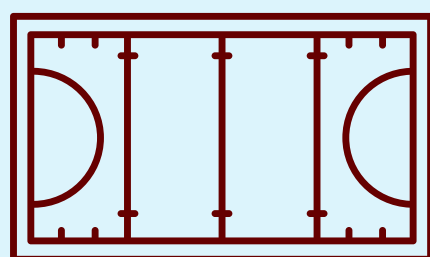


JUNIORS PLAYING UP POLICY

Playing up age groups is generally not encouraged unless there are exceptional circumstances. However, it is acknowledged that there are children for who stretching is appropriate subject to certain condition as follows: .

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Player is already in the upper team banding within their own age group.



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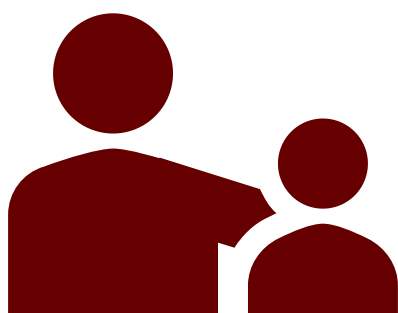
Lead coaches for both players age group and age group above have agreed player would benefit from stretch. As part of these discussions, size, ability and self-confidence should be considered. In cases of disagreement, Junior Hockey Coordinator should intervene with deciding position.

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Welfare officer to be informed in case there are any specific issues relevant to this particular player which would need further consideration.



4



Parents (initially) and child should then be consulted

5

Player initially to attend training sessions only (minimum 2 weeks) before any matches are played



To prevent parental and child disappointment, parents/children should not be informed of the potential for playing-up until Stage 1-3 have been completed

The review of which children can "play up" should be an ongoing process but equally should not be rushed to accommodate availability issues.

Once a player has moved up for training, they would still be expected to play for their regular age group until a decision on playing fixtures has been made.

Once a player has been moved up, they can be moved down although the parent and child should be informed of this (and the reasons) by the upper age group coach

Children should only play for 1 age group per weekend