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### **NOHA Process for OHF Players Playing Up Policy**

OHF Policy permits a 2<sup>nd</sup> year U7 Player to move up to U8/U9 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> year U9 Player to move up to U10/U11 in certain circumstances.

The NOHA has developed a form for Minor Hockey Associations to complete should they wish to move a player up in either of the above circumstances. The form requests background information on the player, details surrounding the player's ability (where applicable) or whether the request is based on a shortage of players.

[NOHA Playing Up Request Form \(google.com\)](#)

The requests will be received and reviewed by the NOHA Executive Director and Technical Director. They will provide their rationale to the NOHA President and the District Council Director for supporting or not supporting the request. If the request is supported, the decision is made. If there are concerns, a discussion will take place and if necessary, the request may be dealt with by the NOHA Board of Directors.

To address requests based on skill level, the key criteria will be whether:

- Is the player a top 6 forward, top 4 defence or top goaltender;
- Has the Association conducted a formal evaluation;
- Does the Association have multiple teams in the older age division.

Having these specific criteria will help weed out the requests from Associations who request players move up based on pressure from parents who do not believe in half ice games.