



HOCKEY CALGARY

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: October 24, 2017 #1702
To: Association President's & Administrators
From: Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director
CC: HC Board, HC Governors, Hockey Alberta, CZRC- Chairman

SUBJECT: Calgary Teams Hosting Tournaments in BC

As most of you are aware there has been some concerns raised by Hockey BC regarding Alberta teams (Calgary) hosting Alberta Sanctioned Tournaments within BC communities in close proximity to the Alberta border.

There are really 2 concerns that have been brought forward to Hockey Calgary

- The increased tournaments in these communities are affecting Local Minor Hockey Associations from having enough qualified officials to officiate local games
- The novice tournaments are not aligned with BC playing rules whereby in BC the novice age category is only permitted to play ½ ice hockey

After much discussion between BC Hockey and Hockey Alberta the following decision has been made with regards to Hockey Calgary sanctioned tournaments held in BC communities for the 2017-18 season, this is effective November 1, 2017.

- Atom to midget age category tournaments can continue operate as they have in the past. **BC officials will be permitted to officiate these games.** Tournament Coordinators need to work with the local area 'Referee in Charge' to have their tournaments assigned to BC officials.
- Novice Age Category - **BC officials will NOT be permitted to officiate these games.** This decision is based on the fact that full ice hockey at the Novice level is not in adherence to BC Hockey gameplay rules and regulations. Based on this decision Calgary Novice teams that have approved tournament sanctions in BC during the remainder of the 2017-18 season have the following 3 choices:
 1. Cancel your tournament
 2. Play half ice and use officials from BC

3. Play full ice and bring Calgary officials with you to officiate. **If you do this you need to be prepared to cover the referee's travel, meal and hotel costs as well as the game fee.** If you are lucky you may have some older brothers on your team or other teams who are officials that may be willing to officiate, but they **MUST** be certified. The increased cost for this is likely in the \$800 range, excluding your originally planned officiating fee. If you choose to go down this route your contact person is:
- Lance McKinnon – Chairman CZRC
 - Email – chairman@czrc.ab.ca

We thank you for your patience while we have sorted this process out with BC Hockey and Hockey Alberta. If you have any further questions around hosting events within BC please feel free to contact the HC office at 403-245-5773.

Good Luck,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kobelka', is positioned above the printed name.

Kevin Kobelka
Executive Director