

Mississauga Ringette Association

Team Formation and Level of Play

Policy:

Revised October 2016



Purpose

- Develop a policy which provides the MRA with:
 - Well defined criteria that all coaches, players & parents can follow, understand & support
 - Basic information to facilitate an open and fair process in the selection of all teams
 - Provide opportunities for qualified players to play at the AA/A level
 - Provide opportunities for interested players to play at the Regional level
 - Ensure the future growth of Ringette is taken into consideration



Policy in a Nut Shell

- If level of play (AA, A, etc.) at the players age (U12, U14, etc.) is available in the MRA, the player is expected to participate at that level.
- MRA does not support playing out of age anywhere when teams are available.



Policy Fundamental Pillars

- Players play at their birth age level (U12, etc.)
- Primary focus of Provincial Teams
 - AA = Exceptional Skill Elite Team
 - A = Team Formation
- Primary focus of Regional Teams
 - Every player has a place to play
- Level of play is different than age (as per ORA)
 - AA
 - A (includes U12P)
 - B and C (Regional)
 - Recreational
 - House League



Policy Fundamental Pillars

- Sport Canada's Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD) will dictate team formation up to, but stop at, U12 (similar to soccer stopping at U12)
- Multiple Regional Teams above at U12 and below.
 - Based on "Every girl has a place to play".....
 - Primary goal is balanced skill teams (LTAD concept)
 - Southern Region does not have minor/major division distinction
 - Southern tournament levels rarely have a distinction
 - Opportunity to continue developing all girls (LTAD)
 - Prevents creation of "haves" and "have not's" within MRA Regional play
 - Will require player grading and selection process
 - Exception is when Regional Association has minor/major separation
- Multiple A-Level Provincial Teams at the same age
 - The preference is to align players vertically meaning the strongest play on one team (vs. distributing the talent equally)
 - This supports the MRA goal to develop elite level players and teams from A-level for future AA-level play



Policy Scope

- MRA supports players trying out for age-appropriate Provincial teams in other associations simultaneously to those in the MRA and will sign try-out release forms (but not player releases)
- MRA Policy will apply to out of Association players wanting to play with MRA
 - Will have to screen birth year at tryout skates
- Policy will also apply to Spring Ringette
 - Players are encouraged to play in their age group for the upcoming season
- **Please Note:** MRA currently have quotas for local vs. non-MRA players on A/AA teams (see following pages); however, all coaches are encouraged to select/develop local players wherever possible



Provincial Team Roster Size Policy

- The primary goal of this policy is to ensure that the MRA Provincial teams listed below carry a minimum/maximum roster of skaters in order to provide the opportunity for the team to compete at their declared level while allowing for proper player development.
- The mandated roster sizes are as follows:
 - U12 - minimum 11 and maximum 13 (excludes goalies)
 - U14 - minimum 12 and maximum 14 (excludes goalies)
 - U16 - minimum 12 and maximum 15 (excludes goalies)
 - U19 - minimum 12 and maximum 15 (excludes goalies)
- Any variance from this policy must be approved by the MRA Executive. All potential rosters must be approved by the MRA Executive prior to players being offered roster spots, including any roster changes (i.e. player additions and double contracts) that occur after the original roster has been approved. This policy does not apply to MRA Open teams.



Out Of Town Player Provincial Team Policy

- For the purpose of this policy an "Out Of Town" player is defined as any player whose Home Association is not MRA, with the exception of any player from Southern Region who's association is NOT hosting a provincial team in the upcoming season.
- The goals of this policy are to provide the opportunity to develop MRA players while also furthering the development of the sport in Southern Region, while assisting MRA in maintaining residency numbers as required by the City of Mississauga.
- Players wishing to tryout for an MRA team must have and present a signed tryout release before they can take part in any tryout.
- No underage out of town player can displace an MRA player from any roster.
- Any variance from this policy must be approved by the MRA Executive. All potential rosters must be approved by the MRA Executive prior to players being offered roster spots.



