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1.0 OVERVIEW

This document will give guidance for the U11 division and how it will operate throughout the season.

The U11 division's primary focus is to continue to promote a fun approach to hockey through focusing on the development of skills and fostering a lifelong passion for the sport. The program is based on a curriculum that incorporates all the appropriate skills for the age level. The division is made up of 9 and 10 year olds.

2.0 POLICY

2.1 At the U11 division, AMHA offers both a competitive stream and a city stream.

2.1.1 U11 Competitive teams will play in the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL).

2.1.2 U11 City teams will play in the Rockies Hockey League (RHL).

2.2 Teams will be coached by volunteer/parent coaches.

2.3 Practices are shared with another team and are 60 minutes in length, except for the HADP (Hockey Alberta Development Program) they will be given a 60 minute sole ice practice.

2.4 Games are played on full ice.

2.5 5 min warm up to start the game.

2.6 Games are 90 minutes stop time with no ice cleans for both CAHL and RHL.

2.7 In the event a game runs long, the referees may drop the clock at 5 minutes remaining down to 2 minutes.

2.8 Goaltenders – full gear required, not supplied by AMHA.

- 2.9 When goalies are not in net for a game, they can play out at the discretion of their coach, league and association. In order to play out the goalie would also have to have full player equipment.
- 2.10 5 on 5 hockey, players should rotate through both forward and defence.
- 2.11 Scoring and penalties are recorded.
- 2.12 Officials are used for games.
- 2.13 Affiliations are allowed but must be in place before use. Refer to the Affiliation Policy 8.11 for more details.

3.0 COMPETITIVE

- 3.1 During evaluations the U11 players that choose to try out for the competitive U11 stream will be ranked and based on numbers placed on the HADP or tiered teams. Depending on the number of registrations every season AMHA will determine how many tiered teams they will enter into CAHL (Central Alberta Hockey League). CAHL will then complete a tiering round to determine where each of our teams fall, anywhere from Tier 1 to Tier 6 generally.
- 3.2 Those players that ranked lower than the number of players needed to complete the competitive teams will be released to the U11 RHL (Rockies Hockey League).
- 3.3 In the Competitive stream players will be expected to travel outside of Airdrie to games.
- 3.4 Competitive/CAHL teams can compete in tournaments outside of Airdrie.
- 3.5 For more information, game format, specific rules and regulations of the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) please refer to their website: <http://cahlhockey.net/> or <https://cahlhockey.ca/> for the HADP team.

4.0 CITY

- 4.1 During evaluations in October the U11 players that were released from the competitive stream and/or the players that choose to try out for the City U11 stream will be ranked and placed on parity teams.
- 4.2 Depending on the number of registrations every season will determine how many teams AMHA will create. The total teams will be divided into 2 groups –RHL Mountain (Blue) and RHL Rockie (Red).
- 4.3 The RHL U11 City teams will travel from Airdrie to Banff, Canmore, Chestermere, Cochrane, Foothills, Indus and Okotoks to compete.
- 4.4 City teams can participate in tournaments outside of Airdrie.

4.5 For more information, game format, specific rules and regulations of the Rockies Hockey League (RHL) please refer to their website: <http://rockieshockeyleague.com/index.php>