



RETURN TO HOCKEY SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER GUIDELINES

As a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Teams are not able to access affiliate players during the 2020-2021 season. The following guidelines have been established to provide direction to teams on how to manage a situation when their registered goalie(s) are unavailable.

Within the Divisions of Senior and Junior, as well as the AAA and AA categories of U18, U16, U15 and U13 the following process(es) will be in place:

- When a team only has one goaltender available for a scheduled League game and is seeking access to a back-up goaltender:
 1. Teams should consult with each other to determine whether or not the opposing Team will have a properly registered back-up goaltender available. If so, that goaltender should be used as a Substitute should either Team's goaltender become injured or ill; or
 2. If each Team only has 1 properly registered goaltender available for a game, Teams have the ability to apply for access to a Substitute Goalkeeper through the normal application process outlined within the Regulations.
 - Only one Substitute Goaltender will be considered for a pair/ group of Teams within a 'Competition Cohort';
 - If approved, the Team(s) must ensure that all protocols for using a Substitute Goalkeeper (as outlined below) are adhered to;
 3. Or, If an eligible Substitute Goalkeeper is not able to be found or approved, and a goaltender becomes injured or ill, Teams have the ability to dress a player or play the remainder of the game with 6 skaters (as per the Hockey Canada Playing Rules).

- When a team does not have any goaltenders available for a scheduled League game:
 1. Consideration should be given to rescheduling the game; or
 2. If not possible, Teams have the ability to apply for access to a Substitute Goalkeeper through the normal application process outlined within the Regulations.
 - If approved, the Team must ensure that all protocols for using a Substitute Goalkeeper (as outlined below) are adhered to.

Within the 'Tiered Minor Hockey' (U7 – U18) the following process(es) will be in place:

- U11, U9, U7 - The Regulations do not require the designation of goaltenders at the U11 Division, nor the Intro to Hockey levels, and therefore no Substitute Goaltenders will be approved for any Teams within these Divisions.
 1. If a Team's goaltender is unavailable, or becomes injured or ill during play, a Team has the option to:
 - If the opposing Team has a back-up goaltender dressed, request to have that goaltender complete the game for the other Team; or
 - Dress any other player from your Team to complete the game as a goaltender.



- U13, U15 & U18 – When a Team does not have any goaltenders available for a scheduled League game:
 1. Consideration should be given to rescheduling the game; or
 2. If not possible, Teams should consult with each other to determine whether or not the opposing Team will have a properly registered back-up goaltender available. If so, that goaltender should be used as a Substitute should either Team's goaltender become injured or ill; or
 3. If not possible, dress any other player from your Team to complete the game as a goaltender; or
 4. If not possible, Teams have the ability to apply for access to a Substitute Goalkeeper through the normal application process outlined within the Regulations.
 - If approved, the Team must ensure that all protocols for using a Substitute Goalkeeper (as outlined below) are adhered to.

NOTES

- ✓ Substitute Goalkeepers will only be considered for 'Tiered Minor Hockey' (Male and Female) when a Team has no available goaltenders. Requests will not be approved for a Substitute to act as a back-up goaltender.
- ✓ It is recommended that Teams in the U11, U13, U15 & U18 Divisions encourage players to practice the position of goaltender throughout the season in order to prepare for a potential scenario where a replacement is needed.

Protocols for Using an Approved Substitute Goalkeeper

Goaltenders approved to be used as a Substitute Goalkeeper are not considered part of a 'Competition Cohort' and must follow these guidelines leading up to and during play:

- If traveling with the team on a bus, the goaltender must physically distance and wear a mask when physically distancing is not possible;
- A private dressing room should be procured for the Substitute Goalkeeper whenever possible. If this is not possible, the Team must ensure that all Players and Team Officials in the dressing room wear masks at all times and that the Substitute Goalkeeper be positioned with a physical distance of 2 metres from all other participants at all times while in dressing room.
- For Senior, Junior, AAA or AA, if a Substitute Goalkeeper is approved to be a back-up, it is recommended that the Substitute not be on the players bench. If the Substitute is on the players bench, he/she must wear a mask and be positioned with a physical distance of 2 metres from all other participants.
- If a Substitute Goalkeeper is approved to be a back-up, they are only eligible to enter game play due to an injury or illness to the properly registered goaltender.



