



Application Process for Consideration for Under 15 Players (Second Year U15) to Play U18 Major Hockey

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Minor Council of Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador has stated that there will be no U15 aged players eligible to play at the U18 Major level in HNL. However, from this point forward a player considered “exceptional” may apply for consideration to be allowed to play at the U18 Major level in the second year of U15 hockey. The rationale for this decision is that the player in question would be seriously impaired in the player’s personal hockey development at the U15 level and should be permitted to play U18 Major so the player may participate at an appropriate level.

This permission for a player to participate at the U18 Major level will only be given to a player who has been deemed “exceptional” by the Hockey Development Committee of HNL. This player(s) will have to possess outstanding hockey skills and capabilities and be capable of easily playing at the U18 Major level in HNL. In addition to hockey skills, the athlete must be physically, socially, psychologically and educationally solid for his age group. The player must be well rounded in all aspects of his development.

PROCESS FOR APPLICATION

In order to be considered an “exceptional athlete”, the player’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall submit prior to June 15, an application which shall be submitted to the Executive Director of HNL along with a \$200.00 application fee payable to Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador.

Upon receipt of the application, the Executive Director shall determine that all material that is requested to be submitted in support of the application has been provided. Only applications that include all required information will be considered.

In the event the Executive Director determines the applicant is not worthy of consideration as all required information has not been provided, all material and the \$200.00 cheque shall be returned to the applicant and the applicant will be declared ineligible. The decision of HNL in this matter is final and binding.

The application submission must include:

- The “Application to be considered an Exceptional Player” completed in its entirety by the parent(s) and/or guardian.
- The “Teacher Questionnaire” completed in its entirety and signed by the applicant’s teacher or Guidance Counselor.
- The “Coach Questionnaire” completed in its entirety and signed by the applicant’s last Head Coach of his club or HNL sanctioned ALL Star Team.
- The “Hockey History Form” completed in its entirety by the parent(s) or guardian(s).

- The player (applicant) essay to be completed by the player and parent(s) or guardian(s).

In the event the Executive Director determines that the applicant is worthy of consideration, the Executive Director shall notify the Chair of the HNL Hockey Development Committee of the application.

THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Upon proper submission of all required information, HNL will conduct an evaluation to determine if the applicant has the physical, social and psychological maturity to be granted exceptional player status. HNL will also determine if the applicant has the education ability and exceptional hockey skills to be granted status.

In addition to the information provided, HNL Hockey Development Committee will conduct an interview with the applicant and his parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

If the player has been accepted in the non-hockey areas of evaluation, (school, social and physical traits) the applicant will be evaluated on his performance at the Provincial Under 15 High Performance Program camp held in the summer time. A player must take part in this event to be considered for this process. A player may also be asked to participate in the Provincial Under 16 High Performance Program camp if the HDC (Hockey Development Committee) requires them to do so. Players at the Under 16 level are players who will probably be playing at the U18 Major level for the upcoming season and this would be a very good measuring stick of the applicant's ability if the HDC chooses to have the player evaluated at this level. In the Under 15 camp, the applicant must rank in the top 25% of the provincial team. For example, if there are 12 forwards selected the player must rank in the top three to be considered.

THE DECISION

If successful in meeting the objectives set out for the evaluation of hockey skills, the player will be notified by the HDC of its decision within 14 days of the receipt of the completed application or 10 days from the completion of the HNL summer High Performance Program development camps.

The decision of the Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador HDC is final and binding upon all parties and no appeal shall be allowed.

RULES GOVERNING UNDER AGED U18 MAJOR PLAYERS

No U18 Major team shall place any applicant on a registration certificate or an affiliation list of any description, unless said player has been declared eligible under the exceptional player status process. Any violation of this provision shall result in a suspension for any person who violates this provision.

Should the applicant be declared eligible under the exceptional player status process, they will be restricted to play for only a U18 Major team(s) within the HNL U18 Major region in which they reside. Failure to abide by this geographical requirement will render the applicant ineligible.

Once an applicant has been declared eligible under the exceptional player status for an U18 Major team(s) within a region as defined by HNL U18 Major guidelines, and the applicant is not selected for the U18 Major team, the applicant will return to the U15 level for the ensuing playing season. The application will not be permitted to move to another region to participate in that region's U18 Major team(s).

TIMELINES

June 15 – Application submitted by the applicant

July 1 – Applicant notified by the HNL Executive Director if the application will be considered.

