



Reston Raiders Hockey Club



Reston Raiders Return to the Club Policy

If a player leaves the Reston Raiders Hockey Club (RRHC) or is asked to leave the club and wishes to return to RRHC in the future, in any of the RRHC programs, either House or Travel, this policy is set forth to provide a family /player the procedure for seeking to return to the Raiders.

This policy is to provide a family with notice of the procedure for returning to the RRHC after leaving to play at another Tier 2 program in the CBHL or Metropolitan Washington, DC, area. We understand that there are many reasons that a player may decide to leave RRHC to play at another Tier 2 program. However, RRHC endeavors to provide their longstanding families with the greatest opportunity to remain part of the organization. We feel this is necessary to do our part in seeking to stop club hopping among players and clubs. This policy is also to maintain a balance between the open policy for tryouts and creating the most competitive teams that Reston can field. As an aside, it is RRHC's policy to promote Tier 1 participation among RRHC's players. This Return to the Club Policy in no way is meant to discourage players from attempting to play at a Tier 1 level and does not apply to anyone who left RRHC to play at a Tier 1 program and wishes to return. However, if a former RRHC player leaves a Tier 1 program and plays at another Tier 2 program before attempting to return to RRHC, this Return to the Club Policy will be applicable.

Procedure

If a player leaves the RRHC organization and plays hockey at another Tier 2 program for any reason, in order to return to the RRHC organization they must first petition the RRHC Board of Directors to seek reinstatement as a RRHC family prior to registering for the club. This policy not only includes the House and Travel programs but extends to playing in the Spring House League and/or in the Spring Development programs.

Because of the varied rationales for why one would seek to return to RRHC, there is no set form or standardized approach. The Petition to the RRHC Board must clearly articulate the reasons for leaving and the reasons for seeking to return. The reasons will vary depending upon the circumstances. Some examples of reasons for leaving RRHC include non-selection for a Reston Raider team, attendance at a boarding school, or moving out of the area. These are merely examples and the entire petition will be evaluated by the Board and will be decided upon, at their discretion.