

HOCKEY IRELAND

Affiliated to the International Hockey Federation and to the European Hockey Federation

Players going abroad to play & returning to play in Ireland (& then may return to play abroad)

Under FIH Rules & Regulations – if a player wishes to play in a competitions/event/league outside of Hockey Ireland - and the player is required to be registered in a different association – then a No Objection Certificate has to be obtained from the Hockey Ireland office to allow that transfer to take place.

If a player wishes to return to play in Ireland, then a No Objection Certificate has to be obtained from the association/club that the player played for and has to be cleared by the Hockey Ireland office to allow the player to return to play in Ireland.

Having said that, the player must also fulfil the Hockey Ireland & Provincial Rules & Regulations which may have time and other stipulations that might prevent playing on a return to Ireland.

IMPORTANT

If a player then leaves Hockey Ireland to play elsewhere again, the same process has to be reapplied and a new No Objection Certificate will be needed.

The player would also have to fulfil the obligations in the new association which may have time and other stipulations which would not allow them to return to play.

As students etc. will be returning home for Christmas and New Year, be wary of not only breaking Hockey Ireland and/or Provincial rules but also other Associations on return.

When the player returns and if this is to as different club from which they left they need to ask the original club to transfer them to their new Irish club on the sports manager system as an administrative aspect only.