

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS POLICY

The WGHA strives to provide opportunities for female players to participate in women's hockey locally and also in the broader Ontario (OWHA) hockey community. While we model our core values including, integrity, fair play, healthy competition and development, with our representative (rep) teams we have a primary focus of supporting local players in the Town of Whitby community. Where desirable, we will consider out-of-area players in accordance with this policy.

1.0 OWHA RESIDENCY RULES

The OWHA has declared no residency rule regarding female hockey.

2.0 WGHA RESIDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR REPRESENTATIVE (REP) PLAYERS

The following guidelines define the requirement of WGHA residency eligibility for all WGHA representative hockey teams.

- Must reside in the Town of Whitby boundaries, as defined by the Town of Whitby

Residency status must be established, and documented as per guidelines below:

A player will be deemed to reside within the WGHA boundaries if:

- The parents are living together and are residing within such WGHA boundaries OR
- Either of the player's parents (or legal guardian) reside within such WGHA boundaries and the player attends school within the boundaries.
 - School attendance refers to the school the player attends during the academic year.
 - The player must attend a school within the Town of Whitby boundaries and must continue to attend school within the Town of Whitby boundaries while playing in WGHA.

Residence shall be established by providing the following mandatory documents to the WGHA Executive:

- School documentation records, including most recent school issued report card. School Administration may be contacted to verify information.
- Two (2) personal references from an existing member of WGHA.
- **PLUS any three (3)** of the following documents to evidence current residence location:
 - Valid Driver's License or Ontario Photo Card

- Tax Bill (if homeowner) or lease/rental agreement (if tenant)
- Current Utility bills (i.e., natural gas, electricity, water/sewer, telecommunications (i.e. internet, tv, phone, mobile phone))
- Home insurance documentation

A Notary Public Affidavit may be required by the WGHA in certain split residence (joint custody) circumstances, to attest that the player resides within Town of Whitby boundaries more than 50% of the time.

All documentations must be provided at least two weeks before commencing any tryout process.

Documentation is subject to review and approval by WGHA Executive and will be retained by the WGHA Registrar.

The penalty for violation of this rule, including providing false materials or references will be a reprimand for the player and/or disqualification from participation in the WGHA, with the player (or family) being considered a 'member not in good standing'.

There will be a reprimand for any WGHA head coach who is aware of a player in violation of this rule, and who does not report it to the President, Registrar and VP Rep.

NON-RESIDENT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

At the discretion of WGHA Executive, Non-Resident player quotas may be established for each season related to representative teams.

The following parameters apply to any player in the WGHA who does not meet the WGHA residency requirements in Section 2:

1st Year Non-Resident:

- This is a non-resident player who has been selected to play for a WGHA Tier 1 (AA) rep team for the first time.
- A non-resident player is only eligible for a tier 1 (AA) team. This player will always require a non-resident quota spot.

2nd Year Non-Resident:

- This is a non-resident player who has been selected to play for a WGHA Tier 1 (AA) rep team in their 2nd consecutive year with WGHA, where they were a 1st year non-resident in the season prior.
- The second year non-resident must continue to play for a tier 1 (AA) team, or they will be ineligible to play in the WGHA.
- This player will always require a non-resident quota spot.

Legacy Player:

- This is a non-resident player who has been selected to play for a WGHA rep team in their 3rd year (or more) with the WGHA, where they were at minimum, a 2nd year non-resident in the season prior, OR
- They played for at least two (2) consecutive years in WGHA House League
- A Legacy player is eligible to play on any tier representative team.
- A Legacy player will not count against a non-resident quota spot.

**U9 players and younger who are not residents must have played at least 1 year of U9 HL in order to be eligible to tryout for U9 representative teams.

If a legacy player leaves the WGHA to play elsewhere they will lose their legacy status

Non Resident Player Quota (set for 2025-26 season)

Tier 1 (AA) Team	Player spots	Goalie spots
U11	0	0
U13	3	By board approval
U15	4	By board approval
U18	5	By board approval

Note: these quotas do not include players that are Legacy status.

Non Resident Player Quota (set for 2026-27 season)

Tier 1 (AA) Team	Player spots	Goalie spots
U11	0	0
U13	2	By board approval
U15	3	By board approval
U18	4	By board approval

Note: these quotas do not include players that are Legacy status

2.0 Review

This policy will be reviewed by the WGHA executive every three years or as needed.