

PRE REQUISITES FOR OBTAINING PLAYER ACCELERATION STATUS

Skill Level – would mean: player has been at the top of his division and category in previous years; includes increased aptitude for the game; Player must show above average to excellent skills

Verification - would mean completing an Player acceleration Application form confirming the skill level, the evaluation criteria and ability to play in a division higher than there age category. The player must be of the appropriate size. The application would be accompanied by letters from two of the following; evaluation director, previous coaches. City Category Director or District President, defining the players physical and emotional abilities to play up.
Parent requests for siblings to participate on the same team. Players should not be asked to participate at a level above their ability or in the case of overage below his ability. Financial need would have to be addressed.

Initiation/Pre Novice Player acceleration not recommended

Novice to Atom Must evaluate and be able to play in the top third of the top team in the Districts Atom Division.

Atom to PWE Player must have participated in a body checking/hitting clinic or league. Player must provide a letter from a Doctor supporting the movement.

PWE to Bantam Player must rank in the top 1/3 of the team of the highest division and category

Note: If player acceleration is approved no more than one (1) Pee Wee aged player per Bantam team shall be permitted to play in the AA Council Bantam AAA program. This will act as a cap so as not to hinder the Federation program.

Bantam to Midget Player must have maturity and social skills to participate in a league where there will be 18 year old players.

Note: Underage players are limited to players who have reached their 14th birthday prior to December 31 of the current hockey season and must be ranked in the top third of the Midget AAA team in AA Council program and Midget Tier 1 in the Federation Hockey program.

Midget to Junior To be in accordance with the Canadian Hockey Development model

Exceptions may be reviewed and approved if an Area/Club/District does not have enough players to make a team

Once the pre requisites have been met, final approval by EMHA Registration Committee will be based on the EMHA criteria for player acceleration.

CRITERIA FOR EMHA FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAYER ACCELERATION

"PLAYER ACCELERATION IN A DIVISION SHOULD BE THE EXCEPTION NOT THE RULE"

Final approval by the EMHA Registration Committee is to be based on the following:

1. Approval from Parent
2. Endorsement/documentation of Club/District President and Sub Registrar.
3. Two of the following: Evaluation reports, letter from District, letter from players doctor, letter from previous coaches, City Category Directors
4. Applicant meeting the EMHA pre requisites
5. Completed application form for Player Acceleration with all required documentation to support the movement up.
6. Conditions of Player Acceleration

In addition to the above criteria for player acceleration the following exception may be considered:

Association does not have enough players to make a Team without the applicant.

Player Acceleration may not be approved for the following reasons:

- Dislike of coach and team members
- Ice times
- Parent wishes

EMHA may revoke player acceleration status at any time.

CONDITIONS FOR PLAYER ACCELERATION STATUS

- Only 2nd year players (by birth date) in a Division will be eligible for Player Acceleration
- All steps for approval by EMHA Registration Committee must be followed and be in writing.
- All approval for player acceleration is for EMHA only.
- A player can not play up until approval is received.
- Player acceleration status will be granted for one year only.
- Players approved to play up are not eligible to affiliate.
- EMHA Registration Committee can revoke Player Acceleration status at any time. (For valid reasons)
- Application acceptance critical date is anytime prior to the player playing up.
- Final approval for Player Acceleration status must be obtained from the EMHA Registration Committee
- Exceptions from midget to junior must be reviewed and in consultation with EMHA Registration Committee
- Leagues may strengthen criteria.
- Players can accelerate only within the association boundaries in which they reside.
- Each application should be reviewed independently and carefully.

EMHA PLAYER ACCELERATION RESPONSIBILITY

Please note that with having been approved for special player acceleration status some conditions must be adhered to.

1. Players approved for accelerated status are not eligible to affiliate to a higher division or category.
2. Player acceleration approval must be obtained prior to participating in any tryouts, exhibition, tournament, or league play.
3. EMHA may revoke player acceleration status at any time, when it has been deemed that the actions of the accelerated player are not in his/her best interest, the team's best interests or those affected.

LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITY

1. Leagues may strengthen these criteria within their respective leagues.
2. Leagues may set criteria for maintaining and monitoring acceleration status within their respective leagues.