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1.0 OVERVIEW

This document will give guidance for the U18 division and how it will operate throughout the season.

The U18 division's 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 division is made up of ages 15, 16 and 17 year old's.

2.0 POLICY

At the U18 division, AMHA offers AAA, AA, Competitive and a City stream.

- AAA U18 team will play in the Alberta Elite League (AEHL).
- AA team will play in the South-Central Alberta Hockey League (SCAHL).
- Competitive teams will play in the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL).
- City teams will play in the Rockies Hockey League (RHL).

2.1 AAA U18 Team – AEHL (CFR Chemical Bisons)

2.1.1 Team will be coached by a paid non-parent coach.

2.1.2 Practices are mainly sole ice practices, with the possibility of some shared practices for development and are 1 hour 30 minutes in length, up to 4 per week held during the day as the majority of players attend Global Sports Academy for school unless they can make academic arrangements elsewhere to allow them to still attend all practices during the day.

2.1.3 Games are played on full ice.

2.1.4 Games are 2 hours 30 minutes stop time with two ice cleans.

2.1.5 No drop clock

2.1.6 Players choosing to try out for AAA will be evaluated and chosen by the coaching staff. Once released they will move to the AA, Competitive and/or RHL/City Evaluations.

2.1.7 For more information, game format, specific rules and regulations of the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL) please refer to their website: [AEHL](#)

2.2 AA Team(s) – SCAHL

2.2.1 Team will be coached by a paid non-parent coach if possible.

2.2.2 Practices are mainly sole ice practices, with the possibility of some shared practices for development and are 1 hour in length, up to 3 per week.

2.2.3 Games are played on full ice.

2.2.4 Games are 2 hours 30 minutes stop time with two ice cleans.

2.2.5 No drop clock

2.2.6 Players choosing to try out for AA will be evaluated and chosen by the coaching staff. Once released they will move to the Competitive and/or City Evaluations.

2.2.7 For more information, game format, specific rules and regulations of the South Central Alberta Hockey League (SCAHL) please refer to their website: [SCAHL](#)

2.3 COMPETITIVE TEAMS – CAHL

2.3.1 Teams will be coached by volunteer/parent coaches.

2.3.2 Practices are mainly sole ice practices, with the possibility of some shared practices for development and are 1 hour in length, up to 2 per week.

2.3.3 Games are played on full ice.

2.3.4 Games are 2 hours 15 mins stop time with two ice cleans.

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

2.3.6 During evaluations the U18 players that choose to try out for the competitive U18 stream will be ranked and placed on tiered teams. Depending on the number of registrations every season will determine how many teams AMHA enters into CAHL.

2.3.7 CAHL will then complete a tiering round to determine where each of our teams fall, anywhere from T1 to T6 generally.

- 2.3.8 Those players that ranked lower than the number of players needed to complete the teams will be released to the U18 RHL/City league evaluations.
- 2.3.9 In the Competitive stream players will be expected to travel outside of Airdrie to games.
- 2.3.10 Competitive/CAHL teams can compete in tournaments outside of Airdrie.
- 2.3.11 For more information, game format, specific rules and regulations of the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) please refer to their website: [CAHL](#)

2.4 CITY TEAMS – RHL

- 2.4.1 Teams will be coached by volunteer/parent coaches.
- 2.4.2 Practices are shared ice max practices with another team and are 90 minutes in length. (30mins - 1st team, 30mins - both teams, 30mins - 2nd team) 1 practice every week.
- 2.4.3 Games are played on full ice.
- 2.4.4 Games are 120 minutes stop time with no ice cleans.
- 2.4.5 In the event a game runs long, the referees may drop the clock at 5 minutes remaining down to 2 minutes.
- 2.4.6 During evaluations the U18 players that were released from the Competitive stream or the players that choose to try out for the RHL/City U18 stream will be ranked and placed on parity teams.
- 2.4.7 RHL teams are considered non-contact.
- 2.4.8 Depending on the number of registrations every season will determine how many teams AMHA will create. The total teams will be divided into 2 or 3 groups: Mountain, Rockie Mountain, and Rockie (Blue/Purple/Red).
- 2.4.9 The RHL/City Teams will travel from Airdrie to Banff, Canmore, Chestermere, Cochrane, Foothills, Indus and Okotoks to compete.
- 2.4.10 RHL teams can participate in tournaments outside of Airdrie.
- 2.4.11 For more information, game format, specific rules and regulations of the Rockies Hockey League (RHL) please refer to their website: [RHL](#)

3.0 U18 RULES

Rules follow the Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta Rules for U18 hockey and specific rules associated with the individual leagues – AEHL, SCAHL, CAHL and RHL.