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OVERAGE PLAYER POLICY – SECTION #1 ALL PLAYERS

Hockey Nova Scotia recognizes that some players within the Minor and Female Minor hockey structure may be new to the game or have physical or mental disabilities that affect their skills and abilities to play within their respective age divisions/categories. To that end Hockey Nova Scotia will allow less skilled players to participate at a lower age division provided the player qualifies as per the guidelines established by HNS to evaluate the skills/abilities of these players.

The players who qualify as per these HNS guidelines shall be granted all the rights and privileges accorded by Hockey Canada and HNS, including inter-branch play, intra-branch play, tournaments and play-offs.

GUIDELINES TO EVALUATE OVERAGE PLAYERS

1. Documentation of a player's low level or disability must be presented to HNS as early as possible in the hockey season to allow time for an assessment of the player's skill and ability level. This documentation is to be presented to HNS in writing with all information being held at the highest level of confidentiality. **All documentation including the completed application form must be received by the HNSFC or HNSMC by November 15th of the year in question, late applications will not be accepted.**
2. A formal assessment of the player's skill and ability is to be completed by his/her minor hockey association and forwarded to the HNSMC/HNSFC Regional Director and Conference Coordinator, this should involve both on and off ice evaluations.
3. The Executive committee of HNSMC or HNSFC will review the documentation and assessment findings and make a decision regarding the appropriate division/category in which this player will be placed for the hockey season. This decision will be forwarded to the player/parent and his/her MHA as soon as possible following the completion of the player assessment.
4. The placement of all overage players will be reviewed annually by HNSMC/HNSFC at the beginning of each hockey season.
5. HNS reserves the right to review/change any of these placements at any time during the hockey season.