



TEMISKAMING SHORES MINOR HOCKEY ASSN.

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH
THE NOHA AND OWHA WITHIN TSMHA

Skate – Up Policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the conditions in which players will be able to move up, i.e. 'skate-up' to a higher age bracket. The objective is to allow highly skilled players who are no longer able to develop in their current age bracket to do so within a higher age bracket.

SCOPE: This policy only applies to major (2nd year) players.

DEFINITIONS: 'A' rep players represent the highest travel team OHF rating that exists at the time of writing. OWHA teams highest travel teams vary from year to year.

1. This selection applies only to players moving up one age group to compete for or play on the highest Representative (Rep) Team offered by TSMHA. Players must be in the second year of their age category. Applications must be made at least 3 (three) weeks prior to Travel team tryouts. Any player applying to "skate up" and try out for a higher age bracket must submit a \$100.00 no-refundable fee with their application to the TSMHA.
2. To qualify as an underage player, the player must excel at their position with exceptional skills. This will be determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with present and previous coaches.
3. To be considered, the player must be rated within the top 6 (six) forwards, top 3 (three) defensemen or top goaltender for that particular Rep Team. If the player is unsuccessful at the advanced age group, they shall remain eligible to try out for the team of their age category.
4. The decision to allow the applicant to "skate up" must also consider the detriment to the current age category team.
5. Any player who wishes to try out as an underage player for a Rep Team must concurrently try out in their own age category.
6. Local House League players must play within their own age group, unless they are an affiliated player for a team in the next higher age group.



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7. Players shall be eligible to tryout as an underage player if there is no a rep option available at their age category regardless if they are first or second year. Under this circumstance, the Skate Up application fee of \$100.00 will be waived.
8. Any player release with the intent of moving up a level must be signed by the TSMHA President.
9. The President or NOHA signing officer, in consultation with members of the Executive, may at their discretion, initiate and action a player release for any reason, which they deem, is in the best interest of the Association.
10. TSMHA reserves the right, under certain circumstance to waive the application fee due to circumstance beyond the player's or team's control.
11. All TSMHA decisions are final and will be completed by September 30 of each calendar year.

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