

Playdown Request Procedure

The “playdown” policy is established to accommodate a player that has documented physical or mental disabilities and who would be physically at risk or incapable of playing at the level that their age would indicate.

Because of the nature of “playdown” requests, we have a long established procedure that must be followed:

- A parent/guardian or the local hockey association must initiate the request.
- The request must be approved in writing by the local association. The approval from the local association should be on association letterhead, it should specify on what team the individual would play if the request is approved. Normally, playdown requests will only be approved for participation on C teams. The president of the local association should sign the request.
- The request must include the following documentation:
 - A description of the disability from Health Care Professional that is caring for the subject player.
 - A document specifying the birth date, the height and the weight of the player.
 - A document from the Health Care Professional indicating approval for the player to participate in a contact sport (ice hockey).

The request letter with all of the supporting documentation is then sent to the Minnesota Hockey District Director for your hockey district. If the District Director approves the request, the documentation package is forwarded to me for final approval.

Note that the documentation is to be hardcopy with signatures. No e-mail.

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