



Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

MAHA Pilot Program

Pilot Program Name: Youth 13 Only Player Movement – Tier I

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In the Tier 1 classifications, player movement will be allowed as follows:

- a. Players shall only move within their own organization.
- b. Youth 13 Only players may move up to the Youth 14U classification. 14U shall not move up to any higher classification. Players using the player movement rule will be allowed to move up and down for a maximum of eight (8) games per Regular season.
- c. Player movement is only permitted for injuries or to give players an opportunity to play at the next level. A player shall not be moved up if all the team's rostered players will be present for the game. Movement is not permitted to replace a player serving a Misconduct or Match penalty.
- d. Players exercising this option will not have a 72-hour waiting period and will not need to be released from one team and added to the other team they are moving to.
- e. Player movement will be allowed up to December 23 of the current playing season.
- f. Players may only compete at one age level per day.
- g. If a player receives a suspension in any game of a tournament or showcase, the player must serve the suspension at the age group in which they are playing at the time of the suspension. If a player receives a suspension in the last game of a tournament or a showcase, the player will serve the suspension with the official rostered team. Any suspension incurred by a player under this pilot outside of a tournament or showcase, must be served with the team in which the player is officially rostered. Players under suspension are not eligible for player movement until the suspension is served with the team in which the player is officially rostered.
- h. For player movement tracking, an individual appointed by the State Playoff Committee Chair will be assigned to the Tier 1 category. Teams will submit to this individual the Player Movement Form every time every time a player moves up. This will track how many games an individual player has moved up. Coaches who do not report player movement or exceed the maximum number of moves will be subject to disciplinary actions and suspension of up to one year.
- i. 15 Only, and 16 Only will follow USA Hockey's Vertical Roster Integration rule.

