



# IHNSW PLAYER BORROW POOL POLICY AND GUIDELINES

## INTRODUCTION

Ice Hockey New South Wales (IHNSW) have established a player loan pool that clubs are able to use due to player shortages and issues arising since covid. This policy is designed to maximise and help clubs meet minimal player requirements on shortfalls they may experience that are unusual and outside of their control that can occur during the 24-week season. This is to help teams avoid forfeit. It is designed to be fair and help clubs continue to participate at a junior club level. The grades that can ask IHNSW for help with player shortages are:

- 18 & UNDER (Midgets)– males and female aged 18 and under as at December 31<sup>st</sup>
- 15 & UNDER (Bantams)–males and females aged 15 and under as at December 31<sup>st</sup>
- 13 & UNDER (Peewee) – males and females aged 13 and under as at December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 11 & UNDER (Squirt)- males and females aged 11 and under as of December 31<sup>st</sup>

The below guidelines serve to outline the expectations of IHNSW, clubs, team management, and players.

## ELIGIBILITY

Clubs through their secretary are able to contact Ice Hockey New South Wales (IHNSW) requesting for players if they do not have 10 players and 1 goaltender unless asking for an exemption from IHNSW for unforeseen circumstances. IHNSW will allocate players in accordance with the below steps to assist in avoiding possible forfeits.

## COMPETITION POINTS

**Please note-**

**If a team borrows a player(s) from the pool and the team consists of more than 7 players and a goalkeeper, then that team with the borrowed player is only eligible to play for at a tie (1 point) or a loss of game (0 points). If the team has 7 players plus a goalkeeper or less, then the team may play for a win. This rule also applies to borrowed goalkeepers.**

## REQUIREMENTS

Clubs are to put in request to IHNSW for players for a particular week by no later than COB Wednesday. Requests are to be sent by Club Secretaries who will email requests to the IHNSW Executive Officer. Clubs are not to fill player requirements. Clubs will be penalised if they fill their own teams. This penalty will be a loss of a particular game along with two season points. If players are required each week, clubs are encouraged to source permanent playups from a lower grade, across clubs if needed. IHNSW Coaching Director may assist you in this. Relevant paperwork will need to be completed e.g., Play up form and if needed a partial transfer.

### **STEPS THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO FILL PLAYER SHORTAGES BY IHNSW**

1. Clubs that have a bye in the particular grade players are required will be asked first.
2. If bye clubs are unable to fill requirements individual clubs will be asked to fill these spots eg if a team is playing in the same grade at the same venue. Once a club is asked, they will not be asked until every club in that grade has had an opportunity to participate in providing players.
3. Clubs may then be asked for playups if suitable.
4. IHNSW will then keep a list of players that have been borrowed and notify the club of these players.

### **STEPS THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO FILL PLAYER SHORTAGES BY CLUBS**

1. Clubs are to ask all players of a particular grade of the player shortage, giving everyone a chance to play.
2. Players that put their name forward first will then be submitted to IHNSW.
3. Once a player had the opportunity to play, their name will then be put to the bottom of the list and may not get the opportunity to play again until everyone has had a chance to play an extra game.
4. Clubs who are asked to supply players will then notify IHNSW EO with the names. IHNSW will then notify the club requiring players.

### **NOTE:**

1. **No current ECSL player or state player (Goalkeeper exempt) are eligible to participate in player pool (current means in the year game is held or previous years State or ECSL player).**
2. We are trusting Clubs to play by the code of conduct. IHNSW will keep a record of the players that have been played and the clubs that have been asked for players.
3. Oppositional teams' secretaries of teams requesting players will be notified of these requests to the best of IHNSW abilities.
4. No player may be borrowed from the player pool for finals.