



## Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association Red Shirt Program

### Definition

A **Red Shirt** player is defined as someone who has not demonstrated the skill necessary for selection to a Travel Team during the tryout process, but who has in the Head Coach's estimation shown potential for improvement and who would greatly benefit from regular interaction with travel players.

### Coaches may want to add Red Shirt players

- To help fill their roster so practices run more smoothly (example: adding an extra goalie).
- To have more flexibility in the event a player is injured, suspended, or absent.
- To accelerate a player's development at a faster rate than would be relegated to playing at a novice level.
- If a player's potential exceeds the ability they have shown during the tryout process.

### Red Shirt Rostering and Playing Time

- A maximum of (5) **Red Shirt** players may be rostered per team.
- Players selected for the **Red Shirt** program will be placed on the roster of the Travel Team to which they have been selected. They will be eligible to practice with that Travel Team while participating in In-House team events.
- The player in question and his or her parents must understand that placement on the Travel Team roster does not mean they will participate in any scheduled games with that Travel Team.
- The Head Coach will determine if and when a **Red Shirt** player dresses for a scheduled game (Pre-Season, Exhibition, Regular season or Tournament) and will make certain the player and his or her parents know dressing for a game does not guarantee any playing time.
- If a **Red Shirt** player is not scheduled to dress for a game, it will be the responsibility of the Head Coach to inform the Team Manager so the player's absence can be correctly annotated on the official score sheet.
- A **Red Shirt** player whose name appears on an official score sheet which is not correctly annotated as absent will be considered to have participated in said game.
- The manager of a team who has a rostered **Red Shirt** player will be required to keep records of said player's game participation and report game activity to the Board of Directors upon request.

### Financial Obligations

- A **Red Shirt** player will pay full In-House dues plus ½ the Travel dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.
- Payment of these dues entitles the player to practice with the Travel Team with which he or she is rostered including participation in up to twenty (20) scheduled games.
- A **Red Shirt** player who participates in his twenty first (21) game will be considered a regular member of the Travel Team and as such will be liable for the balance of the Travel Team dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.

### Red Shirt Status

- A **Red Shirt** player must submit a written request to the Head Coach and Team Manager to be removed from the Red Shirt Program.
- The written request must be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Upon approval of request, the **Red Shirt** player will be removed from the Travel Team roster and will be considered an In-House player for the remainder of the season.
- If necessary, the player's dues will be prorated based on the amount of scheduled game participation and the amount of the season remaining.
- Head Coaches who wish to remove a player from the **Red Shirt** program must notify the Board of Directors after reaching an agreement with the parents.
- Any disagreement with the decision of the Head Coach will be brought before the Board of Directors for final resolution.