

OWHA Player Transfer Policy

1) Transfers of players into Ottawa West

Among the key objectives of the Ottawa West Hockey Association is to provide players living within our jurisdiction the opportunity to play competitive hockey and to develop local hockey talent.

Ottawa West also recognizes that players trying out for competitive hockey should be expected to compete for a position on the team roster as the term implies.

To strike an appropriate balance between development and competition, we only consider tryout/transfer requests when there are low numbers of competitive calibre players from within our area trying out for roster positions. As a general guideline, requests may be considered when there are fewer than 20 skaters or 3 goalies.

However, to ensure we continue to develop talent within Ottawa West, the standard that we have set is that to secure a roster position a player from outside our jurisdiction must be notably better (i.e. more than just marginally) at tryouts than any local players who may be released as a result.

Furthermore, our coaches will be expected to invite any local player that does not make the team to affiliate and to assist them with plans for their continued development to improve their prospects for success the following season.

2) Transfers of players from Ottawa West

Ottawa West fully supports the transfer of players who, after having been released from tryouts with our association, wish to tryout for competitive hockey in other jurisdictions. We encourage them to first see if the Ottawa Sting MHA is accepting tryout requests at their age level before approaching associations in other districts.