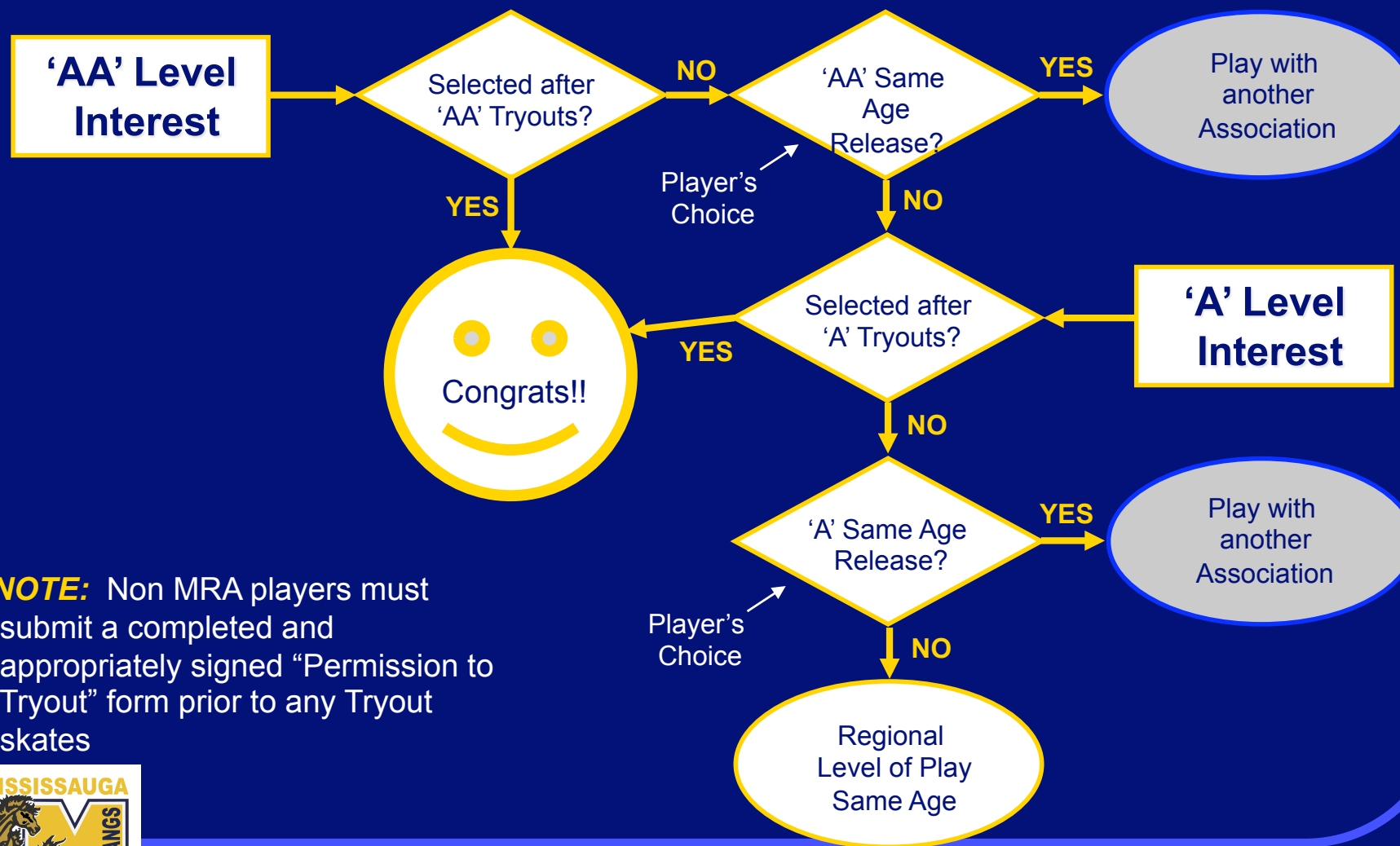
Declared Roster Sizes and Out of Town Player Allowances *(goalies exempt)*

- **U12PP/14A**
 - 12 Skaters-1 out of town player allowed.
 - 13 skaters-1 out of town player allowed
 - Out of town players can only be considered if they are evaluated in the top ½ of the players to be named to the MRA U12PP team.
- **U14AA**
 - 12 skaters - 1 out of town player allowed.
 - 13 skaters - 1 out of town player allowed.
 - 14 skaters - 2 out of town players allowed.
 - Out of town players can only be considered if they are evaluated in the top 1/2 of the players to be named to the MRA U14AA team.
- **U16A/AA**
 - 12 skaters - 2 out of town player allowed.
 - 13 skaters - 3 out of town players allowed.
 - 14 skaters - 3 out of town players allowed.
 - 15 skaters - 4 out of town players allowed.
 - Out of town players can only be considered if they are evaluated in the top 2/3 of the players to be named to the MRA U16 team for which the player is being evaluated for.
- **U19 A/AA**
 - 12 skaters - 3 out of town players allowed.
 - 13 skaters - 4 out of town players allowed.
 - 14 skaters - 5 out of town players allowed.
 - 15 skaters - 6 out of town players allowed.
 - Out of town players can only be considered if they are evaluated in the top 2/3 of the players to be named to the MRA U19 team for which the player is being evaluated for.



