



Inter-Age Group Move Up Policy

The Hudson Hockey Association recognizes that in rare instances, players may leave an HHA team after the HHA tryout process (i.e.: the player makes his or her school team; the player sustains a season-ending injury; the player's family relocates out of the area). On these occasions of a team losing a player (or players), other player(s) may be reassigned from a lower team to fill the void if the following conditions are met:

- The player is willing to advance to the new level or team.
- The team reassignment paperwork is completed before the USA hockey roster deadline (typically late December each year)
- The team giving up a player does not fall below 13 players
- The team receiving a player does not increase to more than 13 players
- In multiplayer reassignments, the players are reassigned from teams in such a way that the teams allowing players to move up are impacted equally.
- Team reassignments may impact multiple teams as a series of players are reassigned to fill openings, with players moving up or horizontally to another team at the same level (i.e.: a player may move from an B team up to an A team, and correspondingly, a C player may be requested to move up to fill the B opening).
- For all potential changes, the President, VPHO, and appropriate PCDC Chair will have the ability to make a change in the best interest of HHA.

The process for requesting a player team reassignment is as follows and in the following sequences:

1. The coach losing a player(s) notifies their HHA Coaching Coordinator of their desire to fill the newly vacated position(s) on their team.
2. The HHA Coaching Coordinator will then establish a meeting with the lower level team's coaches and they will review the top 3 players from the current year's tryout data which is provided by the Tryout Committee. The upper team coach will ultimately decide which player of the three will be moved from the lower-level team(s).



3. The HHA Coaching Coordinator will share the situation and proposed reassignments with the HHA President, VPHO and appropriate PCDC Chair for approval.
4. Once approved, the HHA Coaching Coordinator will communicate the "requests for reassignment" with the players' parents/guardians.
 - a. If the player(s) accept the adjustments, move to step 5
 - b. If a player/family rejects the adjustment, step 1 is repeated.
 - c. If there are 3 rejections, the process is stopped, and no transfer of players will happen.
5. The HHA Coaching Coordinator notifies the Registrar of changes and the Registrar prepares Supplement Rosters as needed.

As stated above, this policy was written to establish a general set of rules to govern the tryout and team formation process. However, in the event of unforeseen situations or as otherwise necessary to accomplish the goals of properly evaluating and assessing the skills of participants and placing players on a team that will enable the skater to develop their skills with other similarly-skilled players in the Hudson Hockey Association.