

NORTH BAY & DISTRICT TRAPPERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Player Movement Policy

1. Introduction:

The North Bay and District Trappers Hockey Association (NBDTHA) acknowledges that from time to time, there are players with the potential to play in a higher division. The NBDTHA is committed to Long Term Player Development and as a matter of practice encourages players to grow and develop with players of their own age category.

A player may be allowed to move up one (1) category (e.g., Minor to Major or Major to Minor) within or between divisions provided the outlined criteria has been met and the appropriate procedure is followed. ***Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to move up more than one (1) age category.***

The only reason for allowing a player to move up an age category is to facilitate the development of that particular player, and not to provide the older club with additional players.

1.1 Applicability:

This policy applies to all players on all AAA teams over which the NBDTHA has jurisdiction over. Regardless of how many players apply only players that meet the criteria will be considered for movement to the higher category. The coach of the higher division team has the final decision as to whether such coach will sign the player.

1.2 Criteria:

If a player is to be considered for player movement, the following criteria must be met:

- a) A player moving up to a higher category must be physically, mentally, and emotionally able to play in the higher division;
- b) the player will be evaluated by a group of three (3) independent assessors and such assessors will make a recommendation to the NBDTHA Board of Directors. Input from the coaches who are impacted will also be considered in the decision-making process;
- c) a player moving to a higher category must have the prior written approval from the coach of the higher category team; the player; the parents; and the NBDTHA Board of Directors; and
- d) a player moving to a higher division pursuant to this policy must clearly demonstrate the equivalence in talent and ability as one of the top 4 forwards (where such player is a forward), top 3 defensemen (where such player is a defensemen), or a goalie who is deemed to be significantly better than one (1) of the two goalies on the higher division team.

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2.0 Process:

This section recognizes that a parent or parents may desire to have his, her or their child play at an advance level of competition.

1. A parent may request in writing to the NBDTHA Secretary to have his/her child play in a higher category. This request must be received on or before **March 15th failing which any such request will be denied consideration.** The request is to be forwarded to the Secretary:

Email: at info [@northbaytrappers.ca](mailto:info@northbaytrappers.ca)

Mail: North Bay Trappers District Hockey
Association
255C Fisher Street
North Bay, Ontario
P1B 2C8
Fax: 1-705-474-9334

2. The player's current coaching staff will be approached by representatives of the NBDTHA to determine where the current coaching staff would rank the player. If such player meets the requirements contained in section 1.2, then the application will move to next step.
3. The NBDTHA Board shall strike a select a committee of not less than three qualified people who shall have no relationship or conflict of interest with the Player or any of the affected coaching staff (the "Committee"). The Committee will determine whether the player is eligible to play at the higher level by evaluating the player during the remaining portion of the current season as well as playoffs, and tryouts, if applicable. The coach, parents and the player will be notified of the results within 3 days of the Committee reaching its conclusion.
4. In the event that the Committee is of the opinion that the player can play at the higher level, **then the coach of the higher division team shall be notified of such decision and such coach shall have the final decision as to whether he wishes to offer the player a position on the team.**
5. If at any time during the process the parent(s) of the player(s) participating in the movement attempts to influence the coaches or Committee members, the process will be terminated immediately upon such determination.
6. No team shall invite, offer, or include any player who is a subject of a player movement application to any tryout, practice, scrimmage or other activity until such time as the player has been declared eligible by the Committee under the Player Movement Policy. Any violation of this provision will result in a suspension for any person who violates the provision. The terms and conditions of any such suspension shall be determined by the Disciplinary Committee of

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the NBDTHA.

7. Any permission to move up one category will be granted to a player for a single season only. The Player must re-apply for permission to move up in any subsequent season.