

2024 Winter Season – Goalkeeper Pool Proposal

With the intention to promote goalkeeping, to give more opportunities to our current goalkeepers and those who like to play both GK and field we would like to propose a Goalkeeping Pool. This will also take into consideration that Goalkeepers are not available every week and take some pressure from them. The purpose of the Goalkeeper Pool is an 'emergency supply' when dedicated goalkeepers are away or sick.

- 1. WWCHA Playing Rules currently state that a player cannot play for another club or team in the same division. Clubs may submit a list of players into the goalkeeper pool, with an exemption request for this rule at the start of the season.
- 2. Any Goalkeeper can nominate themselves into the goalkeeper pool. A goalkeeper is not required to participate in the goalkeeper pool.
- 3. Teams are encouraged to nominate their own Goalkeeper. The Goalkeeper pool may be used when the nominated goalkeeper is unavailable.
- 4. A Goalkeeper from the pool that is not nominated in the club cannot play during the finals series.
- 5. A Goalkeeper that is nominated in the pool must be assigned a division. Normal rules would apply. E.G. If a goalkeeper is nominated in Men's Division 2, they may only assist teams that are in Men's Division 2 or 1, they are not allowed to play in Men's Division 3.
- 6. A team is not required to use a goalkeeper from the pool if they do not have a goalkeeper available.

For further discussion:

- Should the goalkeeper pool only apply to Div 2 and lower? I.E. Clubs may only use goalkeepers from their own lower divisions to fill in for Div 1 Goalkeepers?