



Player Movement Policy

Policy Implemented: September 30, 2015, revised August 31, 2016, March 20, 2017 & December 11, 2023

Purpose of Policy: To implement a player movement process for players between divisions within KMH. This policy applies to players requesting to move to **U11 level or higher***

Policy Statement: Any player, wishing to move up a division (to U11 or higher*), must be made aware that if they do not meet the following criteria after evaluations, they will be placed on the lower team in the division they are trying out for and, at the discretion of the board, may not be able to move back to the originating division.

Criteria: For U13 and up

- A) The Player must be within the top two players for the defence positions OR
- B) The Player must be within the top three player for the forward positions.

For U11 (as positional play is no longer available in U9)

- C) Player must be evaluated in the top 5 skaters

For U11 and up

- D) Notwithstanding the above, if moving a player up affects that team's categorization for Provincials, movement will be fully at the discretion of the Board.
- E) Players may also be asked to move up a division by the KMH board in order to make a team or teams if necessary. This board decision will not require a vote from the parent group of the said division and will be made strictly in the best interest of all division levels involved with the movement.

The KMH board will take into consideration the effect on both divisions with regards to numbers, looking after all levels involved, not just the top tier(s). Additionally, if a player is struggling in the division they tried out for, their best interest will be taken into account as to which division they should play.

Example 1:

Johnny Smith is a U11 player wishing to try-out for the U13 Division. There are two U13 teams (tier one and tier three). Johnny will be authorized by the board to go to the U13 evaluation skates with the knowledge of the above criteria.

If Johnny, trying out for a forward position, does not make the top three players in the U13 evaluation, he will not make tier one, but the tier three team instead.
If Johnny still isn't within the top three players of tier 3, he may, at the discretion of the board, be moved back down to U11.

Example 2:

Jennifer Smith is a U9 player wishing to try-out for the U11 Division. There are two U11 teams (tier two and tier four). Jennifer will be authorized by the board to go to the U11 evaluation skates with the knowledge of the above criteria.

If Jennifer, trying out for a forward position, does not make the top five players in the U11 evaluation, she will not make tier one, but the tier three team instead.

If Jennifer still isn't within the top five players of tier 3, she may, at the discretion of the board, be moved back down to U9.

****The above policy applies to players requesting to move to U11 or higher. Any requested movement of players from U7 to U9 is entirely at the discretion of the Board, who will consider factors such as player ability and maturity, numbers, etc.***

