Hybrid Goalie Policy



As per Hockey Calgary, the U11 Hybrid Goalie Policy allows U11 participants the opportunity to play both as a 'skater' and a 'goaltender'.

The Wolverines Hockey Club has adopted this policy to complement the Hockey Calgary U11 Hybrid Goalie Policy, which can be accessed here: HC U11 Hybrid Goalie Policy FINAL

All U11 participant families are encouraged to review the Hockey Calgary policy to determine eligibility.

Equipment Requirements

Hybrid Goalies are required to have both player and goalie equipment for the season. Equipment will not be provided by the Wolverines Hockey Club.

Participation Declaration

Before beginning the evaluation process, all Hybrid Goalie families must declare their participation preference (either 'Goalie' or 'Skater') with their age group coordinator. This preference will determine the player's position if they do not meet the criteria to qualify as a Hybrid Goalie.

Full-Time Goalies and Team Placement

Full-time goalies will receive priority for team spots. If no Hybrid Goalie spots are available, prospective Hybrid Goalies will be informed prior to the start of evaluations.

Evaluation Process

Prospective Hybrid Goalies must evaluate both as a goalie and a skater for a minimum of 2 sessions each, as determined by the age group coordinator:

- Goalie-specific sessions must be attended as a 'Goalie'.
- The timed skill session must be attended as a 'Skater'.
- The small-area games skill session must be attended as a 'Skater'.
- At least 50% of the game sessions must be attended as a 'Skater'.

In addition to the criteria outlined in the Hockey Calgary Hybrid Goalie Policy, participants must meet the following requirements to play as a Hybrid Goalie:

- Evaluations must be in adjacent divisions.
- No team will have more than two full-time goalies.
- A maximum of one full-time and two Hybrid Goalies will be permitted per team.

Selection Committee

The selection of Hybrid Goalies will be made by a committee that includes the President, both age group Vice Presidents, the Age Group Coordinator, and others as needed. After team selections, Hybrid Goalie families will be informed by the age group coordinator whether:

- · They have met the evaluation criteria and will be approved as a Hybrid Goalie for the season, or
- They have not met the criteria and will not be approved.

If a participant does not meet the evaluation criteria, they will be assigned the position they indicated during registration.

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Team Placement

The Evaluation Committee has sole discretion over team placement. Once a Hybrid Goalie is placed on a team, the decision is final.

Practice Responsibilities

Hybrid Goalies are to rotate through both Goalie and Skater in practices. Hybrid Goalies are to practice as close to a 50/50 split as goaltender or skater as possible, as directed by the teams Goalie Coach and Head Coach.

Coaches should make every attempt to have the Hybrid dress as a goaltender or skater based on the position the Hybrid will play in the next game.

Game Responsibilities

Hybrid Goalies are to be used by their team in both player and goaltender roles. When not playing as a goaltender, they will be utilized as a skater, as determined by the Goalie Coach and Head Coach.

- If the team has 1 Full-Time Goaltender and 1 Hybrid Goaltender, the Full-Time Goaltender will be permitted to play 60-75% of the scheduled games in a Hockey Calgary Schedule Release, with the Hybrid playing the other 25-40%.
- If the team has 1 Full-Time Goaltender and 2 Hybrid Goaltenders, the Full-Time Goaltender will be permitted to play 50% of the scheduled games in a Hockey Calgary Schedule Release, with the Hybrid goaltenders splitting the other 50% equally.
- It the team only has Hybrid Goaltenders; the Hybrid goaltenders will split the games equally.

Hybrid Goalie Responsibilities

- Hybrid Goalies are required to attend practices and games according to the goaltender/skater schedule set by the team Goalie Coach and Head Coach.
- Hybrid Goalies must commit to playing both positions for the entire season, unless otherwise approved by the WHC Goalie Director.

Goalie Coach Responsibilities

- The team Goalie Coach must keep records documenting each instance a Hybrid Goalie dresses as a goaltender or a skater.
- The Head Coach is responsible for maintaining the goaltender/skater split as outlined in the Hybrid Goalie Policy.
- Documentation must be made available upon request from the Wolverines Board of Directors.