



## PLAYERS AGED 8 PLAYING UP POLICY

### Objective:

Players eight (8) years of age and under are part of the modified ice hockey program which is a model that progresses the experience and ice surface with age of the players to ensure size appropriate ice surfaces for maximum development. WFMHA has created this policy to ensure we follow the OHF Playing Up for Players 8 and Under Policy effective for the 2018-2019 Season.

### Applicability:

WFMHA will only allow players to move from Novice programming to Atom programming at the Rep level using the existing tryout process.

The process is as follows:

- 1) Any Novice player registering to tryout for either the Atom AA Minor or Atom A Mixed must:
  - a. Be 8 years of age for the 2018-2019 season
  - b. Have played at the Rep level in the previous season, either Novice A or Novice AA. This will also apply to any players registering for tryouts from outside Associations.
- 2) If a player is to move up one level, they have to be rated in the top 6 forwards, top 4 defense or top goalie of the team they would like to move to.
- 3) The player must be rated by the members of the Independent Evaluation Committee (IEC) with a consensus on final rating achieved.
- 4) Atom aged players will be selected over Novice aged players trying out where ratings made by the IEC are close.
- 5) If it is agreed upon by the IEC, Head Coach and Convenor that the player is in position to make the team, WFMHA will then submit a request to the NOHA for approval as per the guidelines in the OHF Playing Up for Players 8 and Under Policy. The application will be evaluated on the following criteria, but is not limited to only this set of criteria:
  - a. Does the rationale of the request align with the OHF Player Development Model?
  - b. Does the request focus on the impact to one player or to the overall impact of players at the age affected?
  - c. The impact on having the player(s) participate with their peers at eight (8) years of age. Will it negatively impact their development?
  - d. The impact of the development of the players nine (9) years of age. Will it impact their development?
  - e. Impact on league creation at both ages.
- 6) Players that are approved by the NOHA for movement will be carded to the team
- 7) Players will pay the team fees of the team they have moved to