

CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Player Movement Guide

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Player Movement

The goal of the Cheyenne Capitals Youth Hockey Association (CCYHA) is to keep players of the same age, physical, and emotional maturity together and to protect the integrity of each age division within CCYHA. As a general rule, players will not be allowed to play outside the age division they are classified within as determined by their birth year and USA Hockey policies.

CCYHA recognizes that there are special circumstances that would suggest a player to play in an age division above their USA Hockey classification. Permission to advance to a higher age bracket may only be granted after a Player Movement Form request has been submitted, and an evaluation has occurred by the CCYHA coaching staff.

Player Movement Opportunities

CCYHA highly encourages players to play within their current age classification. Under special circumstances, player movement may prove to be beneficial to a player's development. **A Play-Up Player Movement Form must be submitted by the end of the first week of practice for Parent/Player led requests.** CCYHA provides the following opportunities for a player:

- **Capitals:** The CCYHA Board reserves the right to seek player movement adjustments based on team needs, league requirements and other player considerations. Player movement adjustments would strive to not unfairly impact players in the either age division.
- **Practice-Up:** A Player's priority lies with the age appropriate team, but is allowed to practice with the next age classification when conflicts do not exist. This request is submitted by a parent/player
 - For example: A Mite (8U) would practice with their team, and with the Squirt (10U) team. The player would only play in Mite (8U) games.
- **Play-Up:** A Play-up request allows a Player to register with the next age classification. The player would then practice and play all games with this team. The player does not play or practice with their age-appropriate team. This request is submitted by a parent/player.
 - For example: A Mite (8U) would be approved to "Play-Up" with the Squirt (10U) team. The player would be registered as a Squirt (10U), participate in Squirt (10U) practices, and play in all Squirt (10U) games.
 - Goalies - - A goalie Play-Up exception is allowed to accommodate a team's goaltending needs.
 - A Team with enough eligible players should generally not consider a Play-Up request from a younger division.
 - USA Hockey has the following team size guidelines:
 - Squirts – 10-12 skaters and 1 goalie

- PeeWee – 12 skaters and 2 goalies
 - Bantams/Midget Minor – 16 skaters and 2 goalies
 - Midget/Girls – 18 skaters and 2 goalies
- **Cross-Rostering:** Female players are eligible to participate on all teams where they meet the USA Hockey age requirements. Goaltenders shall be permitted to be rostered on more than one team within the same USA Hockey age classification to ensure each team has a back-up goaltender. Goaltenders may only “Play-Up” to the next age group classification. Goaltenders may not “Play-Down” to the next USA Hockey age classification.

An age division may have the opportunity to play in the Wyoming Amateur Hockey League (WAHL) and the Colorado Recreational Hockey League (CRHL). The age division coaches will determine if there needs to be players cross-rostered between the WAHL and CRHL teams. Goalies may be cross-rostered to ensure a back-up goal tender or the ability for a goal tender to skate out.

If there are two teams in an age division, a maximum of six skaters may be cross-rostered - - three WAHL players and three CRHL players could be cross-rostered.

If there are three teams in an age division, a maximum of eight skaters may be cross-rostered - - four WAHL players, two from each CRHL for a total of four CRHL players.

- **Practice Player:** In some instances, a player needs to continue to develop their skills prior to being put into a competitive environment. In these instances, a player may be allowed to practice with their age-appropriate team or a skill-appropriate team. A “Practice Player” can benefit from all of the on-ice and off-ice drills and activities. The Practice Player will not be able to participate in any League or WAHL activities. A Practice Player may be able to participate in tournaments that arise during the season that a team might participate.
- **Rostering-Up:** In some instances, the Board, Coach-in-Chief and Club’s coaches may seek to roster players on multiple teams.
 - For example: the Board may request that a Squirt player be rostered on a PeeWee Team.
 - This would be done to ensure a team has sufficient players due to injury, illness or unforeseen events during the season.
 - The option to roster up would be available to the following:
 - Second year players in the age-group requested to roster-up
 - Players with demonstrated skills, ability, coachability, availability and desire to potentially play-up
 - A player’s first responsibility is to their age appropriate team
 - The head coach of each team, coach-in-chief, player and parents will need to agree to rostering up.
 - A maximum of three skaters can roster-up from an age division
 - There is no limit on Goalies to roster-up. However, goalies should not be utilized to gain additional skaters.

