

Arbitration Decisions for 2021 USFHL Adult NCCs

1) Darian Isla, NYC

Background

- Darian played with the Southeast league in the 2019 USFHL National Championship.
- The Southeast league invited Darian to play with them in 2021 and wants him to play with them in 2021.
- In May, dcDragons informed Darian they could not roster him at NCCs because his primary residence was not within 2 hours of DC.
- In July, Darian was submitted on the NYC roster

United States Field Hockey League (USFHL) Competition Goals

- USFHL was formed to grow and support local league and consortium adult hockey competition throughout the US.
- USFHL play-offs differ from other adult tournaments because the spirit of the rules is to preserve it as a competition of the best teams with athletes who qualified locally through league competition.

Initial USFHL Decision: Darian Isla lives and has only qualified through the Southeast League for the USFHL National Championship, and thus can only be rostered on their league's team which is Miami/Atlanta for 2021.

7/6/21 UPDATE Arbitration Appeal Request from Mike: Darian should be rostered on NYC.

7/9/21 Arbitration Meeting

New pieces of information presented during the appeal process:

1. Darian met the qualification criteria of NEFHA and provided documentation of qualification
2. Darian's residence is now within 2 hours of NEFHA.

7/13/21 UPDATE Arbitration Appeal voted on by and accepted. Darian may be rostered on NYC.

Action Item- The Advisory Board discuss updating qualification rules because of the negative impact this could have for the future of the league. This impacts entrepreneurial areas trying to grow local hockey and gives the bigger leagues an advantage to take top players who also qualify in their league. This is especially true for those that have High Performance teams made up of athletes from all over the country qualifying in their competition. The board needs to refine the spirit of the USFHL rules designed to grow and support local adult field hockey.

2) Jonny Orozco, NYC

He has lived in New York for the last few years as he coaches at Cornell. He plays in the NEFHA. He is usually an ECHP player.

3) Dena Riehl, Running on Empty

Drove to PA to play with PFHA in 2019 that year. Prior to that, played the entire 2018 season. Currently, not playing with any other adult leagues. Lives 131 miles from the BFHA, 152 from the WFHA, and 133 away from DC Dragons.

4) Shawn Hindy, Lone Star FHC

He has since moved away- but played within 2 years for Lone Star. Since Southern California is not putting in a team, there is no Qualifying league within 2 hours drive for him to compete. Southern California, Federation, will most likely put in a team next year and then he must qualify through his local league.

5) Damien Tarla, Lone Star FHC

Currently in NH for college but plays with Lone Star on break.

6) Ashley Dalisera, Baltimore Field Hockey Association (BFHA)

BFHA could not secure a goalie from the area. Ashley was a prior member and played in 2019 who now lives in VA Beach.

7) Jordi Domingo, Atlanta/Miami Surf

Jordi splits time between miami and Philadelphia. He plays and qualifies in both regions.

8) Kevin Tan and Aaron Lewis, Atlanta/Miami Surf

From the Midwest and part of the pilot anonymous waitlist process to be adopted in 2022.

9) Ankit Chhabra and Prathmesh Sonawane, Triangle

Part of the pilot anonymous waitlist process to be adopted in 2022.

10) Kate Singletery, Blackouts

Part of the pilot anonymous waitlist process to be adopted in 2022.

11) Ranverr Kundi, Sharks

Southern Californian, unaffiliated with no local league that qualified. BFHA is his closest league and he regularly play in our Cal Cup teams.

12) John Merritt, Greenwich

Greenwich's rostered goal keeper had a last minute emergency. John filled in as keeper with sign off from local team.

13) Jasmine Li, Washington FHA

Has traveled to play with WFHA qualification games.

14) Jo Hawkins, dcDragons

Played with DC dragons and moved to PA during Covid.

15) Maxine Fluharty, dcDragons

Played in multiple qualification competition.

16) Nicole Morgan, dcDragons

Nicole qualified through indoor competition.