

IYHL

“Playing Up” Policy

It is the policy of the IYHL that each registered player will play in his/her age group as set forth by USA Hockey rules. However, individual requests to play up shall be considered and are per approval by the IYHL.

In general, the Irish Youth Hockey League continues to strive for each individual to compete and develop both physically and mentally at the highest standard possible in the sport of ice hockey. The IYHL will consider “Playing Up” requests based on the best interests of BOTH the League and the individual player.

- A. Definition: the term "Playing Up" or “Moving Up” refers to a player playing up from his/her hockey age group (division).

- B. Requests to move up must be submitted in writing to the IYHL no less than two weeks prior to the beginning of the first travel tryout evaluation, and based on the following criteria:
 - i. Travel players requesting to move up must have played on the division’s first team (AA or “Elite”) the previous season in order to be considered. AA players requesting to move up will be considered for the next division’s first (AA/Elite) team. All requests must be submitted in writing to the IYHL.
 - ii. House League players requesting to move up a division must submit their request in writing to be considered by the League. House League players requesting to move up will ONLY be considered for the next division’s House League (no travel).
 - iii. Mite division players requesting to move up to the Squirt division must submit their request in writing to the IYHL, and will be per approval by the IYHL.

- C. If a player’s request to move-up is permitted, and if the player does NOT make the required AA travel team, that player is then placed back on his/her original age group AA team. It is NOT necessary that the player attend the original team’s tryout if they participated in the tryout of the team requested to move-up to.

- D. If a player’s request to move-up is permitted, that player is REQUIRED to attend ALL tryouts for the team requesting to try-out for, NO EXCEPTIONS.

- E. If a player is permitted to play up a division, that commitment is for one season only.