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DIVISION ADVANCEMENT POLICY

Under no circumstance shall a player be permitted to move to a younger division than the one for which they are eligible to play for (e.g. 12U Division → 10U Division). Under no circumstance shall a player be permitted to move to an older division two levels higher than the one for which they are eligible to play for (e.g. Rookie Division → ~~10U Division~~ → 12U Division).

Parents may request that their player move to an older division one level higher than the one for which they are eligible to play for so long as the player has played at least one season with PYS for the division in which they are eligible to play (e.g. 10U Division → 12U Division with one previous year of 10U Division play within PYS).

In the event of such a request, the Registrar may require a tryout evaluation session to be evaluated by an impartial group of organization leaders (Board Members, Youth Coaches, High School Coaches, etc.). The Registrar shall then bring the request to the full Board of Directors either via a regular meeting, special meeting, or email discussion and vote. A majority of the Board Members that vote must be in favor of the advancement for the advancement request to be granted.

An official request and satisfactory tryout evaluation are not a guarantee that the advancement request will be granted. The Registrar and the Board of Directors shall base their decision on the skill level of the player, registration numbers for the affected divisions, and what is best for the organization. The Board of Directors' decision is final.