



WMHA & LMHA Merger

Travel Committee Meeting Notes



Discussion Points

1. How many teams will there be at each age?
 - Assuming the new association will be 'A' level to start:
 - we will host two equal 'A' level teams at each birth year (where player counts allow).
 - We will host one second entry ('B') team at each subcategory (U11, U13, U15, U18). This is our current model for both centers
 - This model has been used by London Minor Hockey for many years in their 'AA' program.
 - If the new association is pushed to 'AA' by OMHA:
 - we will host one 'AA' team at each birth year
 - We will host one 'A' team at each birth year (where player counts allow).
 - We will host one second entry ('B') team at each sub category (U11, U13, U15, U18). This is our current model for both centers
 - London Minor Hockey uses a similar model with one AAA, two AA and one A team
 - The committee expects the new center to be 'A' to start, depending on other potential mergers in the area.
2. Where will we play?
 - The current WMHA and LMHA ice allotment includes The Vollmer Complex (LMHA), Central Park Athletics (WMHA), Adie Knox (both WMHA and LMHA) and Capri Pizza Rec Center (both WMHA and LMHA)
 - We will maintain the same ice allocations with the majority of the programming being split between Vollmer and CPA, teams would see an even split where possible with practices and games played in all four arenas, but the majority in CPA and Vollmer
3. How will Coaches be selected?
 - A coach selection committee will be created to choose the best candidates for each team regardless of their previous home center.
 - The committee would be comprised of pertinent board members including VP of Travel, Coaching Director and Travel Director as well as other board members and potential non board members such as highly knowledgeable coaches.

4. How will players be chosen?

- A committee will be utilized for non-biased evaluation
- The committee will be comprised of non-parental members and include local hockey minds such as current and former coaches and outside sources for various opinions
- The evaluators would provide their feedback which will be entered into a database for each team.
- The database will be utilized to direct the selection process
- WMHA already uses a similar model which has worked very well over the last 5-7 years as it has been developed
- Coaches will have input throughout the process. The evaluation committee data is used to steer the process, but not necessarily make the selections, more like a check and balance