

Registration Policies

1. Participation

No Player shall participate in any WVMH activities until he or she has been properly registered. A Player is registered when:

- 1) An online registration form has been completed and the appropriate fee has been paid or post-dated cheques have been received by the WVMHA.
- 2) Players must register in the age division set out in the Hockey Canada guidelines.
- 3) Players are properly registered and insured by the WVMHA Registrar with Hockey Canada and BC Hockey.

2. Annual Registration Deadline

The deadline for registration will be set by the WVMHA from year to year and clearly indicated on the website and an email to all of last year's parents.

3. Late Registrations

The WVMHA reserves the right to charge a late registration fee and can be changed from year to year. The late registration fee will be clearly detailed on the WVMHA website.

4. Registration Refunds

Refunds will be subject to a \$25 processing fee and a pro-rated amount of the season and are subject to discretion by the WVMHA board of directors.

Only properly registered and insured Players may be on the ice for practices, games or other activities of the WVMHA. No unregistered players are ever allowed on the ice for any reason.

FAIR ICE TIME POLICY

Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association's Definition of fair ice time: WVMHA acknowledges that registration fees are the same for all players within a division and that the game of hockey is intended to be a healthy form of recreation that is to be shared amongst all members of the association. WVMHA considers the concept of "fair ice" to be a core component of team sports. This means that, regardless of individual skill level, all players should be provided an equitable opportunity to develop and contribute to the success of their team, wherever and whenever possible. Consequently, WVMHA expects that coaches, assistant coaches, and all team officials take reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that all WVMHA players on their team(s) receive equitable amounts of playing time in all games or practices, while taking the following considerations into account:

Expectations for U7 – U11 Level Hockey,

WVMHA expects that its coaches, team officials, and on-ice helpers take reasonable and practicable steps, in consideration of the factors outlined below, to ensure that all WVMHA Players receive

equitable amounts of playing time during games and practices through-out the entire season, which includes banner tournaments.

Expectations for U13 – U18 Level (Carded and Non-Carded) Hockey

The intent of the WVMHA Fair Ice-Time policy for the U13-U18 divisions is to provide a reasonable degree of fair ice-time to all players, in consideration of the factors outlined in this section, while ensuring that, throughout the course of the entire season, including banner tournaments and provincials, all players are adequately developed and improve their individual level of play.

Coaches must ensure that all players receive exposure to, and the opportunity to develop in, as many tactical and situational aspects of the game as possible. Some examples of these circumstances are (but not limited to):

- Penalty killing/power-plays
- Important face-off situations
- Over-time/shoot-outs

Impact of Game Play Dynamics & Other Factors – All Levels/All Divisions:

- WVMHA recognizes that hockey is a dynamic, fast-paced game that includes various game play and/or other factors beyond the coach's and team official's control that will impact a coach's ability to ensure that equitable ice-time is received by each player. Some of these factors may include (but are not limited to):
 - Player fatigue
 - Penalties
 - Injuries
 - Illnesses or absences
 - Game play resulting in extended time in the defensive zone which prevents a shift change
 - Equipment failure
- WVMHA recognizes that for these (and possibly other) reasons, it may be impossible for a coach or team official to achieve truly equal ice for every player.
- In instances where these and/or other factors may present themselves, it is WVMHA's expectation that the coach and team official will take reasonable steps, where feasible, to help mitigate the impact these factors have on balancing ice-time of the players.
- Under no circumstances should a coach or team official determine ice-time based off the skill level of a player.

Expectations for Goalies

The WVMHA Fair Ice-Time policy applies to goalies at all levels, as they are considered WVMHA players, to ensure a reasonable degree of fair ice-time, in consideration of the factors outlined in this policy, while ensuring that, throughout the course of the season, all goalies are adequately developed and have improved in their individual level of play.

In the event of two or more goalies on one team, fair ice time will be allocated as follows:

U7 – Rotation per shift

U9 – Rotation per game

U11 – U18 – Coaches and team officials must discuss fair ice time options with the goalies to ensure that all goalies receive exposure to, and the opportunity to develop in, as many tactical and situational aspects of the game as possible during the course of the entire season, which includes banner tournaments and provincials. Some examples of these circumstances are (but not limited to):

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Discipline & Conduct Detrimental to Team Play Factors – All Levels/All Divisions

