



EXCEPTIONAL PLAYER POLICY

The Chair of the Development Council and the Hockey PEI Technical Director will oversee the Exceptional Player Policy and manage each request.

The Exceptional Player Policy Form must be completed.

Deadline for application for the 2024-2025 season is September 1st. This deadline will move to March 1st beginning in 2025.

CONDITIONS OF EXCEPTIONAL STATUS

1. Registered teams of Hockey PEI shall adhere to the following criteria with respect to the use of exceptional players in any division of minor hockey, female hockey, and Major U18 Male & Female.
2. Applications for exceptional status must be submitted to the Hockey PEI office by March 1st at midnight.
3. Upward player movement shall be available for players in their second year of eligibility in their proper age division beginning in U9. U7 players are not permitted to register with or affiliate with a U9 'AA' Team. At the discretion of the local Minor Hockey Association, U7 players may be moved up to U9 'A'.
4. Exceptional players requesting to be carded permanently for the season with *the highest level team at that respective age level (i.e U11AA, U13AAA, U15AAA, and Major U18 Male & Female) must adhere to this policy*. All other player movement is at the discretion of the local Minor Hockey Association. Minor Council reserves the right to review any player movement at their discretion.
5. Players in U15 level requesting special status may only be permitted to move up to the Major U18 level and not to the U18 AAA or AA levels, or the U16AAA level.
6. No player of underage status may participate in any league games, with the exception of training camp or exhibition games until approved by Hockey PEI.
7. Exceptional status will be granted for one year only.
8. Hockey PEI may revoke exceptional status at any time, when it has been deemed that the movement is not in the best interest of the player. If their status is revoked, the player will return to their appropriate age division for the remainder of the current season.
9. Exceptions to the policy will be reviewed in consultation with and approved by the Development Council Chairperson and Hockey PEI Technical Director.

PLAYER RANKING

1. Players requesting movement to a higher category, the following will be taken into account to grant this status:
 - Overall hockey ability
 - Physical development
 - Social development
2. The use of the player must remain consistent with this ranking during the playing season or their status may be reviewed by the Development Council Chairperson and/or the Technical Director.

Evaluation Criteria

Players **must** at minimum rank in the top third (1/3) of their position (skill level) and have a significant impact in the applicable league of which the upper level team participates in.

* Goaltenders **must** demonstrate a significant impact in the applicable league of which the upper level team participates in. Given the lower available slots with which to rank in the top third of their position, an evaluation of goaltenders will proceed on a case-by-case basis.

EVALUATION PROCESS

1. In order to obtain the status of exceptional player with Hockey PEI, each player must be evaluated by an independent evaluator of Hockey PEI.
2. Evaluations will be conducted during the Hockey PEI High Performance Program development and selection camps, where possible, during which the player will participate within the higher age category division. Failing that, evaluations will be conducted during a game with the higher age category division in a regular setting.
3. Evaluations will provide a recommendation on the ability of each applicant, which will be used by the evaluator(s) in their decision to grant or deny status to each applicant.
4. The evaluator(s) will be independent of the coaching staff of the team and will be a member of the development council or a designated representative.
5. Each applicant will be evaluated objectively, independently, and carefully.

APPLICATION FEES

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\$250 fee

No application will be reviewed without payment of the applicable fee. If the applicant is granted exceptional status then 50% of the payment will be refunded.

Fee is to be paid by the applicant at the time of submission. Cash/credit card payments accepted at the Hockey PEI Office. E-transfers can be sent to info@hockeypei.com

Updated: August 2024



Exceptional Player Application Form

NOTE: PRIOR TO THIS APPLICANT PARTICIPATING IN ANY HOCKEY PEI SANCTIONED EVENT AS AN UNDERAGE PLAYER, FINAL APPROVAL MUST BE GRANTED FROM HOCKEY PEI. HOCKEY PEI MAY REVOKE STATUS AT ANY TIME.

Form A - \$250.00 FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION FORM

Part A:

Player Name: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: Male Female
Address: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____
City: _____ Postal: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail: _____ School Grade: _____
Minor Hockey Association: _____ Years Played: _____ Position: _____
Higher category team that player requests to play for: _____

Requirement:

Each application must be accompanied by two letters in support of the applicants movement to a higher division:

(1) Applicants parent/guardian and (2) Former coach/team official

Part B: Signatures

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Higher Category Coach: _____ Date: _____
MHA President: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____ Application Fee Received: Cash Cheque #: _____

Evaluator Name: _____ Date: _____ Decision: Denied or Approved

Hockey PEI Authorization: _____ Date: _____