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 BC Hockey Leads

SUBJECT: North West District U11 Development (Competitive Policy)

This Bulletin provides additional information related to the NWD U11 Development (Competitive) Regulations 3.0-3.4.

Please note the application reviews may need to adjust with any Hockey Canada changes and pages numbers may have changed as well.

Minor Hockey Associations need to submit a cover letter on MHA letterhead signed by the President with an attached application or proposal for the team or signed letter as the application or proposal.

The application or proposal should provide the following.

a) Follow the U11 Pathways programming as outlined by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada See Pathways from BC Hockey [U11-Pathway-e.pdf \(aglty.io\)](#)

No evaluation/selection/tryouts prior to the first week of school, or during the first week if it starts the week after Labour Day. (See page 11)

Minimum of four practices/skill sessions prior to formal evaluation/selection/tryouts starting. (See Intent below and page 11)

The intent of the practices before tryouts (the U11 transitional plan for first year players, if not addressed in the prior season) is to allow players the best possible chance to show the best version of themselves in an evaluation setting, especially considering this evaluation sets the course of their entire season, by facilitating the following:

- 4 sessions to get back in the swing of things after taking the summer off, before being formally evaluated instead of stressing out from day 1.
- The opportunity for players new to the U11 level and thusly new to full-ice hockey the chance to acclimatize to the new size surface and game structure.

- The opportunity to allow players to not have to deal with two major stresses at the same time (start of school, maybe at a new school, making new friends, etc., simultaneous with hockey tryouts) to focus on one at a time and put their best foot forward in both.

Minimum of three formal evaluation/selection/tryout sessions. (see page 11)

Plan for Goalie rotation (see page 16)

Practice to Game ratio 2:1 (see page 11)

Fair and Equal Ice Time (see page 16)

See page 24 FAQ for additional information

[U11-Pathway-e.pdf \(bchockey.net\)](#)

b) Meets policy 3.2 as noted below.

c) The three tournaments the team will be attending as 3.3 noted below.

**d) The type of team being considered, try outs and how the team will be managed/function.
(Tournament team under 7.13 BC Hockey policies or Hockey Canada Registry team)**

U11 Development (Competitive)

3.0 The NWD may have U11 Development (Competitive) teams. All U11 Development (Competitive) teams must be approved by the NWD prior to the season starting.

3.1 U11 Development (Competitive) team may come from one or more MHA.

3.2 The U11 Development (Competitive) schedule will not interfere with practices, regular season scheduled games or tournaments. The players home MHA must approve their player for any activity with the U11 Development (Competitive) team.

3.3 The U11 Development (Competitive) team will submit their schedule to the NWD by 1 October of the season. This would include tournaments only. All development teams will adhere to the three (3) tournaments per season policy. Exceptional circumstances may allow the team to play an extra tournament in the spring, with approval of the NWD and BC Hockey.

3.4 U11 Development (Competitive) teams may apply to play in the NWD Recreational league in a higher division. If there are enough teams, the NWD may schedule games on an exhibition basis amongst the U11 Development (Competitive) teams.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the North West District Executive Director;
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