



## SECTION 1:

1. HHA will comply with MN Hockey policies and will attempt to give every Hutchinson resident the opportunity to participate in HHA programs. HHA determines residency, by MN Hockey policy, to be the families “natural hockey community” and for families that wish to participate in HHA programs to have the integrity and honesty to comply with HHA’s definition of what residency is by MN Hockey standard. Each disputed case will be handled on an individual basis and may be, if deemed necessary, brought in front of the Board of Directors for a decision.
2. If a family rents, the rental unit must be the residence for primary living. The rental unit must NOT be used or appear to be a used unit solely for the purpose of trying to show primary living quarters. HHA considers the units to be used or appearing to be used an artificial residence if the family has a homestead property outside of the Hutchinson District as outlined by the School District. The homestead property will be considered by HHA as the primary residence and that property will be considered in the “natural hockey community”, NOT the rental unit.
3. If a family owns property within the HHA district, however, lives outside the district, and the owned property is used as income producing property by way of rent or, whatever, the owned property is considered business property and is NOT able to be used to show primary residence within the HHA. HHA considers the family to be living primarily outside the HHA district and will not allow them to participate. The family has the intent to dwell in another district.

## SECTION 2:

1. HHA definition of residing in the “natural hockey community” is:
  - a. To reside means to dwell for some time.
  - b. Natural means normal, not artificial, free from affectation (affectation is a mere show or appearance, artificial behavior).
  - c. Community means any group living in the same area.
  - d. The family must have the intent to dwell for some time (HHA considers this to be meant to be a permanent living unit) in a home, or rental unit, as their natural living unit within the Hutchinson community. The retaining of a homestead in another community and renting in Hutchinson gives HHA the impression of living in the home, or rental unit, for the sole benefit of playing hockey in HHA programs. This is not considered a natural behavior and will NOT be acceptable to HHA. No application for HHA programs will be accepted.
  - e. Each player on a team must live within the natural high school boundary or the natural hockey community. Exceptions to this rule include:
    - i. In the event an Association cannot fill a team from within its’ natural boundaries, it may solicit players from other Associations within the District. Appropriate registration, with a completed Waiver from the releasing and receiving Association needed.
    - ii. Players transferring between different Districts must have permission of both, the receiving and the releasing Associations, as well as both District Directors.
    - iii. If residing in the natural boundaries of one Association, but open enrolling in another, a letter from the school will take the place of the waiver.



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2. If a family has a disagreement with the policy they may bring their disagreement to the HHA Board of Directors meeting which is held the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday every month at the meeting location stated at the previous meeting. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.
3. MN Hockey and HHA's residency policy will be strictly enforced. HHA will give every Hutchinson School District #423 resident the right to participate in the hockey program.

## SECTION 3:

1. MN Hockey - Resident Rules
  - a. Youth hockey players must play within the natural hockey community as defined by MH. If a player desires to play on a team outside of the player's natural hockey community, the player must obtain written permission (waiver) from the president of the governing body of both the releasing and receiving organization and receive the approval of the cognizant district directors. A player that registers and participates with their natural hockey association cannot register and participate with any other hockey association without a waiver. See District 5 open enrollment rule in these policies and by laws located on page 14.
  - b. A transfer student is eligible for competition under any one of the following conditions: If a death, divorce, separation or change in the economic status in a family unit forces a transfer from one school to another without a corresponding change of residence of the student's parent(s) or guardian(s). The district directors from both the releasing and receiving districts must verify these facts. The player will not be eligible for competition until these facts are determined and verified. For a definition of the above conditions, see Paragraph B, Item 2.
  - c. A player may appeal the case in writing to the appropriate District Director, after investigation, will issue a ruling. Any appeals regarding the Director's decision must be made in writing through the grievance process within ten (10) days after receiving notification of the Director's decision.