

## SACKVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## **Out of Area Boundary Policy**

Hockey Nova Scotia requires that players play within the boundaries of their Association.

SMHA recognizes that there may be instances that will arise where players are wanting to play with SMHA, who would normally be considered out of area as per Hockey Nova Scotia <u>boundaries</u>.

SMHA's registration policy requires proof of address by government issued ID for all players, new and returning. Requests by new families to play with SMHA will be considered by on a case-by-case basis by the Executive.

Going forward, all new, out of area players to SMHA must be:

- Approved by Hockey Nova Scotia
- Approved by their departing Association

SMHA recognizes that there are players who have played with the Association for numerous years that would be considered 'out of area' players.

We recognize the impact it would have on kids to pull them out of an Association that they have called home and have created deep, meaningful connections. Therefore, we will allow players that have been with the Association for four or more years (and in good standing) to remain with SMHA.

All others will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis annually until they reach the four-year benchmark.