



Formation of Competitive Team Policy

Statement of Purpose

This policy establishes the criteria and process for the formation of competitive teams within the Smiths Falls Girls Hockey Association.

This policy does not apply to teams in the Senior division.

General

The SFGHA Executive will set the number of players/goalies per competitive team each season based on registration numbers in each division.

Players are expected to play within their age level.

All players attending competitive tryouts will pay a tryout fee, as determined each season by the SFGHA Executive.

Definitions:

Veteran Player, is a player registered with the SFGHA during the previous season.

Import Player, is a player registered within the ODWHA, but not SFGHA, during the previous season.

New Player, is a player not registered within the ODWHA during the previous season.

Competitive Tiers

The SFGHA shall form a competitive team for a given division and category as long as there is sufficient ice, interest and talent among its players to do so, as determined by the SFGHA Executive in consultation with the coaches.



Tryouts Eligibility

To be eligible to attend tryouts for competitive SFGHA teams, players must have completed one of two following registrations:

1. SFGHA player registration: Players must be registered with the SFGHA for the upcoming season.
2. SFGHA Tryout Registration: Import and new players trying out for competitive teams may register with the proper paperwork (Permission to Skate/Release) at the door.

Tryout Attendance

All players are expected to attend all tryout sessions. Exceptions for illness, injury, family emergencies etc., will be considered on an individual basis.

Selection of Teams

The selection of teams shall be monitored by a representative from the SFGHA Executive.

In those situations where a parent coach has been selected for a competitive team, the SFGHA executive has made an assessment in advance that the Coach's daughter would be appropriately placed on that level of team.

The head coach and/or SFGHA Executive will appoint knowledgeable, experienced personnel (no familial relation to players trying out) to facilitate the on-ice drills for the allotted ice times.

A player who has been offered a spot on a SFGHA competitive team and subsequently decides not to play on that team will not be eligible to play on any SFGHA competitive team for that season or the ensuing season. For example, if a player is offered a spot on a competitive team in 2018/2019 and then decides not to play for that team, she may not play on any other SFGHA competitive team for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 season unless permission is granted by the SFGHA President due to exceptional circumstances.



Selection Team

A selection team is a group of qualified coaches and/or experienced hockey personnel, approved by the SFGHA Executive and/or the Vice President of Competitive of the team in question.

Once the Head Coach is selected, he/she is responsible for the actual tryouts; namely drills used on the ice for tryouts, on-ice staff (no familial relation with players trying out), exhibition games, and the selection of the other evaluators to help in the selection of the team.

The SFGHA Executive will aid in the collection of monies from players trying out and the distribution of tryout jerseys.

Appeal Mechanism

If any disagreement arises between coaches, parents or players regarding this policy, the SFGHA Executive has the authority to intervene to uphold the intent of this policy.