

TEAM ALLOCATIONS AND TRADES

REGISTRATION PREFERENCES AND IN-SEASON TRADES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AT THE NIHL, OUR PRIORITY IS CREATING A FUN, FAIR, AND REWARDING HOCKEY EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. WHILE PLAYERS MAY NOT ALWAYS RECEIVE THEIR FIRST-CHOICE TEAM OR DIVISION, AND MAY EVEN BE MOVED AT TIMES TO HELP MAINTAIN LEAGUE AND DIVISION PARITY, EVERY PLACEMENT IS MADE WITH THE BIGGER PICTURE IN MIND: ENSURING COMPETITIVE BALANCE, SUPPORTING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, AND BUILDING A GREAT COMMUNITY ON THE ICE.

WE VALUE EVERY REQUEST AND CONSIDER THEM CAREFULLY, EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT GUARANTEE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES. WHAT WE CAN GUARANTEE IS AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU'LL PLAY THE SPORT YOU LOVE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, GET GREAT EXERCISE, AND CONTINUALLY BUILD YOUR SKILLS. NO MATTER WHAT TEAM YOU JOIN, YOU'LL BE PART OF A SUPPORTIVE GROUP ALL WORKING TOWARD A SHARED GOAL, ENJOYING THE GAME OF HOCKEY AND GROWING TOGETHER AS PLAYERS.

DURING THE EARLY PART OF EACH SEASON, NIHL MANAGEMENT MAY ADJUST TEAM ROSTERS BY MOVING PLAYERS BETWEEN TEAMS WITHIN THE SAME DIVISION OR BY PLACING PLAYERS IN A DIFFERENT DIVISION. THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE AT THE DISCRETION OF NIHL MANAGEMENT. TEAM CAPTAINS AND AFFECTED PLAYERS MAY BE CONSULTED, BUT FINAL DECISIONS REST SOLELY WITH NIHL MANAGEMENT.

PLAYERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT A TRADE OR DIVISIONAL MOVEMENT MAY CHOOSE TO LEAVE THE LEAGUE. IN THESE CASES, NIHL MANAGEMENT WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING A PRO-RATA REFUND BASED ON THE NUMBER OF GAMES REMAINING IN THE SEASON, PROVIDED THAT A REPLACEMENT PLAYER FROM THE OFFICIAL WAITING LIST IS AVAILABLE TO FILL THE VACATED ROSTER SPOT, AS PER CURRENT REFUND POLICY.

A "TRADE DEADLINE" DATE WILL APPLY EACH SEASON AND MULTIPLE PLAYER MOVEMENTS MAY OCCUR DURING THIS PERIOD. THIS DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME SEASON SCHEDULES ARE FINALISED AND WILL NORMALLY FALL WITHIN THE FIRST ONE-THIRD OF THE REGULAR SEASON.

ONCE THE TRADE DEADLINE HAS PASSED, AND ALL TRADES ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE TRADE DEADLINE ARE FINALISED, MANAGEMENT WILL NOT MAKE FURTHER CHANGES TO TEAM ROSTERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

