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TEAM CATEGORIZATION PROCESS

NOTE: Regular season team classifications (AAA, AA, A, Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.) are not synonymous with provincial team categorization terminology. Ex. An association classified 'Gold' team would not automatically be classified as an A team in provincials.

NOTE: Hockey Manitoba regulations place teams according to the total number of teams registered in each category for an association, all Provincials and Non-Provincial Rosters are included in the total number of teams. Hockey Manitoba will confirm the number of teams registered and has final approval on all final team placements. Whether on a Provincial or non-Provincial roster, all are included on the total number of teams. An Association who places players on both a Provincial roster and a non-provincial roster may be reviewed to determine the number of actual teams in that Association.

PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION PROCESS (CO-ED)

UNDER-11
Rural AA – 1st tiered team (MHAs with more than 3 teams)
Rural A – 1st tiered team (MHAs with 3 teams)
Rural B – Associations with 2 teams, 2nd team from AA
Rural C – Associations with 1 team
Rural D – Tiered teams (2nd team from A and B, 3rd team from AA)
Rural E – Tiered teams (3rd team from A, 4th and 5th team from AA)

UNDER-13
Rural AA – 1st tiered team (MHAs with 3 or more teams)
Rural A – 1st tiered team (MHAs with 2 teams)
Rural B – Associations with 2 teams, 2nd team from AA
Rural C – Associations with 1 team, 2nd team from A
Rural D – Tiered teams (3rd or 4th team from AA, 2nd team from AA)

UNDER-15
Rural AA – Amalgamated Association teams (up to 5 MHAs)
Rural A – 1st tiered team (MHAs with 2 teams)
Rural B – Associations with 1 team
Rural C – Associations with 1 team, and 2nd or lower tiered teams (MHAs with 2 or more teams)

UNDER-18
Rural A – 1st tiered team (MHAs with 2 teams)
Rural B – Associations with 1 team

EXAMPLES:

1. An MHA with 3 league house teams and 2 competitive teams would be placed according to 5 teams, since 2 two teams are eligible to enter provincials.

2. An MHA with 3 competitive teams would be placed according to 3 teams, since 3 teams are eligible to enter provincials.

3. An MHA with 1 house league team and 3 competitive teams would be placed according to 4 teams, since 3 teams are eligible to enter provincials.

NOTES:

- An MHA that has 2 competitive teams and splits these players into 3 House league teams could be reviewed by Hockey Manitoba upon request.
- If an MHA has 60 players in U11 / U13, they may have 4 teams.
- If an MHA has 60 players in U15 / U18, they may have 3 teams.
- The requirement is that all registered players (either on a Competitive and Non-Competitive roster) shall count towards the total number of teams in each MHA.

- For Associations with one team, Regions will determine placement of all teams falling within the B or C category. The following placement rules will apply;
    a) if there are an even number of total teams within the Region, half will be placed in B and half will be placed in C.
    b) If there are an odd number of teams within a Region, one extra team will be placed in B and the remainder in C.
    c) Teams should be placed on strength by their respective Region in early December once all applications have been submitted to Hockey Manitoba.

- Two or more equal ability (non-tiered) teams formed by an Associations in any age division will be placed in the B or C category by their Region, following the placement rules above.

- Second (or third, etc.) tiered teams from an Association will enter provincials as the second (or third, etc.) teams regardless of whether the higher tiered team(s) are attending or not.

- In Under-15 male hockey only, regions will be eligible to form Rural AA teams to compete in their own regional league or leagues in other regions, in this case regional approval is required.
    a) These teams may form from a maximum of five associations within their region.
    b) Prior to tryouts, the five associations must be declared.
    c) Amalgamated associations will be considered as one association if in existence for three consecutive years: These teams will be eligible to participate in the Rural AA provincial category

- If a region has 6 Associations with 1 team, they are to put 3 in B and 3 in C
    - 5 teams - 3 in B, 2 are in C
    - 4 teams - 2 in B 2 in C
    - 3 teams - 2 in B and 1 in C

- Teams do not playoff and the winner is in B and the loser in C – not allowed.
- If an Association decides to make 2 equal teams, they are placed by the Region in B or C.
    - There is no affiliation allowed between these teams for Regionals or Provincials.

- No teams will be allowed to move down to a lower category.
- No teams shall be allowed to move up into another category where it would create a play-off for provincials.
    - Teams can move up to different categories only if it does not affect the teams that are in that category as specified by Hockey Manitoba regulations.
    - If there are no conflicts teams can move as approved by Minor Council.

- All rural minor categories in provincial play-offs must have a minimum entry of four teams for provincial competition.
    - If a category lacks sufficient teams to hold competition, then team(s) may be moved up to the higher category with consent of the team.

- Regions must place teams on or before December 15.
- Regions must complete Regional Playoffs on or before January 31.

PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION PROCESS (GIRLS)

For the purpose of the Hockey Manitoba minor girls provincial playoff competitions, teams will be placed in categories at their regional meetings and are subject to review by the regional council representatives prior to approval by Women's/Girls Council by December 20th of the current season. Regions are required to supply their teams' standings within the leagues they participate in. This information, as well as the teams' official rosters, are to be provided to the regional council representatives prior to December 20th of the current season.

Girls tournament hosts will be awarded an age division rather than category when approving host locations. Following the regional placements, the tournament category will be assigned to the appropriate host.