



Upper Ottawa Valley Ringette Association (UOVRA) Under-Age Player Policy (Novice to Belle)

This Under-Age Player policy governs all Upper Ottawa Ringette Association players and teams. There are times when UOVRA Executive has to consider, for the overall good of the association, requesting a player(s) to play at an age level above their current age-eligible division.

Definitions

An “Under-age Player” is any player who wishes to play in a particular age group while still being age-eligible to play in a younger age group.

- An example would be a player still eligible to play in U14 seeking to play in U16.

Policy

The policy of UOVRA is that under-age players will be considered on annually basis and in exceptional circumstances, such as unusual player needs or to ensure the viability of a team. Each case of a proposed under-age player will be reviewed by the UOVRA Executive and approved or denied based on the merits of each specific situation, including but not limited to, and in no particular order: the development circumstances of the individual player, the likely effects on the 2 teams concerned and in both divisions as a whole, effects on

UOVRA both in the near term and in the future, precedent, compliance with policies or directives from ORA or ERRRA and any other considerations that the Executives deems pertinent.

Players tryout for A or AA competitive level

There are “situations” within a small organization, where a player’s skill causes the player/parent to consider their participation in Competitive level play. In these situations, the following will outline the procedure;

1. UOVRA has determined there is a need for under-age players;
2. The request will be made in writing to UOVRA Executive;
3. The requesting player(s) are in their final age-eligible year of their division;
4. The requesting player(s) are to attend the tryouts to demonstrate appropriate competitive calibre;
5. In the event that UOVRA does not offer the competitive level requested, UOVRA will grant that player permission to tryout with other associations.
6. No under-age player(s) will bump any of age player of the same calibre.