



## U16AA Team Formation Process

As directed by Ringette Canada's long-term athlete development policy, U16 AA is a developmental program (training to train).

The aim of the U16 AA team formation process is to form competitive teams and support the AA ringette program by ensuring the best players are rostered.

Following evaluations, players (non-goalies) will be ranked.

Band A will be formed from the top ranked players trying out.

*The number of players forming this band is dependent upon the number of teams being formed, with an allocation of 10 players per team being formed.*

*i.e. 2 team scenario, band A will be formed of the top 20 skaters*

*3 team scenario, band A will be the top 30 skaters etc.*

Band B will consist of all other players in the top 75% of all players trying out.

Band C will consist of players ranked in the bottom 25% of all players trying out.

### ROUND 1

Each organization will choose up to 13 own players from those eligible for selection + 1 goalie.<sup>1</sup>

Catch Up Process: If an organization does not have enough eligible players in their association to meet this number, they may choose from other associations' eligible players after the other organizations have declared their protected players. In order to participate in the catch-up process, they must first take all their players above the 75% line.

e.g. eligible skaters (i.e. those ranking above the 75% line):

Magic 26 skaters + 2 goalies

Angels 22 skaters + 1 goalie

Wild 11 skaters + 2 goalies



Flames 7 skaters + 0 goalie

Flames may take the first selection from released players up to 11 skaters and 1 goalie.

An organization may opt out of the catch-up process to be more selective of players, despite having adequate numbers above the 75% line. E.g. release two of their association players near the 75% line in hopes of selecting stronger players from the pool.

An organization may choose to select less than the maximum number of players despite having adequate numbers above the 75% line.

Under these circumstances the association must declare their intention no later than 72 hours prior to the team formation meeting.

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.<sup>3</sup>

In the event that 2 organizations each do not have sufficient eligible players, they will choose alternately according to the draft pick rules.<sup>2</sup>

If less than 4 teams are being formed, then the protected number of players per host association may be reduced to accommodate Band A non-host association players.

Round 1 is completed when all teams have picked their protected players and any catchup selections by teams not having sufficient own eligible players have been made.

## **ROUND 2**

Draft Pick.<sup>2</sup>

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

If a host association does not have any remaining players in Band A, they may make up their player numbers by choosing from their players within Band B only after ALL Band A players from a non-hosting association have been rostered.

The organization that used the player catch-up process must skip their spot in the draft order for the first round of player selection.



Round 2 is complete when ALL players from non-host associations in Band A have been placed on a team

### ROUND 3

Draft pick.<sup>2</sup>

Each organization will alternate choosing 1 player from those eligible.

Round 3 is complete when all teams have a full roster (minimum 13 players plus 1 goalie).

### ROUND 4

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.<sup>2</sup>

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**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 players<sup>3</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>*

*If an association did not host a team the previous season, they will automatically be considered the lowest ranked in provincials.*



### **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.*

**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*



## U16 AA Team Selection Logistics

- It is the responsibility of each Association to set their policies regarding their own Band A players. However, any such policy must recognise that Band A Players from a non-hosted association are unequivocally guaranteed a spot on one of the formed teams.
- The organizations involved in the team formation process are those associations that currently host an AA team at any age group.
- Evaluation scores will be tabulated and distributed to each Head Coach, Local Association AA convenor and the AA age convenor. These rankings are confidential. They may not be copied or shared with any parties not directly involved in the team formation process.

- 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 first round in the draft pick.

- AA chair, age group convenor and tryout coordinator to review the list of released players and distribute this to head coaches no later than 4 hours prior to the team formation meeting.

- 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.



- 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.
- Grandfather Rule  
Any player that is subject to the grandfather rule (3 consecutive years playing for an organization which is not their home association) will be flagged and notified of their option to choose; either stay in their home association or play for their grandfathered team. The player must make this decision no later than the last day of the current tryouts.  
If the player chooses to remain in their home catchment area for possible selection to that team, the grandfathered rule becomes null and void.
- 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 from the AA chair.
- The AA committee's intent is to form the maximum number of teams possible based on the LTAD training to train philosophy.

## **Attendees at Team Selection Meeting**

AA Committee;

Chair

Tryout Coordinator

AA Age group Convenor

Local Association AA Convenor or representative

Each host association team;

Head Coach

Maximum of 2 additional coaches

Optional;



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