



SPS FUZION Female Hockey Club

Policy Respecting Releasing Players Where Numbers Do Not Permit All Registrants to be Placed on Teams
If during the registration and evaluation process, the number of registrants in a particular category do not permit all players to be placed on teams, decisions respecting the release of one or more players will be made under the following guidelines. The Level Director will communicate to all Fuzion registered players as soon as practical in the evaluation process if SPS Fuzion anticipates having to release players at any level. Please keep in mind that at the Bantam and Midget levels we must wait for AAA and Elite tryouts. For players seeking second tryouts at the Elite level, please be aware that Fuzion will not hold up the formation of teams for players to come back from second tryouts.

1. The Level Director shall work to structure as many viable teams as the number of registrants will permit. As an illustration, if there are 30 registrants, rather than selecting a team of 19 players and then not having sufficient players for a second team, priority would be given to making two viable teams; however, teams will not be set with insufficient players to be viable teams. It is recognized that, the number of players required to form a viable team will increase as the age of the players increases and notwithstanding that Hockey Alberta rules permit teams to be formed with as few as 12 players and as many as 19 players, a 12 player team will not be viable in all circumstances. Best efforts will be given to having a minimum of 15 players plus a goalie for all teams.
2. In the event that teams structured in accordance with the principals in 1. preceding result in players that will not fit on teams, the Level Director, in consultation with the Executive of SPS Fuzion, will also look at player movement, if appropriate, within levels in order to allow as many players as we can to play. For example, if there is room in PeeWee and Atom is full, that may present options for some experienced and willing players to move from Atom to PeeWee. No movement between levels will be permitted without the approval of the SPS Fuzion Executive and Hockey Alberta.
3. If, notwithstanding the efforts of the Level Director to keep as many players as possible within the SPS Fuzion program, there are players who must be released, the Level Director will contact the players in the category to determine whether any of the players are willing to volunteer to be released.
4. If after processing voluntary releases, there are still too many players, then priority for placement on teams will be given to players living in SPS Fuzion's boundaries (SMHA and SPMHA boundaries) such that players from outside of SPS Fuzion's boundaries will be released before players from within the boundaries. If there are more players from outside of the boundaries than need to be released, then players will be released based on number of combined years playing with any combination of Fuzion, SPMHA and SMHA, such that the player with the least number of prior years' registration would be the first to be released.

5. If there are still players to be released once all players from outside of SPS Fuzion's boundaries have been released, then the next priority for placement on teams will be given to players who played with SPS Fuzion in the prior year. For certainty, returning players will include players who played with the Sherwood Park Kings Club in the prior year.

6. If there are still players to be released after applying the priority set out in 5., then the next priority for placement on teams will be given to players who registered with SPS Fuzion on or before August 1, of the hockey season, in recognition of the fact that SPS Fuzion must submit its proposed teams to Hockey Edmonton in August and will do so in reliance on the players who have registered prior to that time. For players trying out for Elite, the expectation is that they would also register with SPS Fuzion to cover the possibility of not making the final roster of the Elite team. Players trying out for Elite teams without registering with SPS Fuzion prior to August 1 would risk being released if there are too many players.

7. If after releasing players as per 6. above, the numbers require that further players be released, priority will be given to players on the basis of number of years of registration with either of, or a combination of both of, SMHA and SPMHA.

8. If after taking into account the relative number of years players have been registered with SMHA and/or SPMHA as set out in 7. above, the numbers still require that players be released, priority will be given based on the date of registration.

9. If after considering all factors above, the numbers still require that players be released, the Level Director will do a random drawing of names and the names drawn will be released.