



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Minor Hockey Associations
Minor Hockey Leagues

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SUBJECT: Alberta One - Standardized Tiering Model / Grid

At Hockey Alberta's Annual General Meeting and Hockey Conference in September 2017, an initiative was put forth coined "Alberta One". This initiative has Hockey Alberta and our Minor Leagues working together to create more unity and to build a strategic model that enables Leagues to adopt the same tiering, seasonal structure and other operational processes regardless of the area of the Province in which they exist.

Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues Committee identified standardized tiering as the first step in this initiative. Throughout the past year, the Minor Leagues Committee has worked extensively on a standardized tiering model / grid and with full support, the following Leagues / Organizations will implement the new model / grid for the 2018 / 2019 hockey season.

Alberta One – Standardized Tiering Model / Grid:

- Hockey Calgary
- Hockey Edmonton
- Central Alberta Hockey League
- Northern Alberta Interlock
- All Peace Hockey League
- North Eastern Alberta Hockey League

Under the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, Leagues / Organizations have agreed to operate no more than six tiers within the divisions of Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget. Those larger Leagues / Organizations will have the ability to split tiers into more manageable groups based on number of teams, games to be played and travel. Smaller Leagues / Organizations may not operate all six tiers within a division but will follow a predetermined grid that determines the number of tiers based on the total number of teams at a division.

All Leagues / Organizations will also utilize the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grid as a starting point in their tiering placement. This Tiering Grid will give all Minor Hockey Associations an initial starting point for the placement of their teams within a specific division. Those teams will then proceed through the tiering rounds for final placement which will be determined by League Policies.

Further information on the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model and Grid has been enclosed with this memorandum.

If you have any questions regarding the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model and Grid please do not hesitate to contact either your League President or myself (bburrell@hockeyalberta.ca).