



**Maritime Hockey League /Maritime Under 18 AGREEMENT
FOR UNDER 18 AGED PLAYERS IN THE MARITIME HOCKEY LEAGUE**

THIS AGREEMENT effective as of the 5th day of June, 2023.

Between:

Maritime Hockey League (MHL)

-and-

New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island Major U18 Hockey League (NBPEIMU18HL)

-and-

Nova Scotia U18 Major Hockey League (NSU18MHL)

(collectively referred to hereinafter as the “Parties”)

All aspects of this agreement are:

- a. Exclusive to the Prince Edward Island/New Brunswick Major Under 18 League and its respective teams;
- b. Exclusive to the Nova Scotia Major Under 18 Hockey League and its respective teams;
and
- c. Exclusive to the Maritime Hockey League and its respective teams.

The Parties agree to follow the existing Hockey Canada Regulation H.1, with the exceptions noted below with regard to 16 and 17-year-old Under 18 eligible players.

The Parties also agree to the following as it relates to the signing, affiliation, releasing, and otherwise handling of Under 18 aged hockey players in the Maritime provinces.

1.0 Signing and Releasing of Players at 17 Years of Age

- 1.1 Applies only for players who are in their last year of Under 18 eligibility and reside within New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
- 1.2 Should a MHL team wish to return a 17-year old player to their respective Under 18 team from a MHL training camp, they must do so prior to start of their respective Under 18 league regular season.
- 1.4 Should a MHL team wish to release a signed 17-year old player they must do so by September 15th of that playing season. If a 17-year-old player is signed with a MHL team

on or after September 15th, they must remain on the team's roster for the balance of the season.

- 1.5 Players and/or teams may appeal where applicable, if circumstances arise and it is in the best interest of the player(s) to be released or signed after September 15th.
- 1.6 Should such player be released from their MHL team or as a result of an appeal, they must return to their home Branch. The player shall not be released to another team, nor shall their playing rights be transferred to another team unless approved through appeal. They shall not be permitted to sign with a lower division/category team outside their home Branch.
- 1.7 QMJHL development fees for Under 18 players shall be forwarded to the player's respective home branch and/or league/team as pre-determined by the home branch.

2.0 Signing and Releasing of Players at 16 Years of Age

- 2.1 The Parties will adhere to Hockey Canada Regulation D18 (ii) and permit each MHL team to register a maximum of two (2) players from within their home province. Teams may not register a 16-year-old player from outside their home branch.
- 2.2 Teams that draft 16-year-old (or below) players from outside their Branch, will not have access to sign these players until they are 17 years of age, but these players may attend MHL training camps as a 16-year old and may be used as an affiliate player in that current season.
- 2.3 Should a MHL team wish to return a 16-year old player to their respective Under 18 team from a MHL training camp, they must do so prior to start of their respective Under 18 league regular season.
- 2.4 Should a MHL team wish to release a signed 16-year old player they must do so by September 15th of that playing season. If a 16-year-old player is signed with a MHL team on or after September 15th, they must remain on the team's roster for the balance of the season.
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3.0 Player Affiliation of Under 18 Players within the MHL

- 3.1 All Parties shall strictly adhere to Hockey Canada Regulation F on Affiliation.
- 3.2 A 16 and 17-year-old player who appears on a MHL team's 45-man protected list, may affiliate from their lower category team to the respective MHL team. The player's respective Branch and the affiliate Branch (if different from player's respective Branch) must approve the affiliation documents prior to the player being used as an affiliate player.
- 3.3 All affiliated players must be approved in the HCR by the home branch.

- 3.4 The MHL team must communicate with the Under 18 team contact and player, of their intent to affiliate the player during the current season. They must receive consent from the player prior to adding the name to the HCR.
- 3.5 The MHL team(s) cannot affiliate more than two (2) players per game from the same member team member of the NSU18MHL or NB/PEIMU18 during the regular season.
- 3.6 The MHL teams are not permitted to affiliate Under 18 players while said player's team is competing in the U18 League playoffs. Once an Under 18 player's team's season is complete, the MHL team may call-up that player and the Under 18 team or league shall not restrict the player from playing.
- 3.7 The MHL team must inform the Under 18 team official (Coaching staff or Governor) before contacting the Under 18 player for each affiliate usage (game or practice).

4.0 Mutual Support and Recognition between the MHL and the Under 18 Leagues

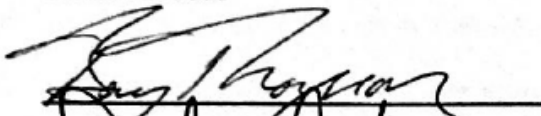
- 4.1 The MHL agrees to provide the following to the NSU18MHL and NB/PEIMU18 leagues on an annual basis:
 - a) A contribution of \$ 3000.00 for affiliation and development fees to be divided equally between the leagues;
 - b) A contribution of \$ 500.00 towards the annual Monctonian and Ice Jam tournament events;
 - c) A contribution of up to a maximum of \$ 500.00 as a sponsorship to the host when the Atlantic Telus Under 18 Championships or National Telus Cup Championship tournament is hosted by an Under 18 team in the Maritime provinces (e.g. HNB, HNS, HPEI);
 - d) A copy of all MHL league and team contacts prior to the start of the regular season;
 - e) To establish a link on the MHL website to both the NSU18MHL and NB/PEIMU18 websites;
 - f) Two (2) MHL passes (access to exhibition, regular season, and playoff games) to each Under 18 team and League executive; and
 - g) One (1) event pass to each Under 18 team and League Executive to any tournament or regional event (e.g. Showcase) when the event is hosted by the MHL
- 4.2 The NSU18MHL and NB/PEIMU18 leagues agree to provide the following to the MHL:
 - a) To recognize and honor all MHL passes at all Under 18 exhibition, regular season and play-off games including Showcases;
 - b) To provide a scouting package to all MHL teams for any showcase, tournament or other event that is hosted by the NSU18MHL and NB/PEIMU18 leagues
 - c) A copy of all Under 18 league and team contacts prior to the start of the regular season
 - d) To establish a link on the Under 18 websites to the MHL website;
 - e) In lieu of the financial commitment to the Monctonian and Ice Jam tournaments, to name the MHL as a division sponsor at the Under 18 level in both events;

- f) To provide a summary of the MHL draft highlights on the Under 18 websites detailing the Under 18 players selected from the respective Under 18 league; and
 - g) To provide the MHL with a contact list of players for each Under 18 team prior to the end of January each season.
- 4.3 These commitments do not restrict the MHL and the NSU18MHL and NB/PEIMU18 leagues from entering into additional mutual support agreements, from time to time, as agreed to by all parties.

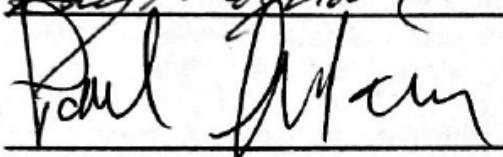
5.0 Agreement Renewal

Annually upon expiry, the agreement is automatically renewed for a term of one year, unless one of the Parties has indicated to the other in writing their intention of amending the agreement.

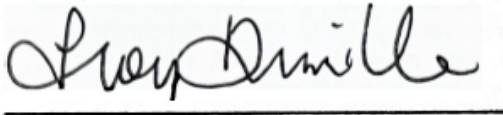
THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE to abide by the terms and conditions as outlined in this Agreement by their signatures below and for this Agreement to be in effect as of the date first written above.



Barry Thompson, President, NB/PEIMU18L



Paul Graham, President, NSU18MHL



Troy Dumville, President, MHL