



## Athabasca and District Minor Hockey Association (ADMHA)

<b>APPROVED:</b>	November 30, 2017 (revised April 2022)
<b>POLICY:</b>	PLAYER MOVEMENT / OVER AGE PLAYER
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To provide guidance in situations where players may request to move up to a division that is higher than their age appropriate division and to allow player movement up or down a division for the current hockey season in appropriate & ADMHA executive approved situations.
<b>RESOURCES:</b>	Hockey Alberta Overage Player Application Criteria and Guidelines, NAI & Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL) Regulations & Guidelines
<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b>	ADMHA EXECUTIVE

### 1. PLAYER MOVEMENT

- 1.1. ADMHA WILL NOT accept ANY individual requests for player(s) wishing to move up to a higher division. Players registered with ADMHA will play in their current age division.
- 1.2. If and when required by the ADMHA executive or the evaluation committee that a player(s) is being considered too moved up from a lower division on a permanent base in order to field adequate player numbers at the next higher division. A special meeting MUST be held consisting of the majority of the ADMHA Executive. The following requirements MUST be discussed and considered before a motion is tabled to move the player(s) to the next higher division.
  - i. MUST not leave the lower division with less than 12 skaters per team at the U9 & U11 levels.
  - ii. MUST not leave the lower division with less than 14 skaters per team at the U13 & U15 levels.
  - iii. MUST not leave the lower division without the designate position of goalie at the U11, U13, and U15 divisions.
  - iv. Player(s) considered for movement to the next higher level MUST score at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of their respective peers during the player evaluation process. Actual evaluation scores will remain confidential and be a recommendation from a list of players provided by the Evaluation Committee Director/Chair.
  - v. The player(s) asked to move will be selected by the evaluation committee based on the current year's evaluations.
  - vi. All risk management & player safety factors, other than player skill must be taken into account.

- vii. Selected player(s) requested to move up MUST have the approval of his/her Parent/Guardian.
- viii. All League and Hockey Alberta regulations and guidelines MUST be referenced and followed.

## **2. PLAYER MOVEMENT DOWN – OVERAGE**

- 2.1. For divisions U9 and above all Overage Player applications must be brought to the division director and forwarded to the Vice President to be addressed. All overage player applications MUST adhere and follow Hockey Alberta Regulation and approvals.
- 2.2. Player movement, due to age, below U9 will not be permitted.