



PLAYER PLACEMENT PROGRAM Process Guidelines

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SMHA EXECUTIVE TIMELINES:

May 15	Identify potential Age Group Coordinators / Equipment Coordinators / Goal Tender Coordinators
June 30	Offer position to Age Group Coordinators / Equipment Coordinators / Goal Tender Coordinators
June 30	Board assigns Age Group Liaisons.
June 30	Upon acceptance of position, send "Coordinator Instructions" Letter
July 15	Review & Approve Age Group Team (Assistant Coordinator, Communications, Data Manager)
Aug 15	Review & Approve Age Group Evaluation Teams.
End of PPP	Review & Approve Coaches & Team Lists as submitted by Coordinators.

POSITIONS:

1. **Age Group Board Liaison (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Responsible to work in conjunction with the Age Group Coordinator of that age group.
 - b. Responsible to facilitate Board approval of Evaluation team for the PPP.
 - c. Responsible to review the player rankings and receding with the AGC team
 - d. Responsible to review final team recommendations with AGC team prior
 - e. Responsible to review Head Coach recommendations for each team with the AGC team
 - f. Facilitate communication from the AGC team to the Board for approval
 - g. Manage escalated issues and ensure SMHA Board is informed of Age Group issues throughout entire season.

2. **One Click Ice Liaison (Board Appointed)**
 - a. Responsible for training Age group Data Managers
 - b. Set-up of One-Click-Ice
 - c. Provide guidance if data issues occur during the PPP
 - d. Track improvement opportunities for review with One-Click-Ice

3. **Age Group Coordinator (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Responsible for selecting the Age Group Coordinator Team
 - i. Assistant Coordinator
 - ii. Goaltender Coordinator (U11, U13, U15, U18)
 - iii. Communication Coordinator.
 - iv. Data Manager.
 - v. Evaluators (8-12) for the PPP
 - b. Responsible to coordinate and execute the Player Placement Program (PPP) for a specific age group.
 - i. Ensure drills are prepared and sent out to parents before each session ice time
 - ii. Ensure Evaluators understand the player ranking guidelines
 - iii. Ensure player ranking data is kept confidential
 - iv. Make player movement recommendations to the Board Liaison
 - v. Submit final teams with the Board Liaison for Board Approval
 - vi. Provide Head Coach recommendations to the Board for Approval.
 - vii. Work with the Goaltender Coordinators to facilitate Goal Tender evaluations
 - viii. Ensure timely communications to parents
 - c. Manage issues and ensure communications are maintained throughout entire season.
 - d. Collect Season ending player evaluations from coaches.

4. **Assistant Coordinator (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Works in concert with the Coordinator to execute the PPP.
 - b. Support PPP Evaluators
 - c. Collect PPP scores and ensure the data is kept confidential

5. **Manager, Communications (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Works in concert with the Age Group Coordinator to ensure PPP group information is distributed in a timely manner.
 - b. Manage jersey distribution for each PPP session.
 - c. Distribute communications from the Coordinator throughout the entire season to ensure a consistent message is heard.
 - d. Manager, Communications is effectively the Manager of all team Managers.
 - e. Collect team budgets to be submitted for Board review.

6. **Goal Tender Coordinator (U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Select goaltender evaluator team
 - b. Review the process, drills, evaluation forms, and scoring criteria with the evaluators
 - c. Coordinate the goalie placement ice sessions
 - i. Pucks, clipboards, bingo dabbers, pens, and pencils
 - ii. Confirm one ice leads, shooters, check in staff, pinneys etc with AGC
 - iii. Ensure goalies are grouped based on relative rankings
 - iv. Confirm goalie ranking going into the Player Development Sessions
 - v. Assist with final team placements
 - d. Provide support to goalie coaches throughout the year

7. **PPP Data Manager (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Responsible for data integrity throughout the entire PPP process.
 - b. Responsible for managing placement data in One Click Ice
 - c. Data is to be kept in strict confidence with only the Data Manager, Coordinators & Age Group Liaison. This information is not to be shared with the evaluators.
 - d. Responsible to have all Evaluator sheets ready before each sessions, by color, by jersey number.
 - e. Strong skills in Excel are required.
 - f. Must be present at all evaluations.

8. **PPP Evaluator, (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U21)**
 - a. Provide impartial evaluation of all players in age group based on criteria as outlined by Coordinator.
 - b. Must be present at all evaluations.
 - c. Separate evaluators for Goalies are required.

