

TITLE	TEAM CREATION
POLICY #	Operational - 8.4
APPROVED DATE	April 25, 2024
REVISED DATE	
OWNED BY	Executive Committee

1.0 OVERVIEW

This policy will help give direction to the BMHA Division Coordinators to create tiered teams as required in our CAHL/Competitive leagues and to create parity teams for our RHL/City leagues. The objective is to place all players on the team for which they are best suited and best for their development, in a manner that is standardized, fair, and transparent using our evaluation policy and processes.

2.0 PRE-EVALUATIONS

Based on the number of registrations in each division at the start of the season, the Executive Committee along with the BMHA staff will determine how many teams will be viable in each division and stream for the upcoming season.

At the end of this document, find a table listing the number of teams/players/goalies for the past season to use as a guide in making future decisions.

Once the Executive Committee has finalized the number of teams we will be offering, then we will run our players through the evaluation process.

3.0 TEAM FORMATION POLICY

For Competitive teams and based on registration numbers the teams will be made up of:

DIVISION	FORWARDS	DEFENCE	GOALIES
U18	10 or 11	7 or 6	2

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U15	10 or 11	7 or 6	2
U13	9	6	2
U11	9	6	2

For RHL teams, based on the number of registrations and players that are released from CAHL/Competitive Evaluations, the teams will be created with the intention of parity teams within the division. If the draft process doesn't create equal teams, the subsequent Parity skates are used to identify misplaced players and adjustments made as required.

4.0 APPROVAL PROCESS

After the final skate, the Stream Director and Division Coordinator, along with the Evaluations Coordinator, who is knowledgeable with the designated Software, Coaching Coordinator, a member of the BMHA Staff, and assigned Head Coaches will review the teams.

Once confident in the rankings, the team lists will be printed off, dated, and signed off by the Executive Committee VP, Stream Director, Division Coordinator, and Evaluations Coordinator to acknowledge approval of the team. This can be done via email in the event someone is not available to sign and then the email will be printed off and attached to the team printout and maintained in the BMHA office. If any of those signers are not able to sign a different member of the Executive Committee will be able to sign off on their behalf.

If there are any issues a member of the Executive Committee will be consulted prior to approval. After the teams are approved, the Stream Director and Coach Coordinator will assign Head Coaches, who have previously been interviewed and approved to be Head Coach and assign them their teams.

5.0 TIMELINE

5.1 CAHL/Competitive Teams

After the final skate for CAHL/Competitive teams, an email will go out within 24 hours informing the players that they have successfully made a Competitive team and another email will go out to the released players telling them they are moving to the RHL/City tryout process.

Then, within 48 hours of the first email, the CAHL/Competitive teams will be approved, and a communication will go out from the Head Coach. If no Head Coach has been assigned to the team, an email from BMHA letting the players know which team they are on and requesting a Head Coach to step forward will be sent out.

5.2 RHL/City Teams

After the final parity skate for the RHL/City teams, any final movements will be made and then within 48 hours, a communication will go out from BMHA to the players informing them of which team they are on, including the team name and who their Head Coach is. Alternatively, the Head Coach may send a welcome communication prior to the first practice.