



## MEMORANDUM

TO: UNDER-18 MALE HOCKEY LEAGUES  
NOVEMBER 24, 2022

**RE: HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULE 2.2 – PLAYERS IN UNIFORM**

Hockey PEI, like its membership are bound by the rules and regulations of Hockey Canada. We understand the concerns voiced by some of our membership regarding roster sizes at the **Under-18 male** level, however, we are operating under the 2022-23 playing season with its set of rules that are in place until 2024.

As for the playing rule itself, **Rule 2.2 – Players in Uniform:**

In general, the principle of limiting roster spots is to keep minor hockey teams as small as possible. This is not a new playing rule and has been in place for many years.

We recognize that there are specific situations, where numbers are challenging, however, 17 + 2 is intended to be an absolute maximum and most teams play well under that roster size. Furthermore, Ice rental is expensive and difficult to obtain, and therefore game lengths are getting shorter; so, Hockey Canada wants to maximize ice time for players. If a team dresses four full lines and the game length is 3 x 12 minutes, that means a player is only getting about nine (9) minutes of playing time per game. Ultimately, the principle of the rule is consistent with having players on the ice as much as possible.

From an administrative perspective, the rules are the responsibility of the 13 Hockey Canada members and changes follow the democratic process. So, in order for that specific rule to be changed, a member branch would have to propose a change, which would then be voted on by the rest of the Membership in the next rule change season (2024).

Regards,  
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