

CIHA Player (Goalie or Skater) Move-Up Policy

Definition- the term “moving up” refers to a player playing up from his/her Minnesota Hockey age group.

It is our policy that players play on teams as defined by Minnesota Hockey age groups and classifications. While some players may be more advanced at a particular age than others, the CIHA Board believes that overall development of the player, emotionally and physically, is best served by having him or her progress normally through the age levels and team classifications. Situations could arise beyond the normal scope of this policy.

In all situations listed below, the CIHA Board reserves the right to regulate the number of players and teams at all levels and oversees the movement of players.

Requests to move up must be submitted by October 1: *click the following link*

[Submit Move-Up Request](#)

The decision to allow a player to play for an “up” team will be made by the CIHA after coordination with the player’s parents, ACE Director, and Directors at the levels involved.

Factors to be considered are:

1. The player must be an “A” caliber player.
 - a. Players must score in the top 30% for the top team at the desired higher level. The CIHA Board reserves the right to reduce this number based on team size.
2. Players moving up should be “elite” or advanced.
3. If they are not good enough to make the “A” level team at the next level, they should stay at their assigned level.
4. The move-up decision must be in the best interests of the program. - How does it affect numbers in each age group? This factor could allow a player to move up and play for the “B” team, if there is a shortage of numbers at that level.
 - a. The ACE Coordinator/Level Director will obtain recommendations from the player’s most recent coach/coaches.
 - b. There must be room at the level to accommodate a player move-up.
 - c. The number of players moving up will not dissolve a team at the level they are moving up from.
5. The move-up decision must be in the best interests of the player.
 - a. Is the player not being challenged at current level?
 - b. Is the player’s emotional, mental, and physical developmental prepared to fraternize with older players?

This is only a request which must be approved by the CIHA. Moves made after October 1st will only be done in “extremely special circumstances” by the CIHA. In all of the above situations, the ACE Coordinator and Level Director will discuss the requests, make a recommendation to the CIHA Board for approval or denial, and will inform the player’s parents.

For individual player age participation level refer to www.minnesotahockey.org