



## OVERAGE PLAYER APPLICATION CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

### PRE-REQUISITES FOR OBTAINING OVERAGE STATUS (OA)

#### General Information

**Limited Skill** would mean a noticeable lack of basic hockey skills, such as skating and balance, for his/her age. Including limited aptitude for the game in the Peewee division and higher.

**Verification** would mean a letter(s) confirming the lack of skill and ability to play in the proper age Division from the Association and/or Coach of respective team, including evaluation report if possible.

#### **Only 1<sup>st</sup> year Players (by birth-date) in a Division (Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget) will be eligible for Overage Status**

All applications for Overage Status (OA) must be made using the **Overage Player Application form**. This form must be complete and be accompanied by all supporting documentation as outlined in the Criteria below. OA Applications **will be reviewed on an individual basis** per the Criteria noted below. All OA Applications **will only be reviewed ONCE per season**, please include all documentation upon application. OA Players may NOT participate with a team on-ice (practice or games), until the OA Application has been approved. Once the pre-requisites have been met, final approval by Hockey Alberta's Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator will be based on the criteria and supporting documentation provided for approval as an Overage Player in a Minor Division.

#### Approval Guidelines

**Minor Hockey** applications can be submitted for movement from:

**Novice to Initiation, Atom to Novice, Peewee to Atom, Bantam to Peewee, or Midget to Bantam**

All Minor Hockey to Minor Hockey applications **must meet at least three** of the following criteria:

- Player is of small and frail structure (written verification required)
- Player has limited skills (written verification required)
- Beginner player (1<sup>st</sup> year of participating in organized hockey)
- Health reasons – supported by letter from doctor
- Only 1<sup>st</sup> year (by birth date) players in a Division may apply
- Player needed to field a hockey team in the Division applying for.

#### **Junior to Midget Applications**

To be reviewed on an individual basis by the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator in consultation with the Minor Regulation Committee Chairperson. May be approved when:

- Association does not have enough players to make a team (15) without applicant. "If more players register later increasing size of team, overage may be revoked"
- No registered team, other than Midget within 50 km of place of residence
- Health reasons - supported by letter from Doctor
- Limited Skills - written verification of ability required
- Must be in High School - supported by letter from School
- No goaltender available - would not be able to register (ice) a team
- **Must meet 3 of the above, before approval would be considered**

**Goalies** - To be reviewed/approved by Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator on an individual basis.



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### CRITERIA FOR HOCKEY ALBERTA APPROVAL

The Overage Application Form **MUST** be completed in its' entirety.

Application Deadline: **December 1**

**"Overage in a Division should be the Exception and not the Rule"**

Final approval by the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator to be based on the following:

- 1 Approval from Parent - outlining reason
- 2 Endorsement/Approval by LMHA President
- 3 Approval by League President
- 4 Applicant meeting the HA pre-requisites
- 5 Application form "information provided"
- 6 Conditions of Overage "general"

**Overage may not be approved for the following reasons:**

- Dislike of coach and team members
- Ice times
- Parents wish

### OVERAGE CONDITIONS

- All steps for approval by HA must be followed and in writing.
- All approval for overage play is for games within Alberta only. You must secure additional approval for any activity outside the Province of Alberta.
- You must never play an overage that has not been approved by Hockey Alberta.
- Overage players can participate in League play (depending on League approval).
- Overage players may play in Exhibition and Tournament games.
- All coaches are responsible to let teams that they are playing know they have an overage player. The overage player must be clearly marked on every game sheet (OA) beside the player's name.
- Overage players are not eligible to play Provincial Zone Play Downs or Provincial Championship Tournament games.
- Overage status will be granted on a yearly basis only.
- Overage players are not eligible to be affiliates to a higher Division or Category.
- OA Application deadline is December 01.

**HOCKEY ALBERTA MAY REVOKE OVERAGE STATUS AT ANY TIME** - Hockey Alberta may revoke overage status at any time, when it has deemed that the actions of the overage player are not in the best interests of those affected by those actions.

### LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITY

1. Leagues may strengthen the HA criteria for obtaining overage status within their respective Leagues.
2. Leagues may set criteria for maintaining and monitoring overage status within their respective Leagues.
3. The League may revoke the status of a player from participating in their League based on their maintaining overage status criteria.



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**This form must be accompanied by supporting documentation.** Prior to the applicant participating in any Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Event, final approval must be granted by Hockey Alberta. Hockey Alberta may revoke a player's overage status at any time. **Overage players are not eligible for Affiliation and/or Provincial Play.**

Requesting MHA: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this Applicant been approved for Overage Status (OA) in any previous Minor Hockey?  Yes  No

### **PART A: PLAYER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HCR #: \_\_\_\_\_ Resident LMHA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female Ht. \_\_\_\_\_ Wt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled in School:  Yes  No School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART B: PLAYER HISTORY**

MHA Last Played For: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Season Last Played: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years Played: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

League: \_\_\_\_\_ League Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Season's Stats: Goals: \_\_\_\_\_ Assists: \_\_\_\_\_ Games Played: \_\_\_\_\_

Penalty Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Major Penalties: \_\_\_\_\_ Suspensions: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART C: CURRENT SEASON APPLICATION:**

Age Division Desired (circle): Initiation Novice Atom Peewee Bantam Midget

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ League Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for this player to play below the proper age Division (refer to Overage Criteria):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attachments Included:  Medical  School  Other

### **PART D: AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MHA President Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

League President Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Hockey Alberta Use Only:</u></b>			
<b>Approval:</b> YES NO	<b>REASONS:</b> SIZE NUMBERS ABILITY OTHER		
<b>Date Entered in HCR:</b> _____			
<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____	