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1. Underage Policy

- a. U7 age players who would like to play U9 hockey in the next hockey season MUST complete an underage application form and submit the completed form to the FSMH office by January 15th along with a non-refundable underage application fee of \$150.00. A panel of three members of the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey Board will each attend a minimum of two practices of each applicant to assess the level of impact the player has on the game. Player assessed would need to be considered in the top 3 players of the top tier of initiation. A decision on the application will be provided to the player prior to the completion of the hockey season in which the request was received.

- b. Players that are of U9 age or higher who wish to play in a higher age category for the next hockey season MUST complete an underage application form and submit the completed form to the FSMH office by January 15th along with a non-refundable underage application fee of \$150.00. To be eligible, player MUST be playing on the top tiered team at their respective age level. A panel of three members of the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey Board will each attend a minimum of two hockey games of each applicant to assess the level of impact the player has on the game. Player assessed would need to be considered in the top 3 forwards or top 2 defensemen for each game to be considered for underage status. Additional information may be required, including letters from the coach of the current season. A decision on the application will be provided to the player prior to the completion of the hockey season in which the request was received. Approved player is permitted to try out for the category immediately above their age group, but only for the top team in the category for which they are trying out. If the player cannot make the top team in the category for which they are trying out they must return to the evaluations in their appropriate age category. Underage players approved at the U9 level or higher MUST register for their age category at the time of registration. Underage players approved at the U7 level are to register at the U9 level.

- c. All underage players approved may register for the applicable conditioning camp for which level they are trying out at.





- d. For all categories, a player can only be one birth year below the age category they are trying out for. This would be defined as being a second-year player in the category below which they are trying out for.
- e. For all categories, if the player makes the team, they must pay the registration and rep fees for the higher-level team. In the event the player is sent back to their normal category, they will not be responsible for another tryout fee at the lower level.
- f. Due to the current lack of goaltenders within FSMH, goaltender underage applications will only be considered on a case-by-case scenario.

2. Player Requesting Release from Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey

- a. All players requesting release from Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey must do so in writing to the sports coordinator. The player, or a member of their immediate family, must include the reasons the player would like to leave Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey in the document and state the minor hockey association they are wishing to transfer to. The following reasons for release will not be considered:
 - 1. The player or family does not like the coach and/or staff selected to the team.
 - 2. Perceived lack of potential success of the team
 - 3. The player would be playing on a team of the same level in another minor hockey association.
 - 4. The player has not previously been released to play in another minor hockey association.
 - 5. Any player requesting release from Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey will be considered on a case-by-case basis and no precedents relating to other players' movement will be considered in the decision-making process. All requests for a player's release will be debated and voted on by the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey Executive.

3. Player Requesting Transfer to Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey

- a. Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey will make every effort to offer players a place to play but reserves the right to deny any player and/or family transfer into Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey for any reason they seem fit.
- b. Any player requesting transfer into Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey will be considered on a case-by-case basis and no precedents relating to other players' movement will be considered in the decision-making process.
- c. All requests for a player's transfer will be debated and voted on by the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey Executive.
- d. Players and/or families requesting transfer into Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey must do so in writing to the sports coordinator. The player, or a member of their immediate family, must include the reasons they wish to transfer to Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey in the document and state the minor hockey association they are wishing to transfer from.



- e. Any player or family wishing to transfer to Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey will be advised that the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey sports coordinator will conduct a thorough background check into the reasons the player is requesting a transfer. This will likely include, but is not limited to, speaking to the executive of their current minor hockey association, the player's previous coaches and staff, and anyone providing context into the player and family's previous conduct on and off the ice with their current minor hockey association.