

## ***Underage Players Trying Out for an Advanced Age Bracket***

Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association believes in providing an environment in which our young members can develop their potential as people and players to the highest degree possible. As such, we support players and parents who make the decision that it is in the best interests of the individual concerned to try out to play at the next age (advanced) level bracket as defined by Hockey Alberta.

### ***Guidelines:***

The BMHA supports our players, in the second year of their age bracket (as defined by Hockey Alberta), to try out for the next age level bracket. Within the Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association, this would apply to players from the Initiation to Pee Wee level but would not include early entry to the Initiation level or Bantam players moving to the Midget level.

### ***For example:***

Early entry to Pups = not supported  
Pups to Initiation = not supported  
Initiation to Novice = supported  
Novice to Atom = supported  
Atom to Pee Wee = supported  
Pee Wee to Bantam = supported  
Bantam to Midget = not supported

In order to play at the advanced age bracket, players who choose to go through this try-out process must be evaluated in the age bracket they would like to play at as:

- one of the **top 3 players at their position (Forward/Defense)**
- the **top goalie** in the bracket

**\*Players not evaluated in the above criteria will return to their age appropriate division.**

**Application to the Process:** In order to try out for an advanced age bracket as defined by this policy, the parent(s) of the player in question must apply in writing, or via email, to the Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association in order to enter into this formal process. Applications would need to be received two weeks prior to the commencement of BMHA evaluations.

Parents seeking further information or wishing to apply to enter the process can email BMHA President at: [president@blackfaldsminorhockey.com](mailto:president@blackfaldsminorhockey.com)

**Fees:** A fee will be applied to each individual try out; payable before try outs begin.

Early entry into Novice: \$30

Early entry into Atom, Pee Wee & Bantam: \$50

**Withdrawal from the Process:** At any point during the evaluation process, the player or parent can decide to remove their request and return to the evaluation process at the player's age bracket according to birth year.

**IMPORTANT:** The Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association reserves the right to deny the movement or request for movement of players from one age bracket to the next in cases where participant numbers at the player's age bracket by birth year or the bracket to which they are desiring entry would be negatively impacted by player movement.