



MCHA - Skill Level Guide

1. SKILL & DIVISION GUIDELINES

- 1.1.1. MCHA has currently established two skill-level divisions: Silver and Bronze.
- 1.1.2. Silver is intended for intermediate players who played in semi-competitive youth levels, or who learned to play as adults and have built up sufficient skill and experience to have parity with such players. Silver is intended to be a blend of the C2/C3 divisions in past MCHA seasons or SPAHL.
- 1.1.3. Players actively Upper C or higher in SSHL or NyTex, who have done so in the past 12 months are generally ineligible for the MCHA Silver division, as are any players formerly rated as “B-exempt” with MCHA. Players actively playing Upper C in SPAHL will be assessed for eligibility on a case by case basis.
- 1.1.4. Bronze is a 35+ division intended for novice players who may have played organized youth hockey but did not play at competitive levels, who played a competitive youth level but are now 45+, or who learned to play as adults and have built up sufficient skill and experience to have parity with such players. Bronze is intended to be a blend of the D1/D2 divisions in past MCHA seasons or SPAHL.
- 1.1.5. Players actively playing any level of C in SSHL, SPAHL or NyTex, who have done so in the past 12 months are generally ineligible for the MCHA Bronze division. Players actively playing Lower C in SPAHL will be assessed for eligibility on a case by case basis
- 1.1.6. The table below shows the guidelines for minimum age and youth experience background for each skill-level division. This table is to be interpreted as “a player who played [youth level] should be [x] years old before they are eligible to play in [division]”
- 1.1.7. MCHA recognizes that the caliber and competitiveness within these levels (e.g., Junior Hockey, College Club programs, High School programs) vary, as do the fitness levels of players as they age and will account for these variances when reviewing player backgrounds.

Highest Youth Level Played	Silver Recommended Age	Bronze Recommended Age
AA/AAA Travel, Junior B/A, NCAA or Above	45	55
High School Varsity, College Club, A Travel	35	45
High School JV, B Travel, House League	25	40
No Youth Experience	18	35