



NON-BODY CHECKING EFHL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation One – Revise the current U15 and U18 Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grids for EFHL Associations as follows.

The proposed revision would see Body Checking and Non-Body Checking treated as separate “streams” of hockey, each with A, B & C categories offered (Tiers 1, 2 & 3). The proposed revision would also see associations follow two steps/grids to determine the number of teams they are required to have for both streams.

1. U15/U18 BC/NBC Team Category Grid is based on the number of teams an association has at a particular division (U15 or U18). Based on the number of teams, the grid would indicate the number of teams an association must put in the Body Checking Stream and the Non-Body Checking Stream. This grid is also altered to not follow a simple 50/50 split, but with the option of swinging a team if there is an odd number.

U15/U18 BC/NBC Team Category Grid			
# of Teams	BC		NBC
1	1 (option)		
2	1		1
3	1	1 (option)	1
4	1	2 (option)	1
5	2	1 (option)	2
6	2	2 (option)	2
7	3	1 (option)	3
8	3	2 (option)	3
9	4	1 (option)	4
10	4	2 (option)	4
11	5	1 (option)	5
12	5	2 (option)	5
13	6	1 (option)	6



EFHL U15-U18 Supplementary Tiering Grid

14	6	2 (option)	6
15	7	1 (option)	7
16	7	2 (option)	7
17	8	1 (option)	8
18	8	2 (option)	8

To note: The above grid indicates the maximum number of teams an association can put in Body Checking. Associations may be granted the flexibility to “re-categorize” teams required to be “Non-Body Checking” as Body Checking with a request made to EFHL U15-U18 Operations Committee for reasons for approval. If approval is obtained from the EFHL U15-U18 Operations Committee, the association must follow the below Tiering Grid for placement of teams.

- U15/U18 BC and NBC Tiering Grid is based off the number of teams Grid One requires teams to have in each stream. It is set up like the Standardized Tiering Grid to provide Associations with the initial tiering place with each respective stream and to ensure competitiveness between large and small associations.

U15/U18 BC and NBC Tiering Grid			
Total Teams	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
1	1 (option)		
2	1 (option)	1	
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	1
		1 (option)	
5	1	1	2
	1 (option)		
6	2	2	2
7	2	2	2
		1 (option)	
8	2	3	3
	1 (option)		



EFHL U15-U18 Supplementary Tiering Grid

9	3	3	3
10	3	3	4
		1 (option)	

Note 1: Where the grid shows “option”, the association can determine which category/tier within that stream they want to place their team in. Within each stream, associations can start teams in a higher category/tier than indicated. Teams in the Non-Body Checking Stream cannot be moved to the Body Checking Stream unless approved by the Operations Committee following the initial tiering round, no movement from NBC to Body Checking can occur after the November Tiering Meeting. However, teams in the Body Checking stream that are deemed uncompetitive may be moved into the Non-Body Checking stream, no movement can occur following the November tiering meeting.

Note 2: Associations are permitted to deviate from the above grid if their competitive level cannot support teams at the required tiers. Such teams will be subject to EFHL tiering policy and associations may be forced to move teams to a higher tier or adjust the rosters on teams following the initial EFHL tiering round.