

Registering and Playing for one club in the SIH and one club in the EIHA in the same season

Memorandum of understanding

10th November 2021

1 Background

1.1 The English Ice Hockey Association and Scottish Ice Hockey have formed this partnership to enable cross border development of players across its mutual leagues.

1.2 It is an equal partnership for the mutual benefit of all players registered in either Association.

2 Partnership aims and objectives

2.1 The overarching aim of this partnership is to enable players under the age of 19 and all female players irrespective of age, to be registered, train and play with teams in both Association.

2.2 Specific objectives are:

2.2.1 To enable a set of guidelines to enable a player to register with a club which is not in their home Association.

2.2.2 To enable clubs to register a player that is not residing in their home Association.

2.2.3 To ensure that both Associations had agreed on a Disciplinary process that enabled both Associations to suspend players.

3 Partnership activities

3.1 Activities to be delivered by the partnership are:

3.1.1 Documented guidelines for clubs to register a player (See Appendix A)

3.1.2 Documented disciplinary guidelines for clubs to follow if a player is suspended (See Appendix B)

3.2 The initial timeframe for partnership activities will be 2 years, commencing in the year 2021/2022.

3.3 Activities will be reviewed, between May- July, to ensure that they are being delivered as agreed, and that they are having the intended impact.

4 Monitoring

4.1 Both Associations commit to ongoing monitoring, with the aim of ensuring accountability and prevent clubs from using this partnership in such manner that, in the opinion of either Association, is not in the spirit of fairness and development.

4.2 The Directors responsible for Junior Hockey will co-ordinate the monitoring and report back to their respective boards.

5 Designated partnership leads

5.1 Each partner will appoint a senior member of staff to lead on the work of the partnership.

5.2 The designated lead member of staff for each partner is:

6.2.1 SIH – Mr. J Paterson

6.2.2 EIHA – Mr. M. Lloyd

5.3 The designated leads will issue a report at the end of the season (May) on the following topics: -

- Which elements of the MoU worked well
- Which elements of the MoU need improvement
- Which elements of the MoU need to be stopped and when
- Which elements of the MoU need to be started and when
- Publish a list of actions, action owners and timescales to implement actions

Signed on behalf of *SIH*

..... Date

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Signed on behalf of *EIHA*

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Appendix A

Use Case - A player in the SIH/EIHA wishes to play for a club in the EIHA/SIH

Process to follow

1. The player needs to be an up-to-date member of the SIH/EIHA
2. The player needs to have completed the template below (See Appendix C) which requires permission of their parents (if under the age of 18), SIH/EIHA club and SIH/EIHA.
3. This written permission needs to be sent to the EIHA/SIH club
4. EIHA club will complete the registration process in the normal manner and email the Appendix C form to the relevant registration secretary.

Appendix B

Players who are dual registered are subject to the following disciplinary oversight.

- If you are suspended by the SIH, at any level, then you cannot play in any EIHA fixtures at any level.
- If you are suspended by the EIHA, at any level, then you cannot play in any SIH fixtures at any level.

Appendix C

First Name: _____ Surname _____

I am currently registered with the SIH/EIHA (delete as applicable) and play for the
_____ ice hockey club.

I wish to play for a SIH/EIHA (delete as applicable) club and wish to registered for the
_____ ice hockey club.

I understand and acknowledge that if I wish to qualify

- for the Scottish Conference or National Team, I am required to play a minimum of 60% of the SIH club I am registered at the appropriate age group.
- for any of the English Conferences or National Team, I am required to play a minimum of 60% of the EIHA club I am registered at the appropriate age group.

I am happy for my son/daughter (delete as applicable) to be dual registered with the SIH and EIHA.

Parent/Guardian (print full name) _____

We are happy for our player to be dual registered with the SIH and EIHA.

Club Chair (print full name) _____

Approval for the dual registration has been given by _____

of the SIH/EIHA (delete as applicable) _____ (date)