



WVFC Spring League Call-up Process

Policy

This policy applies to WVFC girl's teams playing in the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey League (GVJFHL).

If a team is low on players, they may reach out to players on the Call-up List. At registration, members aged U11 and older are asked if they would like the opportunity to play for another WV team, as needed. If they agree, their contact information is shared with coaches and managers for whom they are eligible to play.

There is no obligation to say yes if called up. There are no age restrictions as long as the player's primary team is in a lower age group, or a lower tier within the same age group. The GVJFHL rule is that players can only play within or above their birth year, never down.

Examples and exceptions:

- a U11 player may play for another U11 team in either pool since this age group is not tiered
- a U11 player may play up for a U12 team in Tier 1 or 2
- a U13 player on a Tier 2 team may be called up to a U13 Tier 1 team
- a U13 player may play up for any U14+ Tier 1 or Tier 2 team
- a U15 player may play up for a U18 team, guided by their skill and maturity
- if GVJFHL age groups merge due to low numbers but retains tiers (e.g. U17/U18, U15/U16), any WV team in tier 1 may ask players from tier 2 teams, regardless of the players' ages
- the Junior Committee reserves the right to modify rules for a particular age group depending on team distribution across tiers in any particular year. For example, we may allow players within the same age group to be more mobile across tiers and within their own tier to promote fairness and access to call-up opportunities for all players. This change will be reflected in the call-up lists provided to the coaches and may change from year to year.

Coaches should use good judgment when determining whether call-ups are needed or not. If you have greater than 4 or 5 subs, it probably isn't necessary. Call-ups should be treated fairly and given equal playing time (not greater than or less than others), keeping with the spirit of Spring League as a development league. Whenever possible, coaches should try to give a variety of call-ups opportunities to play.



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Overview

- A player's interest in being added to a call-up list may be expressed through registration, or by emailing the player's AGC
- Any player interested in being on the call-up list will be added to one or more "teams" in Sports Engine titled as such e.g. *Call-up List for U14 T1 Teams*
- If the player is on a tier 2 team, they will be added to the tier 1 list for their own age group, as well as the tier 1 and 2 lists for the age group above them
 - E.g. *Call-up List for U13 T1 Teams, Call-up List for U14 T2 Teams, Call-up List for U14 T1 Teams*
 - If they wish to be removed from any, they may contact their AGC
- Team staff (manager &/or coach) will be added to one additional "team" in SE that should have their complete list of eligible players for call-ups
- Note: for U11, since they can share players across the age group pools, all those interested in extra games, should be on one U11 list, plus the U12 T1/T2 lists.

Steps

- If a team needs a call-up, one person from staff should send an email (not chat) to everyone on the list stating
 - The number of call-ups needed
 - The date, time, and location of the game(s)
 - The age group and tier of their team
- If a player is available and interested, they should respond to the email
- The team manager/coach should confirm either way
- This may be a first-come-first-serve situation, especially if timelines are tight

Guidelines

- To promote fairness and in the spirit of development, coaches and managers should make a reasonable effort to give different players a chance each time they need call-ups
- Coaches should try to play their call-ups at least 50% of the game