



## ***Kent Valley Hockey Association***

### **Philosophy Regarding Player and Coach Movement between Local Associations**

*We, Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA), believe a hockey player should be free to choose where he/she plays hockey and a coach should be free to choose where he/she coaches hockey. Ideally, we would hope a player or coach would choose to play or coach in his/her own community at the nearest and most convenient facility. However, situations may arise where a player or coach perceives a benefit in moving to another association. We understand and appreciate these situations and support a member's right to pursue them.*

*We believe the quality of our KVHA program is such that it will serve to retain players and coaches. However, for some of our members, the grass may appear greener at another local association. We believe members should be free to explore the greener grass. We also believe that grass appears greener from a distance and departed members will in time realize the superiority of our quality youth hockey program and return to play or coach at KVHA. When they are ready to return we will eagerly welcome them back into our KVHA family.*

*We believe a player or coach should be free to exercise his/her option to leave and freely return to KVHA.*

#### ***Therefore:***

- 1. Any Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) member in good standing may request and will be granted a release in a timely manner (this is also a Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association - PNAHA requirement.)
  - a. Good standing means; all fees due KVHA are paid and any KVHA owned equipment has been returned.*
  - b. KVHA reserves the right to inform PNAHA or the association receiving the released player of any or all suspensions or disciplinary actions involving a transferring player.**
- 2. Any KVHA player who transfers from KVHA to another hockey association is free to return to KVHA the following season providing they have obtained a release from their former association.*
- 3. Families can have players in two or more different associations.*

*We appreciate that families have choices on how to spend their hockey dollars. For that reason, it is our goal to provide members the best overall hockey experience.*

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