Name of Participant: Birth Date:

USA Hockey Age Classification: Desired Play Up Age Classification:

# I/We , parent(s) or legal guardians(s) of the above named participant request that he/she be permitted to play up in the next age division as defined by USA Hockey. I have read and understand the Helena Area Youth Hockey Association Play Up Policy and agree to all terms, conditions and eligibility requirements that apply.

**REASON FOR REQUEST:**

I understand that requesting to play up does not guarantee approval and understand that nothing in USA Hockey or HAYHA rules require the association to allow any player(s) to play up.

I understand that requesting to play up does not guarantee the ability to make a team and understand that even if a player is granted a play up request, that HAYHA reserves the right to reverse that decision for any reason at any time.

I understand that USA Hockey and HAYHA recommend that players stay in the age division defined by USA Hockey and set forth in the USA Hockey Annual Guide as appropriate for birth year. I understand and appreciate that in playing up, the risk of injury may be greater and that the risk of injury from hockey is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.

By my child participating, I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold USA Hockey, Inc., HAYHA, local associations, member teams, event hosts, other participants, coaches, officials, sponsors, advertisers, and each of them, their officers, directors, agents and employees, harmless from any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney’s fees, or claims for injury or damages caused as a result of my request.

# I understand and agree to accept these conditions of participation.

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| Participant Signature: |  | Date |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |  | Date: |
| Parent/Guardian Name (print):  Parent/Guardian Signature: |  | Date: |
| Parent/Guardian Name (print): |  |  |

*Coaches below must assert this play up request is in the best interest of the player’s development in the following areas:*

* + - *the player’s skating and puck handling skills, general hockey sense, and leadership potential,*
    - *their ability to participate as a positive teammate*
    - *the player’s maturity level.*

**Statement of USA Hockey age-appropriate head coach:**

**Statement of USA Hockey head coach of age division to which the player is seeking to move up:**

# The coaches believe he/she can contribute to the older team, has the necessary maturity level to play up, and we would project he/she would be among the top 25% of all players at the higher HAYHA age division. We understand that this recommendation is subject to the final determination of the HAYHA Board.

Signature of age appropriate head coach : Date:

Signature of play up age division head coach : Date:

Names of Head Coaches from two relevant age divisions (print):

Signature of support by the Coach-in-Chief: Date:

Names of board reps from the two relevant age divisions (print):

# Note: For play up requests considered based upon Inadequate Numbers-Dual Roster Concerns, the criteria for players to be projected to be ”Top 25% Rule” of the upper division’s “A” team. In such instances, the signing evaluation team member may strike out the necessary language above.

HAYHA Board Action: Approved Denied

Signature on behalf of HAYHA Board: Date:

If more than one level of play is present at the older age division, this approval only provides the opportunity to try out at the older age division. In order to play up in such a scenario, the requesting participant must make the older age division’s “A” team. If the player does not make the “A” team, the player must play at his/her USA Hockey age appropriate division. As a result of this policy, HAYHA strongly recommends that a participant trying out at an older age division participate in tryouts at both his/her age appropriate division and his/her desired play up age division.