

## **PLAYER MOVEMENT – IP / TYKE / NOVICE**

### **4 Years Old and Under**

Will participate as part of the IP program. Players at this age are not eligible to participate in jamborees or tournaments.

### **5 and 6 Years Old**

Will register in our Initiation Program (IP). After initial assessment, players will be grouped based on skill. Groupings will be dependent on the number of registrants and identified as Junior IP, IP, and Senior IP. Players can move up to Tyke if deemed able by ability using parameters identified by the Association or where registration numbers require.

### **7 Years Old**

Will register in our Minor Novice Division. After initial assessment, players may be required to move down to Senior IP or up to Novice Local League.

### **8 Years Old**

Will register in our Novice Division. We will offer Novice B, Novice AE and Novice Local League based on numbers/ability/demand.

7 year olds will be able to try out for Rep/AE and a roster spot offered, based on the following:

1. OMHA criteria: "If deemed able by ability using parameters identified by the Association or where registration numbers require".
2. Oro Minor Hockey ability criteria will be that position players (excluding goalies) needs to be rated in the top five on the team by independent evaluators.

We would also expect that the majority of players on the Novice rep team would be 8 year olds. The maximum number of 7 year olds allowed will be three. This is subject to change based on the number of registered players and executive approval.

Oro Minor Hockey will run a Local League program for 8 year olds who do not wish to try out, or do not make rep teams. Starting in 2019-2020, all teams at the novice level and below will follow the OMHA guideline for half ice hockey. Games and practice will use a half ice format at the beginning of the season and then transition to full ice (date to be determined by the OMHA).

## **PLAYER MOVEMENT ATOM / PEEWEE / BANTAM / MIDGET**

### **1. Underage Players**

The Executive, at its discretion, and always considering player safety, may choose to allow underage players in a higher division in order to better balance player numbers between divisions.

However, notwithstanding the preceding:

- a. Oro Minor Hockey does not actively support or promote the fast tracking of players upwards between age divisions;
- b. The Executive will only consider fast tracking under exceptional circumstances, not on a routine basis;
- c. Physical player size alone is not determinate if a player has the capabilities to succeed in a higher division;

- d. The player must clearly exhibit maturity beyond that of his peers;
  - e. The player's skill level must be at stage where he/she exceeds the minimum requirements for the next age division;
  - f. It is expected that upon evaluation in his/her own division, the player should easily be a top-echelon player, if not placed directly on the top;
  - g. The decision of the Executive is final and not subject to appeal.
2. Applications must be received a minimum of 14 days prior to the tryouts (for Rep) or Player Selection (for Local League) and must include the following supporting documents:
    - a. Player Resume that includes:
      - I. List of teams and category played
      - II. List of additional programs or clinics attended
      - III. Skills assessment (both acquired and lacking)
      - IV. Summary of player development through past season
      - V. Team systems and situational awareness
    - b. Convenor report detailing:
      - i. Player maturity and conduct
      - ii. Rapport with other players
      - iii. Any discipline issues
      - iv. Level of parental involvement
3. Players may move up one age division into Local League or Rep programs if they are not taking the spot of a player in that age group. The organization will evaluate any underage players in their registered division before they consideration for an older division. Roster spots will be offered to players of the higher age group first. Final decision lies with the Oro Minor Hockey Executive.

### **Evaluation Criteria for Underage Players:**

Three independent evaluators (selected by the executive) will evaluate all players trying out in a division with underage players also trying out.

Underage Players must reach the criteria laid out including skating, shooting, passing, situational awareness, and game play.

Underage positional players must be assessed as one of the top 3 Forwards, top 2 Defenceman or top 5 players selected in their division. In the event an underage player and older player are equal calibre, the older player will be offered the roster spot.

Players must try out for the team in their proper division as well as the division above to ensure a position in the proper division in the event that they are unsuccessful in the older age group.

Once Evaluations are completed, the Rep Convenor will review and contact all underage players' family.

The decision of the evaluations will be final.