

REGIONAL FEMALE MIDGET REGISTRATION

44. a) Female Midget regional teams will play with a single roster. Players shall try out within the region in which they reside. For the purposes of Female Midget regional hockey there are currently 8 regions (Central Plains, Eastman, Interlake, Norman, Pembina Valley, Westman South, Winnipeg and Yellowhead). For specific regional boundaries please see the Hockey Manitoba website:

www.hockeymanitoba.ca/fmaaaboutaries

b) Rural regions will have one team and the Winnipeg region can have 2 to 5 teams. All teams will declare a home center where the team will be based.

Regions must declare their intention to Hockey Manitoba to enter the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League by July 1st of the current season.

c) Tryouts must be completed and rosters must be declared by Sept 30th of the current season. Teams can roster a maximum of 20 eligible female midget players (two must be goaltenders). A maximum of three (3) Major Bantam aged players will be allowed on a team's roster. Teams can also affiliate bantam aged players in accordance with Hockey Manitoba's hockey affiliation regulations.

d) If a region does not declare a team by July 1 of the current season it will be declared an open region (for that season only) and players from said region will be free to tryout with another regional AAA team. If a player does not register with their home region by the pre-determined deadline set by the region, they are not eligible to apply for a release if her region does not form a female midget regional team. The region must advertise their respective deadlines in a timely manner. Those regions forming AAA Female midget teams must accept out-of-region players for their selection/tryout process.

e) Female Midget aged players (15, 16, 17) that are released from a Female Midget regional program will be allowed to try out for another Female Midget regional team. Under these circumstances, a release is required from the team but can not be withheld, and a copy of said release must be sent by the team to the appropriate Female Council representative. The team outside the player's home region, in which the player is requesting to try-out with must obtain the release from the player's home regional team prior to allowing participation of any kind.

If participation occurs prior to receiving a copy of the release, the player will be deemed ineligible and will return to their home region. The player's options must be available to them at the time the release is provided. Failure to make the second Female Midget Regional team requires the player to return to her home region. A subsequent release from the player's home region is required to continue to another regional try-out.

f) Any player who has been requested to sign on to a roster by her home Female Midget regional team and refuses, or fails to register and try-out, is ineligible to transfer out of her home region.

g) Only 3rd year Female Midget players (17) who were released under 43. e) and played outside her home region in the previous season shall have the option of trying out for the regional team she played with, or with the region in which she resides. Should the player not make that team, she is free to try-out with another regional team under 44. e). 2nd year Female Midget players (16) who were released under 44. e) in the previous season must return to try-out in her home region in her 2nd year.

h) Female Bantam and Midget players will be eligible to affiliate to teams in which they reside. A Female Bantam and Midget player on the team's affiliate list may affiliate to play a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

i) The team winning the league playoff championship will be declared the provincial champion and will represent Hockey Manitoba in the inter-provincial championship series with Saskatchewan's representative, leading to the Esso Cup National Female Midget Championship.

j) East and West divisions will be set by the Female Council Representatives & Hockey Winnipeg representatives at the end of the previous season/before the start of the next season.