

## **TYHA POLICY ON PLAYERS PLAYING OUTSIDE THEIR AGE DIVISION**

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### I. Players playing above their age division for the season

It is the policy of TYHA that requests to play at an age division above a player's typical division are granted in circumstances where:

- (1) a request is made in writing by the player's parent or guardian;
- (2) the number of players in each age division impacted allows for such a move;
- (3) the size and skills of the player, as evaluated by a group of neutral coaches selected by the ACE Coordinator (excluding the coaches of both teams affected), are judged to be such that the player can safely play up and participate in a manner that is beneficial to the player and the team, and
- (4) the coach of the team to which the player is moving up is in agreement with the move.

The TYHA board of directors will rely on the judgment of the group of neutral coaches and will request input from the coaches of the two teams affected by the move but reserves the right to override the decision if it feels it is in the best interests of the player and/or the association.

### II. Players playing below their age division for the season

It is the policy of the TYHA that requests to allow a player to play at an age division below the player's typical division are granted in circumstances where:

- (1) The player's parent or guardian has been consulted and agrees to the change in age divisions;
- (2) the number of players in each age division impacted allows for such a move;
- (3) the size and skills of the player, as evaluated by both coaches of the affected teams, are judged to be such that the player cannot safely play at his or her typical age division, or are such that the player cannot participate in practices and/or games at the higher level in a manner that will allow the player to develop and enjoy the game;
- (4) the size of the player is such that the safety of the players on the younger team will not be placed in jeopardy; and
- (5) the Kansas City Amateur Hockey Association has approved the player to play down an age level prior to the player participating in any league games.

The TYHA board of directors will rely on the judgment of the input from the coaches of the two teams affected by the move but reserves the right to override the decision if it feels it is in the best interests of the player and/or the association.