Provincial Teams:

Elite Formation

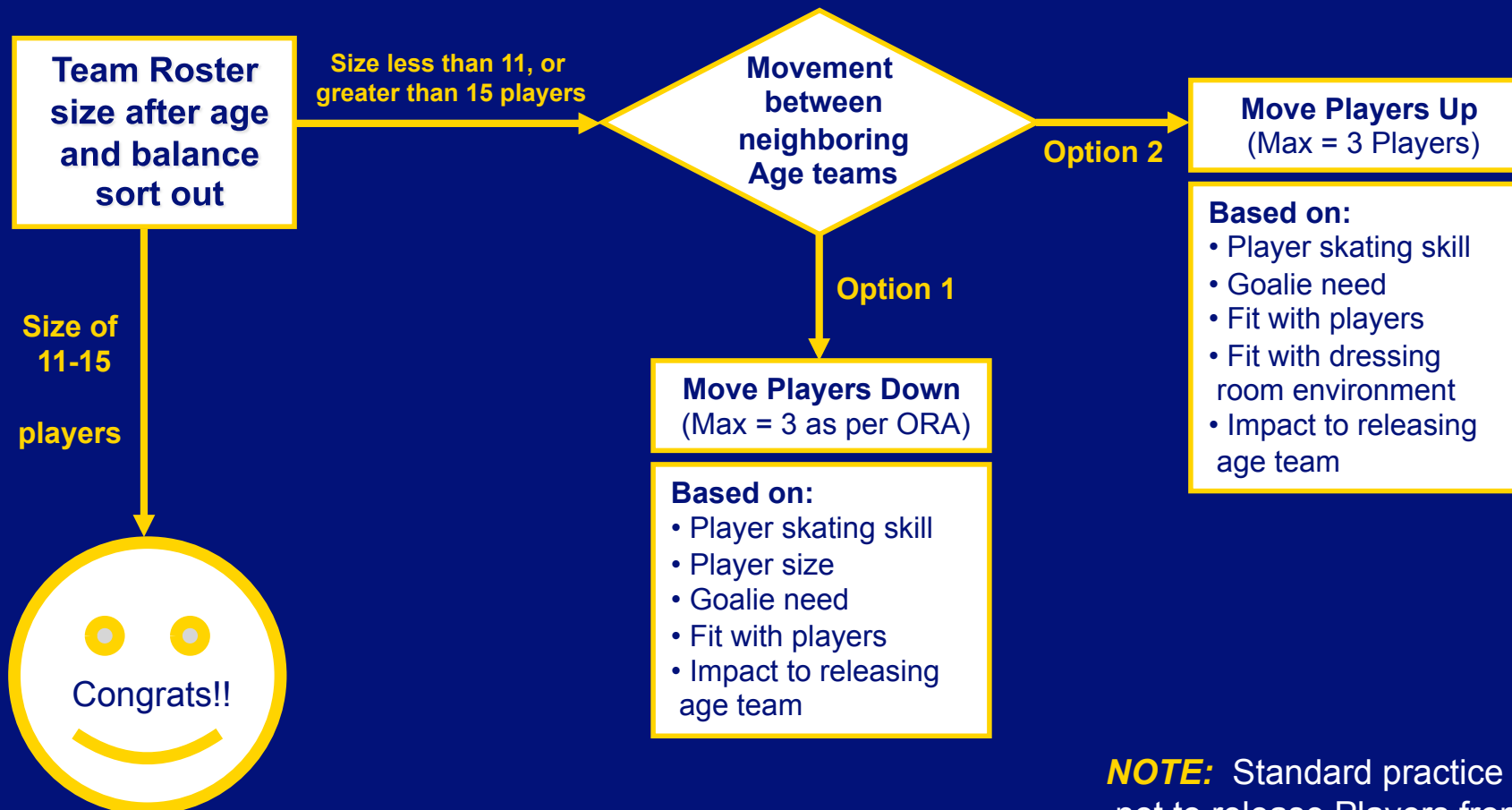


NOTE: Non MRA players must submit a completed and appropriately signed "Permission to Tryout" form prior to any Tryout skates



Regional Teams:

Every Player has a place to play



NOTE: Standard practice is not to release Players from MRA at the Regional level



Exception Request Process

- Process created to allow any player, parent or coach to request an exception
- The Exception Request Form must be completed and submitted prior to the specified dates each year
- An Exception Committee will review each request and provide a decision rationale with every approval or denial
- Any approved exceptions are only valid for one (1) playing season



Exception Committee

- Consists of 3 MRA Exec + 2 volunteers (i.e. parents, coaches)
 - Chair = President (Unless Conflicted, then it should be one of the other MRA Executive Members other than VP Competition)
 - Two other Executive members are:
 - VP Competition
 - Alternate VP Operations, VP Administration or Executive Treasurer.
 - All are experienced and familiar with ORA guidelines and non conflicted.
 - Two non-Executive volunteers (selected by the Chair)
- All 5 members must not have any conflicts with any party involved with the exception request
- Committee will deliver all decisions at the next available MRA Executive meeting to be noted in the minutes
- Any exceptions granted will apply for one (1) playing season only

