

**MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**Player Advancement Request Form**



Name of player: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Season requested for advancement: \_\_\_\_\_

Level at which the requesting player would be assigned by age: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for play up request (please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EARLY ADVANCEMENT POLICY *(as of the 2024-2025 handbook)*

MSHA discourages movement of players from their assigned age division. Although a player may be skilled enough to play up a division, there are legitimate concerns the player may not be prepared mentally, physically, or socially. These aspects should be considered by the player and family prior to requesting application to play up. Any move up request is for a single season only.

The procedure to initiate a request to higher level will be as follows:

- An application form for Early Advancement can be found in the Appendix or can be downloaded from the MSHA website [www.mitchellmarlins.com](http://www.mitchellmarlins.com)
- The form must be completed by either parents or guardian; the finished form must be submitted at the time of registration.
- The Programs Director upon receipt of written request will contact the Coaching Director and Head Coaches at both levels involved with each player request. Coaches will be excused if the decision is concerning their own children, and Assistant Coach contacted.
- Both Programs Committee and Coaches must agree to have the Early Advancement Request Review process started and provide an initial acceptance or denial for player to start move up process. Considerations are as follows:
  - Team numbers at both levels.
  - The player's skill level is advanced when compared to others in their age group. Games and practices from past years' performance will be considered.
  - Personal player behavior will be considered of how the player reacts in team, and individual situations.
  - Eight grade players will not be considered for advancement to Youth JV/Varsity levels.
  - Requests that do not meet all criteria above will not be considered.

If initial acceptance is approved, the Advancement Process is as follows:

- Player may begin practice with the upper-level team.
- Player may withdraw request to move up prior to Try-outs and move back to age level.
- Prior to team roster submissions, Parent/Player/Coaches/Programs will consult as to viability of move up request and determine final approval or disapproval.
- If approved and player is submitted on a roster, the player may NOT withdraw request, and difference in registrations fees are due to MSHA.
- If denied by the Programs Committee, the decision can be appealed to the MSHA board.
  - The MSHA Board will take player discipline report history into consideration.

## Team Need Process

If additional players are needed to make a team at a higher level, those who are entering their last year at the level below will be notified of the opportunity to participate with the older age group. Players who are interested in placement at the higher level must then notify the Programs Committee of their interest to play up a level. Tryout sessions will then be conducted, at which the players who show the most potential and the ability to compete with the higher level will be determined by the Coaching Director. At the conclusion of the tryout sessions, the Coaching Director may identify that it is not in the best interest of moving any players up in which other options may need to be explored for the higher team needing more players.