



U14AA Team Formation Process

As directed by Ringette Canada's long-term athlete development policy, U14 AA is a developmental program (training to train).

The aim of the U14 AA team formation process is to form teams with parity, allow host associations to develop a core of their own players and support the AA ringette program by ensuring the best players are rostered.

Following evaluations, players (non-goalies) will be divided into 4 bands.

Band A – top 25% of all players trying out

Band B – players ranked 25-50% of all players trying out

Band C – players ranked 50-75% of all players trying out

Band D – players ranked in the bottom 25% of all players trying out. These players are deemed not to have met the standard required to play at the AA level.

ROUND 1

Each participating organization will choose 3 Band A players + 1 goalie, from their association.¹

This number of protected players may only be increased if each host association has more than 3 players in Band A. In this situation the number of protected players will be increased to the number equal to that belonging to the association with the fewest players in Band A. This will be determined after tryouts, and once evaluations have been compiled.

E.g.

Magic has 7 players in Band A

Angels have 6 players in Band A

Wild have 5 players in Band A

In these circumstances, the number of players that may be protected is 5.



If a host association does not have 3 players in Band A, the number of protected players for all teams will remain at 3, and the host association with less than 3 players in Band A will make up their player numbers by choosing from any other organization's players within Band A after the other organizations have picked their protected players.

If a host association does not have an AA ranked goalie, they may choose from another association's goalies after all associations have picked their protected goalie.

In the event that 2 organizations each do not have 3 players in Band A, they will choose alternately from Band A beginning with the lower ranked team after the previous season's provincials.

If the home association does not protect their player, that player may then be protected by the last non-home association that they played for.³

Round 1 is completed when all teams have picked the predetermined number of protected players and any catch up selections by teams not having the predetermined number of players have been made. All teams will have an equal number of players at this point.

ROUND 2

Draft Pick.²

Each organisation will alternate choosing 1 player from their organization in Band A.

When an organization does not have any more of their own players in Band A, they may choose another organization's Band A player or may choose from their own players in Band B.

Round 2 is completed when ALL players from ALL associations in Band A have been placed on a team.

ROUND 3

Each organization to choose 3 Band B players from their association.

If a host association does not have 3 players in Band B, they may make up their player numbers by choosing from any other organization's players within Band B after the other organizations have picked their protected players.

In the event that 2 organizations each do not have 3 players in Band B, they will choose alternately from Band B, beginning with the lower ranked team after the previous season's provincials.



If only 2 teams are being formed, then associations may initially choose 4 players from Band B.

In addition, 4 players from the non-hosting association who rank within Band B must also be equitably placed on one of the two teams being formed.

If the home association does not protect their player, that player may then be protected by the last non-home association that they played for.³

Round 3 is completed when all teams have picked their protected Band B players and any catch up selections by teams not having the predetermined number of players have been made.

ROUND 4

Draft pick.²

Each organisation will alternate choosing 1 player from Band B or C.

Round 4 is complete when all teams have a full roster (minimum 13 players plus 1 goalie).

ROUND 5

Teams may protect a second own association goalie.

Remaining teams may then choose a second goalie from the remaining eligible goalies according to draft pick order.²

Eastman may choose to add any remaining eligible players to their roster following the completion of the above team formation process.

1. Primary protected players must be declared by the head coaches no later than 72 hours prior to the Team Formation meeting. Failure to do so will result in that association forfeiting their initial turn in the first-round draft pick.

This list to then be distributed to all head coaches no later than 48 hours prior to the Team Formation meeting.



Secondary protected players³ must be declared no later than 24 hours prior to the Team Formation Meeting. Failure to do so will result in that association forfeiting their initial turn in the first-round draft pick.

The completed list of first round protected players to then be distributed to all head coaches more than 4 hours ahead of the Team Formation meeting.

2. Draft Pick: *In all cases, the order of pick is determined by reverse ranking from the previous season's provincials.*

ie. lowest ranked goes 1st

3. Tiered Player Protection Process

Effective at all age groups.

Round 1: If the home association does not protect their player, that player may then be protected by the last non-home association that they played for. This does not affect the number of allowed protected players in Round 1.

Rationale: *to introduce a degree of team stability for the player and minimise the financial burden for families associated with moving between associations.*

EXAMPLE 1 - BVRA Player

Year 1 - player X played for Magic

Year 2 - Player X played for Angels

Year 3 – player X is not protected by Angels, Magic may protect.

In this scenario, Angels have primary protection rights and Magic have secondary protection rights.

EXAMPLE 2 - BVRA Player

Year 1 - Player X played for Angels

Year 2 - player X played for Magic

Year 3 – player X is not protected by Angels, Magic may protect.

In this scenario, Angels have primary protection rights and Magic have secondary protection rights.

EXAMPLE 3 – BVRA Player

Year 1 – Player X played for Magic

Year 2 – Player X played for Wild

Year 3 – Player X is not protected by Angels, Wild may protect.

In this scenario, Angels have primary protection rights and Wild have secondary protection rights



U14AA Team Selection Logistics

- The organisations involved in the team formation process are those associations that currently host an AA team at any age group.
- The Flames organisation may choose to participate wholly or partly in this team formation, depending upon their registration numbers in the current season. They must declare their participation 72hrs before selections begin. If they are participating partly, they must indicate their "cuts" to the AA Chair no later than 72 hours prior to the team selection date. The AA Chair will distribute this list to the remaining teams no later than 48 hours prior to the team selection date, to allow selection of those eligible players.
(Rationale: The AA committee recognises the Flames / Eastman geographic situation and wants to ensure that the process does not minimise the growth of that organisation).
- Evaluation scores will be tabulated and distributed to each Head Coach, Local Association AA convenor and the U14AA age convenor. These rankings are confidential. They may not be copied or shared with any parties not directly involved in the team formation process.
- Injured Players / those unable to skate in tryouts (partly/wholly).
Form 1 may be used.
Previous season scores / ranking / coach feedback to be available to assist coaches in their selection.
Rationale – players should not be penalised for not being able to participate in tryouts for valid reasons.
- U14AA team selection meeting date will be announced within 10 days of the completion of all age group tryouts.
- Associations must declare their initial protected players no later than 72 hours prior to the Team Formation meeting. Failure to do so will result in that association forfeiting their initial turn in the first-round draft pick.
- In Round 4, if a coach would like to choose a player from below the 75% line, the request must be submitted to the committee using Form 1.



For this request to be considered, form 1 must be fully completed including justification and the signatures of the team Head Coach, local association AA convenor and the host association president.

The purpose of this form is to ensure that players are chosen according to skill and not from bias.

Once all players are chosen from above the 75% line, a coach may choose players from below the 75% line without using form 1.

- Team Announcement.
Teams will be announced via email by the AA chair / AA tryout coordinator the day after the team selection meeting. This will allow the AA chair, tryout coordinator and age convenor to confirm that all players are accounted for in both team selection and releases.
There will be NO discussion of teams outside the meeting, from any party, until the official team announcement is made.

Attendees at Team Selection Meeting

AA Committee;

Chair

Tryout Coordinator

U14AA Convenor

Local Association AA Convenor or representative

Each host association team;

Head Coach

Maximum of 2 additional coaches

Optional;

Ringette Manitoba Executive Director

Ringette Manitoba President