



## WHITECOURT MINOR HOCKEY

**POLICY:** Player Movement and Acceleration  
**DATE:** January 1, 2014  
**PURPOSE:** To establish a policy for the movement of players registered in one division who may wish to play in another division.

1. Parents or guardians of players registered in a division may apply in writing to the Association to play as overage players in a lower division in accordance with the Hockey Alberta Policy for Overage Players.
2. Parents or guardians of players registered in a division may apply in writing to the Association to play in a higher division.
3. The Player Movement Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications for player movement and will report their recommendations for player movement to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for the final decision on all player movements.
4. Prior to approval of any player movement the Player Movement Committee will review the number of players in each division and the effect any player movement may have on the number of teams already established, or proposed to be established in each division.
5. The Player Movement Committee may recommend the movement of players to a higher division subject to the following conditions:
  - a) From Novice to Atom for players who appear to be mature enough and have skating and puck handling skills judged to be in the top 50% of the players trying out for their position (i.e Forward, Defense, Goalie) on the highest level team in the higher division.
  - b) From Atom to Pee Wee, Pee Wee to Bantam or Bantam to Midget for players who appear to be mature enough and have technical skills judged to be in the top 50% of players trying out for their position (i.e Forward, Defense, Goalie) on the highest level team in the higher division.
  - c) For a goaltender who may not meet the above criteria, but where there is more than two goaltenders per team in the lower division and less than two goaltenders per team in the higher division and the movement of a goaltender to a higher division would facilitate playing time for goaltenders in the lower division and the availability of goaltenders in the higher division.

**The Executive of Whitecourt Minor Hockey Association has the final decision in all matters related to the movement of players.**

Original Policy Date: February 2, 2005  
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