



## Team Formation and Player Policy

USA Hockey classifies ideal team sizes as:

10U: 10-12 skaters, 1 goalie

12U: 15 skaters, 2 goalies

14U 15 skaters, 2 goalies

- ★ According to WAHA guidelines a player may only be rostered on a total of two teams. Therefore if a player is dual rostering they may not also cross roster and vice versa.

### **Dual/Double Roster**

By WAHA definition double rostering is when a player that meets age classification is registered with more than one team in a different age classification within the same association. For example: a 10U skater is rostered on her 10U team and also rostered on the 12U team. The player's primary commitment will be to her age level team schedule in all but extreme situations and when both team coaches and the girl's directors are in agreement.

Decisions for players to double roster will be based on the following criteria:

1. Co-op and/or coach request to fill a team roster
2. Current rostered skater is unable to play for an extended period of time due to illness, injury, or disciplinary situations creating a roster of less than ten skaters
3. Need for a second goalie

Players must register, practice, and play games with their age appropriate team only until a decision is made. Players who are asked to double roster must make all of her age level team's practices and games. When the older teams practices and games do not conflict the player may participate. Double rostered players should be utilized only if necessary due to a shortage of players. Both older level and age appropriate level coaches need to be in communication of needs and work with team managers.

### **Cross Roster**

By WAHA definition cross rostering is when a female player is registered with one youth/co-ed team and one girls only team at the same age level. Girls who choose to cross roster should notify their association president or girls director. A cross roster form will then be submitted to WAHA designating their primary team by November 15th each season. If the player's age level has two girls teams, and the player makes the upper level girls team, this will be her primary team and her co-ed team will be her secondary. The player will participate in all games, practices, tournaments, and activities with her primary team. She can participate with her secondary team only when it does not conflict with her primary team, unless the coaches of the two teams reach an agreement. The primary team will be the one she will participate with for Playdowns and the State tournament. In the event her primary team does not qualify for a State tournament, she may play with the secondary team only if she qualifies. She may participate in playdowns for both teams if there is not a conflict and if she qualifies.

### **Roster Up**

Requests to roster up a level (not a double roster request) may be submitted to the girls directors for review on a case by case basis when it is in the best interest of the co-op. Requests must be submitted in writing prior to evaluations/tryouts. Roster up requests are meant to allow a player to be rostered on a team one age level above their appropriate age level, making the upper age level her primary and only team.

Decisions for players moving up will be based on the following criteria:

1. Co-op and/or coach request to fill a team roster
2. Skater must be of second year age at her appropriate level of play
3. Movement of skater will not negatively impact either level team

Players must register, practice, and play games with their age appropriate team until a decision is made. Requests to move up will be reviewed for double roster opportunity prior to roster up so as not to leave any team with roster sizes that are not ideal. Requests will be reviewed in a timely manner and a decision will be communicated to the appropriate parties. If a decision is made to roster a skater up an evaluation/tryout will take place where the top ranked skater(s) will be picked out as potential roster up candidates.

### **Roster Down**

Any roster down requests are to be submitted to WAHA. Requests will be reviewed for disability purposes only.