



BVRA Team Formation Policy

PLEASE NOTE: Policy subject to change at discretion of BVRA board

1. BVRA will hold evaluations at the U10 level and at the B levels, if needed. Teams will be formed based on evaluations taking into account skill levels.
2. BVRA will determine each year based on skill and registration numbers, how many teams will be formed and at what caliber.
3. At U10, the WRL Matrix system defines where teams are placed for the first half in the WRL league.
4. Decision to form an 'A' team at the U10 level will be determined during team formations after evaluations are complete.
5. Friend requests (maximum one) will be taken at U10 and B level only. Request must be mutual. Players of coaches who apply to coach together cannot also make a friend request. No requests or changes allowed. *Excluding A teams*
6. BVRA will hold tryouts at the U12-U19A level. If more than one B team, there may be B evaluations conducted, to aid in team formation. In the absence of the option for B evaluations, teams will be formed using Coaches evaluations from the previous season as well as the athlete's individual friend requests.
7. The number of players on a team will be to the discretion of the BVRA board, however, must follow the minimum and maximum outline for each level when possible.
8. As a whole, BVRA will have between a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 16 players plus goalies on any "A" level team.
9. B Teams will be formed by equally dividing teams by skill and players. Roster maximum is 18. **Team numbers are subject to registration numbers. This is a guideline.
 - a. U10- min 10 - max 15
 - b. U12 A – min 12 - max 16
 - c. U14 A- min 12 - max 16
 - d. U16 A – min 12 - max 16
 - e. U19 A- min 12 - max 16

- f. U12 B- min 10- max 15
 - g. U14 B- min 10- max 15
 - h. U16 B- min 10- max 18
 - i. U19 B-min 10- max 18
10. Number of “A” level teams will be determined based on the number of players and skill level of the players trying out for that level. The recommended number of ‘A’ teams for each level is as follows:
- a. U12-1
 - b. U14-1
 - a. U16-1
 - b. U19-1

These numbers are based on a recommendation and can be changed if the Board sees fit

11. Coaches for the “A” level teams:
- a. Process for choosing coaches will include an application and an interview to be done with the Coaching selection committee.
 - b. The candidates who have submitted applications to coach are encouraged to attend the tryouts.
12. Coaches for U10 and “B” level teams will be notified after the evaluations and team formations have taken place.
13. Team formation at the A level will follow a draft format in the following process (when there is more than 1 A level team U12 and up):
- a. Each coach will be allowed to protect 2 players of their choosing before the draft.
 - b. In the event that coaches from both teams want to protect the same player, a coin will be tossed and the winner will get to choose their player first.
 - c. In the event that coaches from both teams want to protect the same 2 players, a coin will be tossed and the winner will get to take 1 of their 2
 - d. picks, and the other player will go to the loser of the coin toss.
 - e. Player will then all be placed into a pool, and coaches will alternate drafting players for their team.
 - f. In the event that the coach wants to select a player lower than the minimum standard for an A team (below 25%), specific rationale must be presented and will ultimately be approved or dismissed by the Director of Player Development and the BVRA President.
 - g. All players that scored above 75% are eligible to be chosen for an A team.

14. Goaltenders

- a. Goaltenders will be ranked based upon their scores and included in the draft process.
- b. If there are two (2) A teams formed the coaches may pick which goaltender out of the top 2 they want on their team.
- c. If both coaches want the same goaltender and they cannot agree, a coin will be flipped.
- d. If numbers allow, coaches may have the opportunity to select two (2) goaltenders for their respective team(s), in which case the next highest goaltender would be available or if the coach wants to select a lower scored goaltender, sufficient rationale must be presented to the Director of Player Development, at which the request may be approved or dismissed.

15. When there is only 1 A team U12 and up, team being formed for an age group, the coaches selected for that team will have the ability to choose the players and goalie they would like on their team with the following considerations.

- a. In the event that the coach wants to select a player lower than the minimum standard for an A team (below 25%), specific rationale must be presented and will ultimately be approved or dismissed by the Director of Player Development and the BVRA President.
- b. All players that scored above 75% are eligible to be chosen for an A team
- c. The top five ranking players will be placed on the A team and the coach will be allowed to select the remainder of the team.
- d. In the event that the coach wants to select a goaltender who did not rank in the first position following A team tryouts, sufficient rationale must be presented to the Director of Player Development, at which the request may be approved or dismissed.
- e. If numbers allow, coaches may have the opportunity to select two (2) goaltenders for their respective team(s), in which case the next highest goaltender would be available or if the coach wants to select a lower scored goaltender, sufficient rationale must be presented to the Director of Player Development, at which the request may be approved or dismissed.

16. Team Formation at `B` will be completed after the evaluations. Teams will be equally balanced and formed based on registration numbers.

17. Evaluation protocol will evaluate all players on general skills involved in ringette.

- a. Players will provide their position at the time of registration and will not be allowed to change after the registration has been accepted.
- b. Players positions will help to form teams, however will not dictate if they are placed on the "A" team.

- c. Ratios for players-evaluators should be between 5-8 players per evaluator, or 6 evaluators to a session, whichever provides the best feedback.
 - d. BVRA will not disclose the evaluation scores but will give out comments if requested by a parent.
18. The only people allowed in the team formation meetings will be the BVRA President (or VP/designate), Director of Player Development, BVRA Board Member without Conflict, the age convenor for the respective age level, and the coach(es) selected for that particular team, unless there is a conflict of interest.
19. When forming teams at both the A and B levels, coaches (A level) and the Director of Player Development (B level) will be able to use the Player Information sheet filled out by a player's coach from the previous season, should they choose to do so.

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