



Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association

REQUEST FOR 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028 PILOT PROGRAM

Girls Committee proposal for Girls 14U Affiliation Program

Understanding that the girls classification, particularly at the 14U level, deals with a greater challenge of instability than youth teams, the girls committee would like to put forth this proposal to oversee team formations. The current co-op policy and 4 team association maximum has not been working consistently, and this proposal presents a method to address the girls classification within the challenges that associations face when forming teams.

Designation Process

Attached is a list of all WAHA Tier 2 Associations, grouped by what has typically been organized girls team formations, followed by the WIAA team that they currently feed into. *There are some outliers.

Designate these as the “standard allowable affiliations” to form Girls teams at the 14U level. While some girls' affiliations will see need and value in requesting to form teams at 12U or 10U within these affiliations, we strongly encourage all associations to field independent 10U and 12U Girls teams. The intention of this is to provide a transparent pathway for players, families and associations to form teams, and for the Board to assess the requests based on a guidance of outcome.

Application Process

A Girls Affiliation would need to submit an application for team approval by September 1st to be recognized for State Tournament play. Players must reside in the boundaries of the associations that are approved in the Girls Affiliation application.

This application would include a detailed plan for practice and game ice and commitments of each of the associations on what role they will play within the girls affiliation, including but not limited to registration, coaches, and team oversight. The number of teams they expect to form and at what age levels they wish to form teams must be included.

These are not “Girls Associations” but an affiliation and working agreement between WAHA associations.

This is an important factor, as the Associations are guaranteeing that the teams that are being formed through a Girls Affiliation will have the same resources and equity as the youth teams they sponsor.

This is not a requirement of team formation. If individual Associations within a recommended Girls Affiliation can field independent 14U Girls teams, they should be encouraged to do so. What this does allow for is a set pathway of guidance for team formations. The earlier application process provides more time to align and adjust where needed.

Classification of Girls teams including Girls Affiliates

Teams will be classified as Gold - Silver - Bronze based on the following criteria: 30+ teams in an age division registered for State Tournament.

Association or Girls Affiliate rostering two or more teams in an age division will be classified as Gold (top team) and Bronze (second team) : they can select to designate both (all) teams as Gold, but not both (all) as Bronze.

Associations or Girls Affiliates rostering one team in an age division will be classified as Silver if the team is formed from a single Association or a Girls Affiliation of 4 associations or less with one Division 1 association maximum.

Girls Affiliates that include 2 or more Division 1 Associations, or is an Affiliate of 5 or more Associations forming one team at an age division will be classified as Gold.

If less than 30 teams in an age division are registered for State Tournament Teams will be classified as A & B

Associations or Girls Affiliates that form two teams or more in an age division will identify at least one team as A. The second or additional teams will be identified as B

Associations or a Girls Affiliate that form one team will classify as A if they include Division 1 Associations, or are formed by 4 or more Associations

Association or Girls Affiliate teams that form one team will classify as B if they are formed from Division 2,3,4 Associations and include 3 or fewer Associations in a Girls Affiliation

- A team with a player(s) who is currently rostered on a Tier 1 Before Season team will be designated as Division A

An increased number of teams is the goal at the end of 2028, which will be assessed.

Division	Associations	Girls Affiliation	WIAA Co-op(s)	Projected
Region 1				
1	Superior	Superior	Superior/Northwestern	Silver
3	Hayward	Namekagon Rush	Hayward Hurricanes	Gold if > 4 Silver if <5
4	Barron/Chetek			
2	Rice Lake			
4	Burnett			
4	Spooner			
3	Ashland			
4	Cumberland			
1	Chippewa Falls	Chippewa Valley Riverhawks	CFM Sabers	Gold if Single
2	Menomonie ** Region 6			
1	Eau Claire ** Region 6		ECA Stars	
4	Altoona ** Region 6			
Region 2				
1	Wausau	CW Storm	CW Storm	Gold if > 4 or Silver if < 5
2	Everest			
2	Mosinee			
3	Merrill			
4	Medford		Medford/Rib Lake Raiders	
2	Eagle River	Eagle River	Northland Pines	Silver if < 5 Gold if > 4
3	Rhineland			
3	Lakeland			
3	Tomahawk			
4	North Lakeland			
4	Price Ice			
3	Antigo			
1	Stevens Point	Wisconsin Valley Union	Wisconsin Valley Union Eagles	Silver
2	So Wood County			
3	Marshfield			
3	Waupaca ** Region 3			
Region 3				
1	Appleton	Fox River Freeze	Fox Cities Stars	Gold if Single
1	Fox Valley			
3	Shawano			
1	Green Bay	Green Bay	Bay Area Ice Bears	Silver
2	De Pere			
4	Marinette			
2	Sheboygan	Lakeshore Ice Sirens	Fond du Lac Warbirds	Silver
4	Manitowoc			
Region 4				
2	McFarland	Jr Icebergs	Stoughton Icebergs	Silver
2	Oregon			
4	Stoughton			
2	Janesville	Janesville	Janesville Bluebirds	Silver
3	Beloit			
4	Monroe			
1	Verona	Madison Mavericks	Metro Lynx	Single Gold
1	West Madison			
1	Middleton			
4	Ice Wolves			
3	Sauk Prairie	Sauk Monkeys	Badger City (WAHA)	Silver
3	RWD		Badger Lightning	
3	Baraboo			
1	Madison Patriots	Madison Dragons	Cap City Cougars	Single Gold
1	Sun Prairie			
1	Wildcats			

Region 5					
3	Beaver Dam	Beaver Dam	Beaver Dam Golden Beavers	Silver	Could go to Fond du Lac or Madison Patriots
1	Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac Jr Warbirds	Fond du Lac Warbirds		
3	Waupun			Silver	
3	Oshkosh ** Region 3				
1	Elmbrook	Elmbrook	Brookfield Glacier	Single Gold	
1	Waukesha				
1	Arrowhead		Arrowhead Warhawks		
1	Milwaukee Winter Club	Milwaukee Winter Club/Winter Wolves	University School Wildcats	Single Gold	
2	Kenosha				
1	SHAW		Brookfield Glacier		
1	Ozaukee	Ozaukee	Lakeshore Lightning	Silver	
2	Washington Co				
Region 6					
2	Onalaska/Holmen	Coulee Region Stars	Coulee Region Cyclones	Silver	
4	West Salem				
4	River City				
4	Sparta	TNT	Black River Falls Tigers	Silver	
3	Tomah				
3	Black River Falls				
4	Viroqua		Viroqua Hawks	Silver	Could go to TNT or Coulee Region Stars
3	Somerset	Western Wisconsin Stars	Western Wisconsin Stars	Silver	
2	New Richmond				
4	River Valley** Region 1				
3	Amery ** Region 1				
1	Hudson	Hudson	Hudson Radiers	Silver	Could go to Western WI Stars or Blackcats
2	River Falls	Blackcats	St. Croix Fusion	Silver	
3	Blackhawk				
Total 78		Total 24 Alliliation Groups	Total 27 WIAA teams	16-19 Silver	
				6-9 Gold As single team	