

## 6.1.10 Underage Player Policy

All operating procedures of the governing league, Ringette Alberta, or Ringette Canada shall supersede those of the CRA.

### 6.1.10.1 Team Viability

In exceptional years, the CRA reserves the right to move players in any age division to offer team balance and viability, as is in accordance with Ringette Alberta. An Underage Player Committee will be formed consisting of the Evaluation Head, Evaluation Leads from the affected age divisions, coaches from the affected age divisions, and an Executive of the CRA Board.

The Underage Player Committee will ask prior coaches to assess players based on age, ability and maturity and bring forth recommendations. Should player(s) agree to advance age divisions, they will attend evaluations for the older division. They will be tiered to the team level that best suits their evaluation performance within that division.

### 6.1.10.2 Exceptional Player Request

Players in the U10 and U12 age divisions may request a move to an older age division; this will be considered an *Exceptional Player Request*. There is an associated fee of \$50 for this request. The request must be submitted in writing along with payment to the board before August 15<sup>th</sup> of the upcoming season. Team viability within affected age divisions will always precede the Exceptional Player Request.

The board will evaluate the request based on the following criteria:

- The older age division's capacity to accept additional player(s)
- How the younger age division be impacted.
- Player's evaluation scores from the previous season
- Past coach reviews and evaluations; an exceptional player request will not be considered without a coach recommendation.
- Current age, ability, and maturity of the player

Players not meeting the criteria as determined by the board will not be considered for advancement.

Players meeting the criteria as determined by the board will be required to evaluate at the older age division and may be required to evaluate at both age divisions. A player must rank in the top two for the division dictated by their age and the division they wish to move up to.

The player will be required to play at the tier level they are placed on by the evaluation process and may not retreat divisions upon completion of evaluations without board approval.

Requests for players within the U14-U19 age divisions to move to an older age division will not be considered by the CRA. Players in these age divisions are encouraged to try out for AA teams. If The CRA does not offer a desired tier (A), the CRA may release players to associations offering teams of these tiers.

Ringette registration fees may increase to reflect the division a player has moved to.