



Player Call-Up Procedures

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Introduction:

The Valley Ball Hockey Association (VBHA) recognizes the importance of fostering fair and enjoyable gameplay experiences for all participants across its various age groups. To promote fairness and balance in games, the VBHA is implementing a player call-up policy.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for player call-ups within the VBHA, aimed at improving the in-game experience for all players and promoting fairness across teams.

Scope:

This policy applies to all age groups within the VBHA and addresses the potential for player call-ups from lower divisions to higher divisions under specific circumstances.

Policy Details:

1. U7 Peanut Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Tyke Division.
2. U9 Pup Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Peanut Division.
3. U11Pee Wee Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Pup Division.
4. U13 Minor Mountain Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Pee wee or Minor Pacific Division.
5. U15 Minor Pacific Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Pee wee Division.
6. U17 Major Mountain Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Minor Mountain or Major Pacific Division.
7. U17 Major Pacific Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Minor Pacific Division.
8. U20 Junior Mountain Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Major Mountain or Junior Pacific Division.
9. U20 Junior Pacific Division:
 - Allowed to call up players from the Major Pacific Division.

Female Division

10. Teams can call up a female player from a Co-Ed team, provided the call-up player's birth year falls within the range of the Female division team.
 - Runners called up to a Co-Ed team from a Female Division team must have an evaluation score, which will determine eligibility for the division she is called up to.

The implementation of this player call-up policy aims to promote fairness, balance, and inclusivity within the VBHA. By allowing strategic call-ups under specific conditions, the VBHA endeavors to enhance the overall playing experience for all participants while maintaining competitive integrity across divisions.

Conditions for Runner Call-Ups in the Regular Season.

1) Threshold of Call-Ups

- a. A team with less than nine (9) runners in a game is eligible to call up one runner, resulting in a maximum of nine (9) total players per team.
- b. Nine players is the threshold to maintain competitiveness, with two full forward lines and three rotating defensemen

2) Frequency of Call Ups

- a. A team may only call up a total of three (3) different players during a season.
- b. No player can participate in more than three (3) games as a call-up during a season, across all teams and divisions.

3) Day of Call-Ups

- a. The team making the call-up must notify the President and Vice President (president@vbha.com & vp@vbha.com) via email at least four (4) hours before the game's start, providing a screenshot of TeamSnap attendance as proof.
- b. Permission from the head coach of the runner's regular team must be obtained via phone call, text message, or email.
- c. The scorekeepers must be informed of the player addition before the game, with the player's name noted on the score sheet as an "AP" (Affiliated Player).

4) Affiliations

- a. A runner in a lower division may affiliate with an eligible team for the season, becoming an AP for a maximum of three games, following normal call-up rules.
- b. Affiliation requires permission from the head coach of the player's regular team via email, forwarded to the President and Vice President.

5) Play-Offs

- a. No runner call-ups are allowed during the VBHA playoffs unless:
- b. The team has only five (5) runners in the game.
- c. The player has been affiliated during the regular season.
- d. Permission has been obtained from the President, Vice President, or Referee-in-Chief at least four (4) hours before the game, with proof provided to the scorekeeper. The team must demonstrate efforts to resolve the personnel issue internally.