

ALBERTA MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

RULE CHANGES – SUMMARY

Effective September 2015

Rule 2-1 Player Registrations

AGE LIMIT – Players must be [at least 18 years of age before the start of the season](#). This applies to both the [Summer and Winter seasons](#).

With more long-term players asking if their sons/nephews can join their team, and to be consistent with the age limit in summer, the minimum age has been changed from 20 to 18 for the winter season..

Rule 2-4 Player Verification

The referees or timekeepers may check the identity of a player at any time, and teams should request verification of an opposing player before the start of the third period. [Referees, at their discretion, may still check the identity of a player even if asked after the start of the third period.](#)

If a team requests verification of an opponent after the beginning of the third period the officials have the right to refuse this request, However, if the official does have cause to believe that the player in question is not who he claims to be, and an ID check confirms the player to be illegal, disciplinary action will be taken against the offending team.

Rule 4-9 Composition of Team/ Replacement Goaltenders

- b. All games must be played with a minimum of one goaltender and five skaters. When coincidental penalties are assessed against a team that has only the minimum amount of players, that team will be allowed to play shorthanded, provided that a minimum of three skaters and a goaltender can remain on the ice. For the coincidental penalties, the shorthanded team's players will only be able to return to the ice during a stoppage in play [and icing will still be called on both teams](#). When a team is unable to field the minimum required number of players, whether due to penalties or injuries, the game will be suspended and declared a forfeit win for the opposing team.

Since the penalties are coincidental, all rules pertaining to coincidental penalties will be applied as written. Similarly if a goal is scored the team that is at a manpower disadvantage on the ice will remain shorthanded until the coincidental penalties have been served.

- e. During the regular season, teams will be allowed to use a replacement goaltender registered on the AMHL Spare Goaltender List, or registered in the League on a team in the same division or lower, or up to two divisions higher. [The teams in the lowest two divisions](#) may use a goaltender registered up to three divisions higher. Goaltenders registered with league teams also willing to spare for other teams are asked to contact the League to be added to the list. For goaltenders that are registered on multiple teams, the [higher division for spare goaltenders, or the division in which the goaltender is registered as full-time](#) will be used to determine the divisions that the AMHL Spare Goaltenders are eligible to spare in. [The league reserves the right to restrict teams from registering a spare goaltender whose abilities exceed the skill level of that division. If clarification is required on a goaltender's eligibility, please contact the league.](#)

Since a goaltender can have a significant impact on the outcome of the game the league reserves the right to restrict which goaltenders may be registered as a spare, whether or not the goaltender is registered on another team in the league.