

Santa Fe Capitals Youth Hockey Association

Play Up Policy

From time to time there are situations where it is in the best interests of certain players and Association teams to allow an individual player to “Play Up” on a team in the next age division as defined by USA Hockey.

This policy defines the conditions in which a Player is eligible to Play Up within the Association. Any exceptions to this Policy must be approved by a simple majority of voting Board Members.

The conditions are as follows:

- 1) Second year Players in their established Age Group may be considered to Play Up in the next Age Group (eg: A second year U10 Squirt may be considered to play on the U12 team). First year Players in a particular Age Group are not eligible.
- 2) The Coaches for both the age appropriate team and the “Play Up” team will jointly determine players that will be considered to “Play Up”. The determination will be based on the needs of the “Play Up” team based the number of Players rostered and available for a particular game. The determination to Play Up must not adversely affect the ability of the age appropriate team to field a team for any given game. The Coaches' decision is final.
- 3) A Waiver form must be completed and signed by the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) for the Player before any Player may be considered to Play Up. The Association Registrar or designated Board Member must also sign the Waiver form.
- 4) Considerations for JV/Varsity Players:
 1. Once a rostered JV Player that is a Junior or Senior plays in a Varsity game, they are no longer eligible to play on a JV team.
 2. A JV Player that is a Freshman or Sophomore may play at both the JV and Varsity Levels subject to the provisions of this policy.

This Policy was submitted and approved by the Santa Fe Hockey Association Board of Directors.

Date: November 11, 2022

Secretary Signature: /Denise Ip/