1. **WHAT IS A NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE?**

A No Objection Certificate (NOC) is official documentation granted by the national body which provides permission for a player registered within that nation to play in a domestic competition internationally which is sanctioned by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). All certificates must be granted prior to playing in the nominated competition.

**A No Objection Certificate can only be issued by Hockey Australia.**

State and territory hockey associations, regional associations and clubs are not authorised by HA or the FIH to grant a player a NOC.

A certificate will be signed by Hockey Australia’s Chief Executive and will be for an agreed period, not longer than 12 months. Hockey Australia’s Chief Executive may revoke the NOC in situations where circumstances change and/or the health and safety of the individual is viewed to be at risk.

No Objections certificates are reviewed and issued for a range of reasons including, and most importantly, to assess player safety and wellbeing.

2. **WHO NEEDS TO APPLY?**

Any player wishing to play in an overseas, domestic, FIH-sanctioned competition needs to apply for a No Objection Certificate. The certificate will be valid for up to one year and must be signed and have been approved by the Hockey Australia Chief Executive before the player can participate.

3. **WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO APPLY?**

The applicant must supply following information on the NOC application form:

- Full Name (as per HockeyNet, the national hockey database).
- Date of Birth.
- Local (Australian) address details.
- Current Club (within Australia).
- Registered State/Territory Association (within Australia).
- Proposed overseas club details (address, phone, email, website).
- List of all countries, leagues and competitions you wish to play in internationally.
- Start and end date of the competition(s) in which you wish to play.
- Email address and telephone number (whilst overseas).

4. **HOW DO YOU APPLY**

Simply complete the required details into the electronic application form on the Hockey Australia website (http://hockey.org.au/playing/no-objective-certificate).

Nationally Identified Athletes must follow the procedures outlined in the “No Objection Certificates Policy & Guidelines” document. A copy of this document can be obtained by contacting the High Performance Program office in Perth (http://hockey.org.au/Contact).
5. **EXTERNAL RESOURCES**

Before making a formal application, individuals are encouraged to review the information available on the Smart Traveller website ([http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/)) for all countries/regions where they intend to play hockey internationally. Applicants are also encouraged to review the website of the World Health Organization ([http://www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)) for any medical or health alerts.

Hockey Australia’s International Travel Policy would likely not approve a NOC for travel to a destination deemed Level 3 or Level 4 on the DFAT scale of Travel Advisories, or to a destination where significant health risks are likely.

6. **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Once Hockey Australia has received your application, it will undertake the process outlined in Attachment 1 to assess your application. If satisfied that the conditions for approval and international hockey-related travel have been met, the Chief Executive will issue the certificate.

Please allow up to 15 working days for this process to take place.


7. **PENALTIES & SANCTIONS**

The Board of Hockey Australia reserves the right to impose penalties or sanctions against individuals who breach this policy, deliberately or otherwise. The Board will consider such courses of action on a case by case basis dependent on the facts of each breach by an individual.

Sanctions may include:

- Suspension from participation in national championship events, and/or
- Recommendation to state/local association for suspension from club hockey, and/or
- Exclusion from national teams, future national selection, state representative squads or teams, or any other teams endorsed by Hockey Australia.

If Hockey Australia becomes aware of a breach of this policy and the individual is currently playing internationally without a NOC from HA, the Chief Executive may notify the FIH and the local national governing body of such breach. Penalties may be imposed at the international or national level internationally, to be determined by the FIH or the relevant national association.

8. **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

If you still have questions, please contact Hockey Australia:

- By email – support@hockey.org.au
- By phone - 03 9947 9900

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Player Lodges NOC Application on HA Website →
International Travel Review by HA →
Destination(s) Approved →
Nationally Identified Athlete →
Financial Review by Hockey Australia & State Hockey Association →
Financial Approval? →
Final Review by HA Chief Executive →
NOC Approved? →
HA Chief Executive Signs & Issues NOC to Applicant

Training Environment Review by High Performance Director →
HP Environment Approved? →
Applicant Advised of Negative Outcome & FIH Appeal Process

Applicant Registers their Travel Details with DFAT / Smart Traveller