



East Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association



Policy On "Playing Up"

The EGMHA and the Coaches Selection committee strongly believe that players should play on teams, offered by the association, at their proper age category. This principle enhances the association as a whole, by optimizing both perennial growth and the opportunity for all teams to field strong cohesive teams throughout all age groups, opposed to strengthening one team at the expense of another.

However, in accordance with OMHA regulation 3.6b, we acknowledge that players can try out for one team above their age category. Should a player be cut or quit from a higher (age or level) category team, he/she is not guaranteed a spot on the lower category team. Further, should a coach wish to sign an underage player, he/she must inform the VP Player and Coach Development, who will ensure that both coaches have agreed that this is the best for the player involved, as indicated in point 1 below and that this decision was based on criteria listed under points 2 and/or 3.

1. Both coaches at each age level involved, agrees it is the best move for the player involved.
2. The player should be one of the top three players of the older aged team in terms of talent as determined by the VP Player and Coach Development.
3. There is a shortage of players registered in the association at the older age group and an excess of players registered at the younger age group.

This policy shall only apply to Novice through Atom as Minor Peewee and above have the opportunity to tryout with the closest "AA" centre through the NRP Process outlined in OMHA Regulation 3.5 (d).

Ages below Novice may not play up in any rep or select program.