



Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association

Player Movement for Novice and Below POLICY #26

In keeping with Hockey Canada's mandate for player development the following policy is being implemented to accommodate exceptional players that may benefit from playing in a division higher than their current level.

Players wishing to play in a division above their age category for the upcoming season must e-mail the Travel Team Convener with their request prior to the beginning of tryouts.

A player may try-out for a team in the age group above (examples, Tyke to Novice, providing that they are deemed an exceptional player.

An Exceptional Player is one who meets the following criteria

- 1. Superior skills to players in his own age group**
- 2. Deemed to be in the top 5 players, top 3 for goaltenders, in the age group he/she is attempting to move up to, based on hockey skill level.**
- 3. Possess the physical and social maturity to move up a classification.**
- 4. A maximum of 5 underage players will be allowed on any team.**

Players wishing to play in a division above their age category for the upcoming season must e-mail the Travel or House Team Director with their request no later than February 1st. Players will be advised by March 15 if they have been granted exceptional status. (deadline dates will be in effect for the 19/20 season, we will accept all requests for the 18/19 season due to the development and implementation date of this policy).

The player will be evaluated during games (league and or playoff) as well possibly at team practices by an independent group (minimum three) appointed by the PCMHA Executive. That group will determine if the player qualifies as an exceptional player. It will be up to the evaluation group after consultation with the coach of the team that the "exceptional player" is trying out for to decide if they want to choose that player for their team. **Being deemed an exceptional player doesn't necessarily mean he/she will be selected.**

If at any time during the process the parent(s) of the player(s) participating in the movement attempts to influence the coaches or evaluation group, the process will be terminated. If a successful "exceptional player" subsequently decides during the season that he/she no longer wishes to participate at the higher level the Travel or House Team Director will decide placement of said player. This must be done before the Hockey Canada roster finalization deadline for said player to continue with the team
