



Mite (all level) Move Up Policy

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Background:

- a. Mite level hockey is 100% about development.
- b. Players excel when they are placed with other players of like ability which creates a healthy, yet competitive environment.
- c. The CCHA Mite program is divided into multiple levels and subgroups within levels, tryouts and evaluations are used to place players of like ability.
- d. CCHA has an existing move up policy for levels above Mites, managed by the HDC.
- e. CCHA desires to keep players challenged and enrolled in our competitive programs.
- f. Mite move ups are to be decided by the HDC rep most closely involved at the Mite level in conjunction with level coaches and level commissioners. The HDC, Registration Accountant and the President shall be copied on final recommendations prior to parent notification.
- g. Players will not be moved up simply to take advantage of a more advanced and more ice touch program.

Policy:

CCHA has created a structure at our Mite levels to best accommodate the development of young players.

We offer 4 different leagues to cover 5 years of play broken down by age:

- Rookie Mite (Pre-K)
- Termite (K)
- Mini-Mite (1st Grade)
- Mite (2nd – 3rd Grade)

Within each of these leagues, we place players on equally divided teams for game experiences, but for individual player development we break players down into practice groups based on ability level. For the majority of our players this structure provides opportunity to stay within their peer group, but also receive differentiated development and coaching interaction based on their ability.

In the exceptional case where we have a single player that clearly dominates play at their designated league level within the highest ability group, we will consider a request to move that player up to the next league within the Mite structure to match the player's ability. A player will be considered as dominant based on meeting all three of the following criteria:

- Within the highest ability level practice group the player clearly stands out as having superior skills
- Within a game experience the player consistently dominates play creating situations with other players on the ice that is non-competitive
- Within a game experience the player needs to be consistently held back by coaches to prevent running up the score





Termite players requesting to play up one level to the Mini-Mite level must meet the following standards:

- Requests are generally considered prior to the start of the season
- If a request is submitted after the season starts, the player will be responsible for paying the fee difference between the two league levels for the full season
- Submit written request to the Mini-Mite Commissioner that contains the endorsement of their current level (or previous season) head coach
- Player must meet the dominant player standards as defined above
- On ice evaluation or observation may be required
- Mini-Mite league must have the availability to take on the additional player without displacing an age appropriate player
- Decisions will be made with the best interest of the player in mind. A meeting between the player's parents and/or coaches may be requested.
- Approval of both the Mini-Mite Commissioner and Mite Level HDC Representative is required

Mini-Mite players requesting to play up to the Mite level must meet the following standards:

- Requests are only considered prior to the start of the Mite evaluation process
- Submit written request to the Mite Commissioner that contains the endorsement of the Mini-Mite Commissioner and their current level (or previous season) head coach
- Player must meet the dominant player standards as defined above
- Conditional approval may be granted pending performance in the Mite evaluation process
- Mite league must have the availability to take on the additional player without displacing an age appropriate player
- Decisions will be made with the best interest of the player in mind. A meeting between the player's parents and/or coaches may be requested.
- Approval of both the Mite Commissioner and Mite Level HDC Representative is required
- If approved, the player may be offered the opportunity to play on a Mite East or Mite West team based on their Mite evaluation score
- If it is determined that the player does not meet Mite level standards they will be notified by the Mite commissioner and will be eligible to play at the Mini-Mite level

