

## **SSYHA Player Move Up Policy**

SSYHA does not encourage “move up” to an older age level other than in extenuating circumstances approved by the Executive Director, Board of Directors, league and CAHA. There can be negative consequences for the player as their social and emotional development may not be ready for older teammates even when their physical development may encourage a parent to seek the move. Significant development opportunities as leaders and mentors will be taken into consideration. Each individual situation will be assessed by the Executive Director and abiding by CAHA and league rules. All player move ups must also be approved by CAHA.

SSYHA encourages players to only try out at the specific age group as decided by USA Hockey guidelines.

1. Submit the request in writing to the Executive Director ten (10) days prior to the start of tryouts.
2. Prior to tryouts, parent/guardian must sign a waiver releasing SSYHA from any claims of injury.
3. If a player, after tryouts, is deemed skilled enough to play with an older age group than he or she would otherwise play in, the Executive Director and the coaches at the older age level must approve the player to move-up by a majority vote in order for the player to be permitted to move up. A recommendation is then made to the SSYHA Board for review and approval of what level of play is best for the player based on safety, skills and systems.
4. If the player is trying out for the coed team, in order to move up an age group, he or she must make the A Team for the older age group, and he or she must be deemed skilled enough to be an “Impact Player” on that team. To be an “impact player,” the player must, in the coaching staff’s sole discretion, fall in the top half (skillswise) of the players who make the A Team after tryouts. If the player is trying out for the girls’ team, in order to move up an age group, she must make the team for the older age group and be deemed an “impact player” on that team, as that term is defined in the preceding sentence.
5. The Executive Director will notify the player and parent(s) of its decision at the conclusion of the tryouts, should the player not qualify for the top team at the next level of play.