

Atom and Novice Team Formation

Recommendation:

In the Atom and Novice Divisions of play, effective in the 2016-17 hockey season, Hockey Edmonton Districts will operate:

- one (1) Tier 1 team per 135 players registered in their District,
- (Based on enrollment that would be as follow and)
 - KC: 2
 - NE: 1
 - SE: 2
 - SW: 3
 - NW: 3 (although 2.503 could go either way)

In the Novice Division of play, effective in the 2017-18 hockey season, Hockey Edmonton Districts will operate:

- one (1) Tier 1 team per 150 players registered in their District,

Districts will work with their Operating Areas to determine the manner of team formation and operation.

All Interlock members must follow suit.

Tiers 1 and 2 will have a season schedule, with Category Directors being provided with discretionary authority to re-tier (via substitution) if necessary.

Background

Discussion on this matter initiated at a Peewee AA Model Implementation meeting on February 22, 2016 when the SWZ President ask for a discussion on how team formation that best supports Peewee AA and A hockey as well as that operated by the Edmonton Elite Committee clubs.

Organization Outcomes

- All players within each District will have increased access to the top categories of play with each Division.
- Team Formation required as a result of registration numbers and a better alignment of teams within categories of play will provide additional and more equitable access to programs and assist in better preparing athletes for play in higher divisions of play.
- Increased cooperation within Districts as they form more teams and provide equitable access to players from all Operating Areas

Implications

- A shift in volunteer makeup may occur in some Districts and Operating Areas.
- A shift of revenue and expense may occur within Districts and Operating Areas.

Additional Considerations

- All Provincial Championship categories of play - Midget (1+2), Bantam (1+2), Peewee (1+2) and Atom (1+2) - should have a yearlong schedule (both practices and games) as they are provincial qualifying divisions.
- Further discussion needs to occur on how to best support the team structures identified in this agenda report.