



2015-2016 BANTAM RURAL AAA GUIDELINES & DATES

SHOWCASE EVENTS

MALE

MTS Showcase Challenge	October 2-4, 2015	Hosted by Hockey MB	Winnipeg	Team Fee \$ 1,100
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FEMALE

Showcase 1	October 16-18, 2015	Host Bids	Location TBA	Team Fee \$ 900
MTS Showcase Challenge	December 11-14, 2015	Hosted by Hockey MB	Winnipeg	Team Fee \$ 1,100
Showcase 3	February 12-14, 2016	Host Bids	Location TBA	Team Fee \$ 900

PROVINCIALS

MALE

Rural AAA Provincials	March 11-13, 2016	Host Bids	TBA
Bantam AAA Final Series	March 18-20, 2016	Wpg Bantam 1 Champ	TBA

FEMALE

Rural AAA Provincials	March 11-13, 2016	Host Bids	TBA
Bantam AAA Final Series	March 18-20, 2016	Rural AAA Champ	TBA

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

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| • Team tryouts may not begin until | After Labour Day Weekend |
| • Female Showcase 1 host bid applications due | August 24 , 2015 |
| • Female Showcase 3 host bid applications due | TBA |
| • Team rosters must be submitted by | September 30, 2015 |
| • Rural Provincials host bid applications due | October 1, 2015 |
| • Final team rosters & declaration of affiliates | January 10, 2016 |

GENERAL ROSTER INFORMATION

- All *registration* rosters must be submitted on time with appropriate fees to Ashley Fergusson (HM office)
- *Tournament* rosters (and affiliates) must include accurate jersey numbers & positions should be submitted to Trevor Prystupa (HM office). Template will be circulated.
- **NEW:** Head Coaches must be certified with or enrolled in High Performance 1 *
- Assistant Coaches must be trained with Coach Level by December 1, 2015
- All teams must have a designated Safety Person certify with HC Safety Level 1 by December 1, 2015
- All coaches, managers, and safety persons must certify with Respect In Sport by December 1, 2015
- **NEW:** One parent or guardian of each rostered or affiliate player must have Respect in Sport for Parents

*Male Bantam Rural AAA head coaches must be certified with or enrolled in High Performance 1 this season, Female Bantam Rural AAA head coaches must be certified with or enrolled in High Performance 1 by the start of the 2017-2018 season.

BANTAM RURAL AAA REGULATIONS (MALE)

31. All regions, excluding Winnipeg, will be eligible to form at least one double and/or single rostered regional Bantam Rural AAA team and are subject to the following regulations:
- a) Registration for try-outs must conclude by September 1st, however try-outs may not begin until after the Labour Day weekend each season. 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 1st.
 - b) Double rostered teams must submit their roster by Sept 30th which can include up to 30 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Players on this roster may only be replaced up to Jan 10th if they are not available for the remainder of the season. Teams must declare and submit their final roster of 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies, by Jan 10th. All players released by January 10th are eligible to affiliate with the Bantam Rural AAA team in accordance with Hockey Manitoba affiliation regulations. No other affiliate players will be allowed after Jan 10th.
 - c) Single rostered teams must submit their roster by September 30th which can include up to 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Single rostered teams may have a maximum of eleven (11) affiliate players and this list must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba and finalized by Jan 10th. Players on the roster or affiliate list may only be replaced up to Jan 10th if they are not available for the remainder of the season. No other affiliate players will be allowed after Jan 10th.
 - d) Peewee aged players will not be allowed to roster or affiliate with and Bantam Rural AAA teams.
 - e) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to play for a Male Bantam Rural AAA team or teams at any time to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
 - f) Players who have not made their home region's Bantam Rural AAA team will not be eligible to try out for another region's Bantam Rural AAA team. These players will be eligible to register with their closest Bantam club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.
 - g) Players rostered on a region's double rostered team are required to compete with their club/association teams for all hockey activities including practices, scheduled games, regional play-offs and provincial championships.

