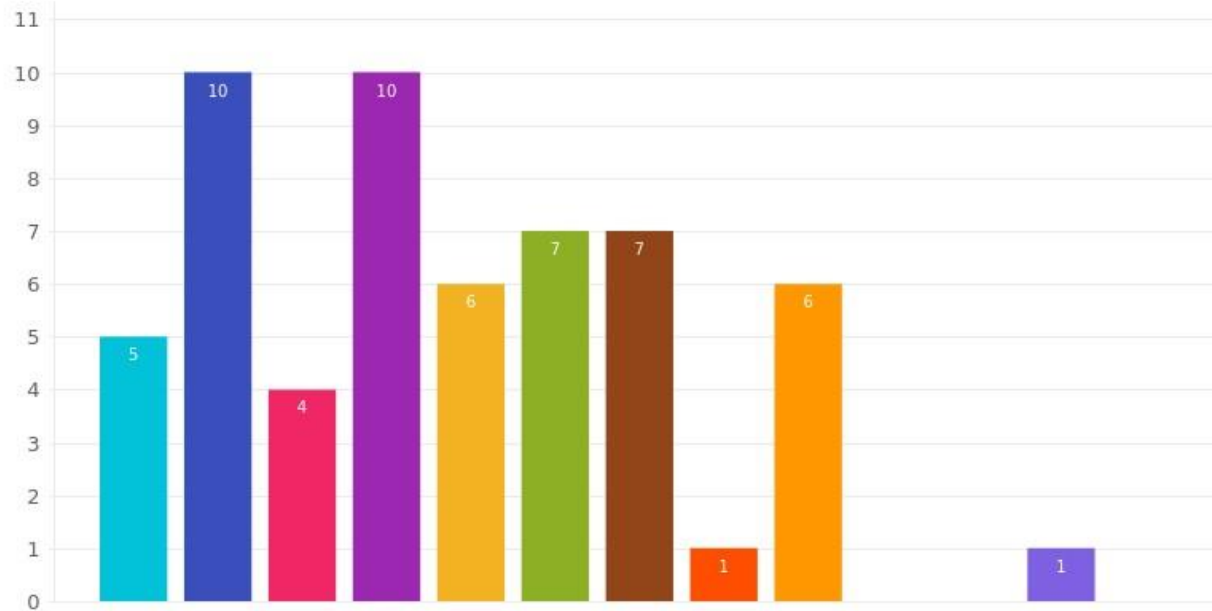




2024-25 Elite Hockey Roster Sizes:

Which of the following Divisions/Categories does your association anticipate registering a full roster of 20?

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- U18 AAA (Female)
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- U17 AAA (Male)
- U16 AA (Male)
- U15 AAA (Male)
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- U13 AAA (Male - Northern Pilot)
- U13 AA (Female)
- U13 AA (Male)
- U11 AA (Male)



Q1: Which of the following Divisions/Categories does your association anticipate rostering a full roster of 20?

	U18 AAA (Female)	U18 AAA (Male)	U18 AA (Female)	U18 AA (Male)	U17 AAA (Male)	U16 AA (Male)	U15 AAA (Male)	U15 AA (Female)	U15 AA (Male)	U13 AAA (Male - Northern Pilot)	U13 AA (Female)	U13 AA (Male)	U11 AA (Male)
Bonnyville	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	No	No
Calgary Buffalo	N/A	Yes	N/A	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
Calgary Northstars	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
Camrose	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	No	No	No
Cochrane	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No
Fort McMurray	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	No
Fort Sask	N/A	Yes	N/A	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No
Grande Prairie	N/A	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Edmonton Jr. Oilers	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lacombe	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	No
Lethbridge	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	N/A	No	No	No
Lloydminster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Okotoks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A	No	No	No
Red Deer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	No	No	No
Spruce Grove	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No
St Albert	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Strathcona	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No
Sturgeon	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No
Sylvan Lake	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No



Q2: For any division/category of Elite hockey that your association does not anticipate registering a full roster of 20, is there any rationale you can share as to why?

