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| 4.4.4.1 | Modified UAA timeline wording | 5 | 01/26/2020 | 01/26/2020 |

4.0 TIERING POLICY

- 4.1 Purpose** Place teams at similar skill levels for competition in Ringette Alberta sanctioned games.
- 4.2 Applicability** All teams registered with Ringette Alberta.
- 4.3 Principles**
- 4.3.1 Below U12, athletes will be grouped by LTAD stages and sub stages.
 - 4.3.2 Teams may 'tier up' (register at a higher level) to and including AA provided the local ringette association approves the change.
 - 4.3.3 There is no obligation on any Association to ice a 'AA' team.
- 4.4 Requirements**
- 4.4.1 Active Start
 - 4.4.1.1 Athletes may be grouped into either the Active Start 1 stage or the Active Start 2 stage.
 - 4.4.2 U10, U12, U14
 - 4.4.3.1 Group Members of Ringette Alberta providing programs in these divisions are required to conduct UAA testing.
 - 4.4.3.2 Minimum team level will be determined by relative UAA team score.
 - 4.4.3 U16, U19
 - 4.4.3.1 One Team in an Age Division: The team will self-tier at the A or B level.
 - 4.4.3.2 Two or more teams at different levels in an Age Division: At minimum, Teams will be tiered as follows:
 - 2 teams} 1A, 1B
 - 3 teams} 1A, 2B

4 teams} 2A, 2B

5 teams} 2A, 3B

6 teams} 3A, 3B or 1AA, 2A, 3B

7 teams} 3A, 4B or 1AA, 2A, 4B

8 teams} 4A, 4B or 1AA, 3A, 4B

4.4.4 Timelines

4.4.4.1 For the purposes of determining team level, UAA testing shall begin no sooner than September 1st each season.

4.4.4.2 UAA testing data must be submitted to Ringette Alberta, in the required form, on or before the 23:59 on the Friday of the third full week of September each season.

4.4.4.3 Associations that wish to register a team at a level higher than its UAA score must declare this to Ringette Alberta no later than October 15th each season.

4.4.5 Compliance and Consequences

4.4.5.1 Where an entire association fails to submit ALL of its UAA testing data by the due date and time specified in 4.4.4, all of its teams shall be ineligible for participation in Ringette Alberta Playdowns and Provincials.

4.4.5.2 When less than 80% of a non-AA team's players are tested, the team will start the season as follows:

- U10 teams start at Step 3;
- U12 teams start at A;
- U14 teams start at A.

4.4.5.3 When less than 80% of a AA team's players are tested, the association will be fined \$1500 for each non-compliant team.

4.5 References

2.0 Registration Policy

8.0 Team Advance/Retreat Policy

Appendix A Rates and Fees