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7.0 OVER AGE PLAYER POLICY

7.1 Purpose

Sets out the process for the approval of players who are chronologically older than the age division in which they are registered.

7.2 Applicability

7.2.1 Any Ringette Alberta registered team participating in the leagues specified in 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 for competition specified in 7.2.4.

7.2.2 The 123 League or its successor.

7.2.3 The Black Gold League or its successor.

7.2.4 All Ringette Alberta sanctioned games which include: league games; tournaments; playdowns and provincial championships.

7.3 Principles

7.3.1 It can be appropriate for an over age player to be allowed to participate at a lower age division.

7.3.2 The decision to allow over age players should be based on objective criterion as much as possible.

7.3.3 The inclusion of an over age player should be irrelevant to opposing teams provided the inclusion of the player does not affect the team’s relative competitiveness or compromise player safety;

7.3.3.1 Competitive equity is a measure of overall team success relative to competitors;

7.3.3.2 Impact of an over age player on her safety or the safety of other players is a factor of ability, style of play and physical size, and not chronological age.

7.4 Requirements

7.4.1 Permission to start the season;

7.4.1.1 No requests are required to start the season provided there are no more than three (3) over age players on the same team roster. Teams with four (4) or more over age players must receive written permission from Ringette Alberta to start the season.

7.4.2 Teams are required to notify their league of any over age player on their roster on or before the date specified by the team's league in the manner specified by the league. Failure to notify may result in the over age player being denied the right to participate in the competitions specified in 7.2.4.

7.4.3 Timelines

7.4.3.1 Requests for over age player approval must be received by the over age player's team's league, on or before the date specified by the league and in the manner required by the league.

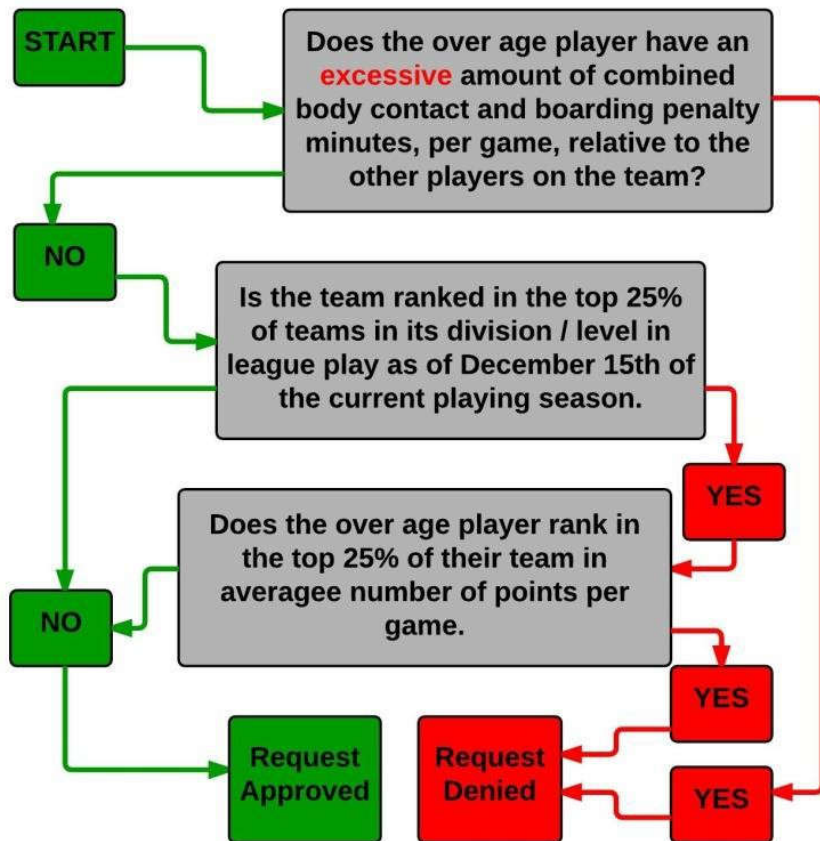
7.4.3.2 A decision will be made by the leagues individually for their respective league play and jointly in a Provincial Decision for exhibition games, tournaments, playdowns and provincials no later than December 14th of the current playing season.

7.4.4 Approval

7.4.4.1 Approval will be determined by applying the following guidelines:

7.4.4.1.1 Skaters

**OVER AGE SKATER*
APPROVAL GUIDELINE**



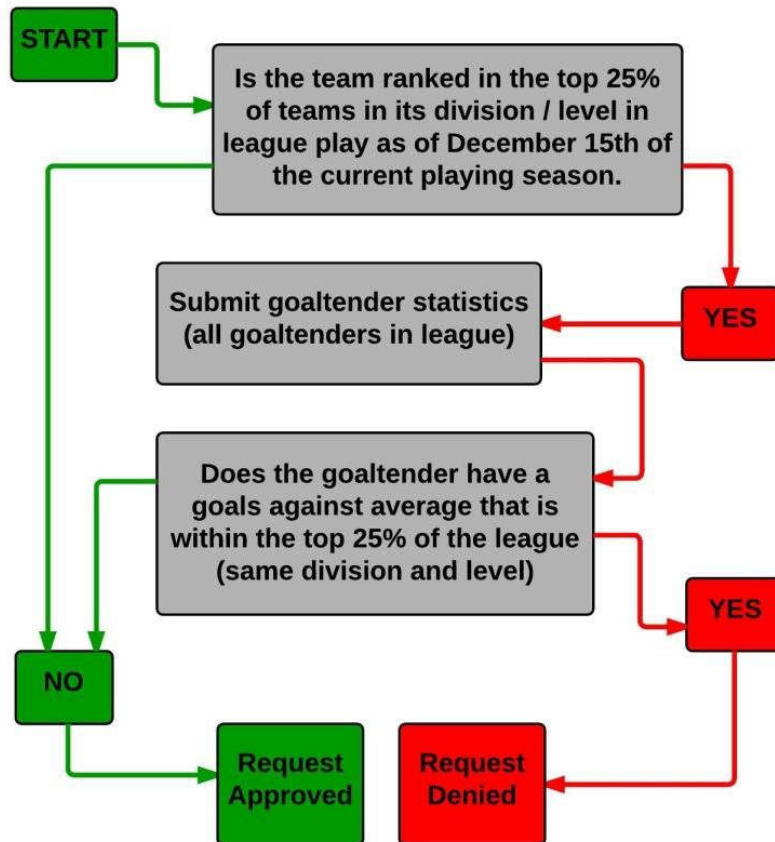
All over age players are excluded from the calculations to determine average penalty minutes and points per game.

Excessive means more than 20% above the team's average

*Non-Goaltenders

7.4.4.1.2 Goaltenders

OVER AGE GOALTENDER APPROVAL GUIDELINE



7.4.5 Right of Appeal

The leagues' Provincial Decision is not appealable.

Prior to December 14th of the current season, the leagues retain the right to revisit their Provincial Decision.

7.5 Definitions

Provincial Decision: The decision made by the leagues specified in 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 at a common meeting involving both leagues for competition types specified in 7.2.4

7.6 References

2.0 Registration Policy