



NOVA SCOTIA UNDER 18

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

6.2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (REGULATION TWENTY – ELITE HOCKEY 20.1. Major U18)

- a. A player's eligibility is based on age and residency as defined by Hockey Nova Scotia. Within the NSU18MHL, the following residency regulations shall apply:
- Cape Breton Mitsubishi Rush - Cape Breton Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.i).
 - Cape Breton Islanders - Strait Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8(17.a.ii) including Antigonish and Canso Minor Hockey Associations.
 - Weeks Major U18s - Highland Region and Fundy Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.iii and iv) excluding Antigonish and Canso Minor Hockey Association commencing.
 - Halifax - Halifax Region and Dartmouth Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.i and ii) including Halifax, Chebucto and Tasa Minor Hockey Associations, and excluding Bedford, Sackville, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Eastern Shore and East Hants Minor Hockey Associations.
 - Dartmouth - Halifax Region and Dartmouth Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.i and ii) including Dartmouth and Bedford Minor Hockey Associations, and excluding Halifax, Chebucto, Sackville, Tasa, Cole Harbour, Eastern Shore and East Hants Minor Hockey Associations.
 - Cole Harbour - Halifax Region and Dartmouth Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.i and ii) including Cole Harbour, Eastern Shore, Sackville and East Hants Minor Hockey Associations, and excluding Halifax, Chebucto, Tasa, Dartmouth and Bedford Minor Hockey Associations.
 - South Shore Mustangs - Western Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.iii).
 - Valley Wildcats - Nova Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.iv).

6.3. SPRING EVALUATION CAMPS

- a. Major Under 18 teams are permitted to conduct spring player evaluation camps for eligible players from their respective Regions as defined in Regulation 20.1, after the Under 15 AAA Atlantic Championship has concluded and the NSU15MHL season has

ended. Spring player evaluation camps may not be conducted before April 15th or after May 30th. All participants shall be registered on a player roster that must be filed with the League Secretary, prior to any camp, who shall forward a copy to HNS Chair, Elite Hockey.

6.4. PLAYER SELECTION CAMPS

- a. Major Under 18 teams are permitted to conduct player selection camps for eligible players and any released players that are eligible, commencing August 1st. All participants shall be registered on a player roster that must be filed with the League Secretary, prior to any camp, who shall forward a copy to the HNS Chair, Elite Hockey. Players who are not selected and signed are considered released and may be permitted to tryout with another Major Under 18 team in accordance with Regulation 20.1(d). Players must attend the spring and/or summer camp of the team in their home region. Players not attending camps are not automatically considered to be released.

6.5. NSU18MHL ZONING

The following conditions shall apply:

- a. A first-year player coming into the NSU18MHL that has played Under 15 Major or Under 16 AAA must try-out in his/her home residency zone regardless of where the player played Under 15 Major or Under 16 AAA.
- b. A first, second or third year returning to the NSU18MHL a Prep school, High School, Under 16 AAA, or a lower category, must try-out for their home residency team.
- c. When a player departs his/her Under 18 Major team to play at a Major Junior, Junior A, B or C, Prep School, High School, or any non-sanctioned hockey, while they still have Under 18 eligibility remaining and wishes to return to the NSU18MHL, his/her original team shall retain the player's right of return and shall hold the player's rights provided that they have a roster position open to sign that player.
- d. Any player who departs his/her Under 18 Major team to play at a Major Junior, Junior A, B or C, or Prep School and is seeking to return to the NSU18MHL, must notify the League President in writing of their desire to return to the League prior to communicating with any League team. Players who fail to adhere to this requirement may be ruled ineligible to return to play in the NSU18MHL.

6.6. PLAYER RELEASES

- a. A player signing with a team is bound to that team for the duration of their Under 18 eligibility or until that team has formally released him or her.
- b. A player is deemed to be released if they have attended the required spring and/or summer camp(s) of the Under 18 team in their home territory and has either been formally released by that team or has not been selected by that team after that team

finalizes its roster for the season. Players who have not attended camps will not be considered to be released, and are not permitted to try-out with another team.

- c. If a player is released by the NSU18MHL team in their home residency zone, he/she may try-out for any of the other NSU18MHL teams. In order to qualify to try-out elsewhere, the player must have attended the spring and/or summer camp for their residency zone NSU18MHL team. Non-participation at the camps due to injury or leaving camp for personal reasons does not result in an automatic release.
- d. The playing rights of a released player, who has met all criteria in 6.6 B, are no longer retained by their home region team. In the season of release, and in subsequent seasons, these players are free to try-out and sign with any NSU18MHL team, including their home region team, and a team they may have affiliated with
- e. Players who are released and sign with another NSU18MHL team, must abide by the two-year commitment requirement and must remain with that team for a minimum of two (2) seasons, or as such time as they are released by that team.
- f. Players trying out for a NSU18MHL team who have yet to be signed as a member of that team's roster by the Thursday prior to the last weekend before the start of the regular season, may formally request, in writing, a release from that team, who must either sign or release the player within 24 hours of receipt of the official request. When making this request, the player must also copy the League President on all correspondence from the player to the team, requesting to be signed or released. In cases where the team fails to comply within the prescribed time period, the League will declare the player released. NOTE: This only applies if that player has attended the spring and/or summer camp of that team and met all eligibility as stated in (c) above.
- g. Registered players aged 15 may not be released to a lower division team after October 31st annually unless written permission is granted by the League President and approved by the HNS Chair, Elite Hockey.
- h. Registered players aged 16 and 17 may not be released to a lower division team after December 15th unless written permission is granted by the League President and approved by the HNS Chair Elite Hockey.