

Erie Youth Hockey Association (EYHA)
Play-Up Policy

The EYHA philosophy of player development is that it is usually best for all players to play within their respective age group. However, the EYHA Board recognizes that in rare and specific cases it can be appropriate and beneficial to a player's development for him/her to play-up to the next age classification. A balance needs to be struck to avoid placing the desire of a player above the legitimate opportunity for that individual to be successful in an older age classification.

Equally important, the short and long-term best interests of EYHA must be given consideration. There is an increased risk of injury for players participating outside of their designated age classification. USA Hockey discourages but allows the movement in certain situations, if specific guidelines are followed. You should carefully consider the increased risks involved and follow the guidelines below when making a request to move a player into an older age classification.

The following outlines the EYHA policy for requests to play-up.

- Major birth year teams are considered 2nd year Major age players.
- Major teams at each level of play (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam) can select a maximum of (2) players and (1) goaltender to play on the major team as minor age player.
- These players must be the top 2% of the players of that birth year within our organization, determined by their current coach and an independent evaluation by the currently appointed travel/coaching director. The Board, for final approval, can request independent evaluation.
- The parents of the minor age players can refuse to play on the major age team opting to remain with in their birth year of play. The refusal of the top 2% does not allow for the major team to continue selecting minor birth year players to fill a roster.
- The selection of the minor age players also cannot leave the minor age team with insufficient numbers to form a team without board approval.

The EYHA Player Petition Request Form needs to be completed and submitted to EYHA Travel Director 30 days prior to Travel Team Try-Outs.

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Player Petition Request to Play-Up

I (we) _____ petition to have _____ play up one level. My child's age-eligible level for the 20__ – 20__ season is _____.
I am requesting that the EYHA Board allow him/her to move to the _____ level.

Player's Birth Date: _____

Player 20__ – 20__ School Grade: _____

Player Height & Weight: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

I understand and agree to respect all the conditions of participation in USA Hockey and Erie Youth Hockey Association. I also understand EYHA's early move up policy and that the decision made by EYHA is final.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

..... (section 2)

Team Coach's (current team/level) Consent to Play-Up:

Coach's Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional comments (if any): _____

..... (section 3)

EYHA Board Decision (EYHA Travel Director Signature):

Date Reviewed by EYHA Board: _____

Permission to Move Up:

- Granted to Try-Out Subject to Independent Evaluation Denied

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Additional comments (if any): _____
