

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW – PLAYER TRANSFERS, NEW PLAYERS FROM IRELAND AND ABROAD

First things first!

- A player can only be registered to play **with one club** in one hockey jurisdiction throughout the world at any one time
- A player can only play for one club in any one season, unless a valid transfer is completed in line with local competition regulations
- There is a global FIH player release process for when a player moves from one country to another (i.e. player going abroad, player returning home, foreign player coming to Ireland), known as NOC.
- For EYHL Division 1, Hockey Ireland require the receiving club to seek and receive a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the previous country or club before the player can be registered to play for the receiving club.

New Player Scenarios – What you need to know and do

New Player to your club transferring from another club within Hockey Ireland

- The receiving club need to request the transfer from the previous club before the player can register to the new club on GameDay
- The transfer needs to happen within the ‘transfer window’ applicable to your province – if in doubt, ASK either your provincial or HI competition person before acting!
- DO NOT create a duplicate of the player to avoid the transfer process – your club will be fined or subject to penalty!

New Player to your club transferring from outside of Hockey Ireland

- If likely to play in EYHL Division One, the receiving club (or player) need to request a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the previous club (or federation) and be **cleared to play by Hockey Ireland** before they can complete registration on GameDay and be considered a bone fide member of the club.

New Player from outside of Hockey Ireland AND who does NOT hold Irish/UK/EU nationality

- In addition to requiring a No Objection Certificate (step above), a player likely to play in EYHL Division One, needs to provide evidence of the Right to Live & Work in Ireland / Northern Ireland prior to receiving clearance to play from Hockey Ireland.

Steps to take – New /returning players to Hockey Ireland

1. Where applicable, get the player to request their NOC from their previous club (or federation). Make sure it has the minimum required fields and signed.
2. Send the completed NOC (or get the player to send) to Hockey Ireland and ask for clearance to play. If the player doesn't hold an IRL /UK /EU passport, then request the player to contact competitions@hockey.ie to discuss what permits will be required as proof of Right to Live & Work to achieve clearance to play
3. Once the clearance to play email has been received from either Hockey Ireland or the provincial branch, the player can complete their GameDay registration
4. Hold onto a copy of all paperwork, including the clearance to play, for proof of eligibility

