



WMHA POLICY MANUAL

Name of Policy: Player movement – Representative Hockey – Novice through Midget

Policy Number: TBD

Responsibility: Board & Executive

Approval: President or Designate

Approval Date:

Date of Next Review:

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for adherence for Representative Hockey player movement for Novice through Midget division players within our organization. Complying with Hockey Canada mandate as well as Ontario Minor Hockey Association guidelines related to player movement, WMHA will evaluate players for consideration of movement to higher category based on the following;

- Player is deemed to be an exceptional player in their age category/division.
- Player attends and participates in all pre-season evaluation sessions offered by WMHA
- Possess the physical and social maturity for movement to higher division
- Player rating ranking is top 15% of player evaluations (e.g. Top 3 out of 20) – Goaltenders fall under a different criteria (see Section 3)
- Accepts additional registration fees as required

2.0 Definitions

“WMHA” Welland Minor Hockey Association – Operator of Hockey League within the city boundaries of Welland Ontario, Canada

“OMHA” Ontario Minor Hockey Association – Operator of Hockey within the province of Ontario.

“Exceptional Player” – A player that stands out in their division based on skill, physical maturity, hockey knowledge and awareness.

“Exceptional Player Evaluation” – Player evaluation for the purpose of determining the suitability of a player for movement..



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3.0 Scope

Forty Five days prior to the Single A tryout period, any player interested in movement to the age group above must complete and submit an Exceptional Player Application and the \$80 Exceptional Player Evaluation Fee **(See Appendix A)** to the 1st VP for registration and verification. The player will participate in all evaluations for both age groups (the player's appropriate age group and the one for which Exceptional status is sought in order to offer both coaches the opportunity to evaluate the player. Any attempt to contact, discuss the process or influence and member of the evaluation committee by the player, a parent, a representative for the child/parent or a coach will result in the immediate termination of the evaluation process and the player will return to the tryouts for their respective age. Any questions are to be directed to the Rep Director only. The opportunity to advance into to a higher division will be only offered to players with a birth year that is one less than the division for which they seek approval. There will be no two birth year advancements into a higher division. The total amount of evaluation sessions required will be determined by the Rep Committee. The first two tryout ice times will be the standard.

During the evaluation session (the first two tryout ice times, players must complete all skill assignments to be properly rated. The evaluation committee for these sessions must be comprised of WMHA Rep Committee Members or appointed person(s) with credentials that deem them to be competent person in hockey evaluations. Evaluation committee members are hockey subject matter experts with a minimum 5 years of experience. In the event of any conflict of interest related to the evaluation committee and a player, the evaluation committee member must declare prior to commencement of evaluations and request a replacement person. If not, player and evaluator will be removed and conflict player will be disqualified. Examples of conflict are, family member to player, guardian, co-worker, neighbour, or any relation that would hinder decisions for evaluation.

During the evaluation process players will be evaluated based on the following criteria; **(See Appendix B)**

- Skating forwards (*Speed, Balance, Edging, Control, Confidence*) (15)
- Skating backwards (*Speed, Balance, Edging, Control, Confidence*) (15)
- Stops and Starts (*Left side, Right side, Control, Confidence*) (15)
- Down & Up (*Knees, Full Body, Jumping, Control, Confidence*) (15)
- Puck Handling (*Carrying, Control, Control, Confidence*) (15)
- Shooting & Passing (*Accuracy, Strength, Control, Confidence*) (15)



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- *Agility & Endurance (5)*
- *Hockey Knowledge (5)*

Upon completion of the evaluation of the player's age group (carried out over the first to tryout sessions), the committee will meet before the next older age tryout session to record scores and finalize results. The maximum amount of player movement will be 15% of the total participants in each age category. Players approved to move forward in the process will be in the top 15% of each evaluation category. If approved, a player will continue the process attending both team's tryouts until a decision is made at the older age level. If a player is approved, the head coach at the higher level retains the final decision whether an offer of a roster position will be made and is not bound by the decision of the Movement Evaluation Committee. *No appeal process will be accepted.*

Goalies

Movement of goalies will apply if it is determined by the Evaluation committee that the goaltender possesses physical, social, and mental abilities to perform at a higher level and is determined to be the highest rated goaltender of all goaltenders participating. It will be the policy of WMHA to allow only one goaltender to advance into a higher division. All terms and conditions for movement of goaltender applies.

