

Team Formation Policy

When numbers in a specified age division warrant that more than one team needs to be created, Olds Minor Hockey will designate players to those teams as per the following specified methods:

Tyke and Novice: The objective is to have teams as equal to each other as possible. To that end, the Division Coordinator will chair a Committee of no less than three people to establish those teams.

Atom and above: The objective is to create tiered teams. To that end, Olds Minor Hockey will implement a team selection process that is standardized, fair and transparent.

Olds Minor Hockey may choose to establish a committee of no less than three people to manage this process.

Olds Minor Hockey may choose to contract the services of an independent third party to assist with all or part of the process.

Olds Minor Hockey will strive to achieve the following team sizes:

Atom:	11 – 13 skaters
Pee Wee:	13-15 skaters
Bantam:	14 – 17 skaters
Midget:	15 – 17 skaters

Olds Minor Hockey will publish the procedures to be used at least two weeks before the selection process is implemented.

Import and Underage Players

The parents or guardians of non-resident and underage players must apply in writing to the Association for permission to participate in its team formation process.

The President of the Association may grant permission to non-resident players to participate.

Applications from underage players must be received by the Board at least two weeks before the start of tryouts or before the Board's regular September meeting, whichever is less. The Board must approve requests from underage players.

All things being equal, a second year player (third year player in Midget) should be given preference over a first year player (second and first year player in Midget) and a resident player must be given precedence over a non-resident player.

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In the event of surplus players in a particular division, a resident player will be guaranteed a place ahead of a non-resident player.

Players not participating in tryouts will be placed on the lowest tiered team.

Administration of the Team Formation Process

All documentation and fees must be complete before a player is allowed to participate in the team formation process.

A Committee of no fewer than five Board members will implement the policy and make the specific decisions needed at each stage of the process. Those members will sign the official copy reflecting their decisions. Those copies will be submitted to the Association Secretary.

Evaluation scores will not be shared with general members of the Association and will not normally be shared with any Board member outside the Committee. The exception is that in the case of a review or a grievance, that information will be shared with the Committee established for that specific purpose.

Annual Review

Olds Minor Hockey will review its team formation procedures annually.

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