



Markham Waxers

U8/U9 MD Policy for Underage Players

1. Purpose

This policy establishes a framework for exceptional players to play one year above their chronological age group to further their development while ensuring the safety and competitive balance of all Waxers teams.

2. Eligibility & Limitations

One Year Limit

Players will be granted permission to play up only one age group above their designated birth year—i.e., U7 age players can play U8, U8 can play U9.

Registration

Players must first register in their age-appropriate division before making a request to play up. All requests must be sent to the Rep Jr VP.

Annual Status

Approvals will be for one season only. Players wishing to continue to play up a division must reapply annually. No player is grandfathered into an older division.

3. Selection Criteria

To be rostered to a higher division team, a player must meet all the following Exceptional Player standards:

- a) The player must rank in the top five of all skaters on the team on which they wish to play. Goaltenders must be ranked number one in the higher division.

- b) The player must demonstrate physical and social maturity consistent with the older division.

4. Application and Evaluation Process

Parents must submit a written request to the Waxers Jr. Rep VP prior to the start of evaluations.

Players must attend evaluations and is encouraged to participate in the pre-evaluation development skates.

Final approval will be granted by the Waxers Jr. Rep VP in consultation with the coach of the higher division team.