



Rep Team Formation Policy

Definitions of 'A' and 'B' Teams within SAMHA:

- 'A' level Representative Team will play at the highest seeded Tiering level available to SAMHA. i.e.: Tier 2.
- 'B' level Representative Team will play at the next seeded Tiering level available to SAMHA. i.e.: Tier 3.
- This is not applicable to the Atom Development and Female Programs.

A 'B' Representative Team will be considered for the Pee Wee through Midget Divisions only if there are enough players registered in each division to allow for:

- A minimum of one recreation team
- One 'A' rep team
- One 'B' rep team

Based on registration numbers after the SAMHA final registration deadline of August 31st, the following criteria will be used to determine the viability of forming a 'B' Rep Team in the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions.

1. On August 31st, both the following numbers must be reached:
 - A minimum of 35 players in each Division have indicated tryouts and
 - A minimum 50 players have registered in the respective Division.

Meeting this criteria will allow for:

- A minimum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies per Rep team.
- A minimum of 15 players for one Recreation team.

The principles of a 'B' Rep Program are the same as the Atom Development Program. It is considered an intermediate step before the 'A' Rep Program with the main focus being the development of players and coaches.

2. Player selection:

There will be a minimum of 3 tryout sessions per Representative Team. SAMHA Board appointed Independent



Evaluators will evaluate all players and after the minimum tryout sessions will:

- Provide the selected 'A' Team Representative Coach with short list of 25 skaters and 3 goalies.
- Provide the 'B' Team Representative Coach with short list of 10 skaters and 2 goalies.
- All remaining skaters and goalies not included in the short lists will then be reassigned to the Recreation Division.
- From the short list provided to the 'A' Team Coach, he/she will then choose a minimum of 15 players and 2 goalies for the team. This selection process must be completed within the time frame specified.

After the 'A' Team Roster has been finalized, the remaining 7-10 skaters and 1 goalie that are not selected for the 'A' Team will be reassigned to the 'B' Team tryouts.

The 'B' Team tryouts will commence with a minimum of 3 tryout sessions. The 'B' Team Coach will select a minimum of 15 players plus two goalies from the remaining players. This selection process must also be completed within the time frame specified.

All players not selected for the final 'B' Team will be reassigned to the Recreation Division.

3. There must be a qualified 'B' Team Representative Coach in place prior to the first 'B' Team tryout.
4. SAMHA Board reserves the right to cancel any 'B' Rep teams if:
 - There is no qualified Head Coach in place
 - There is an insufficient amount of players wishing to tryout for the team when 'B' Team tryouts begin. There must be a minimum of 15 skaters plus two goalies.
5. If insufficient ice availability becomes an issue, 'B' Teams may have to practice in morning slots and/or travel to Sicamous.
6. In order to make our membership aware of this policy, SAMHA will make every endeavour to publicize this policy through the media and website.
7. Timeline for Tryouts:



- Tryouts for Representative Teams will begin in early September.
- Tryout practices and games will follow the same format for all teams in all Divisions. This format will be planned and designed by the SAMHA Coach Coordinator and his/her committee.

If ice availability permits, this will be the suggested timeline of tryout schedule: (example only)

Week 1:

- Tuesday-all players (skill focus).
- Wednesday-all players (game).
- Thursday-all players (skill focus).
- Saturday and Sunday- games.
- Sunday - Short list made by Evaluators.

Week 2:

- Wednesday - 'A' team practice.
- Thursday - 'A' team practice.
- Saturday and Sunday - exhibition games (2).

Week 3:

- Wednesday - 'A' team practice.
- Thursday- 'A' team practice.
- Saturday and Sunday – exhibition games (2).
- After Saturday & Sunday games 'A' team finalized and roster submitted to coach coordinator.
- Players not selected for 'A' team are reassigned to 'B' team tryouts.

Week 4:

- Tuesday – Qualified "B" Coach must be in place.
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday- practice.
- Saturday and Sunday- exhibition games (2).
- After Saturday and Sunday games 'B' team finalized and roster submitted to coach coordinator.
- Players not selected for 'B' team are reassigned to Recreation Division.