It will be noted that all movement of Tyke age players to Novice is still subject to OMHA approval. This is mandated by the OMHA.

4.0 Policy

It is the mission related to this Policy for WMHA to:

- Establish a Representative and recreational house league program for ice hockey for youth in Welland and the surrounding communities.
- Develop youth hockey players physically and mentally for the enjoyment of the game.
- Create an environment of learning hockey and the fundamentals related to the sport.
- Ensure all volunteers, members, and participants are exposed to an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.
- Allow opportunities for players of exceptional performance to excel within the sport of hockey
- Promote an organization of, volunteers, members and participants to instill moral values and respect for everyone
- Continue to develop and promote leadership with all volunteers, members, and participants



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- Ensure transparency and awareness for all to be working towards a common goal



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5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

President

- Support the implementation of this Policy upon approval
- Promote fun and fair play throughout the organization
- Represent the association in a leadership role internally and externally
- Provide assistance and guidance as needed
- Ensure all policies, by-laws, operations and code of conduct are adhered to
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Appointment of staff person(s) and assist with advanced evaluation committee selection

Executive Board Members

- Support the implementation of this Policy upon approval
- Promote fun and fair play throughout the organization
- Represent the association in a leadership role internally and externally
- Provide assistance and guidance as needed
- Ensure all policies, by-laws, operations and code of conduct are adhered to
- Volunteer for advanced evaluation committee on an annual basis
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Establish, interview, select, mentor, oversee volunteers and bench staff within each division
- Ensure necessary Hockey Canada training is obtained by volunteers for requirements to coach, train or manage.
- Collection of police checks from all volunteers and submission to coordinator
- Perform periodic visits to arena to ensure program operations is compliant

Executive Staff

- Support the implementation of this Policy upon approval
- Promote fun and fair play throughout the organization
- Represent the association in a leadership role internally and externally
- Provide assistance and guidance as needed
- Ensure all policies, by-laws, operations and code of conduct are adhered to
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Volunteer for advanced evaluation committee on an annual basis
- Provide equipment, resources, access, reports as required from Executive Board members



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Coaches/Trainers/Managers

- Support the implementation of this Policy upon approval
- Promote fun and fair play throughout the organization
- Represent the association in a leadership role internally and externally
- Provide assistance and guidance as needed
- Ensure all policies, by-laws, operations and code of conduct are adhered to
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Develop progression lesson plan for players to ensure continuous improvements
 - Teach, develop, promote the game of hockey will all participants

Parent Reps

- Support the implementation of this Policy upon approval
- Promote fun and fair play throughout the organization
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Ensure all policies, by-laws, operations and code of conduct are adhered to
- Provide assistance to coaching staff as required
- Manage fundraising, team financials and other social events

Players/ Participants

- Participate and learn the game of hockey
- Respect all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, etc
- Develop friendships with others
- Listen to lesson plan from coaching staff
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Have fun

Parents / Spectators

- Promote fun and fair play throughout the organization
- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Ensure all policies, by-laws, operations and code of conduct are adhered to □ Be courteous and respectful to all

Arena Staff Person(s)

- Ensure safety of all both on and off the ice
- Respect all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, etc
- Perform ice preparations and deployment of hockey nets and ice dividers



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- Manage facilities, change rooms and general maintenance

6.0 Communication

This Policy will be communicated to all association members, volunteers and staff and will be posted on the WMHA website under the “By-Laws and Operations” tab.

7.0 Education and Training

All WMHA members, volunteers and staff will review this policy and adhere. Any new members, volunteers and staff will be required to acknowledge this policy and the relevant sections.

8.0 Related Policies and Procedures

WMHA By-Laws 2011

WMHA Operations Manual 2011

WMHA Code of Conduct

9.0 References

Hockey Canada –Minor Hockey Development Guide

Hockey Canada’s Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) Model

OMHA – Programming Novice & Below – Association Implementation Guide

10.0 Record of Changes

Version#	Date dd-mm-yy	Section / Paragraph Changed	Change Made / Reason for Change	Changed By
1	17-04-19	Entire Document	Update of policy	Tim Young

APPENDIX A



Exceptional Player Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Base Team: _____ Team applying for: _____

Player: (Print) _____ (Signature) _____

Parent/Guardian: (Print) _____ (Signature) _____

Date: _____

Submit application 1st VP of WMHA with \$80 Exceptional Player Evaluation fee

