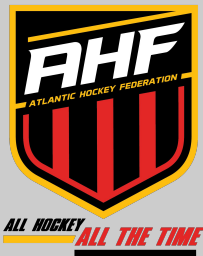
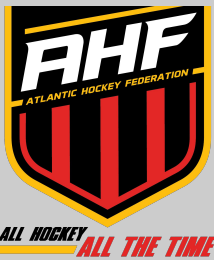


Atlantic Hockey Federation Scheduling and Importance of Spring Parity



Team Declarations: *What's the Process?*

- Hockey Directors self-declare the age group and division for their teams.
- To assist in this process, the AHF hosts a parity event, providing valuable insights for Hockey Directors.
- The AHF League Office will conduct meetings with each club to review team placements and offer recommendations.
- Ultimately, the final decision on team divisions rests with each club.



Spring Parity: *What's the Purpose?*

The Parity Event provides teams with an opportunity to showcase their abilities before the AHF finalizes league seeding

Event Dates:

- April 5-6: 9U–12U
- May 3-4: 13U–18U

Event Format:

- Each team will play **three 30-minute running time** games.
- Teams will compete against a variety of opponents in the time equivalent to 1-2 Level 2 games.
- No individual stats will be recorded—only game scores will be tracked.

This structure ensures a fair and competitive evaluation process for all teams.



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Scheduling : *What's the Goal?*

AHF Commitment to Competitive Scheduling

- Impact of Parity Attendance: **Nearly 50% of games with a four-goal differential during the 2023-24 season involved teams that did not attend the Parity Event.**
- Competitive & Travel-Conscious Scheduling: The AHF is committed to creating a competitive schedule while considering travel demands, especially for younger teams and those in the McDavid, Gretzky, and Lemieux Divisions.
- Balancing Competition & Travel:
 - Competitive matchups are prioritized to ensure teams experience high-quality games.
 - "AA" teams are generally more willing to travel for increased competition.

Scheduling Process:

- Each team builds its own schedule.
- The league provides a matrix outlining required matchups.
- Club schedulers are responsible for structuring their team's final schedule within this framework.

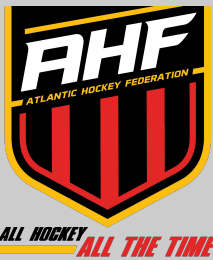
This approach ensures a balance between competition and travel while giving teams control over their schedules



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Season Preparation Timeline: *When & What?*

- **March / April**
 - Tryouts
 - Spring Parity Challenge
- **May**
 - League builds the schedule matrix
- **June**
 - Club schedulers create and submit their team schedules to the league
- **July**
 - League uploads the finalized schedule to the website
 - Teams have until August 1 to request schedule changes
- **August 15**
 - Season begins



Key Reminders

- Nearly 50% of games with a four-goal differential during the 2023-24 season involved teams that did not attend the Parity Event
- Competitive matchups are prioritized to ensure teams experience high-quality games.
- Teams are encouraged to participate to ensure players have the best possible experience throughout the season.

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