



## Two Player Rule Clarification – September 2020

Club Leaders,

This document is to clarify an existing league rule that has been rather consistently misinterpreted. This rule is known as the Two Player Rule, and it is posted in its entirety on our website. In addition, the Two Player Rule has a FAQ posted as well. We recommend that you review the rule and the FAQ so that you are familiar with our policies regarding rostering players. Hopefully this document can serve as an additional resource to get everyone on the same page.

Please note: Clubs that are new to the CUHL this year were admitted under a different set of guidelines than those that apply to existing clubs. New member clubs should refer to their admission guidelines for applicable restrictions.

**TWO PLAYER RULE:** *This rule states that no individual team may roster more than two “import” players for a given season.*

*Purpose: To minimize player movement and recruitment at the 8U level. Also to protect member clubs and encourage community-based hockey at the developmental ages.*

## Clarifications:

- 1. An import player is defined as a player who was not in your club or your feeder system during the prior FALL/WINTER season. It does not matter if the player played with your club in the spring or summer.**
- 2. Acceptable feeder systems vary from program to program, but generally speaking they are going to be LTS programs, house leagues, or similar programs in your facility or your surrounding geographical area. They must be the traditional programs from which your club acquires mite players.**
- 3. The onus is on the CLUB, not the PLAYER. We are not trying to control what options a player or their family has when it comes to spending money on hockey. Players are free to leave a club they are not happy with and look elsewhere, but clubs may only accept two import players per team. It is the club's job to communicate this to incoming players and to be transparent regarding the league rules.**
- 4. It does not matter WHERE the import player is from. No distinction is made between USA Hockey leagues, AAU leagues, independent teams, CUHL, NIHL, NWHL, etc. If they are not a returning player from your club or feeder system, they are an import. This includes players from outside of the Chicagoland area.**
- 5. Feeder programs may feed multiple clubs. This will happen when two or more clubs skate out of the same rink, or when a feeder program is equidistant from multiple clubs. Be aware: once a player has made a choice and has been rostered with one of the clubs, they are no longer considered part of the feeder program and would become an import for the other club should they choose to move over in the future.**
- 6. Extenuating circumstances happen, and the CUHL is willing to listen. Exemptions must be submitted to the CUHL Board on or before the roster submission deadline. Exemptions may only be submitted by club Presidents or Hockey Directors. Requests from individual coaches, families, etc. will not be considered.**
- 7. Failure to follow the Two Player Rule will result in your roster being denied, as well as potential repercussions including possible suspension/expulsion from the league.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to board members with any questions.

Respectfully,

CUHL Board