



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

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Player Movement and Dual Rostering

Policy: It is the policy of Menomonie Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) to offer fair and consistent player movement practices to optimize team success and enhance the skill development of all skaters.

Procedures:

1. Player Movement

Movement between age divisions is generally prohibited except under the following circumstances:

a. Team Numbers

To accommodate team numbers, the MYHA Hockey Operations and Development Committee (HODC) may recommend movement, subject to MYHA Board approval. Players will be selected in order of birth date (oldest to youngest) and retain the right to decline. Players who move to a different level will be assessed the difference in registration fees.

b. Mite to Squirt Move-Ups

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Skaters may move up from Mites to Squirts to fill a 14-player Squirt roster when necessary to form a team and play on the lowest level team.
2. Mite goalies may be moved up if there is a need for a Squirt-level goalie.
3. Other movement requests may be considered based on coach recommendations and team needs.
4. Eligible Mite skaters will be offered the opportunity to move up based on the beginning-of-season NSST Mite Assessment.
5. If a player declines, the next skater in line will be offered the move-up opportunity.
6. MYHA will allow exceptionally talented Mite skaters to advance to Squirt A's if they rank in the top 1/3 of the players on the top-level Squirt team after tryouts. The association must provide proof to WAHA Region Directors and the 8U Section Director confirming this ranking.
 - a. Parents must submit a written request, signed by a parent/guardian, to the Hockey Operations Chair two weeks before tryouts and pay a 25 dollar administration fee if pursuing exceptional player status.

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Financial & Team Commitments:

- Skaters who accept the move-up opportunity must pay the difference between Mite and Squirt registration fees.
- Once a skater moves up to Squirt level, they may not continue participating at the Mite level.

c. Dual Rostering & Fee Structure

Players skating for more than one team that is requested by the HODC out of need must designate a primary team based on age and gender. Additional fees apply for secondary team participation, determined as follows:

- Squirts + Pee Wees = Squirt fees + \$50
- Pee Wees + Bantams = Pee Wee fees + \$50

d. Primary Team Commitment

Skaters are expected to prioritize their primary team for practices and games. Exceptions require head coach approval. Unauthorized conflicts result in progressive disciplinary measures:

- First offense: Formal apology, coach meeting, one-game secondary team suspension.
- Second offense: Formal apology, coach meeting, two-game secondary team suspension.
- Third offense: Removal from secondary team roster.

e. Exceptional Skater Criteria Competitive Levels

The HODC, in alignment with USA Hockey ADM guidelines, evaluates skaters for exceptional movement. Skaters seeking advancement must:

1. Have competed at the A level for at least one season and received a coach recommendation.
2. Submit a written request, signed by a parent/guardian, to the Hockey Operations Chair two weeks before tryouts and pay a 25-dollar administration fee.
3. Undergo evaluation by the MYHA HODC and Board based on prior coach feedback, observations, and USA Hockey criteria.
4. If approved, the skater must try out at the next level and rank in the top 1/3 of players at that division's A team to qualify. Otherwise, they return to their age-appropriate level.
5. The skater must also attend tryouts for their own division and rank in the top 10% at their current level to be eligible for advancement.
6. Move ups beyond one age level will not be permitted.

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f. Exceptional Goalie Criteria

Goalies seeking advancement follow a similar process, requiring an A-level competition history or a coach recommendation. Approval is contingent upon performance evaluations and MYHA Board review. A goalie must:

1. Rank as the top goalie at the next level to qualify for movement. Otherwise, they remain in their age-appropriate division.
2. Attend their current level's tryouts and rank as the top goalie to be eligible for movement.
3. If the receiving division has a full goalie roster per USA Hockey guidelines, the movement request will not be granted.
 1. Squirts (10U) – 1 goalie per team
 2. Pee wee (12U) – 2 goalies per team
 3. Bantam (14U) – 2 goalies per team

3. Pre-Tryout Participation

Players seeking advancement may practice with both their age-appropriate team and the level for which they are trying out before evaluations.

4. Dual Roster Considerations

The MYHA HODC reviews dual roster recommendations each December. Skaters must participate in at least five games with their secondary team to qualify for regional/state play per WAHA rules. Dual rostering is permitted for teams with fewer than 13 skaters.

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