

Stanley Stick Hockey Association

Player Movement Policy

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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
- 1.2. “Organization” – refers to: Stanley Stick Hockey Association (SSHA)
- 1.3. “Age Division” - refers to: the SSHA division related to the player’s birth year

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. Any consideration for a player moving up or down an age division on a full-time basis, must take into account the best interest of the player in question. In addition, and of equal consideration, will be the best interest of any players affected by the movement in either division.
- 2.2. The goal of the organization is to keep players of the same age, physical and emotional maturity together and to protect the integrity of each age division within the league.
- 2.3. As a general rule, players are not allowed to play outside of their age division as related to their birth year and the SSHA registration policy.
- 2.4. SSHA recognizes that there may be circumstances that a player's overall best interest, and that of the division they play in, could be best served by moving them up. Those players can enter into the “Player Movement Process” outlined below.
- 2.5. Only those requests adhering to the process defined by SSHA in this policy will be considered.

3. PLAYER MOVEMENT PROCESS

- 3.1. **Step 1.** The parents of the player must submit a written request to the Vice-President of SSHA requesting consideration for moving their child prior to

the start of the league season. The request must outline, in detail, the specific reasons for the player movement.

- 3.2. **Step 2.** Upon receipt of the letter or email request for player movement, SSHA will acknowledge the request within 7 days of receipt.
- 3.3. **Step 3.** The parents of the player must complete and submit the “Player Movement Application” form to the SSHA Vice-President
- 3.4. **Step 4.** Following receipt of the “Player Movement Application”, The player will be eligible for consideration if ALL of the following conditions are met.
 - a) The player must have a previous overall rating for the division in which they are currently playing in the top 10% to play up an age division. Goalies will be considered on a case by case basis.
 - b) The player’s current head coach agrees that the player would benefit from the movement, and confirm via email to the VP that they endorse the request.
 - c) Player development in the requested division would not be adversely affected.
 - d) The player is within 1 year of advancing to that division(if requesting to move up a division)/moving past the division (if requesting to play down a division).
 - e) That moving up will not take a spot away from someone of age and prevent them from playing in SSHA.
- 3.5. **Step 5.** SSHA registrar will confirm that the movement of the player will not adversely affect the team, division or participant numbers in either division.
- 3.6. **Step 6.** SSHA approval – Final approval of the President, VP, and League Registrar is required.
- 3.7. **Step 7.** The VP of SSHA will communicate the final decision to the parent/player within 30 days of receiving the “Player Movement Application”.

4. PLAYER MOVEMENT APPROVAL

- 4.1. The player is considered eligible for placement in a division outside of their regular age division once the player has met all of the requirements as defined in steps 1 – 6.
- 4.2. Movement up approval is ONLY granted for the following year and any future moves will require an additional “Player Movement Request” application and process.

REVISION HISTORY

The revisions to this document shall be recorded below.

<u>Rev. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>Changes</u>
1	Sept 29, 2025	Steve Petryschuk	New policy enacted by Board



Appendix A: Player Movement Application

Please print on this form.

To be completed in full by the Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)

Player Name:					
Parent/Caregiver Name:					
Phone Number:	()	Alternate Phone #:	()		
SSHA Hockey Official Age Division:			Birth Date:		
Season Year:	20___/20___				
I/We _____, parent(s) or legal guardians of _____ request that he/she be permitted to play up / down (<i>circle one</i>) from the division they are in as defined by SSHA. We understand that neither SSHA, Hockey Canada, or Hockey USA encourage playing up. We have read and understand SSHA's policy on Player Movement and agree to all the terms and conditions and eligibility requirements that apply. We understand that there are no guarantees and that the decision of the SSHA Executive board is final. We are forfeiting all rights to any activities (games and practices) at the regular age division. We also understand and accept that playing in an alternate division places my son/daughter at greater risk for injury.					
Signature:				Date:	
Print Name:					

To be completed by current Head Coach/Convenor

Head Coach/ Convenor	I have spoken with _____ (player) and _____ (parent/caregiver) about the benefits / detriments of playing up a division. I am in agreement with their request to allow their child to move up.				
Signature:				Date:	
Print Name:					

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Date Received:			Step 1 Request Submitted:	Y N	
SSHA Age Division Rating:		Top 10%:	Y N	Higher Division Rating in top 1/3:	Y N
Currently Rostered on SSHA Team:	Y N	Current Head Coach/Convenor Agrees:		Y N	
Approved	Denied	SSHA VP Signature:			