

2023-24 SMHA Team Registration Concession Application Process:

Qualification Procedures apply to all SMHA zones and to all Interlock associations. Interlock associations are expected to follow the approved Team Registration Grid system for each age division (U11 – U18) as set by SMHA. Process described is not applicable to Female hockey.

IMPORTANT:

- Concessions will be heard at Program Committee Meetings only and not directly to the SMHA Board;
- All concession applications must be submitted per SMHA application template;
- All concession applications must be approved by the Zone or interlock MHA's Board of Directors prior to being submitted to SMHA;
- **Deadline for submission of written (by email) Concession applications (to go below OR above the approved grid) is September 5th to SMHA Executive Director- applies to SMHA zones and to Interlock associations;**
- SMHA Age Division Chairs will schedule their committee meetings to be conducted between September 6 – 17, 2023. Concession applications will be reviewed at these meetings;
- SMHA Age Division Chairs will present any concession requests coming from their meetings to SMHA Board meeting on September 18, 2023;

Concession Application Criteria to go below the approved grid - STEP 1:

- a. 60% or more of players must be first year players in that age group. For U18– 45% or more of players must be first year U18 players (three-year age group);
- b. Of these players 60% or greater had to have played in either A, B or C (U13 – U18 players) or B, C or D (U9 and U11 players) the previous year.
- c. In U15 and U18, players that have voluntarily opted into No Body Checking hockey (B & C) will not be counted when calculating player numbers for the purpose of concession applications;
- d. A list of players registered in the age division must be supplied showing their age for the upcoming season along with the level they played at the previous season. Any NEW players to SMHA must be highlighted and show the minor hockey association they played for the year before and at what level they played at or indicate that they are new to minor hockey;
- e. For U13, U15 and U18, an odd number of teams must exist in order to be eligible to apply for a concession. I.E. a concession will not be considered for two, four or six team scenarios.

Concession Application Criteria to go below the approved grid - STEP 2:

If qualified under Step 1, the zone / interlock association must submit statistical records as follows:

- a. A complete summary of how effectively the zone / interlock team has competed in the age group in question for the previous two seasons (accurate standings information as to wins and losses). Similar information as to how the age group moving into a new age group has competed in the previous two years must also be provided;
- b. With respect to a U9 age group concession request, information must be included about how many players are new to hockey;
- c. U9 concession requests are not encouraged;

Concession Application Criteria to go AHEAD OF THE GRID:

- a) 50% or more second year players within the age division;
- b) 50% played B or higher (U9 and U11); 50% played A or higher (U13-U18)
- c) Supported by previous two season's win/loss record;

CONCESSION APPLICATION DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023