

IYHL “Move Up” Policy

It is the policy of the Irish Youth Hockey League (IYHL) that each registered player will play in his/her age group as set forth by USA Hockey rules. However, individual requests to play up shall be considered and are per approval by the IYHL President.

In general, the IYHL continues to strive for each individual to compete and develop both physically and mentally at the highest standard possible in the sport of ice hockey. The IYHL will consider “Playing Up” requests based on the best interests of BOTH the League and the individual player.

- A. Definition: the term "Playing Up" or “Moving Up” refers to a player playing with an older age group.
- B. Requests to move up must be submitted in writing to the IYHL President no less than two weeks prior to the beginning of the first evaluation and based on the following criteria:
 - 1. Rovers Play Up Request: Players requesting to move up must have played on the “AA” team the previous season to be considered (except those who have joined our league or 8U players requesting 10U). Players requesting to move up will be considered only for the “AA” team at the 12U and 14U level. 10Us can be considered for the “AA” or “A” team.
 - 2. Full-Ice House/Select Play Up Request: Players requesting to move up must have played on the top Select team the previous season in order to be considered (except those who have joined our league or 8U players requesting 10U early). Players requesting to move up will be considered only for the top team at the 12U. 10Us can be considered for either team. There are no early move-ups for 14U Select Players. The player will also participate in the House League in that Age Level if they make the team.
 - 3. Full-Ice House Only Play Up Request: Players requesting to move up a division and will not tryout for Select, must have played at the highest age division the previous season. (8U Red for 10U, 10U Green for 12U) There are no early move-ups to 14U House. 8U Players requesting to move up are only considered for the 10U Green Division, unless they are full time goalie, in which players will be considered 10U White also.
 - 4. 8U Play Up Request: Players requesting to move up to 8U division must have completed 2 years at 6U or equivalent program from another leagues. These requests will be solely based on balancing of numbers for age divisions.
- C. If a player’s request to move-up is permitted by the President, the player is REQUIRED to attend ALL tryouts/evaluations, NO EXCEPTION. Failure to do so, will nullify the move-up request.
- D. If the player does NOT make the required team/division, that player is then placed back in his/her original age group where the IYHL Board deems his/her best fit. It is NOT necessary that the player attend the final team’s tryout if they participated in the tryout of the team requested to move up to.
- E. If a player is permitted to play up, that commitment is for one season only.