

**Secondary Tiered Development Teams (B Teams)**

The concept of second level tiered development teams (i.e. B Development Teams) was successfully piloted in the Atoms and Midget levels in 2012-2013. The Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association (YKMHA) has agreed that for the immediate future, should satisfactory interest exist, to provide B Development Team opportunities in categories Novice to Midget.

1. These secondary tiered development teams (B Teams) fall under the responsibility of Director, Development Teams and are to be inclusive not restricted, skill development opportunities with the ability to play in sanctioned competitions. This teams are to be less structured with more flexibility.

2. These secondary tiered ‘B Development Teams’ will be inclusive made up of interested and committed players in the appropriate age division NOT selected for YKMHA traditional tiered Wolfpack Development Team.

3. Players will be selected by the appointed coaching staff primarily based on attendance and commitment at practices; lesser criteria will be skills.

4. Head Coach selection will be through an advertised Expression of Interest. General criteria for selection will include:

* commitment to B team developmental concept
* commitment to practices and skill development
* commitment to attend 1-3 tournaments
* past coaching experience and coaching skills

Coach selection rests with the Director, Development Teams.

5. The Head Coach is expected to appoint Assistant Coaches and a Team Manager.

6. YKMHA uniforms will be provided by the Association and are to be worn in tournament play.

7. All costs of the program will be by user pay and the responsibility of the Head Coach to collect and/or fundraise and provide payment to YKMHA.

8. Secondary tiered development teams are expected to play in: tier 3 tournaments; or B level tournaments.

9. Should areas of dispute arise they will be addressed by the Director, Development Teams in consultation with affected parties and upon review with YKMHA Executive.

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