

Core/Non-Core and Player Movement Rules

7.1 Each player shall be registered for one specific team, which she plays as her designated team.

7.2 All teams must nominate a pool of at least nine (9) 'core' players. These are the nine (9) strongest players in the named squad. Core players are ineligible to play for any lower-ranked teams for the entire season without first obtaining approval from the Committee. This nomination must be submitted to HockeyHKWS. All players not nominated as 'core' will be designated as 'non-core.'

7.3 All players can be selected for any higher-ranked team in their Affiliated Club. Non-core players may also be selected for the team grade one (1) lower than their registered team.

7.4 No player, including a listed substitute (even if she does not actually take part in the earlier match), may play for more than one (1) team on a single match day, including goalkeepers playing outfield, unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- a) They are a nominated player (in accordance with Bye-Law 4.3). Nominated players may only play in the two teams in which they are nominated, regardless of their Core/Non-Core designation, without prior consent from the Committee.
- b) They are part of a single team club who has entered an alliance arrangement.
- c) The player is representing both their Affiliated Club and their HockeyHK team on the same match day.
- d) Express permission from HockeyHKWS is granted.

7.5 A team may select no more than three (3) non-core players from one team above for any match day. However, if a team selects players from a higher grade, the squad for the match day will be limited to twelve (12) players, including the players listed from the higher team.

7.6 No player is eligible to play more than three (3) matches within one (1) match week (cumulatively for their Affiliated Club and any HockeyHK team).

7.7 Once the following criteria are met, the designated team of a player will be updated automatically:

- a) Any player registered for a lower-ranked team may only play for a higher-ranked team for a maximum of three (3) matches during the same HockeyHK League season. This includes league and tournament matches. For the avoidance of doubt, one-day divisional tournaments shall count as one (1) match for the purposes of this Bye-law. Once the player has played four (4) matches for higher-ranked teams, she will be automatically registered for the highest-ranked team she has played for and cannot play for any other team thereafter.
- b) Any non-core player registered for a higher-ranked team may only play for a lower-ranked team for a maximum of three (3) matches during the same HockeyHK League season. This includes league and tournament matches. For the avoidance of doubt, one-day divisional tournaments shall count as one (1) match for the purposes of this Bye-law. Once the player has played four (4) matches for lower-ranked teams, she will be automatically registered for the lower-ranked team she has played for and cannot play for any other team thereafter.