

MAHA Player Call-up Policy

The concept of call-ups is to improve the overall competitiveness of the MAHA program and the individual skills of players. Rosters are designed to have room for call-ups from lower teams. This will provide exposure for players who will be moving to a higher level next season and will be rewards for players who work hard. The coaching staff has the authority and final say of who and when a player is to be called up from a lower level team to a higher level team when using the following guidelines:

1. A player can only move up and must be on the higher team's 30 man USA Hockey Roster. (Example, Junior Varsity to Varsity).
2. A player cannot play down (Example, A Freshman 1 player cannot play in a Freshman II games)
3. A player must be grade and age eligible to play at the higher-level team. (Example, a 8th grade JV player is not eligible to play varsity games or practices).
4. Since the player's safety is of foremost importance, only players of appropriate size, age and capabilities will be considered for call-ups.
5. Call-ups are a reward not a right. (Example, not all eligible players will be called-up to the next higher team)
6. Call-ups will not simply be rotated through a team's roster.
7. Coaches should attempt to keep as many players in the program as possible. A player that must make a higher-level team in the next season should be given as much opportunity to play at the higher level as possible. (Example, a 9th grade player who must make the JV in the next season should be given as much opportunity as possible)
8. A player that has been called-up for a game is not guaranteed to play. The game situation will determine whether or not the coach decides to put the player in the game or not.
9. A player cannot just show-up at the higher-level team practice or game without being sent-up by the coach.
10. A player or the parent of the player can elect not to have the player participate in the call-up program by simply talking to the coach of their respective team. The player will not be penalized within the organization for the player or parent's decision not to participate in the call-up program.
11. A player may be sent-up for practices only and not necessarily for games.
12. A player that is sent-up and cannot make the game or practice must contact the coach of the higher-level team.

The procedure for call-ups will be that the Head Coach will call the Head Coach of the lower level team and request a number of players. It will be up to the Head Coach of the lower level team as to whom he/she will recommend to send up. The Head Coach of the lower team then will contact the parents of the call-ups (in the case of younger players) or the players themselves to arrange for their attendance.

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