

Canandaigua Knights MOVE Up Policy/Form

POLICY

According to USA ADM a player is physically and emotionally better off with their age group more often than not. Unless a player demonstrates a much higher level of skill than that of the team they would be on, so much so that the team is not able to touch the puck or make any hockey plays as a team due to the skill level of this player being so much exceptionally higher; then a 'move up' could benefit that player and team. The Knights organization has all their programs divided by age as priority and skill level as secondary. If a player is wanting to play hockey in an age group above his/her actual age group you will then need to comply with this policy.

PROCESS/At time of Try Out Registrations

1. A Player is to register online. You will need to register in your age appropriate team and there will be an area to enter in your attendance to the other team tryouts. This way you will be on both coaches try out roster.
2. The Player is to attend both the age appropriate team and upper aged team for try outs.
3. The Parent/Player is to print, fill and sign the 'Petition to Move Up' Form and bring a copy to Both Coaches, Player Development Coordinator Jim Kelley (KnightsPACD@gmail.com) and to President, Mike Griswold (mikegriswold6521@gmail.com)
4. Parent/Player, Both Coaches and BOD to have a scheduled meeting
5. BOD and/or Coaching Coordinator will notify Player/Parent of Approval or Denial; until then Player/Parent is to assume the Team of their appropriate age group.

FORM

I hereby petition the Canandaigua Knights Board of Directors for my son/daughter _____ to move up from the _____ Team to the _____ Team.

Signature of parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Reason for petitioning to higher level:

Hand this in to both coaches as well as

1. Player Development Coordinator, Jim Kelley at knightspacd@gmail.com
2. BOD, President Mike Griswold at mikegriswold6521@gmail.com
3. Coach of age appropriate team
4. Coach of upper age team

MOVE UP POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

1) The Board will contact the parent(s) and player once a decision is made. Until that time, it will be assumed that the player is a part of the team on which he/she is registered appropriately by age. If in fact the player is accepted into the higher division, additional fees for the higher division will be assessed. _____ **Parent initial here**

2) Upon a player's acceptance at an upper level, should circumstances develop that skills/ability show a decline, the player will return to the level he is originally assigned by age. _____ **Parent initial here**

3) Upon a player's acceptance at an upper level, you will need to fill out the 'USA Hockey Waiver of liability' Form. _____ **Parent initial here**

Coach of Age Appropriate Team to fill out:

- a. Team Impact? Positive or Negative
- b. Player Ability qualifies to move up? Yes or No
- c. Player is being offered a spot on the team? Yes or No

Coach Input

Comments: _____

Coach of Older Age Team to fill out:

- a. Team Impact? Positive or Negative
- b. Player Ability qualifies to move up? Yes or No
- c. Player is being offered a spot on the team? Yes or No

Coach Input

Comments: _____

Board Of Directors to Fill out

Rules: Have all Move Up Policy Rules been followed? **YES OR NO _____ BOD initial here**

Move Up Policy Considerations:

- 1) Player Ability: In order for the move-up to be approved, the player must demonstrate exceptional ability and have the potential to be considered for the competitive or recreational team in the next higher division. Coaches at both levels will determine this capability and whether or not the player will make an impact at that next division level. **YES OR NO _____ BOD initial here**
- 2) Teams Impact: Consideration will be given as to how the move up will impact the two divisions involved. The number of players within each division will be considered. **YES OR NO _____ BOD initial here**
- 3) A move up, upon approval, guarantees full division membership at the approved level, either recreational or competitive. **YES OR NO _____ BOD initial here**
- 4) Travel/Competitive Team Impact: This can create a problem when, in fact, the younger player can make the competitive team at his own age division. Example: There are only twenty Midgets and only one full team of Midget players. A Bantam wants to move up. The Bantam would displace a Midget who would then have no division to play in. This result may not be allowed. **YES OR NO _____ BOD initial here**
- 5) Coaches Input: The coaches' input from both levels will be crucial in aiding the Board when reviewing the application. These individuals will be evaluating the ability of the player as well as all other considerations before a decision will be made. **YES OR NO _____ BOD initial here**

APPROVED: _____ DECLINED: _____

KNIGHTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS: _____ Date _____

Signature of Board Member

Printed Name of Board Member