

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.



FAQ's for High School Players

What if my WIAA team isn't able to play this season?

- If your high school team can't play this season, the local association in your area may register your WIAA roster as a USA Hockey High School team and resume play as a WAHA team. Please contact your local association and the boys or girls contact listed below.

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Will Team Wisconsin run all season if WIAA is cancelled?

- No. Team Wisconsin is a Before and After Tier 1 program, and will continue to operate as such.
- **If a regular season of WIAA is not available**, you may play for your local Association based team.

Must Before and After Tier 1 and Tier 2 players play High School Hockey?

- Yes. If your WIAA program is offering a **regular planned schedule of games and practices**, you must report to your WIAA team on November 16th
- 14U / Bantam age players can play with their local Association based team with approval

I live in Madison, played last year for a Madison high school and played for TW this Fall. My high school team is only going to practice with no games until January 25, 2021. Do I need to play for my high school team in order to participate with TW in the Spring of 2021?

- No. WAHA will allow you to play club level hockey in your area, subject to WAHA Rules and Regulations governing where you can register, and still return to play for TW in the Spring of 2021

I played for a Before & After team this Fall, and even though my WIAA team is offering a regular season, I want to play for a local association with my friends. Can I return to play with my Before and After team during the “After” part of the season in the Spring if I go to play with my friends instead of my WIAA team?

- No. Your participation with the Before & After team was based on the fact that you agreed to play for your WIAA team this season. You forfeit the right to play for your Before and After team in the Spring because you did not play for your WIAA team this winter.

My local association doesn't provide a Youth team at my age level but there are 2 associations bordering my association that do. Can I pick either local association to play with?

- Yes. As long as they are both considered “next closest” association.

If my local Youth Association doesn't offer a team at my age level, can I cross district lines?

- Yes. WAHA rules & regulations Article 1, Section G, Subsection 4 **NOTE-** “If, in any season, an association fails to register enough players to form a team and is unable or unwilling to form a co-op, the players at that level may go to the nearest association offering teams at the same age level.”

Can we form an “All Star” team in our area?

- No. Players must come from within the boundaries available to each youth association for a teams age category.

There is an association that is going to have a very strong Midget team. I played with some of those players on a Before and After Team, and would like to play with them on this Midget team, but I don't reside in the associations boundaries. Can I still join this team?

- The association you can play with is based on your residency. If your local association doesn't offer a team at your age level, then you can play with the next closest association that does. If this association falls within those parameters, then yes. But we urge you to work with your WAHA Regional Director to help in deciding which is the closest association.

Can I play for my Association based team and then join my WIAA team once they start playing games?

- No! If you play for an Association based team because your school delayed the start of their season, you must return to the WIAA team once it starts practicing. Once they start practicing, their season has started. Even though the WIAA allows their players to play in two Association based team's competitions, it must be approved by the high school administration.

Can a player be on the roster of two National Bound teams?

- No, with the exception of USA High School and Tier 1

Do these same rules apply to Girls also?

- Yes

Can High School players join a Junior Tier 3 USA Hockey team instead of a local association based program?

- No. Junior Tier 3 Hockey teams can only roster high school players as Before & After. High School age Wisconsin players can not roster full time with a Tier 3 USA Hockey program.

My high school is part of a WIAA Co-op, but it will not allow students to participate in any athletics. Will I be allowed to join a USAH/WAHA local Association's midget team?

- Yes, however certain criteria will affect this answer. A midget aged player may play for a USA/WAHA team as long as their school is not offering hockey. Once the school starts hockey, defined as starting practices, the player must report to their high school team. So, if the school is delaying the start of the season until December or January, the player may play on a USA/WAHA team, unless the school will be conducting practices only until they start playing games. In that case the player must report to the high school team's practices and cannot play with a USA/WAHA team.

Can anyone form a USAH Midget or 19U girl's team?

- No. Only WAHA affiliate Associations can field these teams during the regular season.

What do I need to know about officiating requirements for WIAA/WAHA games?

- Per WAHA rules, games involving WAHA Midget or 19U girls teams must be officiated by USA Hockey-certified officials registered with WAHA/WHOA.

If a WAHA team plays a WIAA team, the officials must be dually-certified through USA Hockey and the WIAA. The games are to use NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) rules and the two-referee/one linesperson system). NOTE: the two-referee/one linesperson system is not approved for use in games where two WAHA teams are involved.

If you have further questions, please reach out to your WHOA Region Director for guidance.