



WYHA - EXEMPTION REQUEST

USA Hockey recommends, and it is WYHA philosophy to have players compete at their own age level. However, there are exceptions that can be made for exceptional players.

I, _____, am formally requesting that my child, _____, be allowed to practice / play with a WYHA team for the age group older than his/her birth year status. Final decision is with Dean of Coaches and WYHA Board of Directors with player physical and emotional maturity as well as skill level and safety considered. WYHA will work to avoid placing the desire of the participant / parent above the legitimate opportunity for that participant to be successful in an older age classification. If trying out for a travel team, player must try out for age-appropriate level as well as level being requested. Players not rostered on a WYHA team are not allowed to practice with a travel team at or above their age level. They may, however, register and practice with their age level house team.

Birth Year: _____ Hockey Season: _____

Team (age group) requesting: _____

*Players must be in High School to practice with the High School travel team

*WYHA reserves the right to monitor and reevaluate the play up request and may revoke any prior approved request at their discretion

*WYHA coaches may elect to have mixed age practices for team/player development and/or to support ice availability, which does not require an exemption form

The reason(s) I am making this request is:

Parent and coach initial and sign below:

_____ **Strong recommendation** from age-appropriate coach for my child to practice at the age group above his or her birth year

_____ The decision will be final and that there is no appeal process

_____ One season exemption, and future seasons require a new form

_____ Poor attitude and behavior towards teammates and/or coaches will not be tolerated; players removed after approval will not be allowed to request to play up the following season

_____ Independent evaluator may be utilized (board selected)

_____ Additional waiver may be required

Current Age Coach Signature _____ Date _____

Requested Age Coach Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY WYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Final Decision Date _____

Approved ____ Not Approved ____

WYHA Executive Board will always have the final say in player movement. It is up to the Executive Board to act in the best interest of the organization first and individual players second