



Player Acceleration Policy

Background:

Occasionally, some players will exhibit exceptional abilities in the game of hockey. The player acceleration policy can be applied to these players potentially allowing them to play at a higher level that is appropriate for their skill, but outside the normal age categories.

Process:

1. Players must register in the appropriate age category within the HCMHA within the normal registration time periods.
2. Players wishing to be considered for advancement must submit their request in writing to the Executive Board of Directors by August 31 of the current season.
3. Players will only be allowed to move up a maximum of 1 division higher than their normal age category.
4. The Executive Board of Directors will determine if it is appropriate to move the player into the next higher age category. If it is approved, the identified player must complete both the evaluation in their normal age category and the division they have applied to move to.
5. The player must evaluate within the top 5 in the next higher age category of the top team in that category. Otherwise, the player will be placed within their normal age category.

U7 players will be allowed to participate in U9 evaluations. This will be subject to registration numbers in both the U7 and U9 Divisions. Additional registration fees (see fee chart for age-level players) due to the advancement of a player are required to be paid in full by October 1st of the current year. The Executive Board of Directors may waive all or parts of this procedure if there is a requirement or need to accommodate special circumstances, such as small and/ or oversized registration numbers in a particular age category.