



INDUS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Player Acceleration Policy

Player acceleration should be the exception not the rule. Player acceleration should be considered only where the player has been in the top of his division and category in previous years and has an increased aptitude for the game as well as above average skills. The following conditions will apply to a player acceleration request:

- Players must be registered in their appropriate age category within IMHA
- An Acceleration Request Form must be filled out and submitted by August 1st to the IMHA President, accompanied with a \$100.00 Player Acceleration Fee for consideration
- Acceleration will be considered based on evidence of exceptional abilities and may require references from the previous hockey year's Head Coach
- Once your application has been reviewed by the IMHA Executive Board, you will be notified of their decision by no later than August 31st. If you wish to appeal the Board's decision a hearing will be set prior to the start of evaluations
- The Executive Board of the IMHA reserves the right to void any movement if it jeopardizes the registration of any team or if the IMHA registration numbers in either division do not allow for the move
- If there is no room for movement based on numbers, the fee will automatically be refunded

Criteria:

- Only 2nd year players (by birth date) in a division will be eligible for player acceleration.
- To accelerate, a player must be ranked in the top of the higher division based on the following:
 - U7/U9
 - A skater must evaluate in the top 5 on the top team in the next higher division (U9/U11), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category
 - U11/U13/U15
 - An U11 skater must evaluate as a top 3 forward or top 2 defensemen on the top team in the next higher age category (U13), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category
 - A goalie must evaluate as number 1 in the next higher age category (U13), otherwise the player will be returned to their appropriate age category

PLEASE NOTE:

- If an approved Acceleration Player is not ranked in the top 10 (Top 6 Forwards or Top 4 Defensemen, if applicable) in the higher division after the first 2 evaluations, they will be returned to their appropriate age division
- Additional registration costs due, to the advancement, are to be paid in full at the time of placement on a higher-level team
- If a player begins evaluations in their appropriate age category and an IMHA Executive determines it is appropriate to move the player into the next higher age category based on input from the evaluators the above application procedure will be waived
- The IMHA Executive Board may waive this procedure if required to accommodate special circumstances, such as small registration numbers in a particular age category
- In the event that accelerating players to an upper division is required by the IMHA to facilitate team registration the following process will be followed:
 - The top five (number may vary depending on required numbers) players based on evaluation ranking, at that given point in time, in the lower division, will be asked if they are willing to play up
 - If a player is not willing to move up the next highest player on the list will be asked
 - Players selected will be evaluated in the upper division's evaluation games
 - After they are evaluated, and because it is at the request of the IMHA, the selected player(s) will be placed in the tier which best suits their ability based on evaluation results
 - As the request is made by the IMHA to accelerate a player(s) no Acceleration Charges will be applied

Player acceleration is generally not recommended