- Coaches and team officials are permitted discretionary authority, within reason, to restrict/reduce player ice-time in instances where a player has displayed behaviour which is contrary to WVMHA expectations, team code of conduct, or has displayed a pattern of conduct which undermines the team's ability to effectively compete.
- An ice-time restriction/reduction imposed by a coach or team official should be reasonable under the circumstances and proportional to the behaviour being addressed. For example, a 'selfish' penalty might result in the player missing a single shift, whereas disrespectful behaviour towards coaches or other team officials might result in the player being ejected from a practice or sitting for the remainder of a game.
- Examples of behaviour which may warrant a disciplinary ice-time restriction/reduction may include (but are not limited to):
 - Bullying of team-mates either on or off the ice.
 - Excessive/inappropriate penalties.
 - Disrespectful behaviour or language directed towards a coach, team official or teammate.
 - Disrespectful behaviour or language directed towards an on-ice official.
 - Inappropriate displays of unsportsmanlike behaviour.
 - Violence or other behaviour which is likely to cause intentional injury to another player/participant.
 - Attendance (lack of).
- Following an ice time restriction/reduction, the coach or team official must communicate clearly to the player the reason for the ice time restriction/reduction and the positive improvements required to rectify the behaviour that led to the infraction.
- In the event of repeated behaviours and/or multiple ice-time restrictions/reductions, coaches are encouraged to notify the parent(s).
- If a parent has concerns about the imposed ice time restriction/reduction, they are encouraged to discuss the situation with the coach after 24 hours has elapsed between the time of the occurrence and the follow up discussion.

Player Movement Policy

Reviewed and Ratified, June, 2016

October 1st, 2006

Preamble:

The executive of the WVMHA has undertaken a review of the current player movement policy in response to an increasing number of requests for player movement, within all levels, at the beginning of the season.

While it is sometimes in the best interest of the WVMHA to try and accommodate player/parent requests, this does make it harder on the coaching staff and the executive, as a review of each case must be undertaken. This in itself is time consuming and adds additional involvement at a time when our volunteers are trying to firm up numbers and decide where a team will play in the upcoming season.

Therefore, the following policy will be put forward to the executive for consideration:

Player Movement Policy (2008)

- 1) All player movement must be in accordance with Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, and the EKMHA rules.
- 2) The President of the WVMHA shall appoint a Player Movement Committee, at the beginning of each season, if and when required. This committee shall consist of an executive member and two independent evaluators. The independent evaluators may be appointed from within or outside the WVMHA.
- 3) No movement shall be considered from U7 to U9 or U9 to U11. This has been mandated by BC Hockey to be in compliance with the cross-ice hockey format. All players shall be assigned to their age appropriate group. However, in the case of beginner hockey players, or if parents feel their child is not ready to advance, movement downward from U15 to U13, U13 to U11, U11 to U9, or from U9 to U7 will be considered if a written request is received from the parents within (14) days of the first practice.
- 4) No move of more than one division will be considered or allowed.
- 5) Parents who feel that their child should play in a higher division must apply in writing to the executive within fourteen (14) days following the first practice of the season. The request will be answered by a letter or email that will acknowledge the receipt of the request and include an application form which is to be filled out by the parents. The application requires the parents to justify the request for movement. If the official application is not supplied to the executive, by October 1st of the current season, then the request will not be forwarded to the Player Movement Committee, and the child will have to stay within the age appropriate division for that season.

- 6) A decision will be made within fourteen (14) days after receiving the official application. The player will practice in his or her age division while the application is considered.
- 7) The Player Movement Committee will confer with the coaches of the two affected teams and consider the following when making their decisions: a) safety issues, b) team numbers, c) benefits to both leaving and receiving teams, and d) skill levels.
- 8) The recommendation of the committee will be forwarded to the executive for final approval. If a player is successful in his or her application for movement, this decision will expire at the end of the season and said player would register in his or her age division the following year. A successful application only applies to the current season and does not guarantee that all future applications for movement will be accepted.
- 9) Any executive or committee member who applies to have their child moved to a new division is unable to vote on the issue.
- 10) There is no appeal committee, all decisions of the Executive are final. This ensures that all teams are ready for league or tournament play by October 31st of the current season.
- 11) Under special circumstances a coach may apply in writing to the executive to allow short term player movements. This would only occur if a small number of players from one group were needed to supplement another team. (i.e. For a weekend tournament or game). The application must include a release from the coach of the team of which the players are being borrowed. Coaches may not apply to have players, temporarily, moved from Atoms and below to Peewee and above.

AP Policy

Definition of Affiliate Player: a player from a lower category/division team that has been called up by a higher category/division team so that the higher category/division may dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules. (Hockey Canada 2006).

