



Boise Youth Amateur Hockey Association Player Play Up Policy

Boise Youth Amateur Hockey Association (BYAHA), the parent organization of the Junior Steelheads, strongly recommends players play at their appropriate age level, but has a policy for exceptions. Ultimately the Board of Directors will determine if a player play up is in the best interest of the player and BYAHA.

BYAHA requires players to play at their level as determined under the age brackets set forth by USA Hockey. Our belief in adhering to USA Hockey's age bracket is in part that youth hockey, especially at the younger levels (Mite/8U & Squirt/10U), is developmental and coincides with the BYAHA Mission: to provide and implement a positive learning environment for young players to gain the maximum benefits of participating in a competitive sports program. The BYAHA goal is to develop great people as well as players - setting and achieving goals, not just scoring them.

Determinations for play ups must fulfill either a roster/goaltending need or elite player determination as defined below:

ROSTER NEED

Based on the number of eligible players, the Player Coach Development Committee (PCDC) may determine that a need exists to move a player(s) up from the next lower level in order to fill out rosters.

In the event the PCDC makes such a determination that move ups are necessary to fulfill "roster needs" to the Squirt/10U level, players will be moved up, based upon the Mite Evaluation sessions at the beginning of the season, need for goalie, as well as birth year. These players will not go through the tryout process and will be assigned to the lowest configured team.

GOALTENDING NEED

In the event desired team configurations present a need for additional goaltenders, which will be determined PRIOR to tryouts beginning for such level of play, a move up spot will first be filled by a qualified goalie, as determined by the PCDC. In the event one or more such goalies exist, priority will be given to the player in the highest grade first, then birth date. There will not be any goalie move ups to place 2 goalies on any

team at any level unless there are a sufficient number of qualified goalies at the level below to ensure one goalie per team.

ELITE PLAYER REQUEST

Move Up to Squirt/10U

Player must score in the top 3 players of the “A” Squirt or 10U team through the association’s formal tryout process. For Example, if the PCDC determines the Squirt “A” team to have 13 skaters (excluding goalies) the player would need to rank number 1-3 in the final tryout evaluation.

Move Up to PeeWee/12U or Higher Level

Any family wishing to request a play up to a higher level must submit a request to the BYAHA Board of Director President before Tryouts of the upcoming season or as allowed by the Board Executive Committee for extenuating circumstances including but not limited to, new to association, injury/medical, etc. These requests will be evaluated on an as-needed basis. **The player must include their previous coach’s recommendation with their request.** The Board Executive Committee will review the request and determine the eligibility of such request and move the application to the PCDC for further determination. The Executive Board of Directors Committee and PCDC will work together to determine the eligibility of request using the following criteria:

1. Team sizes at both age levels.
2. Determination of eligibility will be based off of previous coach’s recommendations and may possibly require an on ice dynamic skating and skills session.
3. Player move up is only allowed to move up one birth year. For example, a first year Squirt would not be allowed to move up to Peewees.
4. Player must register at their appropriate age level and tryout level per the BYAHA Tryout Policy. For registration fees or refunds please refer to the BYAHA Player and Parent Agreement.
5. Player must score in the top 3 players of the “A” Team of the requested level. For example, if the PCDC determines the “A” team to have 13 skaters (excluding goalies) the player would need to rank number 1-3 in the final Tryout evaluation.

After consulting with the previous year’s coach and the applicable PCDC which may include current age level coaches and coaching coordinator(s), the Tryout Committee will determine team placement at the conclusion of tryouts. A player placed on a team pursuant to this provision will not displace a tryout player ranking in the top 75% of that team’s initial roster based on evaluations, but may displace a player ranking in the bottom 25% of that team’s initial roster based on evaluations (e.g., in the example set forth in 8 above, with a roster of 13 skaters, it is possible that a player placed pursuant to this provision may displace a player that initially ranked between positions 11-16 after the on-ice evaluation process, but shall not displace a player ranked 1-10).

Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA) Play-Up Request Form

In addition to a formal request to the BYAHA Board of Directors, an Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA) Play-up Request Form must also be completed and submitted to IAHA Registrar

The final decision is at the sole discretion of the BYAHA Board of Directors and the decision will be final. There is no appeal process.