

# MINNESOTA HOCKEY

## Inter-Affiliate Player Transfer Protocol

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Minnesota Hockey, Inc., an affiliate of USA Hockey, requires that any player who resides in another state and wishes to play hockey with a team in the Minnesota Hockey program, without changing his/her residence to Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed Inter-Affiliate Player Release and a copy of the USAH registration confirmation page from the player's resident state.

Conversely, Minnesota Hockey requires that any Minnesota resident wishing to play hockey in another state, while remaining a resident of Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed Inter-Affiliate Player Release from Minnesota Hockey.

This protocol is consistent with the terms and conditions of the USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement that grants each affiliate the right of "exclusive jurisdiction" within its geographical boundaries.

The Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors will designate one person who will act upon all Inter-Affiliate Player Release requests from those who submit them, using the following criteria:

1. This protocol applies to all Youth (18 years old & younger) and all Girls (19 years old & younger) programs that are conducted during the Minnesota Hockey "regular season", which extends from the date players are permitted to register for a given year through the end of the Minnesota Hockey Youth/Girls State Tournaments in March, and is intended to be used for season-long transfers. Players in the Adult or Women classifications are excluded from this protocol.
2. Prior to submitting a request for transfer, all players must first register with their resident state. For players coming into Minnesota, an approved Inter-Affiliate Player Release and a copy of the USAH registration confirmation page from the player's resident state must be obtained, then submitted to and approved by the Minnesota Hockey designee before the player may be placed on a Minnesota Hockey team roster. Minnesota players desiring to play outside of Minnesota must provide a copy of their USAH registration confirmation page, verifying they are registered for the current playing season in Minnesota.
3. Transfer of players who live in contiguous border communities and desire an Inter-Affiliate Player Release based upon geographical proximity of their residence, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approval of such requests will not be unreasonably withheld.
4. Only Youth (18 years old & younger) and Girls (19 years old & younger) players in good standing with their releasing state affiliate will be considered for an inter-affiliate player release.
5. If another USAH Affiliate elects not to follow this Protocol, Minnesota Hockey may accept players from that Affiliate without following this Protocol.