



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ELIGIBILITY

This is provided for information only. Any inquiries should be confirmed by reference to the current Policies and Procedures.

1. Who is eligible to play Utah High School Hockey?

All full-time high school students are eligible to play with some exceptions. Players rostered on a USPHL junior team or a college team and “billet players” are not eligible. Players turning age 20 before September 1 of the playing year are also not eligible. Students playing while living out of state are not eligible.

2. Who is a full-time student?

Whether a student is a “full time student” is determined by the school. A student may not participate with a school merely by attending another school and “taking one course” at the school the student wants to play for.

3. My player plans to graduate early from high school. Will he/she still be able to play through the playoffs?

No. Once a player graduates, he or she immediately loses eligibility according to USA Hockey rules.

4. What team does my student play for?

A student must play for the team at the school he attends or, if there is no affiliated team in that school, for the independent team to which that school is assigned. School assignments can be found on utahhighschoolhockey.com.

5. What about 9th Graders?

Ninth graders *attending a high school* must play for the team at the school he attends or, if there is no affiliated team in that school, for the independent team to which that school is assigned. Ninth graders *attending a middle school* may play for any high school team but must play for the team according to UHSU guidelines beginning in the 10th grade.

6. My student is home schooled or attends online school. Where does he/she play?

If your student is home schooled or attends an online school, the student plays for the boundary public school affiliated team or the independent team to which the boundary public school is assigned.

7. Can my student play junior varsity?

All 9th graders are eligible to play junior varsity. Students who are or have played for a 18U or 16U Tier I or II (boys or girls) team are not eligible for junior varsity starting in the 10th grade. Students who have or are playing for a 16U or 18U travel team are not eligible during their 11th or 12th grade seasons. Students who play on the UHSU Select Team are not eligible. Students who played in the final all-star game prior to the 2021-2022 season are not eligible. Players scoring 15 goals in junior varsity competition or 20 points in varsity competition during a season are not eligible. Goalies are eligible to play junior varsity notwithstanding these restrictions.

8. Can I seek a variance to play for another school?

Any variance from the eligibility rules must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Variances are granted only in very exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis. Typically, variances are not approved for: (1) a student’s preference to play for a school other than the school he attends; (2) disagreements with the coaches as to playing time, placement, or otherwise; (3) desire to play with friends.