

# 2026-27 PAHL PLAY-UP WAIVER

## Liability Waiver for Players Participating in Higher Age Classifications



Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

PAHL Member Association: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and understand that the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League (“PAHL”) recommends that all players remain at the age classification prescribed by USA Hockey according to the player’s birth year, as stipulated in the current revision of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

I acknowledge that I have petitioned, in writing, the appropriate officers of the PAHL Member Association cited above to permit my child to participate in an age classification that is one year in age above the recommended guidelines established by USA Hockey. I confirm that I have received, in writing, approval from a qualified and authorized officer of the applicable PAHL Member Association for my child to participate with a team at a higher age classification, and my child has henceforth been placed on the corresponding roster of a team by the PAHL Member Association.

I acknowledge that the risk of injury in the sport of ice hockey is significant, and I recognize that the risk of substantial injury may be increased for my child by participating in a higher age classification, including the potential for permanent paralysis and even death. I understand that this risk includes all team activities and is not just limited to game play, where certain rules may reduce – but never eliminate – this risk, regardless of personal discipline exhibited by my child. Furthermore, I acknowledge that on-ice practices are less governed by the playing rules of the sport and thereby pose a greater risk of serious injury. By having my child participate under these conditions, I inherently and knowingly assume all associated risks, both identified and unspecified.

I agree – for myself; my child; the next of kin, heirs, and assigns of my child; and all personal representatives – to indemnify and hold harmless to the fullest extent of the law the PAHL, the PAHL Member Association, all other PAHL associations, USA Hockey, the Mid-American District of USA Hockey, and the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct ice hockey events – as well as each of their officers, employees, agents, members, and participants – from any and all liability loss, expense, attorney’s fees, or claims for damages, injury, disability, or death that may be caused – directly or indirectly – as a result of my request. I understand that an agreement by the PAHL Member Association to honor my request is probationary and provisional, whereby the PAHL or the PAHL Member Association indefinitely reserves the right to reverse the decision if either entity, upon observation of my child in on-ice activities with the team, deems the participation of my child in a higher age classification to be too risky or inadequate with regard to safety, performance, or similar. I also agree to uphold a responsibility to withdraw my child from participation in a higher age classification if I observe, am advised by a knowledgeable observer, and/or am told by my child that my child is at an insupportable level of risk regarding safety, performance, or similar.

I thereby understand all provisions herein and agree to honor all conditions of participation for my child in USA Hockey programs conducted under the auspices of the PAHL and the PAHL Member Association.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_