



Hanover Hockey Association
Registration & Refund Policy

HHA is a nonprofit, community organization that must establish a budget each year to ensure that the fees paid by players cover annual operating expenses. In order to obtain the preliminary data necessary for this budget and planning process, HHA asks families to pre-register for the following season in early spring, at the conclusion of the current season. A deposit, amount to be determined annually by the Board, is due at this time and a player will not be considered registered until this deposit is paid. Should a player's family anticipate difficulty paying the required deposit, the HHA Registrar should be contacted prior to the pre-registration deadline for a discussion of possible payment terms.

Travel Team (Travel Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, & Girls Travel) players who pre-register by the announced deadline will receive a discount of \$75. Those who fail to pre-register by the deadline shall pay the annual registration fee in full. Exception will be made for travel team players (a) who are of mite age, (b) who just moved to the area or (c) whose family is new to HHA. These will automatically qualify for the \$75 discount regardless of when registered. Nevertheless, HHA strongly encourages these players to pre-register in the spring whenever possible.

An automatic \$75 discount has already been factored into the fee structure for the House Programs (Learn to Play Wild, Wild Mites, and Girls Development), so House Program players are not eligible for an additional pre-registration discount, although they are also encouraged to pre-register.

Registration deposits will be refunded in full upon written request to the Registrar at any time prior to the final registration deadline. In the event a family requests and is issued a refund, the player will no longer be registered and if he or she chooses subsequently to play with HHA, he or she will be subject to consideration under procedures for late registrants.

All players registering after the spring deadline (late registrants) and all new out-of-district players will be placed on a waiting list. There is no guarantee that new out-of-district players and late registrants will be able to play – even if the late registrant is an in-district or returning player. All waitlisted players must be approved by the Board before they can participate in any HHA program. Such approval is made at the Board's discretion after a review of the relevant facts and circumstances, including player numbers at that level, reason for late registration, whether the player lives in the HHA district, etc. During the often busy period at the beginning of the season, a Board committee consisting of the Vice-President, the Registrar, and the Coaching Coordinator shall have the authority, by unanimous consent, to approve waitlisted players.

As the season approaches, a final registration date is named. On this date in early September, in-person Registration is held at Champion Rink in conjunction with the annual Skate Sale. The balance of the registration fee is due by this date, payable in person at Registration or by mail. A player cannot participate in tryouts or skate at any time with his or her team before the registration fee is paid in full, and the family has also provided documentation that the player is registered with USA Hockey. The latter is required for insurance coverage. It is the family's responsibility to register online with USA Hockey and pay all USA Hockey and affiliate membership fees.

After the final registration date, fees will be refunded only if

1. the player leaves the program because he or she moves from the district, or if an out-of-district player, the player moves from his or her home town to a location farther from Hanover (Amount of refund will be prorated to length of season remaining.).
2. the player leaves the program due to illness or injury that renders him or her unable to play for at least 6 weeks, as supported by a written statement from a medical professional (Amount of refund will be prorated to length of season remaining.).
3. HHA is unable to offer a travel team at the player's age level.
4. the player makes a high school hockey team and leaves HHA at that time.

In this circumstance, 75% of fees paid will be refunded **if:**

- (a) HHA is given written notification of the player's intent to try out for a high school team by the final registration deadline

and

- (b) all fees due have been paid in full.

(See HHA High School Player Refund Policy for full details)

HHA will not refund fees for any other reason unless approved by the board. Issues that do not constitute sufficient grounds for a refund include, but are not limited to, failure to offer a team at a level of play that the player desires (e.g. GSL Tier 1 option), player or family dissatisfaction with a coach, dissatisfaction with player placement following tryouts, player size, dissatisfaction with Board decisions, etc.

To offer the most suitable hockey option for players in a particular age group level, considering factors such as team size and player skill levels, HHA also reserves the right to combine players in that age group level with those of other area associations. Such decision does not result in fees being refunded unless HHA agrees with the other association that the other association will host all players and fund all associated costs, in which case the players shall pay the appropriate registration fees directly to the other association.