

## **Altoona Youth Hockey Association**

### **Policy/Procedure: MOVING UP**

The Altoona Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) has established specific guidelines with regard to “moving” skaters up.

#### **Moving Up**

If the Board determines that more players are needed at a higher age level, and it will not adversely affect team sizes at their age level, then the following process will take place in order to “move” skaters up:

- At a parent, or start-of-the-year meeting, the numbers issue will be communicated **to everyone**.
- The Board will request that skaters interested in a pre-tryout sign up **at that time**.
- The pre-tryout date will be communicated to those who sign up.
- During the pre-tryout session (apprx 1 hr ice time) it will be determined, by an impartial panel of judges, which kids will be asked to tryout at a higher level. Those not requested to tryout at a higher level will tryout at their age level.
- The skaters who choose to tryout at a higher level are trying out for the A **OR** B team, if they do not make the A team, the skater is on the B team. They can **NOT** move back down to their age level.

Example: If we need two skaters in the Mite division then we would like to have four or five of the top Mini-Mites do the pre-tryouts in order to participate in the tryouts for those Mite positions.

A player may only be allowed to move one age level classification (this includes either the A or B team).

Final approval, under any circumstances, will be required from the Board.