

**Policies & Procedures  
of the  
Vancouver Thunderbird  
Minor Hockey Association**

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**PLAYER MOVEMENT POLICY**

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## **1. Objective**

- 1.1. The objective of this policy is to make appropriate provision for players who would be best suited to play in a division other than in which they would normally be placed because of their age.
- 1.2. In particular, this policy may be used to give an exceptional player the opportunity to participate in a higher division which is more suited to that player's ability. Placement at a higher division will be based on factors including, but not limited to:
  - hockey skills
  - age
  - physical and mental maturity
  - probability of making the team for which that player is trying out.
- 1.3. Alternatively, this policy may be used where a player, because of small size or weak ability, wishes to play on a "C" team at a lower age level.
- 1.4. This policy is subject to the rules and regulations of the PCAHA and the BCAHA.

## **2. Application**

- 2.1. Any player wishing to play on a team in a higher division must make a written application to the Player Movement Committee (PMC) on or before May 15th. A player may request to move up to a higher level House or Rep team. An exceptional player wishing to play House hockey must first consider playing Rep hockey in his/her age division rather than being placed in a higher House level.
- 2.2. The application must include at least two support letters which provide an evaluation of the player's skills and general suitability for playing in a higher division. The letters shall be drawn from the following list:
  - player's coach from the previous season
  - Division Manager from the previous season
  - another divisional coach familiar with the player.

## **3. Player Movement Committee ("PMC")**

- 3.1. The PMC will be chaired by either the Vice-President (House Hockey) or the Vice-President (Rep Hockey), and include at least two others appointed by the chair. The other members of the PMC should be from the following:
  - Division Managers from the two affected divisions
  - Director of Hockey Operations
  - Executive Director

- Coach Coordinator
- Vice-President H1-H4.

#### **4. Procedure**

- 4.1. The PMC will meet within 14 days of receiving a written application for player movement and shall give its decision as soon as possible after the meeting.
- 4.2. If the player has applied to play on a Rep team at a higher division, a positive decision will result in the player being invited to attend the Rep tryout process at that higher level. In that case:
  - 4.2.1. If there are Rep teams at the level in which the player would ordinarily play by virtue of his or her age, then the player would have to make the A1 rep team at the higher level in order to move up, unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise. Should the player succeed in obtaining a position on the A1 team at the higher level, then the PMC will recommend formal approval of the move to the Board of Directors. Should the player not succeed in obtaining a position on the A1 team at the higher level, then the player would be transferred to the rep tryout process at the player's own age level.
  - 4.2.2. If there are no Rep teams at the level in which the player would ordinarily play by virtue of his or her age, then should the player succeed in obtaining a position on a rep team at the higher level, then the PMC will recommend formal approval of the move to the Board of Directors. Should the player not succeed in obtaining a position on a rep team at the higher level, then the player would be transferred back to play at their own age level.
- 4.3. No appeal of a player movement decision made by the PMC will be allowed.
- 4.4. At the sole discretion of the PMC, and prior to the deadline for player movement set by the PCAHA, player movement may be accommodated during the season using the criteria outlined above.

#### **5. Approval of Overage Exemption**

- 5.1. In the event that a player, because of small size or weak ability, wishes to play on a "C" team at a lower age level, the player shall:
  - 5.1.1. Make written application to the Division Manager for the division in which the player is registered, setting out in such application the reasons why the request is being made and whether it has been recommended by any past coach;
  - 5.1.2. The Division Manager shall advise the Administrator and the VP House of the request, and arrange for an evaluation of the player by the Director of Hockey Operations;

5.1.3. If the Director of Hockey Operations recommends such a move, the VTMHA will make application to the PCAHA for approval of such move in accordance with Section C(40) of the PCAHA Rules.