

PLAY-UP POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the play-up policy is to establish written standards to make the play-up selection fair and equitable.

II. USA HOCKEY AGE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR PLAYERS

The following is the age classification per USA Hockey:

Age at December 31 of Current Season	USA Hockey Age Classification
BOYS	
Up to 8	8U or Mites
9 or 10	10U or Squirt
11 or 12	12U or Pee Wee
13 or 14	14U or Bantam
15 or 16	16U or Midget Minor
Up to 18	18U of Midget Major
GIRLS	
5 through 10	See BOYS above
11 or 12	12U
13 or 14	14U
15 or 16	16U
17, 18 or 19	19U

III. PLAYING-UP

USA Hockey sets only a maximum age limit for each youth classification. There is no minimum age requirement for any level. IAHA will allow players to play-up one year in order to roster a player for purposes of obtaining a T-1 roster.

A parent or guardian may request that BYAHA allow a player to play in an age group that is above the USA Hockey age classification. This is referred to as "playing up."

There is no requirement to formally seek BYAHA approval to play-up to Squirts. There is also no requirement to formally seek BYAHA approval to allow a player to practice in an age group that is above the USA Hockey age classification.

For Pee Wee and above, the parent or guardian of the player seeking to play-up must submit a written application to the President of BYAHA at least 14 days prior to tryouts for the team to which they desire to play-up. If a request is made during the season, the application should be made with enough notice to allow this process to run its course and to allow the registrar with sufficient time to obtain a T-1 roster. The decision to allow a player to play-up shall be made by the parents of the player, the head coaches of the teams in the age classification from which the player is seeking to move from, the head coaches of the teams in the age classification to which the player is seeking to play-up to, and the Hockey Director, to the extent the Hockey Director position is filled. The decision must be unanimous by these individuals. If there is not a unanimous decision, then the request shall be determined by a majority vote of the BYAHA Board of Directors.

All decisions regarding playing up are final and are not subject to appeal.