



## ACCELERATED PLAYER MOVEMENT

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All Hockey Canada programs and divisions are intended to focus on the overall quality of the hockey experience. Each age division has pre-defined goals and recommended focus areas of development. As a player moves through each age division, skills and knowledge learned in the earlier division are built upon in a systematic manner.

There may be times when an individual player significantly exceeds the skill level of their age group. In rare circumstances like this, it may be beneficial to the player and the AA program to accelerate this player to the next division.

### UNDERAGE PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Player must make the highest tier in his/her first year i.e. to try out as an underage player for U11AA, you must have made Tier 1 in U9 the previous season
- The player is entering the final year of the top level in the playing division
- U13AA-U18AA: During evaluations, the player must finish in the top 3<sup>rd</sup> of skaters by position, i.e. The player must evaluate top 3 forward, top 2 defensemen or the top goaltender by our external evaluators to make the team in question.
- U11: An underage player must evaluate in the top 6 forwards and top 4 defense by our external evaluators. At this point they will be awarded a spot on the long roster. Once in this position, the head coach will have the final say on the players' position on the team.

**Accelerated players participating in any ID skate are ineligible for early roster selection. The sole exemption applies when a player finishes first overall in their designated position and is evaluated as being significantly higher than all other peers in the same position. Any such exception will be granted at the sole discretion of the BAC Board of Directors.**

- If an underage player is named to a Roster, a \$1500 underage fee will be charged to the family by way of a postdated cheque. The following season, upon the players return, the \$1500 underage fee will go towards the players Registration Fees/level up fees. If the player chooses not to return to sanctioned hockey under the Hockey Alberta umbrella, the \$1500 will NOT be refunded to the player. The Cheque will be cashed.
- The following programs fall under Hockey Alberta:
  - LJAC
  - BAC
  - BAHA
  - CSSHL





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In accordance with the Hockey Alberta Bylaws (Appendix II AA Hockey Model, Section 7) only 1 underage player is eligible to play on a AA team.

### STEPS TO FOLLOW: FALL EVALUATIONS

All steps in the process must be followed, or the player will be considered ineligible.

- BAHA Registration (TeamSnap): The player must register in their appropriate age category during BAHA registration in June.
- BAC AA Registration (RAMP): The underage player registration must also be completed. This will be a \$550 Accelerated Player Tryout Fee. This fee will cover an extra evaluator for the underage player and all administrative fees. Should this player be named to the AA program, the \$275 above the AA try out fee, will be used towards their level up fees. Should the player return to their age division, no refund will be issued. Please email [lmiller@baha.ab.ca](mailto:lmiller@baha.ab.ca) to obtain a registration link)
- The registration must be accompanied by a letter of reference from the previous year's coach in support of the tryout. If the former coach is a parent/guardian, the letter must come from the Level Director. For more information, please reach out to BAC Director Jamie Huxley.

Where the above criteria or process steps are not met, the player will move back and grade with their appropriate age division.

### STEPS TO FOLLOW: ID SKATES

All steps in the process must be followed, or the player will be considered ineligible.

- The player must register in their appropriate ID Skate age category.
- Notice of intention to attend the ID skate as an underage player must be met with the approval of the BAC Board of Directors.
- Please email Lisa Miller at [lmiller@baha.ab.ca](mailto:lmiller@baha.ab.ca) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the BAC program.

