



Policy Title: Player Acceleration Policy

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1.0 Player Acceleration Policy

- 1.1 Players must be registered in their appropriate age category within CMHA.
 - 1.2 An Acceleration Request Form must be completed and submitted by August 1st to a CMHA VP for consideration.
 - 1.3 Acceleration will be considered based on evidence of exceptional abilities and references from the previous hockey year's Head Coach.
 - 1.4 Once the application is reviewed by the CMHA Executive Board, applicants will be notified of the decision no later than August 15th. If an appeal is desired, a hearing will be scheduled before evaluations begin.
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2.0 Criteria

- 2.1 CMHA does not permit acceleration of U7 or U9 players.
- 2.2 To be eligible for acceleration, a player must rank near the top of their current age group based on the following:
- 2.3 A U11 skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defense on the top team in the next higher age category (U13 AA or U13 Female A). A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in that same higher category. Otherwise, the player returns to their appropriate age category.
- 2.4 A U13 skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defense on the top team in the next higher age category (U15 AAA). A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in that age group; otherwise, the player returns to their age category.
- 2.5 For the Mixed Division, CMHA does not allow U15 to U18 acceleration, as U18 AAA falls outside the CMHA AA program. For the Female Division, a U15 skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defense on the U18 Female team. Goalies must evaluate as number 1 in U18 Female. Otherwise, the player returns to their age group.
- 2.6 If a player begins evaluations in their appropriate age category, and the CMHA Executive subcommittee deems it appropriate to advance the player based on evaluator input, the application procedure may be waived.
- 2.7 If an approved acceleration player is not ranked in the top 10 of their new age group after the first two evaluations, they will be returned to their original age category.
- 2.8 Any additional registration costs due to acceleration must be paid in full upon placement on the higher-level team.
- 2.9 The CMHA Executive Board may waive this policy if necessary to address special circumstances such as low registration in a specific age group.