- The CCYHA Coach-in-Chief and coaches can seek Board approval for a variance to the maximum allowed skaters to roster-up based on injury, illness, or other unforeseen circumstance.
- Players' rostering-up should not be utilized to displace age appropriate players.

Registration and Costs

If you are requesting player movement this season, please register your player for their age appropriate team and then submit a Player Movement Form to the CCYHA Coach-in-Chief, Team Manager or Coach. **A Play-Up Player Movement Form must be submitted by the end of the first week of practice for Parent/Player led requests.** Your request will be reviewed and adjustments to team placement and registration fees will be finalized after approval.

- **Practice-Up:**
 - A Player pays their fees for their age appropriate team level.
- **Play-Up:**
 - A Parent/Player led play-up request pays their fees for the higher age appropriate team level.
 - There are no fees associated with a goalie playing up to assist with a team's goaltending needs.
 - Players requested to play-up by the CCYHA Board, Coaches and Coach-in-Chief will pay their age appropriate team level fee.
- **Cross-Rostering:**
 - There are no fees associated with a goalie playing up to assist with a team's goaltending needs.
- **Practice Player:**
 - The CCYHA Treasurer will determine pro-rated player fees.
- **Rostering-Up:**
 - A Player pays their fees for their age appropriate team level.
 - There are no fees associated with a goalie playing up to assist with a team's goaltending needs.
- **Boys Registration:**
 - Player should register for their age appropriate level.
 - Players seeking to play on multiple teams:
 - A Male player must select a primary team to play on.
 - Players seeking to play up, must follow the play-up guidelines.

- The player will pay the primary team fees.
- A player seeking to play on multiple teams must seek board approval.
 - Board approved players will be allowed to play on multiple teams (2 maximum) will pay team fees for both teams.
 - A player will focus on their primary team's games first. Coaches are to communicate/coordinate primary/secondary team/player needs prior to game days.
- **Girls Registration:**
 - 12U and younger will register at their age-appropriate level. There will be tryouts for the Girls team for players under 12U - - minimum age is 10. Upon making the Girls team and selecting the Girls team as your Primary Team will result in the player paying the Girls' team fees.
 - 14U age and older should register for the Primary team they intend to play on - - Girls, Bantam or HS and pay the respective fee.
 - Female players able to play on multiple teams, will need to select the "Primary" team they intend to play on - - 12U, Girls, Bantam, or HS. This is in order to allow the coaches and teams at each age group to better prepare throughout the season.
 - Players seeking to play on multiple teams:
 - A Female player must select a primary team to play on.
 - Players seeking to play up, must follow the play-up guidelines.
 - The player will pay the primary team fees.
 - A player seeking to play on multiple teams must seek board approval.
 - Board approved players will be allowed to play on multiple teams (2 maximum) will pay team fees for both teams.
 - A player will focus on their primary team's games first. Coaches are to communicate/coordinate primary/secondary team/player needs prior to game days.
- **CCYHA Directed Player Movement:**
 - Player movement requested by CCYHA will not impact player fees.

Player Movement Procedure

If you are requesting a player to Play-Up this season, please register your player for their age appropriate team and then submit a Player Movement Form to the CCYHA Coach-in-Chief, Team Manager or Coach. The CCYHA Coach-in-Chief and coaching staff will be involved in a player's evaluation process. The following generally outlines the process:

- Register and submit a Player Movement Form.
 - **A Player Movement Form must be submitted by the end of the first week of practice for Parent/Player led requests.**
 - Player Movement Form is to be submitted to the CCYHA Coach-in-Chief, Team Manager or Coach.

