



PELHAM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



LOCAL LEAGUE TEAM ALLOCATION

1. Roles and Responsibilities

Prior to the start of the season, all players will be eligible to participate in two Evaluation Skates to assist with the team allocation process for the upcoming PMHA Local League season and the team entries into the NDLL. If a player is unavailable to attend one or both skates, it is up to the Team Selection Committee/Personnel assigned with the task to assess the player skill level based on past experience.

It is the responsibility of the Vice President of Local League Hockey to:

- Work with the executive to arrange for ice time
- Post communications of the events to the Association website.
- Work with Convenors to attain resources
- Ensure that all divisions are carrying out the policy in the same manner.

It is the responsibility of the **Division Convenors** to:

- Coordinate Registration of respective divisions
- Arrange for jerseys to be available for players and to be returned once evaluations are complete
- Ensure on ice instructors are available to run drills that allow evaluations to be completed
- Ensure volunteers are available to perform evaluations of players
- Consolidate all players evaluations into a single rating based on the average of all evaluations
- Coordinate and Facilitate team selection meeting
- Destroy all player evaluation once team selection is complete.

2. Player Ratings

In an effort to properly distribute the talent level amongst all the Local League teams, players will be evaluated in 5 categories. The rankings will be from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest and 1 the lowest. The basis for the evaluation should take into account the respective group being evaluated. For example a 5 would represent a Local League player that has the applicable skill set to play rep level hockey but has chosen to play down.

Local League players will be rated, based on the following categories:

- Skating
- Puck Control
- Shooting
- Passing
- Hockey Sense

Ratings of players is to be kept completely confidential and only used for the purpose of team selection. All documentation is to be gathered by the Convenor and destroyed once completed.

3. Team Allocation

Once all players have skated for their evaluation skates, a meeting of the Selection Committee will be arranged by the VP of Local League. The Committee will consist of:

- VP, Local League
- Convenor
- One other Board Member (i.e. VP or additional Convenor)
- Head Coach of each team

Each Head Coach will be allowed to identify one bench staff member that will be reserved as part of their staff.

The following steps will dictate the Team Allocation process:

1. Convenor will provide each committee member the list of all players and their defined ranking.
2. The children of each Head Coach and their Bench Staff will be split into separate teams. If a coach or bench staff person does not have any children in the Association, they will be allowed one free selection of players available.
3. Based on mutual agreement, the teams will be “level loaded” based on the amount of players and ranking of each player related to the bench staff. The players identified item #2 will be removed from the allocation process and assigned to a Head Coach.
4. The remaining players will be identified and split equitably between the number of required teams.
5. The Convenor has final say when a disagreement arises between committee members.
6. Once all teams have been picked, each team will each be assigned a number. The numbers will be placed in a box and the oldest coach will pick out a number at random. The team number they pick is the team that they will Coach for the season.

4. Exhibition Games

Once the teams have been selected, each team will be given the opportunity to play two exhibition games against the other Pelham teams, prior to the start of the NDLL regular season. If any coach feels that the selection process has given them an unfair disadvantage, they are required to communicate their concerns to their Convenor for consideration of adjustments to the team.

Any change to a team’s roster must be approved by the division Convenor.