

## SAHA AGE LEVEL, MOVE UP POLICY AND GRADE LEVEL EXCEPTION



### AGE LEVEL

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- SAHA player eligibility is governed by the Minnesota Hockey Eligibility rules.
- The starting birthdate for each age classification is June 1st to provide players born in June the opportunity to play with their grade level.

### LEVEL MOVE UP

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- Per Minnesota Hockey guidelines, SAHA does not allow level move ups. The SAHA Hockey Operations Committee will consider exceptions to allow players to move up under the grade level exception only.

### GRADE LEVEL EXCEPTION

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- SAHA will allow a player to play a level up if, by age, they are not eligible to play at the same level as their grade level peers per the Minnesota Hockey birthday parameters.
- The consideration is offered only to allow players to play with their peers in their school grade and not due to a player's hockey ability.
- This affects players relative to their grade as follows:

Players who are not eligible per birthdate:	But are entering:
Mite/8U 1	Kindergarten
Mite/8U 2	1st Grade
Mite/8U 3&4	2nd Grade
Squirt / 10U	4th Grade
Peewee / 12U	6th Grade
Bantam / 15U	8th Grade
Junior Gold	10th Grade
U19	10th Grade

**NOTE:** All players requesting a grade-level exception must be reviewed and approved by the SAHA Hockey Operations Committee. In rare circumstances, the Hockey Operations Committee may grant exceptions to ensure that teams have enough players to be fully formed.