

# PMHA Player Movement Guidelines for 8U

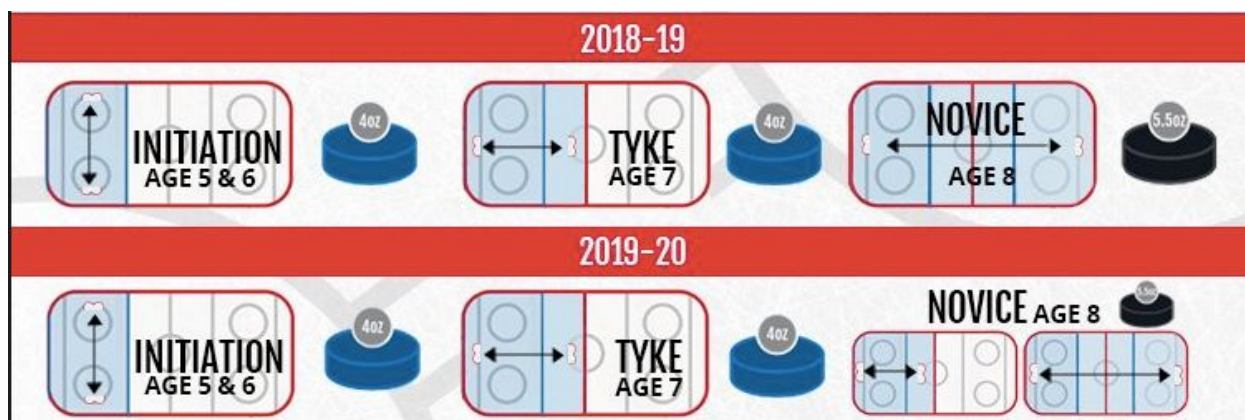
This policy takes effect for the 2018-19 season. Following this season, the policy will need to be reviewed as game team sizes will be modified further in 2019-20.

## OMHA Age Restrictions

Restrictions around movement from Initiation to Tyke and Tyke to Novice as underage players are in place due to OMHA regulations regarding modified ice games and due to the benefits that players receive from playing within their peer group.

OMHA regulations state that players who are 6 & under will play cross-ice hockey. Therefore all our Initiation programming (Initiation I & II) will include **only** cross-ice games. No other sized games are permitted for this age group.

OMHA regulations also state that players who are 7 will play half-ice hockey. Therefore all our Tyke programming will include **only** half-ice games. No other sized games are permitted for this age group.



## Standard Player Movement

Players will be allowed to move between Initiation I and Initiation II to find the proper leveling for the player as their skills progress throughout the year. This is generally more flexible than movement to Tyke or Novice because our Initiation program does not participate in league play.

Movement from Initiation to Tyke will not be allowed unless (a) it is **required** to form teams at the higher level or (b) the player is deemed exceptional **AND** there is room at the higher level for them.

Movement from Initiation/Tyke to Novice will not be allowed unless (a) it is **required** to form teams at the higher level or (b) the player is deemed exceptional **AND** there is room at the higher level for them.

## Movement from Initiation I to Initiation II

For player movements between Initiation I and Initiation II, agreement between the coach(es), convenor and parent(s) is required to approve player movements. Player movements have to have parental agreement when moving players to a higher level. If a parent chooses not to have their child move up, the next rated player may move up, if they are of the appropriate skill set.

Player assignment and movement will be based solely on the evaluation process at the start of each hockey season and the coaches and convenor evaluation of the progression and development of a player during the beginning portion of the season. The goal of the program is to place a player at a level that is in their best interest and will most aid their development. It is the responsibility of the convenor and coaches to make this assessment.

Player movement between Initiation I and Initiation II may take place up until December 31st. The goal of the program is to allow player movement more easily within the Initiation levels. This allows for corrections should a player be placed at the wrong level at the start of the season.

A player may only be moved once during a season (not including the initial placement process). A second player movement will not be allowed for any reason.

## Underage Player Movement To Tyke

- Tyke games are played half-ice and 4-on-4 plus 1 goalie.
- Tyke teams have a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 11 players.
- Underage player movement will not be allowed unless:
  - **Small team Sizes:** Underage players will be moved up to Tyke if it is necessary to form multiple teams adhering to the above minimums/maximums. See chart below.
  - **Exceptional Player:** A player is designated as exceptional and their movement to tyke does not put a team above the maximum team size. New teams **will not** be formed to accommodate exceptional players.
- A maximum of 3 exceptional players will be considered for movement to Tyke in any one year. Each player will be evaluated for exceptional status independently.