July 15 – HDC concludes the evaluation of the applicant's physical, social, psychological and educational ability and conducts the interview with the applicant.

High Performance Program Under 15 Provincial Camp – Applicant's evaluation of on ice skills.

10 days from the completion of the Under 15 High Performance Program camp – Applicant notified of status.



**Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador Application to be Considered An
Under Aged U15 U18 Major Player**

This application is made pursuant to the terms and conditions established by Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador to determine the identification of an exceptional U-15 second year U15 hockey player, the terms of which the applicant agrees to be bound in respect to all matters relevant to this application

The applicant(s) agree to supply such further information as HNL may consider necessary or desirable concerning any aspect of this application or of the status of the applicant(s).

The applicant(s) agree that the decision of the HNL Hockey Development Committee (HDC) to grant or refuse exceptional player status shall be based solely on the judgment and discretion of the HDC and the decision is final and binding upon all parties, and no appeal shall lie whether to HNL or Hockey Canada.

Herewith find a cheque in the amount of \$200.00 payable to Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador, which shall be applied to expenses incurred by the HDC investigating all aspects of this application.

Players name in full (Please Print)

Signature of Player

Players Parent(s) or Guardian(s) name in full – Please Print

Signature of Player's Parent (s) or Guardian(s)



Hockey Newfoundland & Labrador Exceptional 14 Year Old Athlete

HOCKEY COACH QUESTIONNAIRE

For each description, please circle the appropriate number.

Player's Name: _____

Coachability – Does he eagerly accept and respect the coaching process?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Motivation – Does he have the inner strength to be self motivated?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Effort – Whether at practice or in a game, is he consistent in his efforts?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Team Cohesion – Is he a “team player” and does he get along well with everyone associated with the team?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Mental Toughness – How would you rate his ability to respond to adversity?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Pressure Situations – Does he thrive on opportunities to perform in difficult situations?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Hockey Sense – Does his vision permit him to see situations and make appropriate decisions that many of his peers couldn't?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Leadership – Has he demonstrated the necessary leadership attributes on this year's team?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
To what degree does he control the game itself?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Have you noticed any selfish tendencies?	Comment:				
Describe his leadership qualities on and off the ice.	Comment:				
Is this player challenged at the U15 hockey level?	Comment:				
Overall Assessment – All things considered, what are his chances of succeeding as a 14 year old U18 Major player?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Additional Comments:					

Name (please print): _____

Team: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Hockey Newfoundland & Labrador Exceptional 14 Year Old Athlete
TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE**

For each description, please circle the appropriate number.

Player's Name: _____

Will Power or Moral Courage – His capacity to do the right thing even if it may be unpopular.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Motivation – The degree to which he is driven to achieve the goals he sets for himself	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Self-Awareness – The extent to which he understands his emotions and their effect on others.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Persistence – He finishes what he starts. He is capable of staying on track in spite of obstacles.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Integrity – His pattern of behavior that is consistent with being honest and authentic.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Social Skills – His proficiency in building and maintaining meaningful relationships.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Optimism – His ability to see the good in people or situations and the degree to which he works hard to bring that about.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Teamwork – The extent to which he contributes to the overall benefit of the group(s) he has worked with.	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Do you think this student will be able to maintain their current level of academic achievement as a U18 Major hockey player?	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Overall Assessment – All things considered, the capacity he has to develop into a mature and responsible citizen is.....	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
Additional Comments: 					

NOTE: If the player is granted exceptional player status and is approved for age advancement to U18 Major hockey, there will be potential absence from school due to travel and practice commitments.

Name (please print): _____ Signature: _____

School & Grade: _____ Date: _____



**Hockey Newfoundland & Labrador Exceptional 14 Year Old Athlete
PLAYER ESSAY SUBMISSION**

INSTRUCTIONS:

You have indicated your goal is to play U18 Major hockey as a 14 year old. One aspect of the evaluation process requires that you and your parents/guardians submit an essay to Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador to assist them with their evaluation. The essay must be in response to the following question:

Q. What personal qualities do you possess that will assist you in achieving your goal? In your essay response, please support each personal quality that you identify with two (2) specific examples.

Your essay response may be as long or as short as you desire.



**Hockey Newfoundland & Labrador Exceptional 14 Year Old Athlete
HOCKEY HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please complete all sections for the past five (5) seasons.

Year	Team	Category	Statistics	Individual & Team Accomplishments