

OTAC OVER 35 RULES FOR 2010-11 SEASON

The Travellers League has now established six "Over-35" divisions. We expected it would take a few seasons with some necessary exceptions along the way to be able to transition into almost pure "Over 35" divisions without teams having to break up their rosters.

As you build your team for this and future years, please keep in mind not only the rules and age policies below for the "Over-35" divisions, but also the spirit, intent and goals of the Over-35 divisions, and that is, to achieve "pure" Over-35 divisions as soon as possible.

TRAVELLERS OVER-35 RULES AND POLICIES FOR 2010-11 SEASON

- 1) No new player under the age of 35 can be added to your team's roster for this season.
- 2) "Regular" team players between the ages of 32 and 35 will continue to be grandfathered provided they have been "regular" players on your team and provided they played a minimum 7 games on your team last year. These players will be allowed to play both regular season and playoffs provided they are not impact players; players between the ages of 32 and 35 who are deemed to be too strong for their division may be prevented from playing in the playoffs.
- 3) "Spares" between the ages of 32 and 35 may be used during the regular season only provided that they are not impact players; however they will not be eligible for playoffs regardless of the number of regular season games they have played.
- 4) Exceptions may be made for goaltenders in emergency situations only and provided the team has received prior approval from the League.
- 5) Rather than shut down an Over-35 division entirely, the Travellers League reserves the right to add a regular team (i.e., a team that is not an Over-35 team) to an Over-35 division if a team is needed to complete that division; in that circumstance, the League will take great care in ensuring the team selected is a proper fit and not too strong for that division.
- 6) If and as required, other cases will be dealt with on an individual and team-to-team basis.

DEFINITION OF "OVER 35" AND PLAYER AGES

- Winter >** A player is considered over 35 provided he turns 35 on or before January 31st of the winter season in question; The same January 31st date applies to any other age being considered.
- Summer >** A player is considered over 35 provided he turns 35 on or before June 30th of the summer season in question. The same June 30th date applies to any other age being considered.