



ICE Hockey League

CLARIFICATION

GAME BOOK – Season 2023/2024

C | ROSTER REGULATIONS

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1. Terminology for player reference

A Player is either considered:

- **'domestic'** (which is replacing the word 'national')

Or

- **'non-domestic'**

Words like import, national, transfer card, ... are words the ICE Hockey League is not using as reference points any longer.

- ## 2.
- Before 1st ICE Hockey League game, each team must list all players on a team's initial roster (like the past seasons). Initial roster includes all ICE Hockey League players and players of their affiliated club. All players, which are registered by 11:59am, of 1st game day, will be confirmed players eligible to play, provide all necessary signatures and Federation confirmation is given.

Game Book - Part C | Roster Regulations - § 3 Roster Composition / RosterNotification - (5) states:

The deadline for reporting each team's initial roster is the first gameday of each respective season, 11:59am. From this moment on, at least 10 players and one goalie must be registered throughout the entire season.

Clarification:

- On the 'initial' roster sent in before game day 1, teams need to list all players that will be considered on the respective teams ICE roster and all affiliated players, so all players and potential players can be entered in the ICE League system.
- The 26-man roster regulations (over 24yrs old and non-domestic players) are not considered on the 26-man roster, because they are on the initial roster.
- **Player Category Over 24 domestic players (1999 born or older):** the 26-man roster does not begin until a player has played 5 games in the ICE Hockey League.
- **Player Category Non-domestic players:** will be registered on the 26-man roster immediately (as soon as a non-domestic player plays 1 game).
- Every player is registered in the ICE Hockey League system as per the team roster sent in on 1st game day. A player can only be listed on 1 ICE

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team roster. Meaning, the same player cannot be on ICE team X and ICE team Y at the same time.

- The game sheet will be the determining factor if a player played for roster regulation purposes, which will be controlled through the League.
- Teams will be notified after game day 1, game day 6 and monthly as to which players are locked on the 26-man roster.

3. Domestic players under 24 must be registered with the ICE Hockey League.

Game Book – Part C | Roster Regulations – § 3 Roster Composition / Roster Notification – (2) states:

A team shall furthermore be allowed to use national players of category under 24, registered regularly with the affiliated team of minor category and additionally for the ICE Hockey League club, without any limitation.

Clarification:

Teams can (and must) register as many under 24 players as each respective team has that may possibly play (including adding the players from the ALPS Hockey League affiliated team, that may play in the ICE Hockey League).

- U24 players never count on the 26-man roster.

4. A player cannot change from 1 team to another after the ICE Hockey League transfer deadline:

Game Book – Part C | Roster Regulations – § 3 Roster Composition / Roster Notification – (1) states:

A club may license a maximum of 26 players per season (in detail: until the respective ICE Hockey League transfer deadline) who do not fall into the category of national U24 players.

Clarification:

- Which means after the ICE Hockey League transfer deadline, a player cannot switch to another team, (ICE for remainder of regular season and play-offs).

5. Once an over 24 domestic player has played 5 games, he is considered on the 26-man roster.

Game Book – Part C | Roster Regulations – § 3 Roster Composition / Roster Notification – (2) states:

A team shall be allowed to use national players of category over 24 for maximum 5 games in the season in form of a free player movement without consideration in the 26-player roster category over 24.

Clarification:

- The 5-game threshold is registered with the team and the player.
- In the event a domestic player over 24 moves from 1 team to another and has played more than 5 games, that player is also automatically on the new teams 26-man roster (no new 5-game threshold, just because a player moved to a new team).
- This rule does not apply to non-domestic players, as they are automatically on the 26-man roster.

6. For each game sheet, based on 20 players and 2 goalkeepers, a team must:

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Game Book – Part C | Roster Regulations – § 4 Roster Notification on the Official Game Sheet – (2) states:

A minimum of 12 national players must be indicated on the official game sheet. Out of these 12 players a minimum of 2 national players must be in the age category U24. Only in provable situations, that makes it impossible for a club to reach to full 22-players line-up i.e., due to injuries/sickness, there might be less than 12 national players listed on the official game roster – in no case these national players can be replaced by players of any other category.

Clarification:

- Have a minimum of 2 under 24 players. If a team does not have 2 U24 players, a team is not permitted to play a non-domestic or over 24-year-old domestic player in the 2 designated game sheet spots.
- A team can play with as many domestic players as they want but must have a minimum 10 domestic posts plus 2 U24 domestic spots on game sheet (12 domestic players in total).
- If a team does not have the 12 domestic players for a game(s), the team cannot replace the 12 domestic spots with a non-domestic player.

- If a team does not have 12 domestic players, the team is permitted to play with less than the 12 required domestic players but must play with less than 20 players and 2 goalies.

7. Non-Domestic Players

Clarification:

- Considered on the 26-man roster upon playing 1st game.
- Affiliated Team – a non-domestic player cannot freely move between the affiliate team and ICE team, as per the IIHF Regulations.
- Farm Club Team (RBS, KAC and BWL) - non-domestic players may move from ALPs team and ICE Team, as per IIHF Regulations. However, if/when a non-domestic player plays for an ICE Hockey League team, the player is immediately counted on the ICE team 26-man roster.