- h) Double rostered teams will be eligible to practice one day per week, which must be a consistent day of the week, and scheduled in cooperation with the minor hockey associations in the region prior to the team's tryouts to avoid potential conflict with club programs throughout the season.
- i) Double rostered teams will be eligible to play in one pre-season tournament before the end of September only. Two tournaments (1 east location, 1 west location) may be held with teams participating in the tournament of their choice.
- j) Double rostered teams will be eligible to participate in exhibition games as follows:
 - 1. Maximum 3 games in 1st half of season (October 1st – December 31st)
 - 2. Maximum 3 games in 2nd half of season (January 1st – March 10th)

Exhibition games must be scheduled at least 21 days prior to game date in cooperation with the minor hockey associations in the region and approved by the Chair of Minor Hockey - Rural.
- k) Double rostered teams may travel to 1 tournament during the season, however, if doing so teams will only be eligible for 1 exhibition game in each half of the season. Said tournament must be identified by September 30th.
- l) Bantam AAA Showcase tournament(s) will be scheduled annually by Hockey Manitoba and circulated to all regions and teams by June 1st. Teams may be eligible to submit hosting applications for at least one of the Showcase tournaments annually. The other tournament(s) will be hosted by Hockey Manitoba at locations to be determined by June 1st of the current season. Entry fees for all tournaments will be determined by Hockey Manitoba.
- m) Bantam Rural AAA Provincials will be held on March 11-13, 2016 and one double rostered or single rostered Bantam Rural AAA team per region is eligible to attend (if they meet the criteria in m listed p) below). Player rosters (made up of eligible rostered and/or affiliate players) will be frozen on the Tuesday preceding the provincial championships and no changes can be made after this deadline. Rostered players can only be replaced by eligible affiliate players if the rostered player is not available and this is identified by the Tuesday deadline.
- n) The Bantam Rural AAA Provincial champion will advance to the Hockey Manitoba Bantam AAA Provincial Final Series (best of 3) on the weekend following the Bantam Rural AAA Provincials against Hockey Winnipeg's Bantam 1 AAA league champion to determine Manitoba's representative at the Western Canada Bantam Championships. The host of the championship series will alternate between Winnipeg's Bantam 1 AAA league champion and the Bantam Rural AAA Provincial Champion. Player rosters (made up of eligible rostered and/or affiliate players) will be frozen on the Tuesday preceding the championship series and no changes can be made after this deadline. Rostered players can only be replaced by affiliate players if the rostered player is not available and this is identified by the Tuesday deadline.

- o) Bantam Rural AAA double rostered and single rostered teams are required to participate in all Showcase tournaments to be eligible for provincials unless an exemption is submitted and approved by the Chair of Minor Hockey - Rural. Winnipeg Bantam 1 or 2 AAA teams may participate in the Showcase tournaments.
- p) Should double rostered teams practice or play outside the designated practice schedule, exhibition games or tournaments, they will be disbanded for the remainder of the season and ineligible for provincials.
- q) If a rural region does not declare a Bantam Rural AAA team (double or single rostered) by September 1st of the current season, only players that registered for tryouts in said region may apply to try-out with another Bantam Rural AAA program. All player movement requests in this situation must be approved by a registration committee which will include the Chair of Minor Hockey - Rural and two Minor Council representatives.

