



## **PLAYER RELEASE**

1. NHAHA has a player release policy for USA Hockey registered players who are registered thru NHAHA. This is a financial release only.
2. A player that is USA Hockey registered thru NHAHA must obtain a release when changing Associations.
3. A player over 18 or a player's parent must complete a Player Release Form from the [www.nhhockey.com](http://www.nhhockey.com) website or from the organization they are requesting to be released from. The form must be completed online, submitted, and approved before they can appear on any roster.
4. A roster means a NHAHA temp roster, a Tournament roster for a USA Hockey registered tournament, a NHAHA Final roster, an official USA Hockey roster.
5. A player moving from another state must contact that States Registrar and get released and that release must be sent to the NHAHA Registrar before appearing on a roster for a team registered thru NHAHA.
6. Any player failing to obtain a Release shall be ineligible to be rostered on that current team and shall be suspended until such time a release is obtained.
7. Disputed Claims and Extension of Ineligibility Determination to Other Programs. In the event a local program desires to cause a player to be ineligible to participate throughout the program's applicable Affiliate based on a determination that the player that is delinquent in dues or fees owed to the program, such extension of the suspension or ineligibility must comply with the procedures of the applicable Affiliate, which at a minimum shall include the following:



- A. Notice Required. The local program must deliver a written notice to the player's parents (or other person(s) responsible for payment) that, at a minimum:
- (i) describes the nature of the delinquent fees (e.g., membership dues, ice fees, equipment/uniform fees, etc.),
  - (ii) states the amount due,
  - (iii) advises that the family must notify the local program in writing within thirty (30) days if it disputes the financial obligation, and
  - (iv) advises that, if the full amount is not paid within thirty (30) days of the parent's receipt of the notice, the local program may in its discretion seek to enforce the liability for the financial obligation and have the player deemed ineligible throughout the local program's Affiliate Association.
- B. Discussion Period. During the thirty (30) day period, the parties may discuss the matter and seek to amicably resolve any disputed amounts and provisions for payment. The parties are encouraged to amicably resolve any disputed debts, and if at any time the local program and player enter into a written agreement to resolve the debt and also making provisions for payment, then the player shall become immediately eligible to participate in all USA Hockey programs.
- C. Financial Obligation Not Disputed. Upon expiration of the thirty (30) day period described above, if
- (i) the parties have not otherwise resolved the matter,
  - (ii) the amount claimed in the local program's notice has not been paid,
- and



(iii) the local program has not received written notice from the player's parents that it disputes the financial obligation, then the local program may request that the applicable Affiliate Association deem the player to be ineligible to participate in any program within the Affiliate (which request shall include proof of compliance with A-C of this subsection).

In this circumstance, the Affiliate Association may extend the ineligibility of the player throughout the Affiliate in accordance with the Affiliate's procedures.

D. Financial Obligation Disputed. If the amount of the financial obligation has not been paid or otherwise resolved, and the local program has received written notice from the player's parents that it disputes the financial obligation, then the local program may seek extension of the ineligibility throughout the Affiliate in accordance with the Affiliate's procedures, provided that, the local program shall take reasonable affirmative steps to enforce the obligation. The Affiliate may deny the local program's request in the Affiliate's discretion. Any determination by the Affiliate that the player is ineligible throughout the Affiliate shall not be a determination that the debt is owed or the amount of such debt, but only that the player is ineligible based on the existence of a disputed debt.

E. Any dispute about whether these procedures have been followed shall be decided in hearing conducted by the Affiliate pursuant to the Unified Procedure, and shall be appealable to the Executive Committee pursuant to Bylaw 10.E. The hearing and appeal shall only address whether the procedures set forth in this Bylaw 10.(j)(2) have been followed, and shall in no way address the liability for or amount of the financial obligations.