

**Embro Minor Hockey Association  
Policy and Procedure**

<b>TITLE</b>	Team Split Policy or Team Selection Policy	
Effective	September 2, 2024	
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<b>Policy Statement:</b>	<p>Embro Minor Hockey Association (EMHA) supports an open and fair process for selection of teams. Selection decisions will be based on skill and performance, commitment to practices and games, good sportsmanship and abiding by the association's Code of Conduct.</p> <p>If age divisions need to be split into two or more teams, EMHA executive will follow this policy/procedure to the best of their ability to split age groups into two or more evenly skilled teams.</p>	
<b>Procedure:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Head coaches and assistant coaches will evaluate players at September practices.</li> <li>2. The coaching staff will fill out evaluation forms for each player.</li> <li>3. A third party will also fill out evaluation forms for each player.</li> <li>4. The coach convenor, coaches and committee will review the evaluations and split the teams.</li> <li>5. EMHA board will review rosters, make any changes they see necessary and vote to approve final rosters.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Any board members with conflicts of interest, e.g. children in the age group of splits, will abstain from voting.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. EMHA will announce teams to families.</li> </ol> <p><b>U7 and potentially U8:</b> These age groups will be divided by age/gender and coaching help available. There are no games or scores for these teams; therefore, kids are split at random.</p> <p><b>U9 and Up:</b> These age groups will be split by skill level attempting to create even teams. Different factors may affect final rosters.</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> EMHA coach convenor or president will communicate with all families until final roster is made. Head coaches will receive their team contact lists and will reach out to their team players and families.</p>	

**Parent Requests:**

No request will be taken to have your child play on a certain team or with another player. All siblings within the same age group will be placed on the same team unless requested otherwise by parents.

**Timeline:**

Evaluations will happen at practices in September. Final rosters will be made by the end of the pre-season skates.