

AHAI ARTICLE VIII TIER II

SECTION 1. CHOICES:

Every hockey player in the State of Illinois may choose between two (2) Tier II Member Associations as to where to play amateur Tier II travel hockey. Each player playing Tier II travel hockey is restricted to two (2) Tier II Member Associations through the player's U14 year in youth hockey (e.g.,bantam). Players playing in the U16 and U18 level will be allowed One (1) additional choice in addition to their current choice Associations. A player does not receive three new choices at the U16/ U18 level. If a player has had a 3rd choice approval from the AHAI Tier II Committee before the player reaches their U16/ U18 level, the player will not receive an additional choice and must choose one of the players current 2 choices and the players substitute choice.

SECTION 2. - COUNSELING - Every player and the family of that player first entering into an amateur Tier II travel hockey program offered by a Tier II Member Association shall be counseled as to their opportunities, special considerations and choices of amateur Tier II travel hockey, but it remains the responsibility of the player and his/her guardian(s) to obtain information and be fully informed as to all regulations and obligations that may apply. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate rules, regulations and guidelines for Tier II Member Associations to assure that all players and families are fully apprised of these opportunities, special considerations and choices.

SECTION 3. - PLAYER EXEMPTIONS

A. A player playing at the Tier II level may not substitute a choice of a Tier II Member Association with another Tier II Member Association, except in cases where there are practical difficulties or particular hardships in carrying out the strict application of Section 1 above. These exceptions shall apply only at each age appropriate level. An "age appropriate level" is the age level of the youngest age level that the player is permitted to play.

B. The Board of Directors is empowered to grant a player a substitution of a choice of a Tier II Member Association with another Tier II Member Association, and may delegate that responsibility to the Tier II Committee with a limited right of appeal to the Board of Directors under such terms as set out in advance by the Board. Each player requesting the granting of a substitution shall clearly present the facts supporting the following:

1. That the predicament of the player is due to unique circumstances that were not created by the player.
2. That the purpose in requesting the substitution is not based exclusively upon a desire to be rostered on a team that is perceived to be better.
3. That the granting of the substitution furthers the goals, objectives and policies of USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc.
4. That the granting of the substitution is not detrimental to amateur Tier II travel hockey.
5. if a player requests a substitution the player must give up a past choice.

C. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate procedures establishing the means and methods that a player shall use in requesting a substitution and such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to further define and clarify circumstances that may qualify for a substitution of choice.

D. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the substitute choice granted by the Board of Directors may be permanent or for a specific playing season.

E. No substitutions will be given to any player in the U8 or U10 playing level

Section 4. - Coaches

- Coaches who move to a new Association cannot coach any of the same players from the past seasons AHAI / USA roster of the past Association.
- Coach is any rostered Head or Assistant Coach for an Association during the USA Hockey playing season.
- Players would be any player who was rostered on the same Association roster as the Coach
- The only exception would be a family member or relative.