

Female Bantam Regional Proposal

Pilot Project: 2011 – 2012 Season

Purpose: To provide further development opportunities for Female Bantam players in Manitoba.

Evaluation, Review Process and Results:

Evaluation and review will take place by regional female vice directors at the 2010 Fall Board & 2011 Semi Annual meetings. Each region will be asked to provide written feedback (including positives/negatives, affect on registration, membership feedback etc.) to the minor chairs well in advance of the Notice of Motion deadline prior to the 2012. Any motion coming forward at the 2012 AGM will be discussed in advance by the minor chairs and regional female vice directors.

Pilot Project Details

All regions, excluding Winnipeg, will be able to choose one of the following two options. Regions must declare their intentions to Hockey Manitoba on which option they will adopt by Sept. 15th. Players will be eligible to compete on the team within the region in which they reside.

Option #1: Single Rostered Team

Regions will be eligible to form one single rostered regional Female Bantam team to take part in a full season of practices/games/tournaments and are subject to the following regulations:

- Team registration for try-outs must be completed by Sept. 15th. Teams must declare and submit their final roster by Sept. 30th.
- Teams must be formed and rostered in accordance with Hockey Manitoba regulations at the start of the season.
- Teams may carry a maximum of 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies.
- Teams may affiliate only Female Bantam aged players that reside in their region. All other Hockey Manitoba minor hockey affiliation regulations will apply.
- Single-rostered teams may apply to play in the Winnipeg AA Female Bantam league. Their acceptance will be at Hockey Winnipeg's discretion.

Option #2: Double Rostered Team

Regions will be eligible to form one double rostered regional Female Bantam team and are subject to the following regulations:

- Team registration for try-outs must be completed by Sept. 15th.
- Teams must announce their practice schedule to all associations in the region prior to tryouts to avoid any potential conflicts.

- Players do not need to be rostered or registered with their local association prior to tryouts but must be on an approved Hockey Manitoba roster by December 1st.
- Teams must submit their initial roster by Sept. 30th which can include up to 25 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Teams must declare and submit their final roster by the Monday following the Hockey Manitoba development weekend (February 6, 2012). The declared roster can have a maximum of 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies.
- Teams may affiliate only Female Bantam aged players that reside in their region. All other Hockey Manitoba minor hockey affiliation regulations will apply.
- Players rostered on this team are required to compete with their club/association teams for all hockey activities including provincial championships.

Tournaments

The following tournaments will be held scheduled:

- October or November – Date to be confirmed. Tournament will be hosted by one of the double rostered teams. Mandatory participation for double rostered teams, optional participation for single rostered teams or Winnipeg Female Bantam AA teams.
- Christmas Break – Date to be confirmed. Tournament will be hosted by one of the double rostered teams. Mandatory participation for double rostered teams, optional participation for single rostered teams or Winnipeg Female Bantam AA teams.
- Development Weekend – February 3-5, 2012. Tournament will be hosted by one of the double rostered teams. Mandatory participation for double rostered teams, optional participation for single rostered teams or Winnipeg Female Bantam AA teams.
- Female Bantam Challenge – Date to be confirmed. Tournament will be hosted by approved applicant. Mandatory participation for double rostered, single rostered and Winnipeg Female Bantam AA teams. Format of Female Bantam Challenge will remain the same as in previous years for 2011-12.*

No Team Declared

If a region does not declare a single or double rostered team by Sept. 15th, only players that registered for tryouts in said region may apply to try-out with another regional program. All player movement requests must be approved by a registration committee which will include one chair of minor hockey and two regional female minor vice directors.

* The format for the Female Bantam Challenge will need to be reviewed and changed should the western branches adopt a Western Canada Female Bantam Championship. The tournament would become a competitive event to identify Manitoba's representative at the Female Bantam level.