

Hanover Hockey Association
Player Commitment and Conflicts
August 14th, 2012

Members of the HHA travel program are expected to prioritize participation on the HHA team over other commitments generally and other ice hockey commitments specifically. The intent of this policy is to support a healthy team-oriented experience and to provide consistent opportunities for all players in the HHA travel program.

Non-Ice Hockey Conflicts

Over the course of a season, conflicts will inevitably arise from time to time. However, to the extent that HHA events are missed by participants more than infrequently, particularly at the older age levels, coaches may use discretion to determine appropriate consequences. Consequences may include limiting playing time in a subsequent game and, in extreme situations, could include dismissal from the team. Coaches are encouraged to explain attendance policies early in the season to both the parents and the participants. If parents have questions concerning actions taken by a coach, the first step is to discuss the situation with the coach. If the matter cannot be resolved with the coach, the Coaching Coordinator will then be involved. Special situations can be elevated to the Executive Committee of the Board.

Ice Hockey Conflicts

By registering with HHA, a player is committing to give HHA hockey events first priority to the extent that that player has any other ice hockey commitments. The Board of HHA, principally through its Executive Committee, will administer and enforce compliance with this policy.

Consequences of Dual Rostering where HHA Events Are Missed¹

If a player misses an HHA travel hockey event (a practice or game) to participate with a non-HHA hockey team, the player will be given a warning by the coach and that circumstance will be reported to the HHA Board. Missing a second HHA event will result in a suspension from next game. Missing a third HHA event will result in that player's dismissal from the team roster. There will be no refund of fees.

Potential School Team Conflicts

At the time of registration, players that foresee a potential hockey conflict, such as potential participation on a school team are required to notify the HHA registrar of the nature of the potential conflict in order to facilitate the estimation of final player count for the HHA for the upcoming season. As circumstances change, players must notify the registrar on a timely basis.

A player placed on a school team must communicate the placement conflict promptly to the coach and the HHA Registrar. The player has the option to elect an "exit" from the program at that time with a refund of 60% of the annual fee (or such other amount as determined by the Board).

If a player is removed from a roster (whether as a result of placement on a school team or due to a dual-roster policy violation), the President, in consultation with the relevant coaches, may

adjust the rosters of the travel teams at that age level to achieve better competitive balance and/or team size.

HHA Members may contact the Registrar or President to provide notification of a dual rostering conflict.