



18 & OVER SLED LEAGUE/TOURNAMENT WAIVER FORM



USA Hockey requires all youth sled hockey leagues/tournaments to be conducted with players who are 17 years of age or younger as of December 31st of the current playing season. This USAH League/Tournament Waiver Form should be used to determine whether a player, who is over the age of 17 years of age as of December 31st of the current playing season, is eligible for a particular league/tournament.

Please complete this form and return to: SledHockeyWaivers@usahockey.org.

Age Guidelines & Age Waivers

The youth division is for players 17 years of age and under as of 12/31 of the current playing season. If you are 18 years old on December 31st of the current season, you can play on your youth team if you have NEVER played on any adult team in a USA Hockey sanctioned game. If you are 18 years old on 12/31 of the current season and you have never played on an adult team in a USA Hockey sanctioned game, you do not need a waiver to participate in the youth division.

Players that older than 17 years of age as of 12/31 of the current playing season and have participated in any USA Hockey sanctioned adult sled game and players older than 18 years of age as of 12/31 of the current playing season, may be allowed to play in the youth division if a waiver request is submitted and approved by the waiver committee.

The purpose of this waiver is to allow players with more severe disabilities to play in the youth division where it is less physical.

The Women's National Team is considered an adult team. Women's National Team players who are 17 years or younger as of December 31st of the current season are allowed to play in their local youth division. If the player is 18 years of age as of December 31st of the current season, and they have played on the Women's National Team, they are not allowed to play on their youth team in sanctioned games and tournaments.

A team manager, coach, or player must submit a comprehensive description of why you are requesting the waiver along with a video of the player and their skills.

Waivers are reviewed and considered by committee of two (2) people to maintain consistency in looking at all waivers. A team manager, coach, or player must submit a waiver request each playing season. Waiver requests are permitted to be submitted whether the previous season waiver was approved or not.

Approved/disapproved waivers are active for the entire playing season. If the waiver request is approved, players will be permitted to play in any USA Hockey sanctioned game or tournament.

Waiver requests should be submitted by November 15 of the current playing season.

Waiver requests must be submitted and approved prior to any competition beginning.

The waiver request for older players to participate in the youth division process is as follows:

- a. A team manager, coach, or player must fill out a player waiver request form. The form must be completely filled out with detailed descriptions explaining the players playing history, disability, on ice skill, and reason for the waiver request. The form should include the team the player intends to participate with for the season.
- b. Video should be obtained of the players on ice ability. Off ice video is optional. The video does not need to be professionally shot.
- c. Submit filled out player waiver request form and supportive documentation along with videos to ***SledHockeyWaivers@usahockey.org***.
- d. A team manager, coach, or player that submits a waiver requests will receive a return email with a determination within 10 days of the waiver request submission and if approved an official letter of approval will be included.
- e. If a player waiver request is denied, a player or team manager may appeal by submitting all supporting documentation to the chair of the USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Section within seven (7) days of the original denial. A committee of six (6) members including the disabled section chair will review the appeal. A team manager, coach, or player that submits a waiver request appeal will receive a return email with a determination within ten (10) days of the waiver request submission and if approved an official letter of approval will be included. If still denied this decision is final.

Date: _____

Player Name: _____

Current Team: _____

Youth Team Wishing to Play For: _____

League/Tournament Wishing To Participate In: _____

Location of City of League/Tournament Wishing To Participate In: _____ State: _____

Name of Head Coach Submitting The Waiver Request: _____

Reason for Waiver Request:



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Reason for Waiver Request *(continued)*: