


Policies and Procedures				
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1.0 Purpose

To inform all participants in Cochrane Recreational Hockey League (CRHL) that age exemptions will be considered for players requesting to play up or down a division on a player-by-player basis. The CRHL Board of Directors reserves the right to approve any/all/or none of the requests to play up or down a division.

2.0 Commencement Date

The Policy will commence from January 22, 2025. It replaces the previous Age Exemption Policy whether written or not.

3.0 Application of Policy

This Policy applies to the following CRHL groups:

- Players

4.0 Rationale

4.1 **Safety** - The safety of all players is of paramount importance. There are risks, even in no-hit hockey, that may be increased when playing with players outside of a player’s assigned age bracket. Due to the potential for significant size discrepancies among players, younger players can play up one division only, with parental and CRHL Board of Director approval. Overage players may be permitted to play down one division only, at the discretion of the CRHL Board of Directors.

The Board will consider the following when making the decision to allow, any or all, players to play up or down a division:

- a. Physical ability
- b. Physical size
- c. Age of player
- d. Number of players within the age parameters registered.

5.0 Age Exemption Request Investigation

5.1 Parents must submit an age exemption request at the time of registration, which will be reviewed by the CRHL Board of Directors.

5.2 CRHL Board of Directors may seek additional information from past coach(es) and other approved CRHL representatives when making a decision.

6.0 Age Exemption Request Process

6.1 Parent submits a written age exemption request along with player their registration.

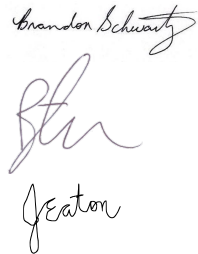
6.2 CRHL Board of Directors review the request and inform the parent of any difference in registration fee for the higher division, if applicable.

6.3 CRHL Board of Directors informs parents of outcome of request.

6.4 Parents are responsible for paying any outstanding registration amounts that may arise from moving to the higher division prior to the player being placed on a team.

6.5 CRHL Board of Directors advises the applicable coaches of the age exemption request determination.

7.0 Review and Revision History

Revision	Scope of Revision	Approved By	Date
0	Initial Approval		January 22, 2025