



Mindemoya Thunder Minor Hockey

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1. Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for allowing players to participate in a division above their designated age group. The goal is to support player development while maintaining safety, competitive balance, and team integrity.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all registered players within Mindemoya Thunder Minor Hockey who wish to be considered for placement in a higher age division.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for playing up a division, a player must:

- Be within one age group of the requested division.
- Demonstrate exceptional skill, maturity, and physical readiness.
- Submit a completed **Play-Up Request Form**.

4. Evaluation Process

All requests will be reviewed by the **Executive Committee**. The committee will consider:

- Coach evaluations and recommendations
- Player's performance history and statistics
- Physical development and safety considerations
- Team needs and roster availability

The committee will request an in-person evaluation or observation during practices by a 3rd Neutral Party.

5. Approval Guidelines

Approval to play up will be granted only if:

- The player is deemed capable of competing safely and effectively at the higher level.
- The move does not negatively impact team dynamics or development opportunities for others.
- There is space available on the requested team/division.
- Skill level, the key criteria are: Is the player a top 6 forward, top 4 defence or top goaltender; Decisions are final and communicated in writing to the parent/guardian.

6. Application Procedure

1. Parent/guardian completes and submits the **Play-Up Request Form**.
2. The Executive Committee reviews the request.
3. An Evaluation date and time is set, the player is evaluated.
4. A decision is made and communicated to the parent/guardian.
5. The Registrar will then complete the NOHA playing up request form.
6. NOHA decisions will be forwarded to the parents/guardians.

7. Restrictions

- Players may not skip more than one age division.
- Playing up is not guaranteed and may be revoked if performance or conduct becomes a concern.