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## IMPORT PLAYER POLICY 2010

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### 1. PURPOSE

This document defines the use of import players in Hockey SA state teams.

### 2. BACKGROUND

It is the intention of Hockey SA to support and develop South Australian players providing every opportunity for South Australian players to reach elite status and represent their state. This is subject to nominations for selection and players reaching a suitable minimum skill and fitness level.

### 3. IMPORT PLAYERS

According to Hockey SA an import player is defined as one of the following:

- a) Overseas players (A player who is ineligible to represent Australia in international competition under FIH rules)
- b) An Australian player whose origin is not from the State of the team wishing to register that player  
State of Origin is determined as follows:
  - a) The State the player first represented in Australian Championships
  - b) Players who have not previously represented a State or AHL team shall be subject to a residential qualification of location during the six months prior to registration.

An imported player does not include:

- c) A player who has resided elsewhere than their State of Origin for a continuous period of three years; and
- d) That player has been provided with a written clearance from their State of Origin

### 4. USE OF IMPORT PLAYERS

**AHL:** The HSA Board may approve the use of import players if used in accordance with current AHL Rules set by Hockey Australia and published in the AHL Operations Manual. A business case re their use must be presented to the board by the High Performance Manager before approval will be granted. The use of import players in local competition will be at the discretion of the board at all times.

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**All other Hockey SA State Teams:**

Import players are restricted from being used in all other Hockey SA state teams.

Exemptions will only be considered by the board if applications are made to the board via the High Performance and Competitions Manager and endorsed by the HPC.

Where at all possible a South Australian player must be selected ahead of an import player.