

To: Taos Youth Hockey Board Members

I, _____, parent of _____, give my permission for him/her to skate up with the Taos Coyote Bantam team. I understand the rules for commitment to the peewee team. I also understand the risks that are associated with the age and higher skill of the bantam level of hockey. I certify that my son/daughter has met all the requirements, including Bantam Head Coach approval (must not be the parent of the said participant), Peewee Head Coach Approval, and TYHA Head Coach Approval (pending results of Bantam level skills test).

_____ Signature

_____ Date

I, _____, Head Coach of the Taos Coyote peewees, give my permission for _____ to skate up with the Taos Coyote Bantams, when not conflicting with his/her obligations to the peewee team.

_____ Signature

_____ Date

I, _____, Head Coach of the Taos Coyote bantams, give my permission for _____ to skate up with the Taos Coyote Bantams, when not conflicting with his/her obligations to the peewee team.

_____ Signature

_____ Date

I, _____, Head Coach of the TYHA, verify that the participant has passed the Bantam level skills test to play in an upper level, checking division. I therefore give my permission for _____ to skate up with the Taos Coyote Bantams, when not conflicting with his/her obligations to the peewee team.

PLAYING IN UPPER DIVISION

Pursuant to USA Hockey all players in each USA Hockey division must play in their appropriate age group. If a player demonstrates the ability, desire, motivation and maturity to play up in an older division to access extra ice time for personal advancement and improvement, increase competition and experience, then permission can be granted by the TCYHA if the following is achieved:

1. The player must attend all practices and games in his/her appropriate age group as the primary responsibility. This allows that player to learn the appropriate leadership role, mentor the less experienced players, help guide and lead the age appropriate team and to work on and perfect skills that would be hard to manage at a higher level of competition.
2. The age appropriate head coach and the head coach at the higher level would both have to agree that playing up was appropriate for the player and their teams. These coaches shall initiate a request via the upper division manager to begin the process of assessing the playing up possibility of said player. The head coach of either division must not be the parent of the proposed player. A neutral division coach must make the request to play in an upper division. Further, if the roster of the upper division has more than 10 players, then it is not necessary to add additional, non division, players to the roster. The only exception to this rule is a goalie. If, however, the upper level team has a player that is interested in developing skills as a goalie, the upper level player always has priority over the lower level player requesting to play in an upper division.
3. When practice or game scheduling conflicts exist, the player must participate with the age appropriate team. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. If the above conditions are met, the Head Coach of TCYHA, after consulting with the two coaches, the parent(s) of the player and the player, can grant permission for that child to partake in proficiency testing to demonstrate competency of said age division skills requirements. Upon successful completion of the proficiency testing, the player may practice and play for both teams, if all the conditions are met and understood by all parties. This situation is not to be taken lightly but is a privilege granted by the trained adult coaches and organization.
5. It must be understood by all parties that there are a great many reasons why this situation may help the player and respective teams, and a great many reasons why it might not be good for the player or teams, and sound judgment must be exercised by all, and reviewed periodically. In all cases the judgment of the TCYHA coaches will be the deciding factors.
6. Once permission is granted, it may also be revoked if a situation develops that was determined to be harmful to the player or not in the best interest of TCYHA.
7. TCYHA has used this policy successfully for 20 years, and it has always proven to be a sound policy, and has resulted in consistent improvement in performance and age appropriate development, including for those players that have aged out of the program and gone on to successful club, college and professional leagues.