

Blaine Youth Hockey Association

In-House Specific Procedures, Responsibilities and Rules

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Initiation Program (Mites/8U)

1. Level Definitions

- 1.1. D Mites: The beginning level of the initiation program. Players have minimum to no experience. This level hosts both boys and girls.
- 1.2. C Mites: The intermediate level of the initiation program. Player has previous experience.
- 1.3. B Mites: The second highest level of the initiation program. Player has advanced experience.
- 1.4. A Mites: Highest skill level. Typically, one team at this level but multiple will be considered if needed to align skill levels with district competition. Players for this team will be identified following completion of the evaluation of all B and C level Mites.
- 1.5. 8U Futures: Development all girls level.
- 1.6. 8U B: Intermediate skill all girls level.
- 1.7. 8U A: Highest skill all girls level.

2. Level Selection

- 2.1. All players will be placed on a level as deemed proper by the In-House Director(s) and other initiation assistants. This will be accomplished during the initiation pre-skate sessions.
- 2.2. Players may be requested to skate at a higher or lower level during the evaluation process.
- 2.3. Players are placed based on their abilities and hockey skills, not years of participation, or age.

3. Team Numbers

- 3.1. The number of teams for each level will be determined by the In-House Director during the initiation skate. Teams and Levels will be defined to best match the levels and skills of the other associations within the district to ensure fair competition and matchups during district games.

4. Game Scheduling

- 4.1. The start dates and number of games will be determined after meeting with other associations involved in the District In-House league. A minimum of eight games will be scheduled for each team.



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5. Referees

5.1. BYHA always prefers to use current traveling hockey players to referee (student) all In-House hockey games. Referees will be paid an amount per game as defined and approved by the board for the current season. BYHA will reimburse all student referees for the referee jersey if the minimum requirements are met for the season. In addition, BYHA will refund the cost of the required certification and referee training as approved by the In-House Referee Coordinator. Requests for referee payments must be approved by the In-House Referee Coordinator and delivered to the BYHA Treasurer for processing.

6. Other

6.1. All issues are governed by the BYHA standard policies or by special written request to the In-House Director and/or the BYHA board.

Revision History

Revision/Date	Description of Change	Originator of Change
2018.07.31	Converted to new format for 2018-19 season	JSM
2022.06.01	Reviewed policy and updated to current practices.	JSM
2025.01.27	Reviewed policy and updated to current practices.	JSM