

## WAYZATA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (WYHA) AGE LEVEL POLICY

WYHA has a “no play up” policy and requires all players to register at the appropriate age level as determined by the Minnesota Hockey Age Chart.

Registering down to a younger age range is not allowed.

<u>Age Level</u>	<u>Birthdates Between</u>
Junior Gold All	7/1/90 to 6/30/94
Bantam/U14	7/1/94 to 6/30/96
Peewee/U12	7/1/96 to 6/30/98
Squirt/U10	7/1/98 to 6/30/00
Mite Advanced (All)	7/1/00 to 6/30/02
Mite Intermediate	7/1/02 to 6/30/03
Mite Rookie (All)	7/1/03 to 6/30/04
Mite - Mini Mite	7/1/04 to 6/30/05

**Grade Level Exception:** WYHA will authorize a move up to the next older age level provided that the player has a birthday in the 2 months (**July or August ONLY**; birth certificate needs to be on file with WYHA) following the cutoff date, be in the grade at school on par with that older age level (**verification required**), and receive explicit written approval from the WYHA Executive Board and Level Coordinator.

<b>Players who are not eligible per birth date:</b>	<b>But are entering:</b>
Mite Rookie (Youth and Girls Only)	Kindergarten
Mite Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Mite Advanced (Youth and Girls Only)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Squirts/U10	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
PeeWees/U12	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Bantams/U14	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jr. Gold	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade

All players who are affected relative to their grade will be given the opportunity to move up **if they choose**. Players must declare their desire to move-up by completing and submitting the “Play Up Request Form” PRIOR to registration. Once a player receives approval to register with their grade level peers, they must remain at that level for (any) tryouts and play for the team they are selected for at that level for the remainder of the season.

The “Grade Level Exception” is good for **ONE** season and does not guarantee that approval will be granted in future seasons. However, the player must request to play with their grade **at each opportunity**. If, at any time, the player chooses to remain with the age level then this will be the permanent choice.