

POLICY REGARDING RELEASES AND PERMISSIONS TO SKATE

The OWHHA policy concerning tampering and player movement pertains to competitive and house league players. A player wishing to try out for a team in an OWHHA association other than the association in which she is registered must obtain either a Player Release Form or a Permission to Skate Form.

Article 8(b) of the by-laws of the OWHHA states that "Permission to Skate" forms must be filled out and signed by a designated executive member of the player's current association/team and presented to the association/team for which the player wishes to try out before she is allowed on the ice. These forms cannot be issued between January 1st and two days after all the Provincial Championships for any teams during the current season.

Player Release Forms and Permission to Skate Forms are not required for movement to or from any Boys Hockey Association or for movement from a team not affiliated with the OWHHA.

The following policy regarding Releases and Permissions to Skate was adopted by the Board effective for all releases and permissions to skate issued after June 24, 2002.

PLEASE NOTE: The conditions outlined below do not apply where a change in the player's family domicile out of the London area has taken place.

LLGHA Policy:

Releases and Permissions to Skate must be requested prior to October 1 of any given hockey season. For the purpose of Releases and Permissions to Skate, a season will be considered to be the day after OWHHA Provincials through to the last day of the subsequent OWHHA Provincials. A written or e-mail request must be received by the Registrar, dated and signed by the player or their parent/guardian if the player is under the age of 18. The request must state the player's name, current mailing address, telephone number, last Lightning/Thunder team, reason for the request, intended destination/team plus the dates of the tryouts, if applicable. **NO TELEPHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Permissions to Skate will have a start date and end date (no later than Sept. 30) associated with them. In order to secure a Release, the player/parent/guardian must sign a letter indicating they agree to the following conditions:

- Unless a change of the player's family domicile has taken place, once a player has been released they will not be allowed, under any circumstances, to return to the Lightning/Thunder until at least the following season.
- In the event a player has taken a release at any point in time from the Lightning/Thunder, then returns to the Lightning/Thunder following an absence of one or more years and, at a later date, seeks a second release from the Lightning/Thunder, the conditions of that release will be determined by the Board.
- Permissions to Skate and Releases will not be kept confidential from current or future coaches.

Please allow up to 6 weeks to process a Release and at least 1 week to process a Permission to Skate. Players registering with a Release or Permission to Skate from another organization must present the original version of that document. No copies accepted.

All Releases and Permissions to Skate issued by the Lakeshore Lightning must be signed by the Registrar, must be current dated and will be numerically sequenced. The player will receive the original document. A copy of the document will be filed along with all supporting letters in a binder in order of date. It is the player's responsibility to pick-up the original document or a copy can be sent via the mail.

Requests for Releases and Permissions to Skate received after October 1 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Registrar. At that time, the onus will be on the parent/guardian to present their case.

PLEASE NOTE: According to OWHHA Regulation three (3) Part (f), "a player may be released from one organization to another only once during a season, unless a change of the player's family domicile has taken place or with special approval from the OWHHA Registrar." Permissions to Skate and Releases will not be issued for players who have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the LLGHA or who have not returned all Lightning/Thunder equipment.

Remember, the LLGHA is a volunteer organization, with work and family responsibilities of our own in addition to serving the Lakeshore Lightning. Please show respect in providing sufficient notice for your request. Any questions and/or concerns about this policy can be directed to the Registrar or the President of the Lakeshore Lightning.

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