



## TEMISKAMING SHORES MINOR HOCKEY ASSN.

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THIS POLICY APPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH  
THE NOHA WITHIN TSMHA

### **TSMHA Skate – Up Policy (NOHA)**

Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association (TSMHA) has players with the capability and talent to play in a higher division. As a practice however TSMHA will continue to encourage players to grow and develop with players of their own age. An exceptional player may be allowed to move up a category provided the outlined criteria has been met and the appropriate procedure is followed. The only reason for allowing a player to move up to an older age category is to facilitate the development of that particular player, and not simply to provide the older category with additional players. TSMHA strongly recommends that all players participate in the age group for which they are, by birth year, designated under OHF and NOHA rules and regulations. TSMHA recognizes, however, the right of the underage player to play at an older age level under special circumstances.

#### ***Applicability:***

This policy applies to all players on all Rep U10 to U15 teams over which the TSMHA has jurisdiction over. Involvement in the exceptional player process does not guarantee that a player will play at the higher level. It only determines if the player will be permitted to attend the tryouts of the higher-level team. The coach of the higher division team has the final decision if he would like to use this player.

U7 and U9, follow the Hockey Canada Player Pathway

#### ***Criteria:***

If a player is to be considered for player movement, the following criteria must be met:

- A player moving up to a higher category must be physically able to play in the higher division, as agreed to by both coaches.



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- A player moving to a higher category must have approval from both coaches, parents, and the Executive of Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association.
- Exceptional player designation: a player moving to a higher division must be in equivalent in talent and ability as one of the top players or top goalie on the team they are trying out for at the older age group.

### *Process:*

This section recognizes that a member may wish to have their child play at the next level of competition.

1. A parent may request in writing to the TSMHA president to have his/her child play in a higher category. This request must be received by January 15th.

**\*(2024/2025 try out season please submit letter by April 1, 2024) Any request received after this date will not be considered for the upcoming season.**

2. The current coaching staff will be approached by the association to see where they would rank the player.

3. A third impartial and anonymous evaluator will be chosen by the TSMHA president to provide a fair assessment. The evaluator will be asked to attend the first three (3) out of four (4) tryouts to evaluate the player in question. The underage player will be evaluated based on skill and ability for the age group for which he is requesting to play.

4. In the event that the evaluators feel that the player can play at the higher level, the coach of the higher division team has the final decision if he would like to use this player.

5. If at any time during the process the parent(s) of the player(s) participating in the movement attempts to influence the coaches or evaluators, the process will be terminated.

6. No team will invite, offer, or include any applicant in any tryout, practice, scrimmage or other activity until such time as the applicant has been declared eligible under the exceptional player status. Any violation of this provision will result in a suspension for



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any person who violates the provision. The length of the suspension will be determined by the Complaints Committee of TSMHA

7. Players must also try out for their own age group try out session as well as the team they are trying to skate up with.

8. A fee of \$150 is to be paid to TSMHA if approved to proceed this fee is non refundable



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