

## Policy Changes for 2020-2021 Season:

**COACHING SELECTION COMMITTEES:** The purpose of the Coaching Selection Committee will be to justly interview and present the coaching recommendations to the WYHA Board at all levels of play.

A. The Coaching Selection committees will be as follows:

For Travel:

1. President

2. Vice President of Travel (Chair)

3. Head of Coaches

For House:

1. President

2. Vice President of House (Chair)

3. Both travel and house will include two Independent hockey minded individuals and one alternate (they can be the same individuals) will be recruited by the standing members of the Coaching Selection committee chair Committee. The Coaching Selection Committee is to be chaired by the WYHA Vice-President.

B. Applicants or spouses of applicants for head coaching positions may not serve on the Coaching Selection Committee. If any member of the committee needs to be replaced, this responsibility shall pass to the: 1. alternate independent hockey mind, 2. Board Secretary, or 3. Board Treasurer, in that order.

### **COACHING SELECTION PROCESS:**

A. Vice President will email the WYHA general membership to Secretary will solicit any interested head coaches prior to evaluations.

1. Replies must be in writing via email Candidates must communicate interest to the WYHA Board Secretary.

2. Coaching selection committee will rank all interested coaches on a scale from 1 to the number of candidates with the highest ranked candidate being 1. They will present their recommendations to the WYHA Board.

3. After completion of above stated procedure, all Head coaches must be approved by 2/3 majority vote of the WYHA Board.

B. Process of picking coaches:

1. Travel head coaches will be ranked prior to the first tryout. After registration closes and travel coaches/teams have been assigned, the house coaches will be assigned/announced.

~~2. Head coaches need to submit their applications in accordance with the memo from the board Secretary. All assistant coaches must complete an application before being added to the coaching staff.~~

2. Interviews need to be completed prior to player evaluations with the recommendations to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. Criteria for selecting coaches will include coaching level achieved, previous coaching experience, teaching ability, or any other criteria deemed necessary by the Coaching Committee. Coaching applicants may also be asked to submit references with regard to their coaching qualifications.

## PLAYER SELECTION POLICY:

The purpose of the Player Selection Policy is to fairly and justly fill travel team rosters with the appropriate skill and ability level players at the 10U, 12U and 14U levels.

A. Player Selection Committee will be as follows:

1. President
2. Vice President of Travel (Chair)
3. Vice President of House
4. Age specific Travel team head coach

~~\*Removed Head of Coaches and Head of Coordinators~~

B. A ~~\$25.00~~ \$40 fee will be assessed to all players who tryout. ~~in the spring and fall.~~

C. All skaters and goalies must attend at least one tryout to be eligible for selection. ~~and must sign in at the head table.~~

D. Goalies will be evaluated in their age specific tryout as well as have one additional goalie only evaluation session if needed. ~~Two independent hockey minds and The Head of Coaches will rank goalies.~~ Player selection committee will rank goalies.

E. Vice President of Travel shall establish drills to be used to evaluate players prior to try-outs. The Vice President of Travel will have a meeting with evaluators to inform of proper scoring, sheet review, and other procedures before tryouts begin.

F. Evaluators will consist of Vice President of Travel, age specific travel head coach and ~~three (3)~~ two (2) independent hockey minded people. ~~The Head of Coaches and Vice President~~ of Travel will be responsible for securing the independent evaluators. Evaluators will turn in their evaluation forms after each session to the Vice President of Travel.

G. The Player Selection Committee will tally up the evaluator's ratings.

H. ~~The Player Selection Committee will be responsible for selecting the travel team rosters determining the number of players assigned to each team. This will be based on what is best for the entire organization. The WYHA Board reserves the right to modify roster numbers based on enrollment changes.~~

I. Player follows the ~~#1 head coach~~ travel head coach at each level.

J. In accordance with the Central Section Tryout Policy - upon completion of the final night of tryouts, players chosen for ~~that a travel~~ team will be given a commitment letter ~~prior to leaving the building.~~ To be signed within 7 days ~~the letter will be signed~~ and returned to the level specific travel Head Coach. Committed players will be posted on the WYHA website within 8 days of returning the signed commitment letter. If a player chooses not to sign a commitment letter, their team spot will not be held.

K. Player evaluation forms are not to be shared with anyone outside of the committee. Individual player evaluation results can be discussed.

L. ~~At the Midget level,~~ player selection and team declaration will be determined by the ~~#1 Midget travel head coaches. Wrap Head Coach. The Midget Wrap Head Coach will have declaration priority. This wrap team does not play full season.~~

M. There are no tryouts for mites. (See Mite Age rule)

N. ~~The Player Selection Committee will determine the level specific travel team roster based on player evaluations where the skill and ability line is clear between the travel caliber players and house caliber players. The Player Selection Committee will also take into consideration the total number of skaters and goalies at each level when determining the size of the travel rosters.~~ ~~To determine number of players assigned to each travel team, the following will be applied following the Spring tryout;~~ 1. Goalies:  
a. 1 goalie at Spring tryout - that goalie is assigned to the travel team  
b. 2 goalies at Spring tryout - higher rated goalie is assigned to the travel team  
c. 3 or more goalies at Spring tryout - 2 highest rated

goalies are assigned to the travel team. 2. Skaters: a. A maximum 50% rule will be applied in that no more than 50% of the skaters at each level tryout will be assigned to the travel team not to exceed 12 skaters. Examples, if 20 skaters tryout then 10 skaters will be assigned to the travel team, if 23 skaters tryout then 11 skaters will be assigned to the travel team, if 26 skaters tryout then only 12 skaters will be assigned to the travel team because the maximum cap is 12 skaters.

O. In the event a player misses travel tryouts and would like to be considered for the travel team, the player must register with WYHA then be evaluated for proper team placement by the Vice President of Travel and the level specific travel head coach To fill travel team rosters, the following will be applied following the Fall tryout; 1. Goalies : a. If goalie(s) need to be added to a travel roster, the #1 head coach will rank goalies then consult with the Player Selection Committee to finalize the selection(s). 2. Skaters: a. #1 head coach at each level will stack rank their player recommendations to be added to their roster then consult with the Player Selection Committee who will take into consideration the #1 head coach recommendations and the evaluators results. Further, the roster size will be determined based on total registered players per level, skill level of players to fill vacant spots and what is in the best interest of the association. b. If the #1 head coach is not present for all their age level tryouts then the Player Selection Committee will fill the roster based on criteria previously stated above.

### **TEAM DECLARATION POLICY: (Adopted September 2018)**

The WYHA Board of Directors will review and vote on all team declarations based on the following requirements; Team declarations will be made based on the following information. All final decisions require approval by the WYHA Board of Directors. Recommendations from head coaches will be strongly considered.

A. All travel 12U and 14U travel teams will be declared tournament bound. This declaration will be made no later than the date set forth by Central Section.

B. 10U travel and Midget level teams will submit their team declarations to their level coordinators or to the Vice President of Travel or Vice President of House in the absence of a level specific coordinator.

B. C. All house head coaches will submit recommendations to the level coordinator Vice President of House if they wish to petition for a different level within Snowbelt, a different league or to play independently. These recommendations must be submitted by October 1 to ensure board approval at the October meeting.

New Policy:

### **NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT:**

- A. If a board position becomes vacant mid-season, the Board will solicit for applicants.
- B. All applicants must complete a board application and submit to the Secretary by the date set forth by the Board of Directors.
- C. A slate of applicants will be provided within 30 days or at the next scheduled board meeting.
- D. New board members will be appointed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote.