



Player Movement Policy

Objective:

To provide development opportunities for the participants in the Association by:

- Allowing exceptional players to move up an age category

Applicability:

- No player movement before try outs.
- All players have to skate with their age groups.
- If a player is to move up one level, they have to be rated in the top three forwards or top two defense on the team they would like to move to.
- The player must be observed during at least two games by three independent people.
- Players will be permitted to move between teams in the Association and in accordance with the regulations of the NOHA.
- Players that are playing at the highest level within their age category (i.e., Novice AA, Major Peewee AAA, etc.) will be permitted to play at a higher age category that is more suited to that player's ability, if recommended by the Coach and Player Development Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, based on the following criteria:
 - Hockey Skill
 - Age
 - Physical and mental maturity

Process:

- A Coach, Board Member and/or member of the Coaching and Player Development Committee may nominate a player to the Board for consideration of movement to a higher age category.
- The Coaching and Player Development Committee chair will notify the Coach of the team, in the higher age category, of any nominations that affect his team and the Coach must indicate if he would in interested in having the player moved to his team.



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- The Coaching and Player Development Committee will review all nominations, meet with parents/child and both coaches and then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Once the Board of Directors has voted, the child/parent and both coaches will be notified of the results.
- Players that are approved by the Board for movement to a higher level will be carded to the team in their age category.
- Players will pay the team fees of the team they have been moved to.
- Player movements will be determined prior to the commencement of league play.
- Coaches that have had players moved from their team may sign an additional player.
- Coaches that are accepting a player from a lower age category are to consider that player in their roster total.

Exceptions

- A coach may decline a move request if a player is under a team disciplinary action (i.e., a player that has been benched the first period of the next game due to bullying). The disciplinary action must be in force and has been communicated to the parents in order for it to be considered valid.

Appeal Process

- If there is disagreement on the result by any of the parties, an appeal can be made in writing.
- This appeal must be heard at the next Board Meeting. The party in disagreement will plead their case to the Board. The Board will excuse the party, debate the issue, vote and then inform the party of the decision. This decision is final unless the party would like to proceed to the NOHA appeal process.