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To: NOHA Associations
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Re: Goaltenders

Below Pee wee AAA and in all House League Divisions up to Midget, Players do not have to be registered as “Goaltenders” in the HCR, which means that a participant can play on their Team as both a Goaltender and as a Skater when they are not playing goal.

The Hockey Canada Player Pathways strongly encourages this practice, where it is permitted, given that only one Player can play goal at a given time. There are significant benefits, including developing skating skills, puck control skills, and in general, participating in the game.

That being said, there have been situations recently where Teams have had a player switch to play goal mid-game. Please be aware of Hockey Canada Rule 2.6.c) below;

Goaltender replacement shall be subject to the rules governing goaltenders and be allowed the goaltender’s full equipment. In Divisions of Pee Wee and below, after a player has been designated as a goaltender, he/she may return to a non-goaltender position. Only in Divisions above Pee Wee, the player must remain as a goaltender once they have been designated as such.

For further clarification, above Pee wee, once a player has started a game as a goaltender or has been designated as a goaltender, they cannot change to a skater during that game. A team that has one goaltender can designate a player to be a goaltender at any time and not be allowed the 15 minutes to replace him/her and play with 6 players until the player is ready and wearing the required equipment except in the case if that goaltender is injured. Finally, in Pee wee AAA, a skater cannot be designated as a goaltender, unless both designated goaltenders are not available to play.

Please ensure that this communication is shared with the appropriate people.

Yours truly,

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