

NEW A/B Team Seeding Process for 2017-18 EYBA Season

SEEDING OVERVIEW

EYBA will be seeding “A” and “B” division teams (Bantam and Midget only) differently for the 2017-18 Season. This year, a Pre-Season Tournament/Jamboree will be held (Sept 15 & 16, 2017) to seed teams into “A” & “B” divisions before the season begins.

THE PROCESS & HOW IT ALL WORKS

STAGE 1: TEAM TRYOUTS & DECLARATIONS - SEPT 10

- Zones conduct their “A” tryouts/evaluations and make “A” teams.
- Zones could create “B” teams at the same time based on talent level of their “A” Evaluations and final cuts etc.
- “B” teams will now play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays instead of Saturdays.
- Zones must declare their “A” & “B” teams (in Bantam and Midget categories only) to participate in the EYBA Tournament/Jamboree so they can be seeded.
- We are also including the option for stronger “C” teams to enter the tournament (at the Zone’s discretion) if they want to see how they stack up.
- **Declaration Deadline:** Tournament teams must be declared to EYBA by Sept 10, 2017.
- **PLEASE NOTE: All zones are encouraged to declare at least one “A” and/or “B” team for the seeding tournament. If zones CHOOSE NOT TO participate and do not declare an “A” and/or “B” team for this tournament, their teams cannot be seeded any higher than “C” Division for the Season.**

STAGE 2: SEEDING TOURNAMENT - SEPT 15 & 16

- All declared “A” and “B” teams participate in the Seeding Tournament on Sept 15&16.
- Friday/Saturday format with shortened games of 20 minutes (2 x10-minute halves).
- All teams would play one 20-minute game vs. one another.
- Results of these shortened games will determine who plays in “A” and who plays in “B” for the regular season.
- Stronger “B” teams that do well in tournament would be seeded up to play in “A” Division.
- Weakest “A” teams would be seeded down to play in “B” Division.
- Divisions of at least 6 teams and at most 8 will be created based on tournament results.
- **Seeding Tournament/Jamboree: Sept 15 & 16, 2017 @ Saville Centre.**

STAGE 3: SEASON IMPLEMENTATION - OCTOBER & ONGOING

- Based on the tournament results, “A” and “B” teams would then begin the regular season:
 - Boys (Bantam and Midget “A” & “B” teams) would play on Tuesdays
 - Girls (Bantam and Midget “A” & “B” teams) would play Wednesdays
 - Mix night Thursday: To accommodate the increased # of games with the addition of “B” to weekdays, both boys and girls teams would play games on the odd Thursday night in addition to their regular Tuesday or Wednesday game.
 - Gym availability and access: To accommodate the increased # of games and offset the lack of gym availability EYBA will need assistance from each zone:
 - Each major Zone (SW, NW, SE, NE, SBA & St Albert) will be asked to contribute 1 practice gym slot (ideally a 3hr slot) once per month (dependent on gym availability) on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
 - EYBA suggests Zones consider doubling up some of their teams for practices on occasion to accommodate for this and lessen the impact of giving up these practice slots.
 - EYBA would look to compensate the zone by giving them a comparable weekend practice time slot– at another gym (Saville or possibly a City of Edmonton Facility).

STAGE 4: MID-SEASON RE-SEEDING - DECEMBER

- Before the Christmas break, teams in both “A” and “B” divisions will be assessed again to determine if any re-seeding of teams is required.
- Bottom teams in “A” could move down to “B” and Top teams in “B” could move up to “A”. Multiple top and bottom teams in each division could be moved.
- Bottom teams in “B” Division stay in “B” and **WILL NOT** be moved into “C”.