

Olds Minor Hockey Association: Proof of Residency Policy

Organization: Olds Minor Hockey Association Policy Name: Proof of Residency Policy Date of Policy Adoption: June 7, 2022 Date of Policy Amendments: August 19, 2024

**Policy Purpose:** The purpose of the Association's Proof of Residency Policy is to comply with Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta requirements regarding player residency, and to establish transparent and consistent means to verify player residency within the Association's jurisdiction.

Applicable Hockey Canada Regulation(s):	No	Yes
Applicable Hockey Alberta Regulation(s):	No	Yes
Applicable Olds Minor Hockey Association Bylaw(s):	No	Yes

This policy is authorized under Article 3.7.a (i) and 11.2.d of the Olds Minor Hockey Association bylaws.

# **Olds Minor Hockey Association Policy:**

Player Residency:

- Player residency must meet the requirements set out in Hockey Canada's bylaws under "Section C: Residential Qualifications". Olds Minor Hockey registrants are strongly advised to read this section in its entirety.
- For the 2024/2025 season, Hockey Canada defines player residency as follows:

"C.3. A Player's residence is established by: a) The Parents' usual residence when Parents live in the same house; or b) In cases where the Player has more than one custodial Parent, each of whom lives in a separate residence, the usual residence of the Parent with whom the Player usually lives. If the Player lives equally with both Parents, his place of residence shall be determined by the



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Member. NOTE: the term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days."

## Supporting Documentation Requirements:

- The Association requires a minimum of two items of supporting documentation from the list of acceptable supporting documentation to verify player residency.
- The Association reserves the right to request up to two additional item(s) of supporting documentation if, in its sole discretion, the Association deems it necessary.
- All supporting documentation must have the parent or legal guardian's name on the documentation.

## Acceptable Supporting Documentation:

- The following documents, with conditions as specified, are acceptable forms of supporting documentation for the Association:
  - Utility bill (must include service address as well as mailing address);
  - Proof of school enrollment in Olds;
  - Current GST statement or Income Tax Assessment;
  - Homeowner or rental insurance statement;
  - If moving prior to the start of the season, a signed purchase/rental agreement with possession date;
  - If moving to a home under construction, a signed builder agreement with possession date;
  - Current property tax notice;
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Void cheque with residence address and; and/or  $\;$
  - Any other documentation which supports the player's claim to residency at the address.

Supporting Documentation Exclusions:



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- The following documents are not acceptable forms of supporting documentation for the Association:
  - Cell phone bill; and
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Documents which are more than one-year old.

#### Exceptional Circumstances:

• For circumstances not covered by this policy, the Board of Directors will make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

## Disciplinary Action for Falsified Documentation:

• The falsification of registration information may be subject to additional disciplinary action from the Association in addition to the automatic playing suspension required by Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.

**Policy Review:** This policy will be reviewed annually by the Olds Minor Hockey Association Board of Directors.

## **Policy Oversight:**

The Registrar is primarily responsible for the implementation of this policy, although there are policy accountabilities for all Association affiliates.

## **Operational Appendix:**

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