



Foothills Hockey Association Player Movement Policy

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ARTICLE I. OVERVIEW

This Foothills Hockey Association (the “Association” or “FHA”) Player Movement Policy was established to address Association policies regarding:

- (a) Players wishing to play in a higher age division
- (b) Players changing teams
- (c) Filling roster vacancies
- (d) Transfers and Financial Releases

ARTICLE II. PLAYER MOVE-UPS

FHA encourages players to try out at their specific age group. However, any player wishing to try out at a higher age group must complete the following requirements and meet the following criteria.

Section 2.01 Player Movement from 12U to 14U (With Body Checking)

USA Hockey and CAHA have developed a process for players who are deemed exceptional players, who possess the mental maturity, ability, skills, and attributes, both academically and in their playing ability to play a higher level of hockey than 12U AA and may benefit from playing at the 14U level.

Definition of Exceptional: It is agreed the term “exceptional” is meant to be those athletes who may come along only once in a generation. To be an exceptional athlete, one must possess not only hockey skills that are so superior to players his own age but would also be superior to players two years older than his age.

PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN ANY 14U ACTIVITY WITH ANY TEAM, the 12U player’s parent(s)/guardian(s) must petition CAHA and the Association by completing the [CAHA Move-Up process](#).

Section 2.02 Player Movement at Other Levels

A player wishing to be considered for movement at other age levels must be an “Impact Player” and must make the top team at the next level during the tryout process. A move-up is not required for 16U players moving to 18U.

A player’s parent/guardian must petition the Association by completing the following process:

- (a) Submit a request in writing, to the Hockey Director, at least ten days prior to the start of tryouts of the age division the player is intending to move to.
- (b) Sign a waiver releasing FHA from any claims of injury.
- (c) The *Hockey Director and Hockey Operations Committee* will evaluate the request and will either deny or approve the *request for the* player to participate in tryouts at the next level.
- (d) At the conclusion of tryouts, if the player is placed on the highest team at the next level of play, the move-up will be considered approved. If the player does not qualify for the top team at the next level of play, the player's move-up request is considered denied and the player may participate in tryouts for their age division. *An additional* tryout fee may be assessed for any player that participates in tryouts for multiple age divisions.

ARTICLE III. PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS

After tryouts/team placements have concluded, the Hockey Director, with guidance from the HOC, may move a player to a different team at a higher or lower skill level or between teams with similar skill levels subject to USA Hockey, CAHA, and league rules.

ARTICLE IV. ROSTER VACANCIES

The Hockey Director, with guidance from the HOC, may fill a roster vacancy that occurs after the start of the season by moving a player up from a lower skill level or by selecting a player from the waitlist, subject to USA Hockey, CAHA, and league rules.

ARTICLE V. TRANSFERS & FINANCIAL RELEASES

Section 5.01 Financial Release

Any player transferring from one Colorado Association or Independent Team to another is required to obtain a Financial Release signed by the Association or Independent Team from which the player was a member the previous season or from which the player is currently a member.

Section 5.02 Transferring TO Foothills Hockey Association

All prospective members wishing to transfer from another Colorado team/association to FHA must submit to the FHA Registrar, a financial release signed by their previous Association. A transferring player will not be approved for membership and will not be eligible to participate in tryouts until receipt of the financial release has been confirmed by the FHA Registrar.

Players transferring from another Colorado team/association may also be subject to league transfer rules.

Section 5.03 Transferring FROM Foothills Hockey Association

A member who wishes to withdraw or terminate their membership with the intent of transferring to another Colorado team/association, must follow the transfer/release policies established by the

team/association they wish to transfer to. A financial release will be granted by FHA if all financial obligations have been met per the Association Obligation to Pay policy and all Association-owned equipment and uniforms are returned.

The FHA Registrar will issue the financial release directly to the Registrar of the receiving association.

Membership with FHA will be considered terminated upon receipt of a request for financial release by the FHA Registrar.