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All OWHA rules and guidelines regarding movement of players will be adhered to by the WGHA along with any rules and guidelines that the WGHA adopt as Association standards.

The OWHA Elite U22AA and the Senior team(s) are exempt from this policy.

PLAYER RELEASE FOLLOWING SELECTION TO A REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY TEAM

A player may be released from a Representative Level Hockey team up until October 30th of the current hockey season in order for the said player to join another team and remain eligible for Regional and Provincial Play downs by December 31st of the current hockey year.

Any request for player release by a coach must be put forward to the Leagues Management Committee (LMC) for approval. Such approval is subject to review of the request and a look at the player during a game situation by members of the LMC with the Director of Representative Hockey organizing this review.

A player must be selected from the team below the team from which the player is being released. The player, and the player's parents, to be elevated must be contacted first by her current coach, with a subsequent meeting with the higher-level coach and a representative of the LMC. The player or parents of the player to be released shall not be notified of the intent to release or notification of release of the said player until her coach has been given a decision by the LMC.

It is at the sole discretion of the LMC to grant or deny the request for release.

If player release is related to the WGHA Code of Conduct, coaches must approach the LMC prior to release of the said player and the above noted does not apply. If a player is released from a team for WGHA Code of Conduct reasons no other team shall be required to accept the released player.



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A player that has been released from a higher-level team shall be assigned to the lower level team. Should the released player choose not to play at the lower level, a request to be released from this team must be put forward by the player to the LMC, it is at the sole discretion of the LMC to grant or deny the request. The released player shall then have the option to play at the house league level or be granted a release and have the option to move to another Association.

No player release shall be granted, until a player from a lower level team in the same division has been invited and has accepted the invitation to move up to replace the released player. It is the sole option of the transition player to accept the position offered on the higher-level team.

Coaches are requested to tread lightly and explore all options and consequences before beginning this process. The Director of Rep. Hockey and the Director of Coaching must be up to date on all issues and concerns prior to this option being considered.

PLAYERS PLAYING UP IN HIGHER DIVISIONS

Requests and process for players playing up in higher divisions is outlined in policy MO-06-25