



## HOUSE TEAM SELECTION

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This policy establishes the criteria and process for the formation of house league teams within the SGHA.

### GENERAL

The SGHA encourages participation in hockey and wishes to accommodate as many players as possible. The number of house league teams in each division will be determined based on registration with the ideal team size being 15 skaters plus one or two goalies.

Players are expected to play within their age level.

### SELECTION OF TEAMS

- Players of all abilities play together on teams within designated age divisions.
- To the best of our ability, the SGHA balances teams based on evaluations of returning players according to the previous season's evaluation, evaluations during the sort out process (where applicable), and ages.
- Attendance at the sort out process is mandatory. Any player not able to attend sort outs must inform the Evaluation Committee a minimum of seven days prior to the start of sort outs to ensure placement on a team.
- A player's assigned team at sort outs is not an indication of the team to which they will be assigned for the season.

### BALANCING OF TEAMS

The balancing process is exceptionally challenging for many reasons including but not limited to:

1. The uneven progression in skill level, especially for younger players.
2. The wide range of abilities of various players in the goaltending position;
3. The participation in additional skill level programs by some house league players.
4. Chemistry – Team chemistry can develop and has a significant impact on team performance.

As a result, the SGHA may reassign players within a division in order to make all teams in the division balanced.

The SGHA is aware that it can be difficult for a player to move to another team, and will do their best to keep movements to a minimum. No player reassignment will occur after October 31.

Siblings within the same age division will be placed on the same team.

Co-operation and support from players, parents and coaches are nevertheless both necessary and appreciated.



## GOALIES

- All players at the U9 level are required to rotate through all positions, including goalie.
- Goalie rotation is mandatory in U9 and encouraged for U11 teams.
- At the U13 level and higher, teams may have a designated goalie on a team when available.
- For teams without a designated goalie, goalie rotation and affiliation are encouraged and required for the team to play.

## FRIEND AND COACH REQUESTS

We do not accept special requests for coaches.

When we have more than one house team, we offer players the opportunity to request ONE friend with whom they would like to play with the following conditions:

- Friend requests are NOT guaranteed
- They are reciprocal (both friends request the same person i.e. Ann requests Jane and Jane requests Ann)
- There is only one friend requested by the player on the form. If more than one friend's name has been added to the form, then only the last name listed will be used and then condition number 1 must also be met.
- If a friend request puts a team at an unfair advantage or disadvantage, then that friend request may not be met
- Friend requests must be submitted by August 31st at midnight.

The Friend Request option is available during registration.

Fair play through team balance is our end goal.

Please note – transportation and friendships are not extraordinary circumstances where more than one friend request will be considered.