- CCYHA Coach-in-Chief and coaching staff will review the request.
- Season starts and on-ice player evaluations begin.
- CCYHA has up to three weeks from the start of the season to conduct on-ice player evaluations.
 - A player will be evaluated based on their skills and knowledge for (i) their age group, and/or (ii) the “Play-Up” age group.
- Player Movement request determinations.
 - The CCYHA Coach-in-Chief will inform the CCYHA Board of Player Movement requests and determinations.
 - CCYHA Coach-in-Chief or coaching staff will notify parents and players of Player Movement request determinations.
 - Approved requests will be notified of appropriate fees by the CCYHA Treasurer.
 - The CCYHA Coach-in-Chief will maintain a Player Movement file.

Player Movement Considerations

The following are some, not all, of the considerations taken into account by the CCYHA coaching staff when determining a Player Movement decision:

- A Player must be in their final year of their age appropriate team.
 - For example: A first year Squirt (10U) is not eligible to play up to Pee Wee (12U).
 - Players in their final year in an age group must complete a skills evaluation with the CCYHA Coach-in-Chief, upper age coach and lower age coach.
 - Player evaluations will take place within the first three weeks of the start of the season.
- The number of players on a team will be considered in a Play-Up decision.
 - A Play-Up request to a team with more than the USA Hockey recommended amount of players will be thoroughly evaluated. Teams with more than the amount of recommended players would result in reduced playing time for the age-appropriate players.
 - A Play-Up request that would leave a team with less than the recommended amount of players will be thoroughly evaluated. Leaving a team with too few players would leave a team too small to be competitive and develop.
- A player requesting to move from a non-checking division to a checking division represents a higher risk situation, and will be thoroughly evaluated.
- The player evaluations may include age appropriate skills and concepts as identified by USA Hockey Skill Progressions for Youth Hockey.

Player Movement Form

The Player Movement Form will need to be submitted to the CCYHA Coach-in-Chief, Team Manager or Coach. A Player Movement Form for Parent/Player led requests need to be submitted by the end of

the first week of practice. Player evaluations will take place within the first three weeks of the start of the season. Players and Parents submitting a request to Play-Up understand the increased risk for injury. All decisions made by the CCYHA coaching staff regarding a Player/Parent Play-up Request is final.



PLAYER MOVEMENT REQUEST FORM

PARENT/PLAYER REQUESTS SHALL SUBMIT FORM BY THE END OF THE 1ST WEEK OF PRACTICE
SUBMIT FORM TO COACH-IN-CHIEF, TEAM MANAGER OR HEAD COACH/AGE DIRECTOR

TO BE COMPLETED IN FULL BY PARENTS

Player's Name (print):			
Parent(s) Name (print):			
Phone Number:		Alternate Phone:	
Email Address:			
USA Hockey Age Division:		Birth Date:	
Requesting To: Play-Up / Practice-Up / Practice Only / Cross-Roster		Season Year:	20____ / 20____
<p>I/We _____, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____ request that he/she be permitted to Play-Up to the next age division as defined by USA Hockey. We understand that USA Hockey and CCYHA do not encourage playing-up.</p> <p>I/We have read and understand CCYHA's Player Movement Policy and agree to all the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements that apply. I/We understand that there are no guarantees.</p> <p>I/We are forfeiting all rights to any activities (games & practices) at the current age division. We also understand and accept that Playing-Up to the next age division places my son/daughter at greater risk for injury.</p>			
Parent Signature:		Date:	
Print Name:			

TO BE COMPLETED BY CCYHA COACHING STAFF

Player Evaluation Date:	/ /	Parent & Player Meeting Date:	/ /
Coach-In-Chief Signature:		Date:	/ /
Upper Age Coach Signature:		Date:	/ /
Lower Age Coach Signature:		Date:	/ /
Coaching staff agrees to allow player's request to: Play-Up / Practice-Up / Practice Only / Cross-Roster / NO			

CCYHA PLAYER EVALUATION FORM

Name: _____ Team: Mites / Squirts / Pee Wees / Bantams / Midgets

DOB: _____ Position: _____ Shot: _____ Ht: _____ Wt: _____

Overview	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Skating	0	1	2	3	4	5
Puck Handling	0	1	2	3	4	5
Shooting	0	1	2	3	4	5
Hockey Sense	0	1	2	3	4	5
Competitiveness	0	1	2	3	4	5
Resiliency	0	1	2	3	4	5
Character	0	1	2	3	4	5

Comments: _____
