

# Huron County Hockey Association

## MOVE UP Policy/Request Form

### POLICY

According to USA Hockey ADM, a player is physically and emotionally better off with their age group more often than not. If a player wishes to be considered for move up, the following procedure must be followed. Failure to follow the outlined procedure may result in the application being denied.

1. A Player is to register online for the appropriate age division at [www.huroncountyhockey.com](http://www.huroncountyhockey.com)
2. The Player is to attend both the age appropriate team and upper aged team for try outs.
3. The Parent/Player is to print, fill and sign the Request to Move Up" Form and submit it to the HCHA Board President or Registrar prior to the first team's try out evaluation. The President or Registrar will then provide copies of the request to the Coaching Director, the coach of the age appropriate team and the team the player wishes to move up to prior to the try out evaluation skate. The player will be evaluated by the move up committee (MUC), which will consist of the Coaching Director, the appropriate age coach, the coach the player wishes to move up to and a HCHA board member.
4. The HCHA Board shall meet with and review the recommendation of the MUC only in the event there is a disagreement among the MUC. The HCHA Board will vote to approve or deny the move up request only if the MUC disagrees. Otherwise, the decision of the MUC will be final provided that the policy was followed and criteria met. Parent and both coaches will then be notified immediately. All move up decisions made by the MUC will be presented at the next board meeting and noted in the Board minutes.
5. If a player is granted permission to play up on a Rep. team, he must also play up to the same division in House League, should he choose to play.

### FORM

I am hereby petitioning the HCHA Board of Directors for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to move up from the \_\_\_\_\_ Division to the \_\_\_\_\_ Division.

Signature of parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for petitioning to higher level (Attach additional page if needed):  
\_\_\_\_\_

### MOVE UP POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1) The Coaching Director will contact the parent(s) and player once a decision is made. Until that time, it will be assumed that the player is a part of the team on which he/she is registered appropriately by age. If in fact the player is accepted into the higher division, additional fees for the higher division may be due. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent initial here
  - 2) Upon a player's acceptance at an upper level, should his skill/ability show a decline compared to the upper age division players, the player *may be* asked by or granted permission from the BOD to return to the level he was originally assigned by age, if this is what is best for the player and the team. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent initial here
  - 3) Upon a player's acceptance at an upper level, you will need to fill out the „USA Hockey Waiver of liability“ Form signifying your understanding of the additional risk involved of having your player move up to play against older/more physically mature players. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent initial here
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#### **Coach of *Age Appropriate Team* to fill out:**

Player's ability qualifies to move up? Yes or No

Coach Input

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Coach of *Older Age Team* to fill out:**

a. Player's ability qualifies to move up? Yes or No

b. Player should be offered a spot on the team? Yes or No

c. Will this displace a player who would have otherwise made the team? Yes or No

Coach Input

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**(See page 2)**

**Move up committee to Fill out:**

Rules: Have all Move Up Policy Rules been followed? YES OR NO \_\_\_\_\_ MUC initial here

Move Up Policy Considerations:

**1) Player Ability:** In order for the move-up to be approved, the player must demonstrate *exceptional* ability above his appropriate age peers and equal to or better than that of the peers at the higher age division. Coaches at both levels will determine this capability and whether or not the player will make a positive impact at that next division level. Player possesses exceptional skill level beyond age appropriate peers per coaches and Coaching Director recommendation? YES OR NO \_\_\_\_\_ MUC initial here

**2) Teams Impact:** Consideration will be given as to how the move up will impact the two teams involved. The number of players within each division will be considered. The move will be denied if the move up will displace an appropriate age player that would have otherwise have played as determined by the team tryout process. In addition, no goalie will be allowed to move up if it shall leave the age appropriate team without an experienced goalie. YES OR NO \_\_\_\_\_ MUC initial here

**3) Coaches Input:** The coaches' input from both levels will be crucial in aiding the Board when reviewing the application due their on ice experience and should be heavily weighed. Coaches are in favor? YES OR NO \_\_\_\_\_ MUC initial here

HCHA Board Vote if needed - APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DECLINED: \_\_\_\_\_

HCHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature and Printed Name of Board Member)

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**USA Hockey Waiver of Liability, Release Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement**

It is the purpose of this agreement to exempt, waive and relieve releases from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any, of releases. "Releases" include USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliate associations, local associations, member teams, event hosts, other participants, coaches, officials, sponsors, advertisers, and each of them, their officers, directors, agents and employees. For and in consideration of the undersigned participant's registration with USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliates, local associations and member teams (all referred to together as USAH) and being allowed to participate in USAH events and member team activities, participant (and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of participant, if applicable) waive, release and relinquish any and all claims for liability and cause(s) of action, including for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to participant, arising out of participation in USAH events, member team activities, the sport of ice hockey, and/or activities incidental thereto, Whenever or however they occur and for such period said activities may continue, and by this agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of action that participant (and participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if applicable) may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and participant (and parent(s)/ guardian(s), if applicable) does (do) so on behalf of my/our and participant's heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and assume all risks relating to ice hockey and any member team activities, and understand that ice hockey and member team activities involve risks to participant's person including bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise there from and that I/we have full knowledge of said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence of others, including the "releases" identified below. These risks and dangers include, but are not limited to, those arising from participating with bigger, faster and stronger participants, and these risks and dangers will increase if participant participates in ice hockey and member team activities in an age group above that which participant would normally participate in. I/We further acknowledge that there may be risks and dangers not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledges, understand and agree that all of the risks and dangers described throughout this agreement, including those caused by the negligence of participant and/or others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment described in the preceding paragraph. I/We agree to abide by and be bound under the rules of USA Hockey, including the By- Laws of the corporation and the arbitration clause provisions, as currently published. Copies are available to USA Hockey members upon written request. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and assume the risks, if any, arising from the conditions and use of ice hockey rinks and related premises and acknowledge and understand that included within the scope of this waiver and release is any cause of action (including any cause of action based on negligence) arising from the performance, or failure to perform, maintenance, inspection, supervision or control of said areas and for the failure to warn of dangerous conditions existing at said rinks, for negligent selection of certain releases, or negligent supervision or instruction by releases. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agree if any claim for participant's personal injury or wrongful death is commenced against releases, he/she shall defend, indemnify and save harmless releases from any and all claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for participant's personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge that they have been provided and have read the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any representations of releases, that they are fully advised of the potential dangers of ice hockey and understand these waivers and releases are necessary to allow amateur ice hockey to exist in its present form. Significant exclusions may apply to USA Hockey's insurance policies, which could affect any coverage. For example, there is no liability coverage for claims of one player against another player. Read your brochure carefully and, if you have any questions, contact USA Hockey or a District Risk Manager.

Player name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_