The WVMHA generally does not promote the use of affiliated players. If players would like to play at a level above their age divisions for the season, they should be referred to the player movement policy of the WVMHA. When teams face player shortages due to small roster sizes, illnesses, injuries, or suspensions, they should generally use the temporary player relief process. It is understood however, that situations may arise from year to year that require the consideration of using AP players for the purposes of development of those players, and at the same time providing teams the ability to roster a full team when they face player shortages. Teams in the WVMHA may only AP players with permission of the board using the following guidelines:

AP players within the same division

- When there are two teams within a division that are split into rep and recreational teams, the rep team may AP recreational players for potential use during the season.
- Within the same division, the AP process can only be used to lend players from a non-carded team to a carded team.
- Since U11 is a non-carded division, there is no AP process, and any player movements need to follow the EKMHA rules on temporary player movement.
- Carded team coaches wishing to AP players from within their division are required to ask all the players on the recreational team and offer those players an opportunity to participate in the AP process.
- Once a list of interested AP players is formed and registered onto the HCR, rep coaches must equally contact the players on the list when requiring an AP player.
- If an AP player has played in a game, they would be contacted last, the next time the carded team needs player to round out a roster.
- AP players may not be used for teams that have 13 or more skaters available to play at U13, or 15 or more skaters at U15 and U18.
- AP players shall not be used in situations that leaves the AP player's team with less than 13 skaters when there are conflicting schedules. Permission of the board may be granted in extenuating situations.
- AP players shall never take the place of an available regularly rostered player for any game or tournament.

AP players from a lower age division to a higher age division

- Players may not AP from U7 to U9 or U9 to U11. If there are player shortages, teams must follow the EKMHA rules on temporary player movement.
- Carded teams wishing to AP players from a lower division at U13, U15, and U18, must ask all second-year players at the lower division if they wish to become an AP player.
- Once a list of interested AP players is formed and registered onto the HCR, rep coaches must equally contact the players on the list when requiring an AP player.
- If an AP player has played in a game, they would be contacted last, the next time the carded team needs player to round out a roster.
- AP players can only participate in 10 games before they are permanently moved onto the roster of the carded team as per BC Hockey regulations.
- AP players may not be used for teams that have 13 or more skaters available to play at U13, or 15 or more skaters at U15 and U18.
- AP players shall not be used in situations that leaves the AP player's team with less than 13 skaters when there are conflicting schedules. Permission of the board may be granted in extenuating situations.
- AP shall never take the place of an available regularly rostered player in any game or tournament.

AP Goalies

- If a U13 carded division has only two goalies for two teams, both goalies should be placed on the non-carded team and AP'd onto the carded team roster for flexibility throughout the season.
- There is no requirement to have a rostered goalie on a U13 carded team, but the above will not work for U15 or U18 as they must have a goalie on their roster for the season.
- If a carded division has three goalies for two teams, two goalies should be placed on the non-carded team and AP'd onto the carded team roster for flexibility. The carded goalie would be chosen through evaluations.

AP players practicing

- AP players shall only practice with the team above them the week before they are to play with the team in accordance with our extra practice policy.

Hockey Canada Player Affiliation Rules: As per HC Reg.E35.a: A player of a team of a lower Division or category may affiliate to a team of higher Divisions and categories to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoff before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. An affiliate player who does participate in more than ten (10) games will be deemed to be an ineligible player. Exhibition and Tournament games are excluded from the 10 game maximum. As per HC Reg. B.42 & E.36(b): In the case of an alternate/affiliate goaltender, actual participation in the net shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report. The final date for player affiliation is January 15th.

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Extra Practice Policy

Pre-amble:

Sometimes Players from one level jump onto the ice with another team's practice. This often happens when a parent of more than one Player is coaching and invite their child to come out to their other child's practice. This can cause unfair circumstances within the WVMHA with regards to ice time for fees paid.

No Players in the WVMHA may practice with another level of hockey without the written consent from the President. The President will adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Only players of a level or team may practice at that level's or team's normally scheduled weekday practices. Players may not practice during the week with more than one team. The exceptions to this would be as follows:
 - A) When players are going to play up with another level for a game or tournament and the coaches would like to incorporate them into practices the week before the event.
 - B) Goalies are needed to fill in for absent goalies, or where the coaches would prefer to have a second goalie on the ice and only one is available at that level.
 - C) Players are on the ice in an assistant coaching role at a level below them.
 - D) A coach is filling in for an absent coach at another level's practices on a temporary basis and they would like to bring their child out with them.
 - E) Weekend extra practices where all kids of a level are notified that they can practice with another level.

