



From the office of the Director of Hockey Operations

RE: NHL Emergency Goalie Policy

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The NHL has instituted a new policy which requires all NHL teams to have in attendance at every game an amateur goalie designated by the team to enter the game if their starting and backup goalies are both unable to complete the game.

The NHL has requested that we allow our players to fill that role. The Board has decided that ACHA players may participate in the program with the understanding that if a player actually enters the game, the player will forfeit all ACHA eligibility.

The ACHA and NHL have agreed on the procedure for this is as follows:

1. Player is given passes to game. These passes have no value and will not be considered compensation. Players may not accept any other compensation for this program or they will forfeit their ACHA eligibility.
2. If the starting goalie cannot continue during the game, the ACHA player will go underneath and get dressed. The player will remain there, standing by.
3. If the backup goalie cannot continue, the player will then sign an Amateur Tryout Agreement (ATO), be placed on the roster and enter the game, forfeiting any ACHA eligibility at that point.

The NHL was asked how often this happens in a year (where the both goalies start the game and are unable to finish), and their response was 'never'. However, there is a chance that it may happen, and all teams **MUST** advise their goalies of the implications of taking part in this program. Individual teams and players should decide whether they want to participate when asked.

Starting the game on the bench as a backup does not fall under this policy and would also forfeit any ACHA eligibility.

ATO's do not provide for any compensation, so players should also be aware of that.