

TEAM COMPOSITION

All competitive teams shall select two goalies, six defensemen and nine forwards unless there are insufficient players registered in any division in which case the team size shall be determined by the Divisional Director.

As Under 15 AA, Under 18 AA, A and B all play longer games (i.e. three 15 minute stop time periods), consideration may be given to carrying an additional player(s) on these teams based on the recommendation of the Divisional Director with the approval of the Management Committee.

Player Movement

Upon completion of team selections and tryouts, all team rosters are considered final for the season unless specific circumstances dictate that a player change is required. Such circumstances include a player departure as a result of a season ending injury, a disciplinary problem, or other concern that may necessitate careful consideration. Any player movement after teams are finalized must have the approval of the Management Committee.

In cases where a player has departed the program as a result of a season ending injury prior to November 1st, a replacement player may be added to the team from the next lower team.

Player Advancement

Advancing players to an older age level of play (i.e. Under 11 to Under 13) within competitive hockey shall only be considered for 'exceptional' players. An exceptional player is one who clearly demonstrates the ability to compete at the highest calibre at the next highest division (AAA).

Within C hockey, including the Under 7 Program and Under 9 hockey, consideration for advancement may be requested by the Divisional Directors involved in cases where the situation warrants such and where the player being considered would not be adversely impacted. An example of when player advancement would be appropriate would be when a player, who played competitive hockey one season and decides not to play competitive the next season, is clearly dominant in C hockey and advancement is necessary.

Another example would be to address limited numbers at the higher level where an abundance of players exist at the lower level and advancement is appropriate to assist with balancing numbers to support increased teams at the higher level. In this case, the Divisional Director shall strive to advance the most skilled and capable players to the next higher division with the approval of the parents. Any request for consideration of player advancement must have the approval of the Board.

Team Registration Hockey Nova Scotia has mandated specific dates that teams must have finalized team registration in the Hockey Canada Registry. The dates for specific teams are as follows:

- All 'AAA' teams must be registered no later than October 15th annually;
- All 'AA', 'A' and 'B' teams must be registered no later than October 31st annually;
- All Under 7 program (IP) and Under 9 participants must be registered no later than November 15th annually; and
- All C program participants must be registered no later than December 1st annually.

Practice Attendance

Hockey is a team sport where individual and team development is a key component and players should attend as many practices as possible. At the Head Coach's discretion, chronic failure to attend practices during the season may affect game participation may be addressed through intervention and/or discipline. Players are expected to adhere to team rules and expectations including punctual arrival for games and practices, as well as participation

at team games, practices, meetings and other approved activities. Each Head Coach shall be required to establish team rules regarding tardiness and absences and communicate these during the pre-season meeting.