

## POLICY 2 – DETERMINING PROVINCIAL LEVEL FOR TEAMS

## Statement of Principle

LASA believes it is in the best interests of our program and our athletes to compete in the appropriate level of play at all Provincial Championships.

## **Application of Policy**

- As a general rule, the coaching staff of the team, along with representatives from the association, shall determine the appropriate category for entry into provincial competition.
- It should be the on-going goal of the association to strive for a level of play that would allow our teams to compete at the highest level in each age category.
- The existence of multiple teams at any age division does not mean that they need to be registered in consecutive provincial levels.

## **Explanation:**

- If the U15 age division has two teams, and the appropriate level of the top team is "A" the other U15 team does not necessarily have to compete at the "B" level. They may opt for the level that is most appropriate.
- It is an option that two teams can combine to pursue a berth in provincial play if that is the wishes of the coaching staff and parents involved. It is imperative that a decision is made early in the season so that the correct level can be established for the combined team.