

Application for Player Movement between Divisions and/or Streams

5.9 Player Movement between Divisions/Streams (IP, House, Rep): (updated Sept. 19, 2012, April 9, 2013 and Mar. 4, 2015)

- a) WLMHA believes it is in the best interest of safety and the majority of athletes to play in their respective divisions according to age
- b) Player movement to a higher division will not be allowed in house league (with the exception of Novice D to Atom House as outlined in 5.9(c)(vii) below)
- c) Athletes wishing to play in Rep League in divisions above their age group must submit a request form (Appendix Form 20) to the stream coordinator a minimum of 14 days prior to the first try-out date for the higher division
 - i) Such requests will only be considered for players in the oldest year of the lower division
 - ii) A Player Movement Committee of qualified evaluators appointed by the President will observe the player's performance during the evaluation process and the player's ability to be competitive will be assessed. This will include mental, emotional and physical abilities.
 - iii) If a rep team is being formed in the player's category as defined by BC Hockey, in order to be considered for a move up in division, an athlete's skill evaluation must place him/her in the top 10 percentile of all players of the same gender registered in the higher division in five out of the six National Skill Standards as evaluated, in conjunction with the Player Movement Committee's assessment of the player's overall suitability for movement to the higher division (mental, emotional and physical).
 - iv) If a male or female rep team is not being formed in a player's division, the player can try out for the same category in the division above if such a team is being formed, and be evaluated without the 10 percentile rule being applied, however all other evaluation requirements will be met; players applying to move up don't count as interest in the higher division as per 11.1(h)(iii)
 - v) The committee will consult with the parents/guardians in assessing the player's emotional maturity when determining the division that best meets the player's needs.
 - vi) The committee will submit their findings to the executive and then an executive member will notify the athlete and her/his parents of the association's decision.
 - vii) Players are not eligible to move from the atom division into male PeeWee Rep due to the implementation of contact hockey.
 - viii) Novice D players may apply to play in Atom House, but not into Atom Development; in such cases the 5 percentile rule instead of 10 percentile rule will be calculated with the Atom Development players removed from the pool
- d) In order for an athlete to be considered to play at a lower age level, the athlete must be small in size, have a medical reason and/or be at a lower skill level than his/her current age level. Players without a team at their current age appropriate level may also be considered for a lower level team.
 - i. A committee that includes the Stream Coordinator and Division Manager will observe the player's performance during the evaluation process and the player's ability to be competitive will be assessed. This will include mental, emotional and physical abilities.
 - ii. Overage players are not eligible to play on Rep or All Star teams and may not be accepted in house league tournaments. The athlete and parents must be informed and consulted when assessing the division that best meets the player's needs.
 - iii. The Stream Coordinator will report decisions to move players down to the executive.
 - iv. The manager of the division in which the athlete will play will notify the athlete and his/her parents of the assessment results.

e) Goalies may apply and play up in a Division one up from their age group. A goalie may only register with one team in one Division. (updated Dec. 01, 2010)

I request that _____ be evaluated to play as an underage/overage player in the _____
(Print player's name) (Circle one)

_____ division for the following reasons:

(i.e. Novice D, Atom etc.)

I have read and understand WLMHA policy 5.9 in regards to overage and underage players.

Name of parent/guardian (please print): _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

A copy of this application is given to the two division managers or stream coordinators involved.