

**This Policy is a Pilot Project for 2024 Youth Hockey Championships.**

- Purpose/why:
  - to give athletes from Nations that do not have enough players to field a team, A chance to play at the Youth Hockey Championships.
  - To increase participation and inclusivity in our Youth Hockey Championships
- How:
  - Tribal Council teams are **ONLY allowed in the U11/U13 & U15/U18 Female Divisions for the Youth Hockey Championships. Refer to the Youth Championship Manual.**
  - Nations need to work with their respective Tribal Council Coordinator. The Tribal Council Coordinator will determine a player's eligibility based on the requirements outlined by the FSIN SCRYB.
    - I.e.: Tribal Council Coordinators will verify teams with proper information submitted: Letter from parents/caregiver, letter from community recreation worker and Tribal Council Coordinator will sign off.
  - Independent Bands would go to nearest nation that has a team, ONLY if they cannot fill a team within their own members.
    - I.e.: a FN has 10 or less players and 2 players from another community who isn't sending a team to the championships.
- What not to do:
  - Create super teams, picking and choosing from Nations – **ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED.**
    - I.e.: Scouting players, Tribal Council teams in U9, U11, U13, U15, & U18 are **NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
    - I.e.: 3 or more Nations are **NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
  - Cannot remove and/or cut community members from your own Nation to accommodate players other from Nations asking to join your community team.
  - Cannot refer to the FSIN Championship Manual and Sport Technical Package as this Policy is a Pilot Project for the 2024 FSIN Youth Hockey Championship.