



6.58 HEO League Player Entry Draft Policy

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) understands and appreciates the role and responsibility that a Junior League has in providing post minor hockey opportunities for all Players to enjoy the game of hockey at a continued competitive level. HEO also understands that Junior Teams do not have access to players based solely on residential boundaries. Junior leagues may recruit players who are not already registered on another Junior Teams Hockey Canada Active Roster. Leagues may also hold a U16 and/or a U18 Draft to select players who reside in HEO Territory.

2.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

March 6, 2023

3.0 HOCKEY CANADA REGULATION D. 18 (a) “Variations for Fifteen-Year-Old Players for Junior Hockey”

First year eligible U18 Players (fifteen (15) year olds) shall only register and compete in Minor Hockey.

4.0 Draft Eligibility

- a) Only Players who are eligible to Register (Active Roster) and Compete at the Junior Level can be drafted by any HEO League.
- b) A players draft eligibility begins at the completion of the players U16 season.
- c) Fourteen (14) year old players cannot be drafted for the sole purpose of adding the player to a team’s affiliation list as a Fifteen (15) year old.
- d) Only HEO Residents are eligible to be drafted to HEO Junior Teams.