



TASA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

EXCEPTIONAL PLAYER REQUEST



INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Exceptional Player Request is to provide an opportunity for members to request their player move up to a higher age category. This procedure ensures that players are given a fair review and ensures that the association is not moving players out of their age category without diligent review.

To be an "Exceptional Player" one must possess hockey skills that are superior to players in his/her own age category and be capable of competing with the highest ranked players at the next level. In addition to hockey skills, the exceptional player must also possess physical maturity and socio-emotional skills that match his/her superior hockey skills. The player must be well rounded in all aspects of his/her development. A player will not be considered to move to any other than the highest level within the higher age category (U9 Advanced, U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AAA, U18 AA).

GUIDELINES

U9 Division

A player at the U7 level may be considered, upon request, for U9 Advancing only, in accordance with the Exceptional Player procedure. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. A parent/guardian who would like to request a U7 player be considered for a roster spot in the U9 division must notify the VP Novice a minimum of 30 days prior to the first assessment session.

a) The U7 player will be evaluated by a member(s) of the TASA Executive, the TASA Technical Director and a TASA appointed evaluator (who may be a member in good standing or a non-member invitee).

b) TASA will provide, as they do for all at the U9 level, a formal evaluation sheet for each evaluation session. U7 players will be evaluated in a minimum of three sessions at the U9 level. The evaluation sheet may be available for review by parent(s)/guardian(s) after evaluations are complete.

c) If the U7 player is a skater, the player must be scored by the Evaluation Team in the top 5 player scores of the total roster of participants in the tryout process at the higher level.

d) If the U7 player is a goaltender, the player must be scored by the Evaluation Team in the top 2 goaltender scores of the total roster of goaltenders in the tryout process.

e) A maximum total of four U7 players may be assigned to the U9 Advanced level. These 4 players can play any position on the team.

U11, U13, U15 and U18 Divisions

TASA adopts Hockey Canada's recommendation that players develop and play within their age category. However, a player may seek exceptional status to try out for the highest level team in the next highest age division. TASA will consider any such request and may grant exceptional status, for one season only, based on exceptional player ability (considerably advanced for his/her age and playing at a level consistent with the top players one age division above) and maturity level. TASA will also consider the overall impact of any movement on the teams involved as well as the safety of the player. For a player to try out for a higher age division team, the player must:

- a) Inform the Competitive VP, in writing, a minimum of 30 days in advance of the first scheduled tryout of the desire to try out at the higher division.
- b) All registration and tryout fees must be paid in full before the tryout begins.

In order for a player to be considered an exceptional player and be granted a roster spot on the highest level team in the higher age category, the player must be ranked, at the conclusion of the tryout, in the top 2 defence, top 2 goaltender or top 3 forward positions during tryout assessments for the higher age level category to which he/she is attempting to move.

There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

PROCEDURES:

1. TASA Tryout Committee (as determined by the Competitive VP) will meet to evaluate whether they feel the player warrants a tryout in the age group above. If no committee is available, then the Competitive VP and TASA Technical Director will meet to make the decision.
2. If deemed to be allowed to participate in the tryout at the higher division, the TASA Tryout Committee or, in the absence of a committee, the TASA Competitive VP and TASA Technical Director will attend the first tryout of the higher division team to assess the player and determine, in their opinion, if the player should continue to attend tryouts at the higher level. If the decision is that the player should not continue, the parent/guardian will be notified before the second tryout session.
3. If the player continues beyond the first session, in order to be deemed an "exceptional player" by TASA, the player must place in the top 3 forward players, top 2 defensive players overall in the higher division tryout process, and for goaltenders the player must be in the top 2 goaltenders positions. The decision of the TASA Tryout Committee is final and no appeal will be heard. If the player does not fall into one of these top SPOTS, their tryouts will continue in their regular age category.
4. The player must continue to attend the tryouts for his/her own age group in addition to the tryouts for the higher division team during the tryout process if these ice times do not conflict.



SECTION 3 – ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

Successful applicants will be granted the opportunity to move up to the next age division. The decision to grant permission for the player to participate with the higher age category will become final, at the time the player's name is approved as part of a team's roster. Prior to this approval, the player may request a release from the higher age category and move down to his/her applicable age category without penalty.

MAXIMUM: The number of players that would be moved in to any one age group from the lower age division is one player per season per position.

DEADLINE: The deadline for submissions for Exceptional Player Status consideration is September 1st each hockey season.

Players must also participate in the evaluation skates at their own age group until a final decision is made (unless they conflict).

PLEASE NOTE: At any time, TASA has the right and may request a player(s) to move up an age level, with the parent(s)/guardian(s) approval, and without the need for this application. This requirement would be applied only if enrolment numbers at this higher division are at an extreme low. The player(s) chosen would be assessed and considered to be physically and mentally capable to manage this higher division.

TASA may also determine each season that no positions in the higher age category are available for exceptional player movement. Example if midget has 40 player positions open, and 40 midget aged players registered, TASA would not supplant one of those midget aged players to accommodate a younger player searching for exceptional player movement status.

TASA Competitive VP





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EXCEPTIONAL PLAYER APPLICATION

Player Name: _____ Date of birth:(yyyy/mm/dd) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Base Division: _____ Division applying for: _____

Upon signing below, I, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant, acknowledge that I have read and I understand the process outlined in this document.

Parent: (print) _____ (Signature) _____

Please circle whichever applies:

Yes

I have included a one-page submission attached to provide a personal appeal / position statement as to why this player is applying for Exceptional Status and possible upwards movement within TASA. Please limit submission to one page and attach to the application form.

No

I have not attached any further documentation for consideration in this application.

Submit application attention to TASA Competitive VP as per procedure and please submit prior to the stated deadline date.