

U18 AAA FEMALE ADJUSTMENTS 2024-2025 SEASON



PLAYER AGREEMENTS

Prior to August 15, each U18 AAA team has the ability to formally commit to a maximum of **six (6) athletes**. All commitments must be made formally by using the "Player Agreement" form.

Rationale: Adjustment to existing working to give teams the ability to commit to the players they wish to commit to. Current wording specifies 5 skaters and 1 goaltender, teams may have two returning goaltenders so would essentially lose the ability to card a sixth player).

TEAM REGISTRATION

Each U18 AAA Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season. Of their 20 player allotments, the team can only register a maximum **of seven (7) first year U18 players (15 year olds)**.

Rationale: The increase would provide coaches more flexibility to take up to a third of their roster as first year U18 players.

RETURNING PLAYERS/PLAYER MOVEMENT

Players who have completed one year or more U18 Female AAA must declare by May 30 that they wish to return to their current team. Associations are responsible for the formal commitment process. After May 30, players who have not formally recommitted to the team, will be considered eligible to move to another U18 AAA team.

Rationale: This is a wording adjustment for players to recommit to their current registered Association. It would help our Associations and Teams plan and formally commit to their returning athletes for the following season. The current model leaves a "last minute decision" for athletes to leave on August 15.

SPRING CAMP/TRYOUT ADJUSTMENT:

The Elite Female Committee does not have any set guidelines on ID Camp format as it related to camp duration, registration cost, number of ice times, number of off ice sessions or dates the camp can be hosted. Identification Camps may only occur after the conclusion of the hockey season and prior to August 15. Identification Camps can be used to by U18 AAA to identify players that they wish to invite to attend Fall Tryouts.

U18 AAA must invite a minimum of 25 athletes (no maximum) to Fall Tryouts. Any athlete who receives a U18 AAA Fall Camp Tryout has seven days within receipt of the invitation to inform the team of their intention to attend (or not attend) the tryout. Associations are responsible for management and acceptance of invitations. Teams are permitted to add players to the invitation/tryout list at any point during the tryout process, this includes second tryout skates.

Rationale: Providing an invite only format to Associations to assist in speeding up Fall team finalization process in the Fall.

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New U18 AAA Team Exception:

New U18AAA Franchises will have the ability to commit up to 10 athletes as early signings (versus 6). This exception will only be granted for the 2024-2025 season as they do not have a returning athlete pool to draw from.

Updated U18 AAA Season Structure:

- One - 8 team Provincial League
- Teams will play each opponent 4 times for a total of 28 regular season games
- Rationale for slight decrease in regular season games is to provide teams more opportunities to attend Tournament Events.
- AFHL Showcase Options Available