

# Elk River Youth Hockey Association

## Mite Move-Up Policy

### Overview

Move-up offers may be extended to players in their final year of Mites, as determined by USA Hockey age classifications, who played at the Mite or 8U level during the previous season, regardless of their previous team. Prior to the start of tryouts, the estimated number of open spots will be determined and communicated seven days before the first day of Squirt/U10 tryouts. Parents will have the opportunity to withdraw their request to move up during this seven-day period prior to tryouts.

### Discretionary Move-Up Eligibility

- Currently registered with ERYHA and in good standing
- One move-up request allowed per player during their ERYHA career (excluding grade-level and Board-initiated move-ups)
- Final-year Mite/8U players may apply to try out at the Squirt/U10 level based on roster availability, which will be announced seven days prior to the start of Squirt tryouts

### How Requests Are Evaluated

- Coach evaluations and tryout scores
- Physical maturity relative to the move-up level
- Roster availability and competitive balance at both levels
- The Board may cap the total number of discretionary move-ups per level each season based on roster availability

### Application Process

- Submit the Move-Up Request Form via email to your Level Director, the Registrar, and the Board President by [DEADLINE]
- The Board will issue a written decision within seven days of the start of Squirt tryouts
- If approved: Full-season Squirt/U10 fees are due upon confirmation. No installment plans will be offered for family-initiated requests without Board approval
- If denied: The Board's decision is final

### Conditions of Approval

- Valid one time only during a player's tenure with ERYHA

- Written acceptance of all terms outlined in this policy
- Player must score among the top 5 skaters to be eligible for the Squirt A/U10A team
- Player accepts their assigned roster placement and may not return to Mites for any reason once they participate in the Mite Move-Up tryout, including if they do not make their desired team
- The ERYHA Board may, at its discretion, return a move-up player to the Mite level if it is determined during the tryout process that playing up would be detrimental to the player or the program for safety, roster, or program related reasons, the family would receive a full refund.
- No refunds will be issued for move-up players or players who quit due to not making their desired team
- **Exceptions:**
- A documented injury credit
- A Board-initiated denial to move up

### **Not Permitted**

- Playing down (absent physician-documented medical necessity approved by Minnesota Hockey)
- Moving up more than one age classification
- Mid-season requests or requests from players not in good standing
- More than one lifetime discretionary move-up request per player