Game and Tournament Policy

- 1) Only coaches, managers or safety people that are listed on the HCR roster can be on the bench.
 - a) U7 & U9 need maximum 2 coaches on the bench at a game
 - b) U11 & up maximum 4 coaches on the bench at a game

- 2) At any game there will be a maximum 15 skaters and 2 goalies on the bench, if a team has more than 15 skaters and 2 goalies on their roster, 15 players and 2 goalies. will be dressed for each game, any roster sizes above 15 skaters and 2 goalies must rotate players in a fair manor, dividing home and away games equally. Credit will not be given to players choosing not to travel.
- 3) For tournament play the whole team will attend the tournament and during the tournament there will be a player rotation for that set of games, players will not receive game credit for voluntarily not attending.
 - a) *except for U18 which may dress 17 skaters and 2 goalies.
 - b) *Cross ice play is recommended no more than 3 lines on the bench at a time, number dependent on 4 on 4 play or 5 on 5 play.
- 4) There will be no special consideration made for coaches' children, all players will sit out an equal number of games.

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.

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.

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 to fill out proper paperwork and registration of particular 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** - the coaching staff of the team has the final decision on player selections, but if there are any discrepancies in the team from the evaluations presented to them, they must present their reasoning to the coach selection committee in the form a brief written report on selection decisions/process with breakdown of reasoning behind players not being selected (be able to express a valid reason if selection questioned at a later time).
- 7) **Evaluation Feedback** - will be provided to players upon request.
- 8) **Absentee Players** – players absent from evaluations can appeal to the board for a tryout.
- 9) **Evaluation Dates** – any evaluations must not be held until the level has been on the ice for at least 3-4 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.](#)
- 10) **Goalies** – goalie evaluations must be done on a separate goalie evaluation form.
- 11) **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, preamble

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 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.

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- 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.
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EKMHA & BC Hockey Adherence Policy

Inter District & Exhibition Game Permits

BC Hockey requires all teams to submit an Inter District & Exhibition Game Permit for all non-league games played during the season. Failure to do so will result in fines from BC Hockey and numerous offenses can result in the suspension of our entire association from playing games. Any fines incurred by the WVMHA will be paid for by the offending team.

Coaching Certifications

To be on the ice for practice an assistant coach must have at least the RCMP Criminal Record Check and their Respect in Sport Course and Concussion Awareness Training Tool completed. To be on the bench during games, any coach must have all of the above and either be signed up for their appropriate coaching certification course or have completed such course. Designated managers or team safety officials may also be on the bench if required and approved by the Registrar of WVMHA.

EKMHA will be fining associations who have unqualified coaches on the bench. Any fines incurred by WVMHA will be paid for by the teams involved.

-Only coaches, managers or safety people that are listed on the HCR roster can be on the bench.

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*Cross ice play is recommended no more than 3 lines on the bench at a time, numbers dependent on 4 on 4 play or 5 on 5 play.

-There will be no special consideration made for coaches' children, all players will sit out an equal number of games.

Extra Ice Time Policy

The WVMHA has to book ice times in advance for the season to be certain that we have the ice available for games and tournaments when we need it. This reserving in advance can often lead to having ice times that no one team can book games during and become available for use on weekends for extra practices or skills development times.

The following procedures are to be followed for the use of these ice times:

- 1) Team practices come first.
- 2) Skills sessions come second. Coaches must be on the ice with the kids at all times and the skills sessions must be open to all players of multiple levels within reason. Example would be a skills session with Pee Wee, Atom, and Novice Players or Initiation & Novice.
- 3) All extra ice times must be cleared with the Ice Co-ordinator.

WVMHA Expenditures Policy

No member of the WVMHA will approve expenditures other than routine BC Hockey fees, EKMHA fees, ice time fees, referee costs, accounting bills, website bills, or other such annual normal recurring expenses without approval of the board.

Budgets should be set for the Equipment Manager and the Coach Co-ordinator each year. Any jamborees or special events need to submit a budget of expected revenues and expenses to be approved by the board before proceeding.

No manager or coach will be permitted to bill items to the name of WVMHA for any reason without permission from the board.

Soliciting for Donations Policy

Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association strongly discourages teams to solicit for donations from businesses around town because we often run 8-10 tournaments per season, and we do not want businesses being asked multiple times for donations.

From time-to-time businesses may offer to donate raffle table items, in these situations, the donation is accepted and reported in the tournament spreadsheet. In the event of a monetary donation, the funds must be reported on the tournament spreadsheet and paid to WVMHA. These funds cannot go directly to the team.

The only time a team is allowed to solicit for donations of any kind is for Provincials when families need to raise funds to help cover travel expenses, which is typically one or two teams per year.

Advertising Policy

Team Advertising Policy, any sponsor that would like to advertise on a teams jersey can choose the team but all revenue goes directly to the association. Anyone wanting to make a cash donation, the cash goes directly to the association. Sponsors can buy equipment or off ice apparel and distribute as they choose. Off ice apparel must be approved by the board and purchased for the entirety of the team and coaching staff. All donations or sponsors must be unsolicited.