

GVYHA Player Move-up Request Form

Move-Up Policy

It is GYVHA policy that players should play on teams as defined by USA Hockey age groups and classifications. While some players may be more advanced at a particular age than others may, the GYVHA agrees with USA Hockey that overall development of the player emotionally and physically is best served by having him or her progress normally through the age levels and classifications. The GYVHA does recognize situations could arise beyond the normal scope of this policy. The following are the situations in which a player move-up would be considered.

NOTE: In all situations listed below, GYVHA reserves the right to regulate the number of players and teams at all levels and oversees the movement of players.

A. Players are needed at an older level to fill teams.

The following guidelines will apply:

1. There must be room at the level to accommodate a player move-up.
2. Players from the lower level evaluations will be offered the opportunity by the Director of Hockey and the coaching staff. Only second year players will be chosen from the lower level.
3. The number of players needed to be moved up to fill teams will be determined by the Director of Hockey after evaluations are completed.

B. The player wishes to play with her/his grade level.

The following guidelines will apply:

1. The player must have the ability to play at the next level.
2. The player will be evaluated through on-ice practice with his/her current age level by the Director of Hockey and the coaching staff of the move-up level. The Director of Hockey reserves the right to allow the move-up candidate to practice with the move-up team for evaluation purposes.

C. Player is extremely talented and the present age level may hinder the player's development.

The following guidelines will apply:

1. The player must be playing at the highest level he/she is registered in or he/she will continue to play at the appropriate age level.
2. The player must rank in the top 50% of the coaches depth chart at the move-up level to which the player is trying out for.
3. The player must have the physical skills and maturity to play at the next level.
4. The Director of Hockey will obtain recommendations from the player's most recent GYVHA coaching staff and/or other association coaches in the case of a player move-up.

Move-Up Procedure

If as a parent of a GYVHA player, you wish to request a review of your child's level of play, you may request that they be moved to a higher level. Listed below are the steps that will be followed in such a situation.

1. Parent or guardian of the player must complete the GYVHA Player Move-Up Request form at or before registration. These forms may be obtained from the Director of Hockey or on the website.
2. The Director of Hockey will contact the player's most recent GYVHA coaching staff to see if the player should be considered for move-up.
3. The Director of Hockey may request a "tryout" to consider the request.
4. The Director of Hockey will then request a meeting with the parent or guardian of the player and review the move-up request and the decision.

NOTE: The Director of Hockey, coaching staff along with all qualified board members, will consider all requests with the player's physical safety and emotional well being first and foremost. The integrity of the GYVHA will not be compromised by any player move-up.

Player Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Move-up Level:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Phone#:** _____ **email:** _____

Last season's coach: _____ **Phone#:** _____

Reason for the move-up request: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Previous season Coaches Comments: _____

On Ice Evaluation: _____

Move-up recommendations: _____

Player Move-up decision: Accepted: _____ **Declined:** _____

Coaches Signature: _____

Director of Hockey Signature: _____

GVYHA Board Member Signature: _____