

## **Andover Hockey Association Alternate Policy for Skaters**

For the 2018-2019 season the Andover Hockey Association (AHA) will offer "Alternate" membership status for all competitive levels of hockey (i.e. mites through bantams/U14). This document will specifically cover alternate skaters (i.e. not goalies).

Alternates can attend all AHA practices and some games, although games will be on as needed basis and cannot be guaranteed. Alternates can only be used when a full-time player is unable to make a game.

Individuals requesting to be Alternates will do so prior to spring placements/tryouts. Alternates will be assigned to and placed on teams based on skill and talent level as determined during tryouts. Alternates will be provided full-practice privileges and may be invited to games at the discretion of the team's head coach. The head coach will only provide an Alternate member an invitation to play in games when a full-time player is unavailable.

The cost of being an Alternate for the season will be \$700 (approximately a third of the cost of full-time members). There will be NO REFUNDS at any time for Alternates and PAYMENT WILL BE DUE IN FULL prior to the commencement of the season. After teams are assigned, the President of the Board, in consultation with the Age Director and Head Coach can assign an individual Alternate Membership when the three AHA representatives conclude that providing the individual such status is in the best interest of the individual, the team, and the Association. Should extenuating circumstances arise during the season regarding an alternate candidate (i.e. a family relocation), the BOD should apply the same best interest standard for the AHA when considering the application.

### **Summary of Alternate Policy**

- Cost - \$700 per year
- Playing Time – All practices; games as needed
- Placements – Required to be placed on a team
- Refunds – NO REFUNDS for alternates at any time