHA House League Associations that operate Select teams. To be eligible, a player must:

- Be registered with a sanctioned House League organization, and

- Be an active participant in the corresponding Division in a recognized House League schedule.

Select Hockey players are not required to abide by residential regulations unless otherwise specified by the Member.

### **Select Hockey Definition**

Select Hockey is defined as, “A Category of Minor Hockey which in order to be eligible, a Player must be Registered with a recognized (sanctioned) House League organization and accordingly be an active participant in the corresponding Division in a recognized schedule of House League programming. Select Hockey Players are not required to abide by residential regulations unless otherwise indicated by the Member.”

NOHA Select Hockey is a program for house league players who are:

- Looking for a development bridge to competitive hockey or
- Do not wish to make the commitment, in time or cost, to competitive hockey but are seeking more competition and skill development that is afforded by house league alone.

NOHA Select Hockey is designed to offer a tryout- based, enhanced opportunity for House League players.

NOHA Select Hockey shall not be considered as another level of hockey.

### **NOHA Select Hockey Policy Guidelines**

- The Values of the NOHA. The purpose of this pilot project is to provide opportunities for players as noted in the rationale above. This project is designed to support house league teams and players and is to be managed accordingly.
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- The onus is on the Association and House League management to ensure the integrity of this project.

## NOHA Select Hockey Policy Requirements

- The participating Association must offer a House League program.
- NOHA Select teams may be formed in U11, U13, U15 and U18 divisions to participate in Select Tournaments.
- NOHA Select Teams may only be formed from a registered NOHA House League Association. All players must be registered within the House League in the same Division within the Association.
- NOHA Select Teams may only be formed if there are two (2) or more Teams in the same Division within the same Association. Smaller Communities with two (2) or less Teams may partner with neighbouring Associations with the approval of NOHA.
- A player who is registered to a Representative Team cannot be on an NOHA Select team.
- NOHA Select tryouts may begin on the first Monday of **December** each season.
- Teams may only play 17 players in a game but may roster up to and including 25 players. No affiliates are permitted.
- An NOHA Select team will not be permitted to register as a Representative Team.
- NOHA Select Teams are permitted to play a maximum of **six (6)** exhibition games **against other Select Teams** and attend a maximum of two (2) Select tournaments each season.
- NOHA Select teams are not permitted to play in a League.
- A Player that is rostered on a NOHA Select Team shall give priority to their House League Team. This specifically includes their House League Team schedule and tournaments. Failure to give priority to their House League team will result in immediate release from the NOHA Select Team.
- Players on a Select Team must play within their **Age Division, i.e. A U11 aged player registered on a U13 House League team would only be eligible for U11 Select.**
- All Coaches shall be registered with the NOHA **on a House League or Representative Team roster.**

If an NOHA Select Team is found to be in violation of the above requirements, team will be disbanded.

Associations with NOHA Select Teams who are sanctioned for contravening this policy shall lose their approval to operate Select teams for a full season.

## **Conclusion**

The NOHA Select Hockey Policy supports the development of House League players through enhanced opportunities while ensuring their continued commitment to House League programming. The NOHA Board of Directors approved this policy on **September 13, 2025**