



**ESPANOLA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
PLAYER MOVEMENT POLICY**

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**PURPOSE:**

To consistently respond to requests to move players to divisions other than which their birth year dictates they play in (up or down) and establish when requests for player movement will be granted.

**APPLICATION:**

Player movements to higher age divisions will generally only be made if moving a player up a division will give the opportunity for a greater number of players to play in the EMHA, or for the purpose of ensuring adequate players are available to a team (i.e. the move up will complete a team or allow the player to play because their division is full).

All other requests for player movement will be considered on an individual basis, and must consider the best interests of the player in question, the impact on the teams affected by the move, as well as the best interests of all other players affected by such movement. The assessment will include consideration of the player's skill development, physical size and development, and social development, and where possible will involve consultation with the relevant coaching staff.

Player movement to a lower age division will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances with the permission of the league the player will be playing in and the NOHA.