



## **6.55 HEO Select Team Program Policy for House League**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

A category of Minor Hockey in the Divisions of U13 to U15 which, in order to be eligible, a player must be registered with a recognized (sanctioned) House League organization and accordingly be an active participant in the corresponding Division in a recognized (sanctioned) schedule of House League programming. Select Players are required to abide by HEO residential regulations.

### **2.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

Rev. 0 November 2021

Rev. 1 July 2025

### **3.0 PROCESS REVIEW**

Select teams must be registered on HEO electronic rosters

1. A Select Team is a team comprised of players selected from affiliated House League teams within a District. All players must be eligible by age.
2. Each District will submit an additional Select Teams for every 350 registered players for that age group
3. All teams must be registered on an electronic roster.
4. Teams may roster a maximum of nineteen (19) players.
5. Select Team rosters must be submitted to the District Chair for approval prior to participation.
6. Players are not eligible to be registered with more than one "Rostered" Select Team in a District in a season
7. The Select season will not start prior to December of the current hockey season.
8. The number of exhibition games allowed is three (3) per month and the number of tournaments allowed is three (3) per season.
9. Permission to participate in exhibition games or tournaments within or outside of HEO must be obtained from the District Chair using a travel permit form.
10. A Select Team may not affiliate players.
11. Players rostered to a higher age division in House League are allowed to be rostered to the Select team in their own age division, provided the rostering team is not eligible for HEO Championships.
12. Under no circumstances can any Select hockey interfere with the House League schedule, games, practices, or tournaments.
13. A player on a Select Team receiving any suspension, as a result of penalties incurred with either their registered House League team or their Select Team will serve the suspension with the House League team and will not be allowed to play for the Select Team, or participate as an affiliate to any team, until the suspension has been served. Exception: When a player's registered House League team has completed its season, and the Select team still has meaningful games the player may serve out their suspension in these games. (Exhibition games cannot be used to serve suspensions under the Code of Discipline. For Select teams, the only meaningful games are tournament games; all others are, by definition, exhibition.)



This section may be used by the local Districts within their constitution.

#### Terms of Reference for Select Program

- a) The primary purpose of the HEO Minor Select program is to enhance the hockey experience for a House League player.
- b) Under no circumstances can any Select hockey interfere with the House League schedule, games, practices, or tournaments.
- c) The program will be managed by designated House League representative (depending on Association structure (VP, director at Large) Convenors will be appointed as required.

#### Select Team Consideration

- a) Select hockey is not an alternative to Rep hockey but a supplementary program in a division where the capacity of the Rep system has been exceeded. As such, Rep teams would need to be fully rostered after the rep tryout process as per the individual association rules of Operation.
- b) Each team will be subject to approval from their Executive and League depending on District structure.

#### Select Tryout Process

- a) VP of House or Association VP will gain an understanding from each or their own association if there is sufficient interest in a select team within a division. The Executive responsible, with the approval of their Executive, will authorize the formation of a select team in that division.
- b) The Executive responsible will administer and manage the process for creating a Select Team for each applicable division.
- c) The Executive or executives responsible will work with a committee comprised of the Select Team Head Coach, League Convenor, and/or Association Convenors, and will create a Select Team with players across multiple District teams from that division.
- d) Player selection will be determined on play during House League season or by designated District Select team tryout icetimes up until the end of November of the current hockey season.

#### Select Team Finances

- a) Team finances are solely the responsibility of the Select team. Each Select team will be required to have the following in place: a) A team manager, coach and trainer. A police check is compulsory and must be submitted to the Executive or Executives responsible.
- b) Financial log and statements must be available to all members of the team and submitted to the Executive(s) at season end.
- c) Team budget – approved by all parents involved in the Select program. The Select team will be responsible for all applicable fees including, but not necessarily exclusive to ice rental fees, referee fees, tournament fees, permits and other potential activity fees.
- d) Select teams may seek sponsorship. This sponsor must be approved by the District Executive not be in violation of HEO guidelines.
- e) A Select fee (to be set yearly at budget time by the District Executive) is to be paid to the District and it will cover the costs of sweaters, socks. Colour scheme of teams will match the AA team within the District.



- f) Teams may collect a player fee of no more than \$350.00
- g) Select teams are restricted from entering tournaments during the playoffs.
- h) Select teams must submit their list of three tournaments to their District Executive for approval.
- i) Failure to comply will result in folding of the team.

#### Select Team Player Eligibility

Select hockey is an option that will be available for House League players within the District; however, Select hockey is a residency restrictive program as defined by HEO rules. In general:

- a) All players must reside in the immediate District catchment area.
- b) Any appeals to the policy regarding residency must be made by the family to the District, following the HEO guidelines.
- c) No spaces will be left open for players wishing to appeal once team selection has been made.
- d) Any player that has a current unresolved appeal will not be permitted to play on the Select team.
- e) All eligible players must be in good standing with all applicable programs within Hockey Canada.

#### Select Team Player Selection

- a) A Select team can roster up to 17 skaters + 2 goalies, to a maximum of 19 players.
- b) The selection of the Select team will be made by a committee comprising (depending on District structure) of the VP of House or Association Executive Head Coach, League Convenor and/or Association Convenors. The VP of House or Association executives are authorized to increase the size of the Selection Committee to include additional independent evaluators.
- c) Players who successfully roster to a Rep team and subsequently quit the team to return to House League will not be eligible for Select.
- d) There will be no out of age players; team is comprised of players born within the same calendar year.
- e) There will be no affiliated players (or call ups) under any circumstances.

#### Select Team Coaching Selection

Persons wishing to apply for a coaching position must apply in writing, using the current Coaching Application, to the VP of House or League / Association Executive(s) and be approved by the Executive Committee. The following will be considered:

- a) All coaches applying for Select teams will be interviewed by the coaching selection committee, and successful candidates will be forwarded to the League executive for approval.
- b) All applicants must meet the qualification requirements as established by HEO and have documentation to support these credentials at the time of interview.
- c) A police check is mandatory and must be submitted by a candidate to the League Executive.
- d) Other team staff will not be selected until player selection is complete.

#### Select Team Formation

- a) The District Chair must approve the team.
- b) Rostered Select team applications must be made to HEO by the 10th of January



- c) Select teams will not be approved after February 15th

#### Select Team Playing Allowances

- a) Based on HEO regulations Select teams are permitted to play a maximum of:
  - 3 Exhibition games per month
  - 3 Tournaments per season
- b) Travel permits must be applied for from the District Chair for all exhibition games and tournaments within or outside of HEO.