

NGHA Formation of Competitive Teams Policy

Statement of Purpose	<p>This policy establishes the criteria and process for the formation of competitive teams within the NGHA.</p> <p>This policy does not apply to the Intermediate Team.</p>
General	<p>Teams will be formed with a minimum of 15 skaters and 1-2 goalies by the beginning of regular season play. The Program Committee can approve up to 17 skaters.</p> <p>Players are expected to play within their age level.</p> <p>All players attending competitive tryouts will pay a fee, as determined each season by the Board of Directors.</p>
Definitions	<p><u>Veteran Player</u>: a player registered with the NGHA during the previous Fall/Winter season</p> <p><u>Import Player</u>: a player registered within the ODWHA, but not the NGHA, during the previous Fall/Winter season</p> <p><u>New Player</u>: a player not registered within the ODWHA during the previous Fall/Winter season</p>
Competitive Tiers	<p>The NGHA shall form a competitive team for a given division and category as long as there is sufficient ice, interest and talent among its players to do so, as determined by the Program Committee in consultation with the coaches.</p>
Tryouts Eligibility	<p><u>AA</u></p> <p>The AA tier is an open tryout at all divisions for female players. Import and new players trying out for AA teams may register with the proper paperwork (Permission to Skate/Release) at the door.</p> <p><u>Below AA</u></p> <p>To be eligible to attend tryouts for teams below AA, players have completed two registrations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NGHA registration: Players must be registered with the NGHA for the upcoming season and have either been accepted or placed on the waiting list as of 48 hours before the first NGHA competitive tryout. Players added to the waiting list less than 48 hours before or after the first NGHA competitive team tryout can try out for a competitive team only if there is a space available, as per the discretion of the Competitive Director. The player will not be allowed to try out unless the Competitive Director's approval is obtained. To be clear, this is not the decision of the Coach.2. NGHA Tryout Registration: Players must register online for tryouts.

Tryout Attendance Though it is not compulsory to begin tryouts at the highest tier within each level, it is recommended that players attend a higher tiered tryout within the same level to have exposure to the expected pace of the tryout and to be seen by the next tier coach who will be present to begin the assessment for their team.

Once a player begins tryouts, it is expected that the player continue to attend tryouts at that tier until they are released or tryouts at that tier are completed.

Selection of Teams The selection of teams shall be monitored by a representative from the NGHA.

In those situations where a parent coach has been selected for a competitive team, the Program Committee has made an assessment in advance that the Coach's daughter would be appropriately placed on that level of team.

A player who has been offered a spot on an NGHA competitive team and subsequently decides not to play on that team will not be eligible to play on any NGHA team for that season or the ensuing season. For example, if a player is offered a spot on a competitive team in 2014/2015 and then decides not to play for that team, she may not play on any other NGHA team for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 season.

AA Teams

A maximum of three (3) import players, including goalies, are eligible for selection to the AA team at all levels, including Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget divisions.

Below AA Teams

A maximum of three (3) import players, including goalies, from the waiting list may be selected for each competitive division (not team) ranked below AA. However, the higher ranked team(s) in each division has first choice of these waiting players. Thus, if the higher ranked team selects the maximum allowable number of waiting list players for that OWH division, the lower ranked team(s) may not select any players from the waiting list.

The NGHA can allow more imports below the AA level but only for the competitive team at the lowest tier in that division and only if the roster cannot be filled with NGHA players.

Appeal Mechanism If any disagreement arises between coaches, parents or players regarding this policy, the NGHA Program Committee has the authority to intervene to uphold the intent of this policy.

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