



PAHL TEAM PLACEMENT PROCESS

Placement Committee Role and Responsibility

The PAHL Placement Committee was started in the 1999-2000 season and is comprised of five to eight volunteers representing PAHL member organizations, or are "independent" participants who have an in-depth knowledge of youth hockey and the PAHL organizations.

The Committee conducts detailed reviews of all teams in the 10U through 18U divisions and establishes a competitive structure for each age division that will optimize each team and player's competitive experience. One committee member maintains a centralized database of all players in the PAHL along with each player's hockey experience. This database is a key primary source of data for the Committee's review.

All communication between the PAHL Placement Committee and member organizations is handled through the organization presidents, not individual team personnel.

The Review Process

Committee members meet regularly between early August through the end of October to review and assess the competitive make up of the divisions for the coming season.

The Committee's review follows the general process flow, below:

- Organizations submit team rosters to the Placement Statistician or Committee head. Rosters are entered into the centralized PAHL database to be used for analysis.
- Beginning in early-August, Committee members review a series of reports generated from the database focusing on the players' hockey experience from prior season. A team's "self placement" and the past history of the team coach and/or organization are also considered during this review.
- Teams in each age division are seeded into 3 to 6 broad-based groups from which the pre-season game assignments are made.
- The 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U divisions participate in 2 required pre-season games as assigned by the committee, from late August to the end of September. The 10U division participates in a 6 game preseason (late Sept and Oct). Game match ups are determined by the initial seedings, geographic location, and desired experience match ups.
- Once scrimmages are completed and results have been submitted, the committee completes the final placement of teams in the competitive structure. At this point, the number of pre-season seeding divisions may expand or contract for the regular season.
- Final team placements are communicated to member organizations. The 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U division teams have the option to appeal the Committee's decision by submitting additional data, game results or other information that demonstrates that their competitive placement is in error. One full weekend before placement finalization is provided to allow teams additional time for pre-season games.

Throughout the season, roster changes are submitted to the Committee Chair (both additions and deletions) for continuous competitive monitoring by the committee to ensure the original competitive balances are maintained.