

SBMHA Age / Level Advancement Policy

The policies at SBMHA may be up for review at the discretion of the Board.

The policy is a reflection of the current Hockey Winnipeg culture that wants to promote as many players as possible to play at the highest level possible. It also reflects that the number of teams to be formed at 8A1 is determined by the number of players that are 8 years old. SBMHA follows the program chart in the Hockey Winnipeg book, with the minimum roster size being used to determine the number of teams.

It was agreed by the Board that at 8A1, this is considered a level advance, not an age advance. If the player who is 7 doesn't make 8A1, they are still playing against 8 year olds.

7 year old wanting to play 8A1

The player must try out with the 8A1's for all the required skates.

The player(s) must rank in the top 3 of the team if there is 1 team.

If there are 2 teams, then you can have 7 year olds on both teams as long as the player(s) rank in the top 6. If there are 3 teams, then the 7 year olds must rank in the top 9 of the tryouts.

If the player(s) is/are a goalie, then the 7 year old must be the top ranked goalie. If there are 2 teams, the goalies must be ranked in the top 2. If there are 3 teams then the goalies must be ranked in the top 3 goalies.

A try out fee is assessed for the 8A1 program, this is determined by the Board.

For the 2016 – 2017 season, there is an additional charge of **\$50.00** for any player participating in the 8A1 evaluation skates. Contact the [A Chair \(8-10\)](#) to advise of your child's intention to participate in the 8A1 evaluation skates and to arrange payment.

8 year old wanting to play 9A1

The player must rank as the first overall player or first overall goalie in order to age advance. The player or goalie can only advance to the highest tier of hockey at the next age level. If after 2 tryout skates the independent evaluators feel that the player is not able to rank #1 overall that player shall immediately return to the 8A1 age group in order to be properly assessed. (If the player is not successful, the player returns to the original age). A **\$50.00** tryout fee will be collected at the first skate; cheques payable to SBMHA.

9 year old wanting to play 10A1

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10 year old wanting to play AA

There is no age advancing for the AA Railcats.