Player Acceleration Policy

Background:

Occasionally, some players will exhibit exceptional abilities in the game of hockey. The player acceleration policy can be applied to these players allowing them to play at a higher level that is appropriate for their skill, but outside normal age categories.

Process:

1. Players must register in the appropriate age category with WMHA within the normal registration periods.

2. Players wishing to be considered for advancement must complete the Player Acceleration Request Form and submit it to the President of WMHA by August 31 of the current season. The President will then present the request to the WMHA Board for consideration. The President will notify the Parent/Guardian of the WMHA Board's decision. Note, players/ requesting to move from U7 to U9 will not be considered.

3. Players will only be allowed to move up a maximum of 1 division higher than their normal age category. A player must also be in their final year of eligibility for their appropriate age category to be considered to move up.

4. If the WMHA Board determines it is appropriate for the player to try out in the next higher age category, the identified player must complete tryouts in both their appropriate age category and the division they have applied to move up to.

5. The decision to select the player to play in the next higher category will be made by the Head Coach of the top team in the next higher category and the Player Selection Committee. If the player is not selected to play on the top team in the next higher category, the player will be placed within their normal age category.

6. The decision of the Head Coach and Player Selection Committee is final. No appeals will be permitted.

Additional registration fees because of advancement of a player will be required to be paid in full by November 15 of the current year. The Executive may waive all or parts of this procedure if there is a requirement or need to accommodate special circumstances such as small registration numbers in a particular age category