Edmonton Jr. Oilers	If the period lengths are less (which they should be at some younger age groups) then the roster sizes should be less. There is no reason to use a 19 player roster.
Fort Saskatchewan	We don't feel the need to roster 20 players at these other levels. All it does is take away playing time ie. development.
Okotoks	We are in discussions with our Female Division directors / and coaches to ascertain direction at the U15AA Female level. We are currently at 19 for our roster size. The results of this survey may influence Okotoks to move to 20 at this level. U11AA and U13AA M/F will continue to have a roster of 17.
St Albert	U15AA /U13 AA/AAA - We will intentionally maintain a smaller roster to ensure our players receive ample ice time during games. We believe this approach will enhance their development. Other competing programs offer less in-game ice time with 20-player rosters; going with 17 players gives us a competitive advantage. We also do not have the depth of skill to support rosters of 20 in our U15 program. U17 AAA will hold one roster spot to allow for junior cuts before Jan 2025.
Calgary Buffaloes	We feel it hurts are Affiliation process and possibility of elite players leaving to other options because of less ice. It also has a domino affect as to players coming back from JR A and then we have to filter down not one but possibly a couple .teams.
Lethbridge	skill level and numbers at the aa doesn't meet that roster size at this time this would make us reduce our tiered teams by one team and therefore lose them to unsancationed hockey
Lloydminster	U13 down we feel it would be hard to facilitate 20 player rosters because of numbers. 17 players would be a good development number for the U13 down.
Strathcona	We do not anticipate full roster sizes at any level unless forced to do so by registration numbers. We believe 20 kids per team would negatively impact playing opportunities for kids on the team.
Cochrane	We will roster anywhere from 17 (including goalies) to 18 for U13, U15 and U16 AA teams in Cochrane. We are going with 20 for U18 due to frequency of injuries and suspensions.



Camrose	<p>Both our U18AA and U16AA coaches liked the idea and we are anticipating them proceeding with a 20 player roster for the 2024-25 season.</p> <p>Our U15AA thought it may be too many but would keep it in mind and would be a tryout decision based on skill gap present in final 20.</p> <p>Our U13AA I haven't heard back from and we have not named a U11AA coach. At our board meeting on Monday June 17 we discussed this and the feeling of those present is it may limit development if we increased our numbers there so we are not going to force any team to take 20 this season unless our final registration numbers dictate otherwise and will reevaluate at the end of the season.</p>
Fort McMurray	<p>All other AA teams will not have 20 rostered players. This is based on ice time and development. U11 AA, U13 AA, U15 AA, and U16 AA will only have 17 rostered players. Giving more development and ice time to the 15 skaters.</p>
Sturgeon	<p>There may be a chance at the U15 AA and U18 AA levels we consider that but definitely not at U11 and U13. The biggest reason why our coaches don't see themselves registering 20 person rosters is that they feel it will "water down" the rosters. U15 and U18 with the injuries, suspensions and other commitments players have this may be an option.</p>
Lacombe	<p>It is possible we may roster more than 15 players 2 goalies at the U13AA and U15AA levels due to higher tryout numbers and skill level of players in our zone, however, we are planning to stay with 15 & 2. U11AA and U18AA tryout numbers are typically lower and there is a concern that increasing the roster may lower the overall skill and competitive nature of the team.</p>
Sylvan Lake	<p>To maintain true competition in the AA divisions, our draw zone would (and has with having to declare second tryouts for some teams in previous years) not field enough high caliber players that we would feel comfortable to increasing the roster for. The broader affiliation rules introduced last season assisted with players being able to affiliate to more than one team, which helped reduce any gaps with injury and other absences.</p>
Red Deer	<p>Based on current registration numbers we may not have enough registrants to roster 20 at some of the lower age groups and provide enough teams from A to C. Our association will also indicated the need to evaluate the skill level at some of our age groups to determine if they could play at the AA or AAA level. In all cases we would examine if we could run rosters of 20 at these age groups and would attempt if possible to do so.</p>
Peace Country FAC	<p>We will be basing our numbers on the amount of quality players in our area. In past seasons (especially with our U18AA team) we really struggled finding AA caliber players in our draw zone. We will be looking at each individual team and make our decisions based on registration numbers as well as caliber.</p>



Spruce Grove	<p>We don't anticipate needing 20 players on any of our rosters.</p> <p>If we had teams with only our drawzone making the team and there was another drawzone player that we believe should play the level then I can see asking to go to 20. With utilization of imports to fill out rosters some years we don't need the extra player. Billet Families are hard to find. (Even for our own drawzone kids, as we just lost a player because they didn't want to billet with a stranger).</p> <p>We could actually see 17 (15S, 2G) being enough for 11AA, 13AA, 15AA, 16AA. With 17 players on AA rosters affiliation is used more frequently.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Trevor Dowhaniuk PAC Saints</p>
Calgary Northstars	<p>The only group we won't be rostering 20 is U13AA. For practices we will utilize our affiliates to have minimum 20 our for development. historically, we see 50% of the players at U13AA don't make U15AA the following year so we didn't want to add 9 more players to that mix and focus on the 51 in our program to invest in them. If/when we go to 2 U13AAA teams we will consider rostering 20 but not with 3 teams.</p>
Bonnyville Minor Hockey	<p>U11AA & U13AA does not anticipate registering a full roster, mainly because of bench management of younger players, development and available skill.</p> <p>U15-U18AA anticipates they will utilize the full roster of 20 depending on skill level. Some years we cut a player or 2 that has the AA skill but no roster room. However, some years the skill may not be there and to register a full roster of 20 will not benefit the underskilled player(s) and the team.</p>