Number of	Number of	Team Sizes	Underage	Exceptional
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<b>7-year-olds playing Tyke</b>	<b>Teams</b>		<b>Players Required</b>	<b>Players Permitted</b>
8	1	8	0	Yes (up to 3)
9	1	9	0	Yes (up to 2)
10	1	10	0	Yes (up to 1)
11	1	11	0	No
12	2	8,8	4	N/A*
13	2	8,8	3	N/A*
14	2	8,8	2	Yes (up to 1)*
15	2	8,8	1	Yes (up to 2)*
16	2	8,8	0	Yes (up to 3)
17	2	8,9	0	Yes (up to 3)
18	2	9,9	0	Yes (up to 3)
19	2	9,10	0	Yes (up to 3)
20	2	10,10	0	Yes (up to 2)
21	2	10,11	0	Yes (up to 1)
22	2	11,11	0	No
23	3	8,8,8	1	Yes (up to 2)*
24	2	8,8,8	0	Yes (up to 3)
25	3	8,8,9	0	Yes (up to 3)
26	3	8,9,9	0	Yes (up to 3)
27	3	9,9,9	0	Yes (up to 3)
28	3	9,9,10	0	Yes (up to 3)
29	3	9,10,10	0	Yes (up to 3)
30	3	10,10,10	0	Yes (up to 3)

\* - If underage players are required due to small team sizes, then the number of exceptional player spots is reduced by that many given that the exceptional players will be the ones that are moved up.

## Underage Player Movement To Novice

- Novice games are played 5-on-5 plus 1 goalie.
- Novice teams have a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 16 players.
- Underage player movement will not be allowed unless:
  - **Small team Sizes:** Underage players will be moved up to Novice if it is necessary to form multiple teams adhering to the above minimums/maximums. See chart below.
  - **Exceptional Player:** A player is designated as exceptional and their movement to tyke does not put a team above the maximum team size. New teams **will not** be formed to accommodate exceptional players.
- A maximum of 3 exceptional players will be considered for movement to Novice in any one year. Each player will be evaluated for exceptional status independently.

Number of 8-year-olds playing Novice	Number of Teams	Team Sizes	Underage Players Required	Exceptional Players Permitted
8	1	11	3	N/A*
9	1	11	2	Yes (up to 1)*
10	1	11	1	Yes (up to 2)*
11	1	11	0	Yes (up to 3)
12	1	12	0	Yes (up to 3)
13	1	13	0	Yes (up to 2)
14	1	14	0	Yes (up to 1)
15	1	15	0	No
16	2	11,11	6	N/A*
17	2	11,11	5	N/A*
18	2	11,11	4	N/A*
19	2	11,11	3	N/A*
20	2	11,11	2	Yes (up to 1)*

21	2	11,11	1	Yes (up to 2)*
22	2	11,11	0	Yes (up to 3)
23	2	11,12	0	Yes (up to 3)
24	2	12,12 or 11,13	0	Yes (up to 3)
25	2	12,13 or 11,14	0	Yes (up to 3)
26	2	13,13 or 12,14 or 11,15	0	Yes (up to 3)
27	2	13,14 or 12,15 or 11,16	0	Yes (up to 3)
28**	2	14,14 or 13,15 or 12,16	0	Yes (up to 2)
29**	2	13,16 or 14,15	0	Yes (up to 1)
30**	2	14,16 or 15,15	0	No

\* - If underage players are required due to small team sizes, then the number of exceptional player spots is reduced by that many given that the exceptional players will be the ones that are moved up.

\*\* - Consideration should be given to creation of 3 teams using underage players to avoid very large team sizes.

## Exceptional Player Movement

Exceptional player movement will only be considered if a player meets the definition of an exceptional player **AND** there is room in the higher age group to accommodate them as described in the chart above.

## Exceptional Player Definition

An exceptional player is defined as a player who

- Is above the skill set of his/her peers and will gain little to no benefit from participating at the level designed for their age as judged by the coach of the lower level team;
- **AND** would be one of the top 5 players of the higher level team as judged by the coach of that higher level team.

## Exceptional Player Movement To Tyke

Requests to move an underage player to Tyke must be submitted to the Tyke Convenor within the first 28 days of the program start. The Tyke Convenor, after consultation with the Player, Parents and Initiation & Tyke Instructor/Coaches will make a determination on whether or not the player will be granted exceptional status and if the movement requested can be accommodated due to registration numbers in the higher age group. Additional evaluations of the player in question may be conducted to determine if the move will be granted.

## Exceptional Player Movement To Novice

Requests to move an underage player to Novice are complicated by the fact that Novice Rep tryouts are held prior to the start of the Initiation/Tyke season. For this reason, requests to move an underage player to Novice must be submitted to the Novice Convenor prior to the Novice Rep tryouts. Players making such a request will be allowed to participate in the Novice Rep tryouts provided that there is room in the Novice age group for exceptional players based on registration numbers.

If the player is selected for the Novice Rep team as one of the top 5 players, they will be granted exceptional player status and will play up an age group. If they do not make the Novice Rep team as a top 5 player, then the Novice Convenor, after consultation with the Player, Parents, and Novice LL Coach will make a determination on whether or not the player will be granted exceptional status to play on the Novice LL team.

## Appeals

While parents have the right to request that their child is moved up to a level above their age grouping, there is no guarantee that the association will grant their request. A parent/player that does not want to accept the Convenor decision on player movement must make a request in writing to the PMHA board of directors. This request must be sent to the board within one week of being informed by the Convenor of the decision of the player movement. It shall take a 70% majority vote of the board of directors to overturn the Convenor's decision on the player movement.

Appeals of a decision to not select a player for play on a Rep team will not be accepted. Head coach selections are final.