



NWMHA
New Westminister Minor Hockey Association
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Dear Members:

At the recent AGM, an item was brought forward by membership regarding A2 teams – mainly, concern about a lack of communication to membership about the process used to determine if multiple “A” teams will run in a division.

This communication is meant to clarify the process for membership.

NWMHA policy clearly identifies and includes A2 teams in its program. Each year, **every division** is assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account variable factors that will ensure an overall strong program under the guiding policies and principles of the NWMHA.

Factors taken into account when considering multiple “A” teams include the following:

1. An adequate number of players registered in a division and trying out for “A” teams.
Each team consists of approximately 15 skaters. (E.g. If only twenty-two players try out for “A”, this number would not be deemed adequate to ice two “A” teams.) **Players who do not tryout or do not show up for all “A” tryouts are ineligible to play on either an A1 or an A2 team.**
2. The skill and game-play ability of the players trying out.
Players must be at a level where they will be competitive in the respective tiers, flights and divisions into which they are placed. Outside evaluators are consulted; however, the decision rests with the Division Manager, the Coach Coordinator and the President.
3. An adequate number of goaltenders.
We must have an adequate number of goalies for the entire division for both “A” and “C” teams. (E.g. If only one “A” level goalie tries out for “A”, it would not be deemed adequate for two “A” teams.)
4. An adequate number of coaches and assistant coaches available for all teams in each division.

The Team Selection Process and applicable NWMHA policies can be referenced here: <http://www.nwmha.ca/pdfs/policies.pdf>

We encourage all interested players to participate in the “A” tryouts.

Note: If your son/daughter is already registered for the season but has not committed to tryouts, contact the Registrar registrar@nwmha.ca ASAP to register and pay your non-refundable \$25 tryout fee. Players will not be allowed onto the ice for tryouts unless the tryout fee has been paid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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