PPP Goal:

The goal of the PPP is: to fairly rank each player to ensure each player is placed in a division of players with like skill sets. If we have 200 players registered in an age group, we will use the PPP session to rank them from 1-200. (Goaltenders for U11 and up are similarly ranked).

Typically, only 4 or 5 rounds of ice times are utilized to rank each player. After each round of evaluations player are resorted. Players may move up to a more skilled group, stay in the same group or move down a group to find a group of players that best match their capability.

EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

Evaluations of players should mirror the Canadian Hockey Association guidelines as listed below:

	Technical Skills	Individual tactics	Team Tactics	Team Play	Strategy
U7	85%	15%	-	-	-
U9	75%	15%	10%	-	-
U11	50%	20%	15%	10%	5%
U13	45%	20%	15%	10%	10%
U15	40%	15%	20%	15%	10%
U18	35%	20%	20%	15%	10%

EVALUATION PROCESS:

Each Age Group Coordinator will manage & execute the following:

- Select a group of 8-12 evaluators. (To be approved by SMHA Executive)
 - For U13 & above: Where position specific evaluations occur a minimum of 6 evaluators per position is recommended.
- Prepare Drills for each player placement session. (These may vary depending on the caliber of each group. Drills should focus on the following:
 - Skating
 - Puck Handling & Shooting
 - Small Area Compete Drills (1-on-1, 2-on-2, 3-on-3 etc)
 - Scrimmage (as needed).
- After each round of player placement assessment, the players will be ranked and re-grouped for the next sessions. (This is done with the Coordinator & Data Manager and provided to SMHA Executive)
- At the conclusion of the PPP each ranked player is placed on an appropriate team. Team recommendations are then approved by the board.
- Head Coaches are also recommended for each team and approved by the board.
- Once teams and Coaches are finalized, these are communicated out to those impacted.

Final Ice Session – “The Bubble Skate”

The final player placement session is used to only place the players at the top and bottom of each team or division grouping. Preference is given to 2nd year players to compete in a bubble skate.

Coordinator & Data Manager will identify up to 10 skaters above/below “the line” to be evaluated. Evaluators will only watch these players and mark scores as normal, then rank these players from top to bottom.

IDENTICAL SCORES - TIEBREAKERS

Tie-breaking procedure based on players who evaluate equally:

1. 2nd year (older) player gets the higher placement than a 1st year (younger) player.
2. If both players are 2nd year players (or both are 1st year players):
 - a. Refer to Coaches evaluations from previous year and Age Group Coordinator makes judgment based on ranking/comments.

PLACEMENT OF INJURED PLAYERS:

If a player is unable to skate - refer to the final rankings from last year’s year-end coach evaluations. Place the player with other players with the same ranking from the previous season. This is done at the discretion of the Age Group Coordinator/Data Manager and approved by SMHA Executive.

Note: This placement is subject to review & player may be moved if deemed necessary.

PLACEMENT OF PLAYER MISSING A SESSION

Players must earn a ranking to move up into another group. Players can NOT be promoted into another group if they miss a session, but they may be demoted if the data supports it. This is handled at the discretion of the Age Group Coordinator/Data Manager and approved by SMHA Executive.

GOALTENDER EVALUATIONS

See Goaltender Docs.

CREATING TEAMS

Hockey Calgary will provide a team grid that is used to determine how many teams are required in each division. In cases where there are 2 teams in a division, each team is to be created with equal skill and a general competitive balance on each team.

Sample Grids from Hockey Calgary

U9 (Novice) 2021-22 SEASON

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TEAMS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	DIV 4	TOTAL
2 Teams		1		1	2
3 Teams	1		1	1	3
4 Teams	1	1	1	1	4
5 Teams	1	2	1	1	5
6 Teams	1	2	2	1	6
7 Teams	2	1	2	2	7
8 Teams	2	2	2	2	8
9 Teams	2	2	3	2	9
10 Teams	2	3	3	2	10
11 Teams	3	2	3	3	11
12 Teams	3	3	3	3	12
13 Teams	3	3	4	3	13
14 Teams	3	4	4	3	14

NOTE:

1. Teams from Girls Hockey Calgary will be seeded after evaluations are complete at the discretion of Hockey Calgary.
2. Based on final registration HC reserves the right to make small changes to the grid to balance the # of teams per division, or add/delete divisions, in order that leagues run effectively.

