



RRYHA SKILL-BASED PLAY-UP REQUEST | 2026-27 SEASON

Grade Level Exception

Players born outside the cutoff or wanting to play at a higher level purely based on skill, experience, and maturity may petition to “play up” one age division. Complete this form if you believe your child has the ability and preparedness to compete at the next level.

1. Player Information

Player Name:	
Birth Date:	
Current Division & Team:	
Requested Division:	
School Grade:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

2. Reason for Request

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ Exceptional skating, puck control, and hockey IQ
- ☐ Physical size and strength match older age group
- ☐ Mental and emotional maturity supports competitiveness
- ☐ Close to cutoff date, already playing above birth age

Additional context (optional):

3. Coaching Evaluations

Please attach written statements from:

- **Head Coach (current level)**
 - **Head Coach (requested level)**
- Each should address the player's skills, maturity, and readiness to play up.

4. Impartial Evaluation

An independent assessment from a neutral coach or outside evaluator is required—RRYHA's Executive Board may provide this.

5. Acknowledgements

- I understand that play-up requests are **granted on a case-by-case basis** and not guaranteed.
- I agree that if my child is approved, they must participate in the **full season** at the higher level.
- I accept that the decision of the **RRYHA HOC** is final.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

6. Submission Deadline & Process

- Complete form and attach coach evaluations and independent assessment (if applicable)
- Submit by **October 1st, 2026** to:
 - **By Mail (Youth HOC / Girls HOC) :**
RRYHA, P.O. Box 511, Virginia, MN 55792
 - **By Email:**
Tim Christensen (Youth HOC): t.christensonrrgyhd@gmail.com
Noel Lind (Girls HOC): LINDNO3718@gmail.com

• Approval Process

- RRYHA Executive Board reviews skill, maturity, and rosters
- Parents notified of the decision within **30 days**
- Approved play-ups placed into **tryouts** at requested level
- If player ranks in the top tier (per draft/rating), placement is confirmed
- If not, player remains at age-appropriate division

FOR ADMIN USE ONLY

Approved by:

President:	
HOC:	
Association Registrar:	