

SCP Acceleration Policy

Alliance 19.0 Player Movement - A player shall be eligible to try out for, and if qualified by their home association's rules, regulations, policies and ability, etc. may sign and play for a team in the next higher age division or subdivision

SCP will accept applications to play up at the Atom Minor level (U10) and Midget Minor level (U16). All other players, U10 - U14, are expected to play within their own age division, **unless requested by the SCP Board, to attend tryouts with a team in a higher age category.**

For players at the U9 and U15 respective age divisions seeking exceptional status to tryout at one (1) age division older, the following rules apply:

- i) U10 Atom Minor - SCP AAA will consider allowing U9 players to participate in tryouts on an individual basis, subject to a coaching committee review. Interested parents must contact the VP Hockey no later than 10 days before the 1st posted tryout. A non-refundable fee of \$100 will apply. All Pathway programming designated by Hockey Canada, The Ontario Hockey Federation, and Alliance Hockey will be considered
- ii) U16 Midget Minor - SCP AAA will consider allowing U15 players to participate in tryouts on an individual basis, and application process. Parents must contact the VP Hockey no later than **February 1st** of the current season. A non-refundable application fee of \$250 will apply.

1. Only residents of an SCP AAA Zone centre (Amherstburg, Erie North Shore, Essex, Southpoint, Tecumseh, Belle River) may apply for exceptional status. All out-of-zone waived players must try out only in their own age division and must play in their own age division.

2. A grant of exceptional status to tryout is valid for one (1) season only.

3. **A grant of exceptional status to tryout does not guarantee placement on a team.** The SCP Executive Committee of the Board will evaluate each request. Criteria for allowing a player to play-up will be based on the evaluation of the player's skill and ability to contribute to the older team, the player's emotional and physical maturity level compared to the older team's players, physical size and number of players at each level. The play-up player must be projected to be a top 3 player on the older team, regardless of position.

4. Players attending pre-tryout camps or mini-camps must register and participate at their **own age Division**.

5. Player movement is limited to one (1) age division older.

6. An application for exceptional status to tryout, together with payment of the prescribed fee, must be submitted to SCPMHA in full at time of application. No exceptions.

7. An applicant must be in good standing with SCPMHA to be considered for exceptional status.

8. The decision of the Rep Committee on grants or refusals of exceptional status is final and not subject to appeal. Application fee is non-refundable.

Application Procedure

U10 AAA

- Interested parents must contact the VP Hockey no later than 10 days before the 1st posted tryout. A non-refundable fee of \$100 will apply.

U15 / U16 AAA

1. Applicant submits an application and the prescribed fee at the time of submission.

. The application shall consist of:

- a. \$250 application fee (non-refundable)
- b. Player Information
- c. Playing History Form
- d. Player's Personal Response
- e. Coach Recommendation/Evaluation (current coach) – submitted directly by coach
- f. Coach Assessment (prospective coach) – submitted directly by coach

2. Rep Committee reviews application based on the following criteria

a. The player must possess exceptional hockey skills that are superior to players in his own age division and be capable of competing with the highest ranked players one age division above, as substantiated by the Coach Recommendation and Coach Assessment.

b. The player must possess exceptional socio-emotional skills that match his exceptional hockey skills, and be well rounded in all aspects of his development.

c. The Rep Committee will also consider the overall impact of any movement on the competitive position of the teams involved and SCP's AAA program overall, as well as the safety of the player. (non contact division to contact division: legal waiver)

3. Rep Committee renders its decision to grant or refuse exceptional status and communicates such decision to the player and applicable coaches three (3) to seven (7) days prior to the first tryout date for the team at the age division above.

4. If exceptional status is granted, the player may tryout for the AAA team one (1) age division above his birth year in accordance with this Policy

Notice: Meeting the above criteria does not guarantee placement on a team in a higher age division.

In all cases the SCP Executive Committee of the Board , in consultation with the Acceleration Committee, will make the final determination with due consideration to the player's ability, the relevant teams, and any other factors the Executive deems relevant. Consultation with the two parties (coaches) may take place at the discretion of the SCP Executive Committee of the Board.

All requests will be consistent with the board approved policy.

The Committee decision is final.