

# Navy Youth Hockey Association, Incorporated

## Request to Play-Up Policy

*Adopted by majority vote of the NYHA Board – May 1, 2008*

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### Governing Rules:

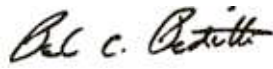
- USA Hockey does not require an association to allow a player to play-up.
- NYHA has adopted this policy to govern requests to play-up.
- By making a written request to play-up, parents or guardians assume full responsibility for injuries or other consequences borne of their request to have a player evaluated to play-up or being placed on a play-up team.
- This policy has been developed to ensure a fair process is available to consider requests for playing up. However, NYHA generally supports the requirement that players skate at their age-appropriate level.

### Procedure for requesting permission to play-up:

- Requests to play-up must be made in writing to the NYHA President.
- The President will circulate the request to the Coaching Committee and potentially-affected Head Coaches.

### Decision Criteria:

- A majority of the Coaching Committee must conclude that the player demonstrates skills sufficient to place him/her in the top three skaters of the “play-up team” at the desired position (goaltenders must be ranked as number one for the play-up team).
- NYHA may also consider other factors; such as number of players and competitiveness of each team, before issuing a final decision.
- The player must register with their age-appropriate team, not the play-up team.
- The player may be asked to skate with the play-up team, the age-appropriate team and any combination thereof during the decision-making process.
- The Coaching Committee, and Head Coaches for both teams, will review the player.
- The Coaching Committee will render a decision and transmit it to the President.
- The President will communicate the decision to the Board, the Head Coach of each team, the player and his/her family.



President - Navy Youth Hockey Association, Inc.

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**“Play-Up” Request Waiver & Release**

This waiver must be completed and signed before a player will be considered for permission to play-up in Navy Youth Hockey Association (NYHA) activities.

Your signature below affirms the following:

I understand and accept the NYHA policy on playing up and acknowledge that by receiving this request NYHA is under no obligation to honor or grant the request to play-up.

Further, in consideration of your acceptance of this request, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors or administrators waive and release all rights and claims for damages against NYHA, its directors, officers, agents, representatives and employees from any and all injuries that may arise as a result of this request.

I further affirm that I am responsible for the player noted below and confirm that he/she is of sound health and there is no medical reason he/she should not be requesting to play-up.

I have read and accept the above Waiver and Release:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Player Name (Printed) Player Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) Parent/Guardian Signature

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Address State Zip Code Telephone