



The NOJHL's policy on a 16 year olds participation in NOHA Junior hockey is as follows:

Junior teams that do not use their full allotment of 16-year-old registrations (2) can surrender one or both of those positions to the NOJHL League. The League will determine the allocation and distribution of any extra 16 year old registrations over the allotment of two (2) players per team. Teams must inform the NOJHL Commissioner by 9:00 a.m. on Monday August 22, 2016 as to the total number of 16 year olds (2) that you are signing for the 2016-2017 season. The extra 16 year old registrations will be available to other League members through the Commissioner. Teams must submit a request in writing to the NOJHL Commissioner by Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to request additional 16 year old registrations. In your written request, you must supply player's information such as address, last team and why you require this player. The NOJHL will respond to your request by Friday, August 26 at 5:00 p.m. This will enable Teams to advise players if they will be able to register these extra 16 year olds or it will allow these players to tryout with other teams.

Any transferring of an opportunity to sign an additional 16 year old must be undertaken before November 1st of the current season.

If a transfer involves an actual 16 year old player, this transaction must be undertaken by December 1st of the current season.

In the case of the extra 16 year old, he must come from within the same geographic footprint (NOHA) in which the recognized League operates.

No team can register more than four (4) 16 year olds in the NOJHL at one time.

It is imperative that 16 year olds registered with any NOJHL team play a regular shift with their team.

The NOJHL recognizes a regular shift as five, but not less than three shifts per period, based on 5 on 5 play.

A 16 year old playing less than the above is not developing and will be returned to Midget.

For goaltenders, 16 year olds must play at least 20% to 25% of regular season games.

The NOJHL will implement a report system based on random visits to monitor the use of 16 year olds with member teams. Priority on visits will be given to teams who have registered more than the allotment prescribed by the Canadian Development Policy.

A 16 year old cannot be a healthy scratch within a Junior team's line up.

Educational, emergency, discipline, and medical reasons are the only considerations on why a 16 year old may not be included in a team's game day line-up. A letter explaining the reason must be sent to the NOJHL Commissioner and NOHA Executive Director.

Before a 16 year old can be released by a team during the season, it is incumbent upon the releasing team to find a team for which the player can register, commensurate with his abilities. No player registered with a Junior Hockey team that is of 2nd year midget age or below will be permitted to be released to minor hockey after December 1 of the current season. (See OHF Regulation E102)

Failure to comply with the policy will result in a team having access to one fewer 16 year old in the following season based on their CDM allotment.

OHF Regulation 107 (b) Tryout Schedule and Procedures

vi. Junior Teams must release the 16 year old players from their camps by the following dates except for those they have signed:

(I) OHL Teams must release 16 year olds not signed within 48 hours of the start of training camp.

(II) Junior A and B teams must release 16 year olds not signed by midnight a week from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.

(III) Junior C and D teams must release local 16 year olds not signed by midnight two weeks from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.

As of June 2, 2016