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Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled **Exhibition, League or Provincial Game** the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category / Tier if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the appropriate Hockey Alberta Representative.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR OBTAINING A SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER

- Medical evidence or extenuating circumstance must show that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team in question.
Extenuating Circumstance include but are not limited to the following:
 - Registered goalkeeper(s) absence due to family or school events.
 - Affiliated goalkeeper(s) unavailability due to registered team's commitments.
- The Substitute Goalkeeper must be from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category. For Minor Hockey, it is recommended the Substitute Goalkeeper comes from within the teams Minor Hockey Association; however, goalkeepers from outside the association may be permitted.
- Only one Substitute Goalkeeper will be allowed per game.
- Teams that choose to register only one goalkeeper to their hockey team for the hockey season may only apply for a Substitute Goalkeeper if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance show that the registered goalkeeper and any affiliated goalkeeper(s) are not available. These teams will not be permitted to access a Substitute Goalkeeper for the purpose of having a backup on the bench.

USE OF THE SUBSTITUTE GOALKEEPER

- The approved "Substitute Goaltender Request" form must accompany the team throughout the duration of the game.
- If approved as a backup, the Substitute Goalkeeper may only enter into the game if the team's registered goalkeeper becomes sick and / or injured during game play.
- Should the approved Substitute Goalkeeper enter into the game, an injury report must accompany the game sheet and be submitted to the appropriate Hockey Alberta Representative within twenty-four (24) hours of the games completion.

CRITERIA FOR HOCKEY ALBERTA APPROVAL

- The teams League President/Governor must sign the "Substitute Goaltender Request" form.
- If the Substitute Goalkeeper is of Minor Hockey age, a Parent/Guardian must sign the "Substitute Goaltender Request" form.
- The Substitute Goalkeeper's registered Hockey teams Coach/General Manager must sign the "Substitute Goaltender Request" form.
- The date, location and opponents for the games in which the Substitute Goaltender would be used for must be listed.
- If requested for medical reasons, Physicians Information is required along with a signature on the "Substitute Goaltender Request" form.
- Once all signatures have been gathered, and all areas on the "Substitute Goaltender Request" form have been filled in, the completed form can be sent to the appropriate Hockey Alberta representative for final approval.



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This form shall be completed, in its entirety, **by any MHA / Club Team who wishes to request the use of a "Substitute Goaltender" during any scheduled Exhibition, League or Provincial game.** The intent of this document is to track the application and approval of replacement goaltenders and to ensure all concerned parties are informed of the application. Please submit any additional information (i.e. - letters from MHA's), along with this application, that you wish.

-PLEASE PRINT-

REQUESTING TEAM:

Date: _____

Team Name: _____ MHA (if Minor Hockey): _____

Coach Name: _____ Phone: _____

President/Manager Name: _____ Phone: _____

President/Manager Signature: _____ E-Mail: _____

Injured Goaltenders Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
mm dd yyyy

Please Identify the Division and Category / Tier of hockey the injured goaltender plays:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> U18 | <input type="checkbox"/> U15 | <input type="checkbox"/> U13 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAA | <input type="checkbox"/> AA | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> B | <input type="checkbox"/> C | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 6 |

League Name: _____ League President/Governor: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

League President/Governor Signature: _____

SUBSTITUTE GOALTENDER:

Name of Goaltender Requested: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
mm dd yyyy

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Team Name: _____ MHA (if Minor Hockey): _____

League Team Plays in: _____

Respect in Sport Certificate # (if Minor Hockey): _____ Expiry Date: _____

Please Identify the Division and Category of hockey the requested goaltender plays:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> U18 | <input type="checkbox"/> U15 | <input type="checkbox"/> U13 | <input type="checkbox"/> U11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAA | <input type="checkbox"/> AA | <input type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> B | <input type="checkbox"/> C | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 6 |

Coach Name: _____ Signature: _____

President/GM Name: _____ Signature: _____



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PROPOSED GAMES TO USE THE SUBSTITUTE GOALTENDER:

Date of game(s): _____ Location(s): _____

Team(s) to be played: _____

IF REQUESTED FOR MEDICAL REASONS:

PHYSICIANS INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT

Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

Type of Injury: _____

Extent of Layoff: _____

Physician's Signature: _____

IF REQUESTED FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

-PLEASE PRINT-

Reasons for Unavailability: _____

Extent of Layoff: _____

HOCKEY ALBERTA USE ONLY

COMMENTS: _____

HOCKEY ALBERTA REPRESENTATIVE NAME: _____

HOCKEY ALBERTA REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____