



NWRA believes players should play with their peer group in their normal Divisions (based on age) and Player Movement should only happen in exceptional circumstances where an individual's skill level would be better placed with another age group.

For consideration of age advancement of players with an individual skill level higher than their peer group, please refer to the **Age Advancement Policy**.

For consideration of placement in a peer group lower than the Division based on age, discussion must occur with the coaches involved as well as the parents.

Player movement shall be discussed with the coaches involved and their input will be taken into consideration. The President or Vice President will contact the parents and the Director of Coaching will contact the coaches within 48 hours of the decision being made by the Board of Directors. All player movements must meet the requirements of the RMB Policy Manual.

Player movement - AGE / SKILL (playing in a lower Division than the age of the player) can be accomplished in two ways:

a) Parent Driven Request:

- If your player has passed the Ringette 4U Green stage. A parent must complete a parent driven request. (Ringette 4 U program only)

- the player initially must register in their normal age Division.

Please note, no request will be accepted unless the player has been registered to play and payment has been received by NWRA.

- once registered, the parents need to supply NWRA with a letter asking for permission for their player to play in the new Division (important to include the reasons why). The parents should e-mail this letter to the Registrar and copy the President.

- to be dealt with in a timely manner all requests should be received by NWRA before September 15th. Requests received after September 15th will be managed as best we can (and may take some time).

- All players may be expected to begin the season in their normal age Division.

Important: the player cannot attend the ice session of the Division they would like to move to; if this happens their request will not be reviewed.

- NWRA will evaluate the player during the first couple of ice times at the start of the season.

- After the evaluation ice the NWRA Executive will review the request and the President will communicate the decision to the parents.

- If approved, parents are responsible to pay any difference in fees for the new Division.

c) How does NWRA make a decision on Player Movement? We look to two things:

1.) NWRA numbers in each Division: does moving players affect team formation? Players will only be moved when it is not a detriment to either the team from where the player is being moved from or to. This condition must be met before a move will be considered regardless of skill.

2.) Skill of player: skating, aggressiveness, size, game play etc.

Player Movement - NUMBERS/AMALGAMATION

With registration numbers varying by age each year, NWRA works with neighboring ringette associations (Interlake, River East, Transcona, and St. James) to ensure that all players have a team.

This may involve NWRA-registered players being placed on an amalgamated team hosted out of NWRA or a nearby association.

Considerations include number of players, availability of goalie, availability of ice, availability of coaching staff.

Decisions related to host associations are made at an amalgamation meeting attended by representatives of all associations held after the completion of A tryouts and creation of A teams.

Guideline subject to change at discretion of NWRA board