

M. PLAYING UP POLICY

Playing up is not encouraged or recommended by ACYHA in consideration of USA and Minnesota Hockey recommendations. Players shall be registered and play with their assigned age group based upon the age standards established by Minnesota Hockey. There are two permitted exceptions to this policy:

1. Grade Play Up Request:
 - a. A player may request a “grade wavier” to play with the other players in their grade of school. Once a player has elected to play up based on his/her grade level and has made a traveling team he/she must continue to evaluation and participate at his/her grade level. However, at the request of the parents, an exception for physical risk to the player could be made by the play up committee contingent up on Minnesota Hockey and District 3 policies.
 - b. Any players with grade waivers shall complete evaluations with that level and be placed on the appropriate team based upon their evaluation scores regardless of their waiver status.
2. Association Need:
 - a. In the event the association needs player movement to fulfill team needs, a play up committee shall meet. The play up committee shall consist of the HDC Chair, Boys and Girls Travel Directors, and the Mite Director or the Chair if the play up does not involve a Mite player. If one of the committee members is not available their position shall be filled based upon ACYHA Board hierarchy (Chair, Vice Chair, etc.) This committee will review the play up proposal, discuss the impacts on the association, and contact the player’s previous coach as appropriate, and then notify the players eligible for playup to fulfill the association need to participate in the appropriate evaluation process.
 - b. If playup is approved, then the players shall participate in evaluations at that level and place accordingly. If the association need is limited to a number smaller than the number of players considered for play up, then the top evaluating players will fill those needed spots and the remaining players shall return to their age appropriate level for evaluations and team placement.