

Carded/Rep Team Selection Policy

U7 & U9

Rep teams are not to exist at the Initiation and Novice levels. A temporary Rep team can be formed for a weekend tournament if the level of that tournament warrants doing so, only with the approval of the minor hockey board. The players not participating in that tournament must be given consideration to play in some other games or tournament without the participation of the Rep team players to compensate for their missing games.

U11

The WVMHA supports forming rep teams at the U11 level. This position is consistent with the direction of the EKMHA District and BC Hockey's & Hockey Canada's direction that it is important to have players playing at a level that is appropriate for their development and that more players will enjoy and continue playing hockey when they are at level that is comfortable for their skill level.

If the U11 level of the WVMHA has enough players for two teams and they would like to form a Rep team, there must be a parental vote held and the results of that vote must be a majority in favor of doing so. Consideration should also be given to what other teams in the EKMHA are doing at that level. All players selected to play on a rep team must go through the proper evaluation process. A rep team cannot be made up of players selected by a coach or team official.

U13, U15 & U18

If a team decides to form a rep team or 'card' careful consideration must be given to quality/competitiveness of team, discussion and majority consensus of parents and players involved, and if a selection of team is required the remaining players, at that particular level, must have a place to play. All players selected to play on a rep team must go through the proper evaluation process. A rep team cannot be made up of players selected by a coach or team official.

Carding Process

If coaches of the U13 team, or higher levels, wish to form a carded/rep team, they do not need approval from Board of WVMHA, but the coaching staff must follow the Carded/Rep Team Selection Policy set out by WVMHA.

WVMHA Registrar

The Registrar must be notified within a reasonable time frame to fill out proper paperwork and registration for the team, including players and staff.

Selection Process

- 1) **Notifying Players** - All players that are eligible to tryout for 'carded' or rep team should be permitted and notified of tryout times.
- 2) **Parent Meeting** - A parent/player meeting should be held prior to tryouts outlining coaching staff's expectations and the selection process. Program goals, direction of program, year plan, and expense breakdown should be discussed within a reasonable time. This can be done via

email to the parents or by an in-person meeting where minutes are taken for record purposes and emailed to all parents.

- 3) **Tryout Ice Times** - At least 2-3 practices/games to identify player's ability. There must be 2-3 impartial, non-parent evaluators with reasonable hockey experience involved in selection process to provide feedback to coaching staff. Evaluators must be present at all ice-times. Tryouts involving practices must be held in Invermere.
- 4) **Evaluators** – evaluators must be non-partial, have no family connections to any players, hockey related and reserve the right to remain anonymous during selection process.
- 5) **Player Selection Evaluations** – evaluations on each individual player are to be completed on the WVMHA Evaluation Forms. These forms are to be kept by the coaching co-ordinator after the team selection is completed.
- 6) **Final Selections** – If there are any discrepancies in the team from the evaluations presented, coaches must present a brief written report with a breakdown of reasoning why to select one player over another. The brief report must be presented to the WVMHA president prior to making the final decision, unless there is a conflict of interest with the president. In that case the president will provide the report to another WVMHA board member to make the final decision.
- 7) **Absentee Players** – players absent from evaluations can appeal to the board for a tryout.
- 8) **Evaluation Dates** – any evaluations must not be held until the level has been on the ice for at least 4 practices but must be before September 30th to allow time for coaches/managers to step up and have the necessary approvals prior to the team split.
- 9) **Goalies** – goalie evaluations must be done on a separate goalie evaluation form.
- 10) **Evaluation formats** – coaches must communicate with the evaluators as to how they would like the evaluation ice times ran and what drills and games they would like to see.

Forming Rep Team Considerations

Any team wanting to perform evaluations must strongly consider whether, or not, the two teams being formed will have enough players, coaches, and goalies. The following are points that must be considered:

- 1) It is understood that some players may not want to become goalies until they find out they did not make a rep team but may decide to become a goalie on a rec team.
- 2) It is understood that some parents may not want to come forward and volunteer to coach a rec team because they fear it will hurt their child's chances of making the rep team.
- 3) If a rep team and rec team are formed at a level, and there are not enough coaches (with a minimum of 2 coaches per team) or goalies, for the rec team, the rep team coaches and goalies will have to be shared for both teams' practices and games. This will require careful scheduling of games and practices to ensure coverage. Failure to do so will result in the collapsing of the two teams and they will merge back into one team. The WVMHA will not permit a team to default at a level due to lack of coaches and goalies, while another team at the same operates.
- 4) If a rep team and rec team are formed, and there are not enough players left on the rec team to comfortably field a team, the teams will be collapsed and merged into one team. Generally, there should be 12-13 skaters minimum on a rec team.