

Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

18u Planning Meeting Minutes

5/23/2025, 5:30pm

2609 West Broadway Ave, Moses Lake



Attendance: Chad Strevy, Paul Davies, Troy Wiley, Andrew Gagnon, Scott Barlow, Kelli Hesse, Ryan Porter, Mike Meetsma, Todd Gregory

What does it mean for MLYHA to be a House-level hockey association?

4 birth years are tricky on the same team. There is a big difference in skill and ability within those 4 years of development.

There was a large discussion about penalty minutes and how to play out a power-play and how penalties affect the game and playing time. At 3 penalties in a game players will be benched for the remainder of the game to prevent them getting a 4th penalty and missing the following game.

We need to define what 18u hockey in ML looks like. There are different perspectives or approaches. Some of these are we play to win at all costs, want to be competitive but in a some-what equal way and some want equal playing time for all. The overall feeling is we want to be competitive in our games. Playing to win is playing the best players the majority of the time. Playing to be competitive is utilizing certain players during penalty kills and during key moments of the game.

We discussed how developing good habits at the younger ages is critical to having success at the older ages. Behavior, attendance, punctuality and attitude are all aspects that must be enforced from the younger ages so that we have good habits in players and parents at the older ages.

If we have more than 18 and 2 goalies registered to play. We have a couple of choices. We could:

- Register based on first come first served
- Hold tryouts and only accept the max number allowed on a roster.
- We roster all of them and then create new rosters and lines every weekend.
- We could choose our playing team and have practice players that come to practices only

If we get to the point we have 24+ kids with 2 goalies we can have two teams.

We want:

- A focus on player improvement while being competitive
- 14u & 18u Coaches to have the ability to do line manipulation when needed or utilize power play specific lines when needed.
- Coaches can bench players as a discipline action if needed during a game.

Factors that could influence playing time:

Penalty minutes

Attendance at practices

Effort

Coaches would prefer to hold try-outs and cut players vs. rostering everyone and changing the team every weekend. Some were concerned about the effect of this throughout the association and how it could impact players and families in the long run. (losing kids to other associations, losing sponsorship money, losing volunteers, etc.)

No decision was made.

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