

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

## 1. Purpose

To ensure teams have sufficient players for competition while maintaining integrity, fairness, and compliance with USA Hockey rules for State, Regional, and National tournaments. Players may not roster 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.

## 2. Definitions

- **Primary Team:** The team on which a player is officially rostered for the current season.
  - **Cross-Rostered Player:** A player temporarily permitted to play for another Black Bears team in the same age division of a higher/lower tier (according to evaluation results), typically due to an emergency need (illness, injury, absence).
  - **Emergency:** Defined as a situation when a team cannot safely field a roster for games.
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## 3. General Policy

- The use of cross-rostered skaters is strictly for emergencies.
- Goalies are permitted to cross-roster due to the unique position and organization-wide goalie needs.
- Cross-rostered skaters **may only participate if team numbers are insufficient** due to absence, injury, illness, or other extenuating circumstances.
- **Intentional, routine, or convenience-based cross rostering is prohibited.**
- **All players approved to be cross-rostered must be on the receiving team's USA Hockey Roster.**

## 4. Approval & Oversight

- **Both** primary and “receiving” (cross roster) team coaches must approve all uses in advance.
  - The coach of the receiving team (the team requesting a player) must provide the head coach of the giving team (the player's primary team) with a specific reason for needing the cross-rostered player.
  - If the receiving team is only missing 1–2 players from their regular roster, the head coach of the giving team has the authority to decide whether to release a player for cross rostering in that game.

- All requested cross-rostering will be tracked via GameSheets and physical score sheets.
  - At the beginning of the season, the coed hockey director will review team numbers and set a meeting with any team identified that has requested a cross-roster or teams that show a need.
5. Tournament & Playoff Rule
- **State, Regional, and National Play:**
    - For **Tier 2** or **Tier 3** teams, **ONLY** primary rostered players are eligible for State, Regional, or National tournament games (no cross-rostered skaters).
    - For any team attending the State Tournament or seeking advancement to Regionals/Nationals, the **first game after January 1** must use *only primary rostered players* (not cross rostered players).
    - Key Date for National Tournament-Bound Teams
      1. December 31, 2025: This is the deadline for all national tournament-bound youth Tier II teams to have their official roster (1-T form) certified by the appropriate district registrar.
6. Player Selection for Cross-Rostering
- **Cross Rostering Up:** Only the next 2–3 players with the *highest* evaluation scores will be considered.
  - **Cross Rostering Down:** Only the bottom 2–3 players by evaluation score may be considered.
  - Selections are determined by preseason evaluations and documented by the club evaluation committee.
  - All cross-rostered players must be in good standing, with discipline and financial obligations met.
7. Goalie Specific Policy
- Each team, if applicable, will have a goalie cross-rostered due to position scarcity.
  - In all State, Regional, and National tournament games, goalies must comply with USA Hockey eligibility and roster rules (i.e., be on the submitted roster by the freeze date).
8. Abuse & Discipline
- Repeated, non-emergency use (beyond 2-3 games/season without justification) will be flagged for review.
  - 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 for the player/coach and/or further sanctions.

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Approved By: Black Bear Board of Directors

## 9. Record Keeping

- CVYH Black Bears use GameSheets to log all in-state game participation.
  - If requested, the coach/ team manager will be required to provide the board with a physical score sheet for out-of-state games or tournaments.
- GameSheets and physical score sheets will be reviewed to verify instances of cross-rostering.
- GameSheets will serve as the official record; any discrepancies identified must be reported promptly to ensure accurate tracking and compliance.

## 10. Communication

- Coaches and team managers must accurately reflect when a cross-roster player is being used via GameSheets or score sheets.
- Families are to be informed annually of this policy.

## 11. Compliance

- All procedures and decisions must comply with current USA Hockey rules and affiliate (e.g., VSAHA) policies regarding eligibility for post-season play.

*\*Tier 2 teams are strongly encouraged to review all tournament rules and eligibility requirements (including Regionals, Nationals, etc.) before cross-rostering players.*

The Policy is to be reviewed and updated annually.