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BANTAM AAA GUIDELINES

IMPORTANT DATES

- December Showcase bid applications due August 15th
- Exemption applications due August 15th
- Declaration of Single or Double roster due *August 15th
- Rural Provincial bid applications due September 1st
- Team tryouts must be held between September 5th - 15th
- Team rosters must be submitted between September 16th - 30th

**Roster declaration date originally set for September 15th, however due to planning/organizing circumstances Regions must declare roster type by August 15th.*

GENERAL ROSTER INFO

- Tryouts should avoid the Labour Day Long Weekend and run from September 5th – 15th
- Single: maximum of 17 skaters, 2 goalies rostered by September 30th
- Double: maximum of 23 skaters, 2 goalies initially rostered by September 30th
 - Must cut final roster down to 17 skaters, 2 goalies on (not prior to) Feb 6th
- Head Coaches must certify with Development 1 by December 1st
- Assistant Coaches must certify with Coach Level by December 1st
- All teams must have a designated Safety Person certify with HC Safety Level 1 by Dec 1st
- All coaches, managers, and safety persons must certify with Respect In Sport by Dec 1st
- Teams may affiliate players residing within their Region
- Roster + Affiliate list must equal a maximum of 25 (Single or Double roster teams)
- Single: Affiliate list must be submitted by September 30th
- Double: No affiliate list if initial roster is at 25 players
 - If initial roster is not at 25, affiliates must be submitted by September 30th
 - Players released from initial roster on Feb 6th will automatically be affiliated

SHOWCASE EVENTS

- October 14-16 (Male/Female) Hosted by Hockey Manitoba (Winnipeg)
- December 2-4 (Male) Host TBA
- December 9-11 (Female) Host TBA
- **Bantam Skills Showdown (competition) to take place during December Showcase events*
- February 10-12 (Male/Female) Hosted by Hockey Manitoba (Winnipeg)

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Rural Provincials (Male) March 16-18 Host TBA
- Rural Provincials (Female) March 16-18 Host TBA
- Provincial Championship Series (Male) March 23-25 Host TBA
- **3-game series, winner of Rural Provincials vs Winnipeg (winner advances to WCBC)*

SINGLE ROSTER TEAMS

Regions that form a single-rostered team are subject to the following regulations:

- Eligible to take part in a full season of practices/games/tournaments
- Teams must be formed and rostered in accordance with Hockey Manitoba regulations at the start of the season.
- Teams may affiliate only Bantam aged players that reside in their region. An affiliate list will be filed with Hockey Manitoba and all other Hockey Manitoba minor hockey affiliation regulations will apply.
- Players who have not made their home region's Rural Bantam AAA team will not be eligible to try out for another region's Rural Bantam AAA team. These players will be eligible to register with their nearest club level team as per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.
- Single-rostered teams may apply to play in Hockey Winnipeg Bantam leagues. Their acceptance will be at Hockey Winnipeg's discretion.

DOUBLE ROSTER TEAMS

Regions that form a double-rostered team are subject to the following regulations:

- Regions must designate the team's practice schedule and advise all associations in the region prior to the team's tryouts to avoid any potential conflicts.
- Players do not need to be rostered or registered with their local association prior to tryouts but must be on an approved Hockey Manitoba roster by December 1.
- Teams must submit their initial roster by Sept. 30 which can include up to 25 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Teams must declare and submit their final roster by the Monday following the Hockey Manitoba development weekend (February 6, 2012). The declared roster can have a maximum of 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies.
- Players who have not made their home region's Rural Bantam AAA team will not be eligible to try out for another region's Rural Bantam AAA team. These players will be eligible to register with their nearest club level team as per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.
- Players rostered on this team are required to compete with their club/association teams for all hockey activities including provincial championships.
- Should double rostered teams practice or play outside the designated practice schedule or tournaments, they will be disbanded for the remainder of the season.

NO TEAM DECLARED

All Regions must collect registrations for Rural Bantam AAA.

If a Region decides not to participate in the Rural Bantam AAA program, only the players that are registered in said Region for Bantam AAA may then apply to try-out with another Rural Bantam AAA program. All player movement requests in this situation must be approved by a registration committee which will include one chair of minor hockey and two regional directors.

If a player successfully transfers to another Region's Rural Bantam AAA team that is single-rostered then that player cannot register within their home Region's club program. However, if transferred to a double-rostered team, the player is required to fully participate with their home Region's club program.

U-16 PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE (MALE)

Regions with single or double rostered Rural Bantam AAA teams will not be required to hold an evaluation camp to select their players for the U-16 POE Spring Camp. Regions will submit their ranked selections with alternates as per the seasonal quota indicated by Hockey Manitoba.

The U-16 POE coaching staff will consult with each Region throughout the season to provide feedback and evaluation on players scouted at the Showcase events. A standardized form with specific quotas will be distributed to all Regions for these selections during the season. Selections will be collected after the February Showcase event, with a deadline of February 15th.

Regions that do not declare a single or double rostered Rural Bantam AAA team will be required to hold an evaluation camp on the Hockey Manitoba Development Weekend for the purposes of identifying players for the U-16 POE Spring Camp (as per HM quota).

Players with a permanent Manitoba residence that are playing outside Manitoba will be required to submit an application to Hockey Manitoba to declare eligibility for the U-16 POE by December 1, 2011. Hockey Manitoba, with the assistance of the Regions, will endeavour to inform these players of this process and supply them with the appropriate information and application form.

Hockey Manitoba will then work with the respective Regions involved, the MJHL, and WHL to determine the player's ability to perform at the POE level. Hockey Manitoba will reserve several U-16 POE selections at-large for players playing out-of-province. If openings remain available after this process then the U-16 POE coaching staff will select players from the various alternate players listed by the Regions in order to fill the final spots.

REGIONAL BANTAM AA LEAGUES

Regions will remain eligible to form Rural Bantam AA teams to compete in their own regional league. These teams must form from a maximum of 5 associations within their Region. Prior to tryouts, the 5 associations must be declared. Amalgamated associations will be considered as one association if in existence for three consecutive years. There will be no provincial championship teams competing in a Rural Bantam AA Regional League.

MINOR BANTAM REGIONAL TEAMS

Regions are not permitted to register a "Director's Cup" team (single or double roster) in the Minor Bantam category. Regions wishing to expand their Director's Cup program is encouraged however only if done within a manner consistent with LTAD & Hockey Manitoba concepts.

- Program of 35-45 players throughout the season
- Focus for such program will be skills development & concepts
- Director's Cup roster not selected until after Hockey Manitoba Development Weekend

To assist with this model, Hockey Manitoba will provide Regions with the ability to operate Reebok Skills Camps. Hockey Manitoba will also seek to provide Regions with assistance on developing age-appropriate program curriculums (skills/drills, practice concepts, etc) through the Hockey Manitoba Coach Mentorship Program as part of the Reebok Skills Camps. Additional information will be distributed prior to season.

DIRECTOR'S CUP & FEMALE BANTAM CHALLENGE

The Female Bantam Challenge will undergo significant changes in format, to be confirmed prior to season. The Director's Cup event will remain the same as previous seasons. Regions are encouraged to expand the development opportunities of their programs as noted above.

