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1. Purpose

In alignment with USA Lacrosse’s emphasis on athlete-centered development, safety, and age-appropriate participation and the governing rules of the Great Northern Lacrosse League (GNLL), Mounds View Irondale Youth Lacrosse (MVI) has established this policy to provide clear guidance for athletes participating in lacrosse programs across age levels on what division to register for without the necessity of a waiver. All other circumstances not listed below would require a waiver and communication with the MVI Board of Directors, as outlined.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all MVI athletes at all levels.

3. Policy

An athlete may register for an age-level (6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U) of play **without a waiver from the Board of Directors in two circumstances:**

- An athlete may register for an age-level of play based on the age-chart provided by USA Lacrosse at the time of registration. OR
- An athlete may register for an age-level of play based on the high school graduation year affiliated with their school grade level at the time of registration.

Any age waiver outside of these parameters will require a petition by email to the Board of Directors. The waiver will be determined by majority vote. Any waiver, up or down, that is not granted will require the athlete to register in accordance with the stated above parameters.

4. Reasoning

MVI is committed to maximizing participation opportunities for youth within our enrollment area by supporting the greatest number of players, from kindergarten through eighth grade. We strive to do so through responsible use of resources, reasonable program fees, and thoughtful program management.

5. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the MVI Board annually. Season feedback will be considered in this annual review.

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2	Sara Bakken	Policy published in new template and reapproved	BOD	01/2026