



CYHA Move Up Policy

CENTENNIAL YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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1.0 CYHA Move Up Policy

CYHA generally discourages the movement of players out of their normal Minnesota Hockey defined age group. However, in special circumstances, movement may be considered while using the following guidelines.

- The intent of this policy is to allow youth to play within their school grade, and also allow stabilization in a particular program depending on registration numbers.
- Parents must submit a request to CYHA through the following board members:
 - President
 - VP of Admin
 - Relevant Boys or Girls Director
- Board approval must be obtained not less than 10 days prior to tryouts.

Move up to play with player's grade level

- Where a request is made for alignment with a player's school grade level, the player's birth date must fall within 3 months following the Minnesota Hockey cutoff date.
- After board approval, the player shall tryout at the board approved level only and be placed appropriately as evaluated.
- A Squirt/10U player with an eligible birthday (per Minnesota Hockey age guidelines) can submit a request to the Board of Directors after participating for two years at the Squirt/10U level for a potential third year at that level due to the player's birthday.
- The move up decision is final once the player moves to the Peewee/U12 level. At this point, the player shall remain "moved up" until they are at their highest level eligible to play. (Bantam/U15)

Move up by family request

- Requests shall be reviewed on the benefit towards the stabilization of the CYHA program.
- Players electing to play-up, for reasons other than playing with their grade, can be rostered on the highest level team (i.e. AA in boys or A in Girls) only if they are evaluated in the top 5 for skaters / top 1 for goalie. The following outlines the tryout process for players trying out for the top level.
 - Player must tryout at the age appropriate level as well as the requested level
 - Player must attend all sessions to be properly evaluated.
 - If a player does not evaluate into the top 5 for skaters / top 1 for goalie, the player will fall into their age appropriate level evaluation placement.
 - All other tryout rules apply. See CYHA Tryout Document.
 - An additional "Move Up" fee of \$100 shall be collected before a player is allowed to tryout at a level higher than their age appropriate level. This fee is in addition to any other normal fees associated with trying out at the highest level.

Move up by CYHA request

In some circumstances it may be necessary to have athletes "play-up" to the next age group (when numbers are low for teams-players and/or goalies). A CYHA Board Member will discuss the situation with the parents in terms of skaters / goalies needed at the age group. This will be done as soon as possible so that families can make a determination for their child to request a play-up or stay at their existing level.

- Players electing to play-up can be rostered on the AA (boys) / A (girls) level team only if they are evaluated in the top 5 for skaters / top 1 for goalie.
- Once the tryout process has started, the player who elected to play-up must remain at the level the evaluators place them through the tryout process.
- It is important to also keep in mind that the decision to allow a player in this situation to play up is an ongoing evaluation, and an opportunity to play up now does not guarantee future opportunities. Future opportunities will be evaluated and determined on a two year interval by the CYHA Board.

Mite and U8 Move up by Family request

Players/Families requesting that their Mite or U8 player move up to the next level must have completed 2 years at the highest level Mite or U8 to be granted this move up request.

NOTES:

Document Updates

Update 08/23/2017 – Complete rewrite of document. (Scott Anderson)

Update 09/14/2018 – Rewrite bullets 3 and 4 under the “Move up by family Request” section to align more closely with the Registration document and online registration. (Kirk Matko)

Update 08/23/2023 – Added Mite and U8 Move up by Family request. (Tom Schoolmeesters)