

## **What do the designations B, A, AA, and AAA mean?**

**At each youth hockey age group, there are three distinct classifications: B/BB, A/AA and AAA.**

**B or BB (House) is a recreational level with the following requirements.**

- **No tryouts**
- **Everyone plays**
- **Teams are formed by drafts**
- **Teams are limited to the number of second year players on a team according to the MAHA formula**
- **Ages 15-18 are restricted to a maximum of 40 games before Feb. 1 (not including District playoffs)**
- **Ages 9-14 are restricted to a maximum of 35 games before Feb. 1 (not including District playoffs)**
- **Ages 8 and under are restricted to playing a maximum of 40 games per season**

**A or AA (Tier 2) is a competitive level with the following requirements.**

- **Teams are formed by tryouts**
- **Limited to players within their districts with a maximum of 3 players from outside their district (Midget classification is allowed 6 players out of district)**
- **Ages 9 and older are restricted to playing a maximum of 75 games per season**
- **Ages 8 and under are restricted to playing a maximum of 40 games per season**

**AAA (Tier 1) is a competitive level with the following requirements.**

- **This is a top level of play**
- **Teams are formed by tryouts**
- **Players can come from anywhere in the state and even outside the state**
- **Ages 9 and older are restricted to playing a maximum of 75 games per season**