



## Atom Development and Rep Team Formation Policy

### 1. Definitions of 'A' and 'B' Teams within SAMHA:

- 'A' level Rep Teams will play at the highest seeded Tiering level available to SAMHA (i.e. Tier 2).
- 'B' level Rep Teams will play at the next seeded Tiering level available to SAMHA (i.e. Tier 3).
- This policy is not applicable to the Female Programs.

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.

A 'B' Rep 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

A second Atom Development team will be considered only if there are enough players registered to allow for:

- A minimum of one recreation team
- One Atom Development team

Based on registration numbers after the SAMHA final registration deadline of August 31<sup>st</sup>, consideration of the following criteria will determine the viability of forming a second Atom Development and a "B" Rep team in the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions:

- A minimum of one Recreation team in each Division
- Overall registration numbers
- Number of players trying out in each respective Division
- Coach availability
- Goalie availability
- Ice availability

### 2. Criteria for Rep Team formation will be as follows:

- Atom Development A, Pee Wee A, Bantam A, and Midget A
  - Minimum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies
- Atom Development B, Pee Wee B, Bantam B, and Midget B
  - Minimum of 13 skaters and 1 goalie



3. Player selection:

There will be a minimum of 3 tryout sessions per Rep Team. Independent Evaluators (appointed by SAMHA Board) will evaluate all players and after the minimum tryout sessions will:

- Provide the selected 'A' Team Rep Coach with short list of 25 skaters and 3 goalies.
- 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 skaters and goalies that are not selected for the 'A' Team will be reassigned to the 'B' Team tryouts.

Based on merit, the 'B' Team Coach will select a minimum of 13 players plus one goalie 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.

4. There must be a qualified 'B' Team Rep Coach in place prior to the first 'B' Team tryout.
5. SAMHA Board reserves the right to cancel any 'B' Rep teams if:
  - There is no qualified Head Coach in place
  - There are an insufficient number of players wishing to try out for the team when 'B' Team tryouts begin. If ice availability is an issue
6. If ice availability becomes an issue, 'B' Teams may have to practice in morning slots and/or travel to neighboring arenas.



## 7. Suggested Timeline for Tryouts:

- Tryouts for Rep Teams will begin in early September.

*If ice availability permits, below is an example of the suggested timeline for tryouts. All evaluations will be done in accordance to Hockey Canada Minor Hockey Development Guide - Player Evaluation and Selection.*

### Week 1:

- Tuesday-all players.
- Wednesday-all players.
- Thursday-all players.
- Saturday and Sunday- all players.
- 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.