



ALLIANCE HOCKEY

Request for Playing Up for Players 8 & Under

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ALLIANCE HOCKEY POLICY ON PLAYING UP FOR PLAYERS 8 & UNDER

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As per the OHF Playing Up for Players 8 & Under Policy, individual player movement in ALLIANCE Hockey will only be considered upon specific request from the Local Association.

Player affiliation shall only exist in the following circumstances:

1. Players may be eligible to affiliate to a higher division or category once they are registered in Minor Novice based on the programming that is age appropriate.
2. Affiliation of Minor Novice players to Novice may occur only where the Novice programming utilizes modified ice (half-ice) during the first half of the season.
3. Affiliation of Novice players to Minor Atom may occur only after the Novice program has transitioned to full ice programming.

Player movement shall only exist in the following circumstances:

1. The player possesses an exceptional skill set for Minor Novice MD, Novice MD or Minor Atom A/AA.
 - a. *There shall be no player movement up to the AAA Level. The best development for an underage player is to continue to progress up the development pyramid through seeded hockey at Minor Atom before returning to their own age group at either A/AA or AAA Minor Atom the following season.*
 - b. *AAA Zones must direct player(s) back to their Home Association.*

OR

2. The decision to move the player(s) up is to ensure programming exists at House League only.



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When a Request is Received

Upon receiving a request for individual player movement, the Local Association must conduct an internal evaluation of the player to ensure the legitimacy of the request prior to providing a formal request of movement to ALLIANCE Hockey.

Note: The Local Association will work in conjunction with ALLIANCE Hockey to arrange for an independent evaluation of the player(s).

Upon receiving a request for individual player movement, the Local Association shall ensure that the following criteria be met prior to completing their internal evaluation:

YES NO Does the rationale of the request align with the OHF Player Development Model?

YES NO Does the move create a better player/ team experience at the age group from which the player wishes to leave?

YES NO Does the move positively impact the overall player experience of the team the player is wishing to move to?

YES NO Does the move positively impact the player directly? i.e. improve their skill development?

*If you answered **NO** to any of the above criteria, the Local Association shall not proceed with an internal evaluation.

Procedure – Individual Player Movement at MD or A/AA:

Step 1: Upon receiving a request for individual player movement at Minor Novice, Novice MD or Minor Atom A/AA, the local Association shall complete a thorough internal evaluation of the player.

Step 2: If the Local Association agrees that player movement should occur, a formal request shall be submitted to the ALLIANCE Hockey Office using the [ALLIANCE Hockey Request for Playing Up for Players 8 & Under Form](#). *Note: ALLIANCE Hockey will be involved upon request for an independent evaluation of the requested player.*

Step 3: Upon receipt, ALLIANCE Hockey will review the request and shall either approve or deny the request.

Please note: Registrars can't add underage players to any rosters so the above procedure(s) must be followed.

Follow this link for more information on the OHF Policy: [OHF Playing Up for Players 8 & Under Policy](#).

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