



HOCKEY CALGARY

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SUBJECT: New Atom League Structure 2016-17

This past season Hockey Calgary created a sub-committee, made up of Association Presidents, League Governors and key HC personnel and initiated a review of league structures within Calgary. The objective of this committee was as follows:

- *Review the current league structure within HC to ensure it is meeting the needs of players and families in a growing and diverse hockey playing population*
- *Review the models in place at other mid to large size LMHA's across the country to determine what other options are available*
- *Make recommendations as to possible alternative league structures that would be more beneficial to all involved in Hockey Calgary*
- *The outcome of this exercise is to develop (or maintain) a league structure that enhances the playing experience for **ALL** players, thus growing the game and keeping people in the game*

Based on the findings of this committee, the decision was made to **pilot a 'Regional Based Atom League' for specific divisions within the city**, benefits of this model are as follows:

- *Reduce the # of tiers, widen the bands*
- *Reduce # of pressure points at evaluation*
- *Reduce travel costs*
- *Lessen the amount of time needed to play a game*
 - *Reduce time and travel where possible*
- *Improved access to coaches*
- *Improved alignment to rest of province*
- *Kids will have more time for other activities (sports)*
- *Make Game more accessible*

Therefore for the upcoming 2016-17 season the League structure for Atom will be as follows:

- Divisions 1-3 will continue to play 'City Wide' (same as 2015-16)
- Divisions 4-13 (from 2015-16), will be reduced to 3 wider bands, divisions 4-6 and play in 3 regional zones, (south, west and north) with associations required to select evenly evaluated teams to play in each of these divisions.
 - o See grid based on 2015-16 team #'s below
- Please Note:
 - o # of games will be the same across all divisions
 - o Participation in EMHW will be the same across all divisions
 - o Participation in city championships will be the same across all divisions
 - o **Frequently Asked Questions are Attached**

ATOM GRID

	City Wide				Regional			
	Tiered				Balanced Equal Teams			
	Teams are ranked according to skill, the top team being A. Second being B, etc.				#'s represent the number of balanced equal teams in each division			
TEAMS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3		DIV 4	DIV 5	DIV 6	TOTAL
5 Teams		A			1	1	2	5
6 Teams		A			2	1	2	6
7 Teams		A	B		2	2	1	7
8 Teams	A		B		2	2	2	8
9 Teams	A	B			2	3	2	9
10 Teams	A	B	C		2	3	2	10
11 Teams	A	B	C		3	3	2	11
12 Teams	A	B	C		3	3	3	12
13 Teams	A	B	2 x C		3	3	3	13
14 Teams	2 x A	B	2 x C		3	3	3	14

Below Projected Team breakdown is based on 2015-16 team #'s, and may change slightly with 2016-17 registration

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