



Policy 9 – Underage

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Purpose and Intent

To provide guidance for requests involving the upward movement of a player(s) from one level to another within the association (ie, underage request).

1. Definitions

1.1 Thorhild Minor Hockey Association shall be referred to as “TMHA” throughout this document.

2. Underage Circumstances

Consistent with maximizing development of TMHA participants, upward movement from a level to another within the association will be encouraged and facilitated under one of the following circumstances:

- When there are insufficient numbers of players at the higher level to permit the formation of a team and there are players available at the lower level with the skills to compete without undue risk of injury at the higher level. This will only be allowed with the Player and their Parents or Guardians permission.
- When a player at a lower level has the skills to compete at a higher level, without undue risk of injury, and the movement to a higher level does not result in an ability to form a team at the lower level.
- In the event TMHA is unable to make a team at a specific age group the board reserves the right to move up the players onto the age group above without a tryout process.

3. Procedure Guidelines

3.1 Players who wish to play at a higher level must register at their own age level and request a tryout at the higher age level with approval of the parent or guardian.

This request must be approved by the President.



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Once approved the board will facilitate the tryout process by first speaking to the players previous head coach to see their view on the players movement then renting ice and finding a third party (ie; a member of a neighbouring association) to conduct an assessment as necessary.

Once the assessment is completed the board will review the findings and have an anonymous vote whether to approve or deny the request.

- 3.2 TMHA will consider roster size “ideals” when making final roster decisions. The board must act within the time frame provided to ensure the process is completed and teams can be finalized before season start as needed. If there is an agreement by all involved (ie; coaches, executive, parents or guardians) regarding a player’s ability to move up, the board reserves the right to move an underage player up without the need of an assessment process.
- 3.3 In the event there are multiple players that wish to underage the board must facilitate the assessment process with a third party (see 3.1). If there is only a specific number of players able to move the board must pick the higher evaluated players to move. Example being only two can move up but three tryout.