

2011 CCHA Player Placement Policy

- 1) **Age Eligibility:** In almost all cases, players will be placed according to USA Hockey dates. These dates are:

**USA Hockey Age Group Classification:
2011 - 2012 SEASON**

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>AGE DIVISION</u>
7/1/92 - 6/30/96	JR GOLD
7/1/96 - 6/30/98	BANTAM
7/1/98 - 6/30/00	PEEWEE
7/1/00 - 6/30/02	SQUIRT
7/1/02 - 6/30/04	MITES
7/1/04 - 6/30/05	MINI-MITES
7/1/05 - 6/30/06	TERMITES
	GIRLS
7/1/94 - 6/30/96	16 & UNDER
7/1/96 - 6/30/98	14 & UNDER
7/1/99- 6/30/00	12 & UNDER
7/1/00- 6/30/02	10 & UNDER
7/1/02- 6/30/04	8 & UNDER
7/1/04 -6/30/06	6 & UNDER

- 2) **Peer Grade Placement:** In situations where a player is not eligible for the level of their peer grade per USA Hockey Age Group Classifications, exceptions will be made. Specifically, these players will have the opportunity to play up a level should they choose and be placed on a team based on overall level tryout scores. This rule is designed to enable those kids born in the months of July and August to play with their classmates. It will also give those kids the option to play a second year in Bantams as opposed to high school hockey. This affects young aged players relative to their grade as follows:

Player not eligible per birth date for:	But Entering:
Termites	Kindergarten
Mini-Mites	1 st Grade
Mites	2 nd & 3 rd Grade
Squirt	4 th & 5 th Grade
Pee Wee	6 th & 7 th Grade
Bantam	8 th & 9 th Grade

Once they have chosen to tryout at a higher level, they will have to stay in the pool they have selected for tryouts.

- 3) **Player Placement based on Association Numbers:** This policy is designed to optimize personal development by achieving the most beneficial team sizes at each level. The association has determined that this optimum team size will include 13-15 skaters and 1-2 goalies per team. In only those situations where the number of players registered for a particular level does not allow team sizes to call within these ranges, the association has the option of moving up kids from a lower level to complete the minimum number of skaters/goalies per team. For example, if 63 skaters and 7 goalies are registered at a particular level, optimum team size could not be achieved without additional skaters (i.e., 4 teams at 15 skaters = 60 skaters, 5 teams at 13 skaters = 65 skaters). In this case, the association would look to move 2 skaters up so that 5 teams could be created. However, if 65 skaters are already registered, no move-ups would be allowed under this provision.

Under this policy, move ups in this situation would be handled as follows:

- a) Any open slots will be made available to second year USA Hockey age appropriate kids at the next lower level prior to tryouts.
- b) Eligible players can petition appropriate Level Commissioner in writing by 9/1/08 if they are interested in being considered for an open slot. Included with the petition would be an Affidavit from two of the player's previous year coaches stating that the player is physically and emotionally prepared to move up.

The Hockey Development Committee will review the petition. He/she will report any concerns to Board at the September Board meeting. Absent any concerns, the Board will approve the petition. Once approved, the player will tryout at the higher level. Petition players will be ranked based on tryout score to determine which petition players will be awarded the open slots. If the petition player is not awarded an open slot, he/she will tryout again at the USA Hockey age level. Petition players awarded an open slot will be placed on a team based on overall level tryout scores.

- c) A petition player can not displace an older child that has no other option to play. No petition requests will be approved if slots are not required at the next level. The association reserves the right to add or subtract open slots up until final sign in for Skills Session of the level tryouts in the event of a late registration addition or cancellation.
- 4) **Skill Based Petition:** In the case of exceptional players, it is in the best interest of the association as a whole, and the player involved to allow a potential for move-ups. In this case, the association will provide the opportunity for a player to submit a petition requesting the option to tryout for the next level in an effort to make the A team (a Skill Based Petition). If this option is chosen, the player will be placed on the A team for that upper level if they score as one of the top 5 players for that level. If the player does not achieve this ranking, they will be placed on the C team for the upper level. The required Skill Based Petition must be submitted by 9/1/08 and will also require an Affidavit from two of the player's previous year coaches stating that the player is physically and emotionally prepared to move up, and has a reasonable expectation of scoring in the top 5 for that upper level. All Skill Based Petitions will be reviewed by the Hockey Development Committee and must be approved by the Board. Once a Skill Based Petition is approved, the player will not have the opportunity to return to their appropriate level. This petition is meant to deal with highly skilled players and will be administered with this in mind.