



OHF REGULATION C: 16 YEAR OLD AVERAGING

- C12 Junior A and B Teams are eligible to Register a maximum of two (2) sixteen (16) year old players in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation D.18 c).
- C13 A Junior A and/or B League may implement averaging of sixteen (16) year old players across their League in accordance with the OHF Playing Regulations with the total number of 16 year old players not exceeding the number of Teams in the league multiplied by two (2).
- C14 Sixteen (16) year old Players may be registered after June 1st of the current season.

SURRENDER OF ALLOTMENT:

- C15 Surrendering the allotment is done voluntarily. Teams do not have to surrender their allotment(s).
- C16 Teams not wishing to use the original 2 allotments may advise the League and Member and surrender one or both at any time after June 1st.
- C17 Once any allotment(s) is surrendered to the League and Member, those allotments become the averaging pool available for distribution to teams seeking a 3rd or 4th 16 year old allotment. Teams that have surrendered allotments must then apply for to a new allotment to register players.

CRITERIA TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT(S)

- C18 Any Team seeking additional allotments (max 2) above the original two (2) must have registered 16 year old Players registered and approved on HCR.
- C19 Once a Team has their original two (2) allotments filled and would like to obtain an allotment through averaging the Team and Player must complete the 16 Year Old Player Commitment Form and submit to the Junior League, Member and OHF Registrars.
- C20 The additional allotments will be distributed in the order that the Commitment forms are received.
(First come, First serve)
- C21 A list based on date of submission will be used. No team will receive two consecutive allotments on the list. After June 1st allotments may be distributed should they be available.
- C22 Teams will not be permitted to trade their position on this list, or any Player named on a Commitment Form.

SIGNING A 16 YEAR OLD PLAYER ONCE AN ALLOTMENT IS ASSIGNED TO TEAM

- C23 Teams will have 48 hours to complete the player registration once the League and Member has assigned the allotment. Should the player not be signed within the 48 hour time period the allotment will be returned to the League and Member and the team will be required to re-apply through the process. The surrendered allotment would then go to the next team on the commitment list.

RELEASING 16 YEAR OLD PLAYERS:

- C24 For any 1st or 2nd 16 year old allotment player signed by date of signing then that player being subsequently released, the team retains the allotment.
- C25 Should a 3rd or 4th allotment 16 year old player be released from a roster, the allotment is returned to the League and Member.
- C26 An allotment is not transferable with the trade of a 16 year old player to another team within the League or Member.

PLAYING OF SIXTEEN YEAR OLD PLAYERS

- C27 Playing of sixteen (16) year old Players in Junior must comply with the following requirements:
- (a) It is imperative that 16 year old Players registered with any junior team regardless of category, play a regular shift with their team.
 - (b) There is a recognition that 16 year old Players may not be in a position to play a regular shift within the first ten games of the season.
 - (c) A regular shift is three shifts per period, based on 5 on 5 play.
 - (d) Sixteen (16) year old Goaltenders must be playing at least 20% of regular season games. For clarity this is two (2) of every ten (10) games.
 - (e) A 16 year old playing less than the above will be returned to midget.
 - (f) A 16 year old cannot be a healthy scratch within a junior team's line up.
 - (g) Educational, emergency, discipline, and medical reasons are the only considerations on why a 16 year old may not be included in a team's game day line up and the above calculations.
 - (h) Before, a 16 year old can be released by a team during the season in accordance with E91; it is incumbent upon the releasing team to find a team for which the player can register, commensurate with his abilities.
- C28 A Junior A or B League that implements averaging will implement an effective and active report system including random visits to monitor the use of 16 year old Players with member Teams. Priority on visits will be given to teams who have registered more than the allotment prescribed by the Canadian Development Model.
- C29 Failure to comply with the policy will result in a team having access to one fewer 16 year old in the following season based on their CDM allotment.

COMMITMENT FORM:

The form of commitment must be signed by the 16 year old player and his parent/ guardian in order to apply for an additional allotment. This form is to be submitted to the League and Member.

The form is in no way a registration card or in any way protects the player or his rights to the team.

Players on Forms may tryout with other teams as per the traditional Permission to Skate Process. No permission is required from the committed team.

In Season within Junior, players on these forms will be permitted to play with their registered team.

Players may only sign **ONE** Commitment Form at any time.

Only the player on the form will be permitted to use the allocated allotment, there will be NO SUBSTITUTIONS.

The League and Member will accept 16 year old Commitment forms as of June 1st of each season.