



Manual of Operations

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Waterloo Girls Hockey Association (WGHA) encourages All Coaches to call up players from a Tier/team below to attend regular practices and be called up to replace absent players.

Pick - ups are defined as either:

- The same age level and lower classification (e.g., U15 AA can call from U15 BB)
- A lower age level and the same classification or lower (e.g., U13 AA can call from U11 AA, but U15 BB cannot call from U13 AA)

If there are no teams below your classification, Coaches are encouraged to call players from House League.

Pick Up players still play and practice with their normal team.

All Pick-Ups must attend activities using the following priorities:

- Their own games, including league, playoff, and tournament games
- Their own practices
- The games of the team for the which they are a Call-Up
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- Attendance at social activities are at the discretion of the player and their parents

PICK UPS FOR GAMES

Selection of players to be called up for a game is at the discretion of the coach selecting. The selection of a Pickup player will be based on the player's skill and the needs of the team that is calling her up. Players who are called up are being rewarded for their efforts in games and practices and are those players whom the coaches deem will be best suited to perform well at the higher level. Where applicable for HL, KGLL rules will apply



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PICK UPS FOR PRACTICES

All players from the lower division at the same category (i.e., U11 A is the lower division at the same category to U13 A) and next lowest category (i.e., U13 BB is the next lowest category to U13 A) should be given the opportunity to skate with the higher-level team at least once, and preferably twice, per season. Where applicable for HL, KGLL rules will apply.

Coaches should make a reasonable attempt to have a minimum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies at every practice

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Coaches should make a reasonable attempt to avoid participating in a regular season, tournament, or exhibition game with less players on the bench than are on their official roster
- Pick-ups are not required for off-ice development activities
- A fee can be charged to a call-up when there is an incremental cost for adding that player to an external development session (i.e. where the cost of the session is on a per player basis, and the pick-up is in addition to the rostered players)
- No additional fees shall be charged until 10 ice times have been reached. These fees if applicable will be determined annually by the Finance Committee
- Permission to contact a player must be received from the player's head coach prior to any direct contact with the requested player or family,
- Coaches that have been requested to provide player(s) to another



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team can only turn down the request if the request conflicts with a regular season, tournament, or playoff game, this applies to both House League and Rep games

- The providing coach should contact the player and/or family being requested as a call-up, noting the requesting coach's email through Cc and a cell # so that the players parents can then communicate and ask questions of the requesting coach
- Players have the right to turn down the request to be picked up at any time

REFERENCE MATERIAL

- Rep Handbook
- House League Handbook
- OWHA Pick Up Players