

SMHA Policy on Player Movement within the Female Hockey Program

Player movement forms must be submitted to the Registrar and Female Director on or before August 15th of the hockey season in relation to which movement is being requested. For player movement requests from female players whose LMHA is Strathcona MHA (SMHA), the following policy will be followed:

- 1) At the Bantam or Midget division, SMHA will follow the Female Alberta Development Model for elite (AAA) female hockey.
- 2) For house level (A&B) Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom and Novice divisions, the Hockey Alberta Minor Female Regulations with respect to player movement and permission to try-out will govern, as follows:
 - Provided that there is a Female Team in the LMHA in which players reside (herein called the “**Resident LMHA**”), players must play in the Resident LMHA (where said boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by LMHAs and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta).
 - If there is a minor Female Team in the player’s Resident LMHA in the current hockey season, but a minor age player wishes to register with a Female team in another LMHA in a higher category, that minor player must first obtain permission, via a Player Movement Form, from the Resident LMHA.
 - If a player is granted a permission to try-out for a higher category in another LMHA but is unsuccessful in being placed on the team in a higher category than is available in her Resident LMHA, that player must return to her Resident LMHA.
 - Permission to Try Out in another LMHA may be refused to a player in situations where:
 - i) The granting of permission to the player leaves the Resident LMHA with insufficient numbers (less than 12) to field a Female team at the player’s age division in the current hockey season.
 - ii) The player requesting permission intends to register with a new Team (female minor only) that is of the same or lower provincial Category as the Resident LMHA Female team with which she was registered in the previous Hockey season.
 - iii) The player is requesting permission for reasons other than playing at highest level of which she is capable, i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, friendships, etc.
 - Where there is no Female Team in a player’s Resident LMHA at her age division, the player shall play in the LMHA whose recognized Physical Limits are closest to her place of residence when measured along recognized all weather government roadways.

- 3) All Players will be released back to their Resident LMHA at the end of every hockey season. Player movement is season specific and must be applied for every season.
- 4) All players will be required to register with SMHA no later than July 15 to receive the early bird discount. However, in a circumstance where a player is provided with a permission to try out in another LMHA but is not placed on a team which permits her to stay in the non-resident LMHA, she will still be given the opportunity to receive the early bird discount provided payment is made within 5 days of such player being advised that she was not accepted for the level of team required to permit her to remain in the non-resident LMHA.