

CVYH Black Bears Girls Cross Rostering Policy (10U–14U)

Purpose

To ensure girls' teams have sufficient players for competition while maintaining integrity, fairness, and compliance with USA Hockey rules. Because girls' hockey is still new and team numbers fluctuate more than coed year to year, cross-rostering is allowed within the same age division to balance rosters, prevent cancellations, and support player development. Players may not be rostered on both a coed and a girls team within the Black Bears program. Families must choose one option—either coed or girls—for the season.

Definitions

- **Primary Team:** The team on which a player is officially rostered for the current season.
 - **Cross-Rostered Player:** A player permitted to play for another Black Bears **girls team within the same age division at a higher or lower tier**, typically due to an emergency need or low registration numbers.
 - **Emergency:** Defined as a situation when a team cannot safely field a roster for games.
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General Policy

- The use of cross-rostered skaters is permitted in situations where a team cannot safely or competitively field a full roster, whether due to emergencies (illness, injury, absence) or insufficient overall numbers on a specific team.
 - Cross-rostering is limited to the same age division (e.g., U10 girls to another U10 girls team).
 - Goalies may be cross-rostered due to the unique position and organization-wide goalie needs.
 - Cross-rostered players may not be used to displace or reduce ice time for regularly rostered players on the receiving team, except in cases where roster numbers are low.
 - Intentional, routine, or convenience-based cross-rostering is prohibited.
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Approval & Oversight

- Both primary and receiving team coaches must approve all uses in advance.
 - A player's **primary team always takes priority** for practice, games, and tournaments over any cross-rostered commitments.
 - All requested cross-rostering must be tracked via GameSheets and/or physical score sheets.
 - At the start of the season, the Girls Hockey Director will review team numbers and meet with any teams showing cross-rostering needs.
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Tournament & Playoff Rules

- For State, Regional, and National play, **only primary rostered players** are eligible. No cross-rostered players may be used.
 - For any team attending the State Tournament or seeking advancement, the first game after January 1 must use only primary rostered players.
 - **Key Date:** December 31, 2025, is the official roster certification deadline for all national tournament-bound teams.
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Player Selection for Cross Rostering

- Tryout evaluations will be used to determine eligibility for cross-rostering.
- When cross-rostering **down** (from a higher-tier team to a lower-tier team in the same age division), only players from the lower set of evaluations will be available to be used.
- When cross-rostering **up** (from a lower-tier team to a higher-tier team in the same age division), only players from the top set of evaluations may be considered, with a maximum number of players identified at the start of the season.
- All cross-rostered players must be in good standing, with discipline and financial obligations met.
- Goalies: Each team, if applicable, will have a goalie identified for cross-rostering due to position scarcity.
- **All players approved to be cross-rostered must be on the receiving team's USA Hockey Roster.**

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The number of girls who are cross-rostered will vary year to year and be determined by the Girls Hockey Director.

Abuse & Discipline

- Evidence of policy abuse by a family or coach will require a mandatory meeting with the CVYH Discipline Committee and may result in suspension of cross-roster privileges and/or further sanctions.
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Record Keeping

- CVYH Black Bears use GameSheets to log all in-state game participation.
 - GameSheets/physical score sheets will serve as the official record. Discrepancies must be reported promptly to ensure accurate tracking and compliance.
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Communication

- Coaches and team managers must accurately reflect cross-rostered players in GameSheets or score sheets.
 - Families will be informed annually of this policy.
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**Tier 2 teams are strongly encouraged to review all tournament rules and eligibility requirements (including Regionals, Nationals, etc.) before cross-rostering players.*

This policy is reviewed and updated annually.

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