

Player Movement Policy

Player movement is defined as permanently moving to a team in an age category that does not correspond to that player's age group based on their birth year.

If any player wishes to move age categories they must submit a written letter to the GDMHA board.

Any player movement **must** be approved by the GDMHA and also submitted to the EKMHA for approval.

Moving down an age group may be considered for better development of player skills or confidence. Players cannot move down to a carded or competitive team.

It is recognized that for an exceptional player, movement up may be desired. However, it is noted that while on-ice skills may be advanced, off-ice attributes, such as the player's emotional and interpersonal skills also need time to develop.

The decision to move a player up a division should be based on:

1. An assessment of on-ice skills by an independent evaluation committee
2. Consideration of maturity and off-ice attributes
3. Consideration of team configurations to maintain a minimum team size

For players requesting a move up an age group to a carded or competitive team:

1. If there is a competitive option at the lower age group, the player can participate in evaluations at the higher age group but must rank in the top 50% of players who are selected for the team.
2. If there is not a competitive option at the lower age group, the player can participate in evaluations at the higher age group but has to rank in the top 75% of players who are selected for the team.

EKMHA has a policy in place regarding player movement from U9 to U11. In most circumstances this player movement is not approved but under special circumstances players may be considered as an affiliate player and must be approved at GDMHA board and the EKMHA level.