

2019-2020 Season

Inadequate Numbers – Guidance

While this rule does exist for a very good reason, it is important to note we have other rules/ practices, considerations and USA Hockey guidance which also need to be considered when we apply this rule.

These include:

1. Our NDAHA rule that players are only on one team
2. Our NDAHA rule against all-star teams
3. USA Hockey guidance that players should not jump 2 age groups for safety reasons
4. ADM – play at the appropriate level
5. With no checking at Peewee, a player moving between levels could be a concern
6. Potential age-related locker room concerns
7. Player safety from too many games, and Parent travel burnout
8. An affiliate with more than 1 team at a classification, cannot double roster players

The following guidance will be in place for 2019-2020 season moving forward

1. Remind all affiliates that the Inadequate numbers rule is intended to be used only in cases where a team could not exist without it. It is truly the exception
2. Encourage affiliates to move their players to make their teams and not double roster.
3. Suggest that perhaps the affiliates should permanently move up players at the squirt level, so the players get 2 full years of peewee and bantams, if they have a summer birth day and started school that fall at 5 years old.
4. In the event the community cannot have a team without double rostering, these conditions will apply.
 - a. Bantam/ 14U Girls and younger – limit of 10 players and a goalie for total of 11
 - b. Jr. Gold and 19U – limit of 12 players and a 2 goalies for total of 14
 - c. Players that dual roster should be no more than 1 year from the upper level to minimize locker room and other age-related concerns
 - d. Players must commit to being at more than 70% of all games to minimize the effect of state tournament seating and play.
5. Approval from both the District Directors and the ND USA Hockey Registrar is required for any double roster request and must be obtained prior to the player being on the ice or roster with the team.