

# 2016 – 2017 Winter Provincial Category Game Format

## Recommendation:

EFHL Provincial Categories require that  
“Each team within a tier must play  
every other team in their tier an equal  
number of times in the regular  
season.”

## Report Summary

**This recommendation will allow all EFHL teams to play an equal number of games against all opponents in their category**

Over the past several years the standard number of games has been 20 for all tiers. The schedule inequities that result from three rounds of play led to teams having to play a tournament in order to select a team to represent Hockey Edmonton in provincial competition.

Hockey Edmonton Board has approved season long schedules for all Provincial Categories with no movement of teams.

Forecast Number of Provincial Teams:

### ATOM

Assoc	AA	A
SPMHA	2	1
SAMHA	2	2
SWZ	3	2
NEZ	1	0
NWZ	2	1
SEZ	2	1
BMHA	1	1
SGMHA	1	0
K.C.	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>

### PEEWEE

Assoc	AA	A
SPMHA	2	1
SAMHA	3	2
SWZ	3	3
NEZ	1	0
NWZ	3	1
SEZ	2	0
BMHA	1	1
SGMHA	2	0
K.C.	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>

### BANTAM

Assoc	A	B
SPMHA	1	1
SAMHA	1	2
SWZ	1	1
NEZ	1	0
NWZ	1	1
SEZ	1	1
BMHA	1	1
SGMHA	0	1
K.C.	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

### MIDGET

Assoc	A	B
SPMHA	1	1
SAMHA	1	1
SWZ	1	1
NEZ	1	0
NWZ	1	1
SEZ	1	1
BMHA	1	0
SGMHA	1	1
K.C.	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

In order to ensure each category will have a minimum of 20 games, the season for some categories will be broken into Non-Standing Games and League games as outlined below.

## 2015 – 2016 Program Recommendations

The Recommendation if implemented would yield the following schedule:

Games		
	Tier A	Tier B
<b>Atom</b>	5 Non Standing 15 Standing	4 Non Stand 16 Standing
<b>PWE</b>	2 Non Standing 18 Standing	4 Non Stand 16 Standing
<b>BTM</b>	21 Standing	21 Standing
<b>MGT</b>	4 Non Stand 16 Standing	20 Standing

### Organization Outcomes

Teams will play all other teams in their tier equally, this principal will hold as tiers grow beyond 20 teams. This is a fair and equitable process for declaring a Hockey Edmonton representative for provincial championships. The highest ranked Edmonton team at the end of the regular season would be designated the Hockey Edmonton Provincial Representative.

*Peewee AA: Provincial representative will be the winner of the Championship Playoff Tournament as per Hockey Alberta AA Model Rules*

### Budget/Financial Implications

If additional games are required to facilitate the season schedule more than the 20 games that players paid for in their registration fees, we will reduce the number of practices to accommodate the 40 ice times guaranteed by Hockey Edmonton. This schedule will eliminate the need for Hockey Edmonton teams to

have a provincial tournament round to declare the provincial representative.

### Non Standing Games

Ideally, non-standing games for will be the first scheduled games of the season and be considered pre-season games and not recorded in the season standings.

If scheduling does not permit during the first games of the regular season, EFHL determines the first meeting between the two teams will be the non-standing game to be completed during the first month of the season.

**September 2016 EFHL Board Meeting:**

**Moved:**

**To:**

***'adopt the recommendations outlined in the agenda report.'***