BANTAM RURAL AAA REGULATIONS (FEMALE)

32. All regions, excluding Winnipeg, will be eligible to form one double rostered or single rostered regional Female Bantam Rural AAA team and are subject to the following regulations:
- a) Try-outs may not begin until after the Labour Day weekend each season. 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 1st.
 - b) Double rostered teams must submit their roster by Sept. 30th which can include up to 25 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Teams must declare and submit their final roster of 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies, by Jan 10th. All players released by January 10th are eligible to affiliate with the Female Bantam Rural AAA team in accordance with Hockey Manitoba affiliation regulations. No other affiliate players will be allowed after Jan 10th. Single rostered teams must submit their roster by September 30th which can include up to 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Single rostered teams may have a maximum of six (6) affiliate players and this list must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba and finalized by Jan 10th. Players on the roster or affiliate list may only be replaced up to Jan 10th if they are not available for the remainder of the season. No other affiliate players will be allowed after Jan 10th.
 - c) Peewee aged players will not be allowed to roster or affiliate with any Female Bantam Rural AAA team.
 - d) Players who have not made their home region's Female Bantam Rural AAA team will not be eligible to try out for another region's Female Bantam Rural AAA team. These players will be eligible to register with their closest Bantam club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.
 - e) Players rostered on a region's double rostered team are required to compete with their club/association teams for all hockey activities including practices, scheduled games, regional play-offs and provincial championships.
 - f) Double rostered teams will be eligible to practice one day per week, which must be a consistent day of the week, and scheduled in cooperation with the minor hockey associations in the region.
 - g) Teams will be allowed to play an unlimited number of games prior to November 1st. After November 1st, excluding Showcase tournaments and Provincials, each team will be allowed a maximum of 10 games. Exhibition games after November 1st must be scheduled in cooperation with the Minor Hockey Associations in the region. Due notice must be provided once the game is scheduled to the region's Female Council Representative.

- h) Three (3) Female Bantam AAA Showcase tournaments will be scheduled annually. In 2015-16 the tournaments will be held on the following dates:

Showcase 1 October 16-18, 2015
Showcase 2 December 11-13, 2015
Showcase 3 February 12-14, 2016

Teams will be eligible to submit hosting applications for at least one of the Showcase tournaments annually. The other tournament(s) will be hosted by Hockey Manitoba at locations to be determined by June 1st of the current season. Entry fees for all tournaments will be determined by Hockey Manitoba.

- i) Female Bantam Rural AAA Provincials will be held on March 11-13, 2016 and all double rostered and single rostered Female Bantam Rural AAA teams are eligible to attend (if they meet the criteria in l) listed below). Player rosters (made up of eligible rostered and/or affiliate players) will be frozen on the Tuesday preceding the championships and no changes can be made after this deadline. Rostered players can only be replaced by affiliate players if the rostered player is not available and this is identified by the Tuesday deadline.
- j) The Female Bantam Rural AAA Provincial champion will advance to the Hockey Manitoba Bantam Female AAA Provincial Final Championship Series (best of 3) on the weekend following the Female Bantam Rural AAA Provincials against Hockey Winnipeg's Female Bantam AA league champion to determine the Female Bantam AAA Provincial Champions. The host of the championship series will alternate between the Female Bantam Rural AAA Provincial Champion and Winnipeg's Female Bantam AA league champion. Player rosters (made up of eligible rostered and/or affiliate players) will be frozen on the Tuesday preceding the championship series and no changes can be made after this deadline. Rostered players can only be replaced by affiliate players if the rostered player is not available and this is identified by the Tuesday deadline.
- k) Female Bantam Rural AAA double rostered and single rostered teams are required to participate in all Showcase tournaments to be eligible for provincials unless an exemption is submitted and approved by the Chair of Female Hockey. Winnipeg Bantam AA teams are strongly encouraged to participate in the Showcase tournaments.
- l) Should double rostered teams practice or play outside the designated practice schedule, exhibition games or tournaments, they will be disbanded for the remainder of the season and ineligible for provincials.
- m) A rural region must, to Hockey Manitoba, if they are unable to ice a Female Bantam Rural AAA team (double or single rostered) by June 30th of the current season. Only players that registered for tryouts in said region may apply to try-out with another double rostered Female Bantam Rural AAA program. All player movement requests in this situation must be approved by a registration committee which will include the Chair of Female Hockey and two regional female council representatives.