U11 (Atom) 2021-22 SEASON

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AS PER HA ALBERTA ONE MODEL (modified for 7 divisions)

North / South										
Balanced Equal Teams										
#'s represent the number of equally balanced teams in each division										
TEAMS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	DIV 4	DIV 5	DIV 6	DIV 7			TOTAL
5 Teams		1		1	1	1	1	1		5
6 Teams		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		6
7 Teams	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
8 Teams	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		8
9 Teams	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1		9
10 Teams	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1		10
11 Teams	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1		11
12 Teams	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1		12
13 Teams	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2		13
14 Teams	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		14

NOTE:

1. The 'Alberta One Tiering Model' is for community only and is for seeding below the AA models of hockey
2. Within U11 there is no AA hockey in the province, therefore the grid applies to all Associations
3. HC was given an exemption to have 7 division at U11 due to size, as long as the seeding at the top of the grid is in line with the Alberta One Model, this grid achieves that
4. Teams from Girls Hockey Calgary may be added to grid, with special criteria TBD
5. Based on final registration HC reserves the right to make small changes to the grid to balance the # of teams per division, or add/delete divisions, in order that leagues run effectively.

U13 (Peewee) 2021-22 SEASON

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AS PER HA ALBERTA ONE MODEL

North / South										
Balanced Equal Teams										
#'s represent the number of equally balanced teams in each division										
TEAMS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	DIV 4	DIV 5	DIV 6			TOTAL	
5 Teams	1		1	1	1	1	1		5	
6 Teams	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		6	
7 Teams	1	1	1	2	1	1	1		7	
8 Teams	1	1	2	1	2	1	1		8	
9 Teams	1	2	1	2	2	1	1		9	
10 Teams	1	2	2	2	2	1	1		10	
11 Teams	2	2	2	2	2	1	1		11	
12 Teams	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		12	
13 Teams	2	2	2	3	2	2	2		13	

NOTE:

1. The 'Alberta One Tiering Model' is for community only and is for seeding 'below' the AA models of hockey
2. Teams from Girls Hockey Calgary may be added to grid, with special criteria TBD
3. Based on final registration HC reserves the right to make small changes to the grid to balance the # of teams per division, or add/delete divisions, in order that leagues run effectively.

U15 (Bantam) 2021-22 SEASON

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AS PER HA ALBERTA ONE MODEL (modified for 7 divisions)

TEAMS	Body Checking			Non-Body Checking				TOTAL
	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	NBC 1	NBC 2	NBC 3	NBC 4	
3 Teams		1		2		3		3
4 Teams	1		2			3	4	4
5 Teams	1		2		3	4	5	5
6 Teams	1	2	3		4	5	6	6
7 Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7
8 Teams	1	2	2 x 3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Teams	1	2 x 2	3	4	2 x 5	6	7	9
10 Teams	1	2 x 2	2 x 3	4	2 x 5	6	7	10

NOTE:

1. Associations with 4 teams must seed their #1 team in Division 1 to start the season.
2. Body checking teams in Division 3 who are not competitive will be permitted to seed down to NBC if the association agrees. NBC will not be permitted to seed up.
3. Associations with 8 teams will be permitted to move their 2nd division 3 team to NBC, if registration for NBC is higher and the members are requesting NBC hockey.
4. Based on final registration HC reserves the right to make small changes to the grid to balance the # of teams per division, or add/delete divisions, in order that leagues run effectively.
5. Associations with 9 teams will be permitted to move their 2nd NBC 2 team to NBC 1

U18 (Midget) 2021-22 SEASON

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AS PER HA ALBERTA ONE MODEL

TEAMS	Body Checking			Non Body Checking			TOTAL
	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	NBC 1	NBC 2	NBC 3	
2 Teams		1			2		2
3 Teams	1		2		3		3
4 Teams	1		2	3		4	4
5 Teams	1	2		3	4	5	5
6 Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
7 Teams	1	2	3	2 X 4	5	6	7

NOTE:

1. Associations with 3 teams may elect to seed their #2 team into NBC versus BC 3 if they do not wish to have a 2nd body checking team
2. Body checking teams in Division 3 who are not competitive will be permitted to seed down to NBC if the association and team agrees. NBC will not be permitted to seed up.
3. Based on final registration HC reserves the right to make small changes to the grid to balance the # of teams per division, or add/delete divisions, in order that leagues run effectively.