

OAHE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SQUIRT TEAM SPLIT POLICY

Background: The Oahe Hockey Association (OHA) requires that if travel teams are going to be registered under USA Hockey, they will be designated as “B” and/or “C” level teams. When there are enough players registered with OHA at either or both of these team levels to justify it, the players may be split into two or more teams comprised of at least one “B” level team and one “C” level team per the selection process defined herein.

Policy: Following OHA Squirt registration, the OHA Director of League Play, OHA Coaching Director, and Squirt Head Coach, in collaboration with the other Squirt coaches, will settle on the number of teams to register and establish rosters per the selection process described herein. USA Hockey and SDAHA rules specify 20 players as the maximum number to roster per team. Team roster size may vary depending on the overall number of players.

Players shall be split into “B” (advanced) and “C” (intermediate) teams. When player splits result in multiple teams at a given level, all teams at that level shall be divided into equally talented teams.

“B” team players should, when practicable, be second year Squirts, with preference given to players having the greatest number of years as registered USA Hockey members. “C” team players should, when practicable, consist primarily of first year Squirts.

In addition to these criteria and prior to the establishment of a final roster, modifications to “B” and “C” team assignments may be made in consultation with a player’s parents based on the player’s age, maturity, attitude, or hockey skills. All modifications must be approved by the Squirt Head Coach, OHA Coaching Director, and OHA Director of League Play. Modifications to team assignments should be infrequent and limited as development during this phase occurs quickly. When organizing teams, player development as well as short-term and long-term retention in the program shall also be considered.

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