



## ECYH Player Movement Policy

1. ECYH strongly encourages players to participate in their birth year level but understands there are situations when moving a player to an older age category may be beneficial to the program and/or the player.
2. Player movement will only be considered in two situations.
  - a. To balance teams with an appropriate number of players.
  - b. When a player of exceptional skill and maturity could be delayed in their development by playing at their current birth year level.
3. Requests for player movement from the Mite (8U) level will not be considered under any circumstances. Requests for player movement from Peewee (12U) level to Bantam (14U) level is discouraged. *Moving up from these levels is not typically allowed by USA Hockey or New York State Amateur Hockey Association.*
4. Requests for player movement can be submitted to the ECYH Head of Coaches and ECYH President using the Request for Player Movement Form on the ECYH website. Requests should be submitted prior to the start of the Tournament Bound Team Tryouts or the start of the regular season. Requests received after these dates may not be considered.

5. Requests for movement will be reviewed by a committee selected by the ECYH Head of Coaches. The committee will consist of the ECYH Head of Coaches, at least one coach from the requested player's most recent team, and at least one coach from the level the player is requesting to move to. The review committee may request to meet with the player and/or his/her guardians. The review committee may also request to evaluate the player on and off the ice.
6. If the player is approved to be evaluated on the ice and participate in Tournament Bound evaluations, they must place in the top 5% of the evaluated players to be considered to move on in the player movement process for Tournament Bound Team movement (State Bound or Independent Bound).
7. The review committee will then report their recommendation to the ECYH Board of Directors. Final approval of the player movement request will require a simple majority vote of the ECYH Board of Directors.