



## OMHA /OOAA Acceleration Policy

### Player Acceleration Policy

- Players must be registered in their appropriate age category within OMHA.
- An Acceleration Request Form must be filled out and submitted by Aug.1st to the OMHA VP of Development for consideration.
- Acceleration will be considered based on evidence of exceptional abilities and references from the previous hockey year's Head Coach.
- Once your application has been reviewed by the OMHA Executive Board, you will be notified of their decision by no later than Aug 15th. If you wish to appeal the Board's decision a hearing will be set prior to the start of evaluations.

### Criteria

- OMHA will Accelerate any Initiation Player (5 or 6 year old) to Novice
- To accelerate, a player must be ranked in the top of their age category based on the following:
  - Initiation acceleration will only be considered under article 5 and 8 in this document
  - A Novice skater must evaluate in the top 5 on the top team in the next higher age category (Atom), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category. A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in the next higher age category (Atom), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category.
  - An Atom skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defence on the top team in the next higher age category (Peewee AA, Peewee Female A), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category. A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in the next higher age category (Peewee AA, Peewee Female A), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category.
  - An Peewee skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defence on the top team in the next higher age category (Bantam AAA), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category. A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in the next higher age category (Bantam AAA), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category.
  - In regards to the Mixed Division, there is no policy for Bantam to Midget Acceleration as Top teams (Midget AAA ) falls outside the OMHA and OOAA Associations. For the Female Division a Bantam skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defence on the top team



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in the next higher age category (Midget Female AAA), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category. A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in the next higher age category (Midget Female AAA), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category.

- If a player begins evaluations in their appropriate age category and an OMHA Executive subcommittee determines it is appropriate to move the player into the next higher age category based on input from the evaluators the above application procedure will be waived.
- If an approved Acceleration Player is not ranked in the top 10 in their category after the first 2 evaluations they will be returned to their appropriate age division.
- Additional registration costs due, to the advancement, are to be paid in full at the time of placement on a higher level team.
- The OMHA Executive Board may waive this procedure if required to accommodate special circumstances, such as small registration numbers in a particular age category.



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## Player Acceleration Application

Player Information			
Last Name		Position Played	
First name		Date of Birth	
Previous Year's Team			
Previous Year's Coaches Name and phone number			
Parent Information			
Last Name		Phone Number	
First Name		Email Address	
Justification as to why you are applying to Accelerate (be Specific)			

By signing below you are acknowledging that you have read and fully understand the acceleration policy as written.

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Parent Signature

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Players Signature

Please fill out form and fax it to 403 555-1234 or scan and email to the VP of Coach and Player Development.