

Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association

Zone Bantam and Midget Teams

The Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association (OMAHA), with the support of BC Hockey, have drafted a Bantam and Midget zone concept which could be available for registration as early as **August 29, 2016**. OMAHA has identified that there are several benefits to a zone program for athletes. Under this model, players from all tiers would have an opportunity to play at a level that is best suited for their athletic and personal development. Athletes are not bound to a tier based on their residency, and will have the opportunities to participate on competitive teams with other athletes from within their zone. The zone concept model will replace the existing male high performance Rep team program currently in place.

Key program objectives in zone programming include:

- Providing a competitive environment with high expectations for commitment and a team concept.
 - Maximize overall athletic development, off-ice training, nutrition, mental preparation, rest and recovery principles
- Encourage a greater sense of responsibility, community involvement and character

The following information is intended to educate players and parents about the potential programming options in both the Bantam and Midget divisions.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact:

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FAQ SHEET

ZONES

The OMAHA has determined the following four (4) draw zones for Bantam and Midget Tier 1 and 2 teams:

SOUTH

South Okanagan MHA
Penticton MHA
Princeton MHA
Summerland MHA
West Kelowna MHA

NORTH

Vernon MHA
Lumby MHA
North Okanagan MHA

Sicamous MHA
Revelstoke MHA
Salmon Arm MHA

CENTRAL

Kelowna MHA
Winfield MHA

THOMPSON

Kamloops MHA
Clearwater MHA
Lilloet MHA
Thompson C
Merritt MHA
Logan Lake MHA
Chase MHA

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Zone team administration will be directed by a committee chaired by an OMAHA and BC Hockey appointee. Each MHA would also have representation on these committees.
- Players will continue to attend local schools of choice.
- Participants in the Zone Program would receive two (2) – three (3) practices per week, and sixteen (16) league game schedule, and four (4) tournaments.
- Each zone team will include a professional coaching staff selected by an independent panel.
- Players will receive video, dry land and nutritional coaching within the programming
- Player selection will be completed by independent evaluation panel
- Discounts will be provided on travel, accommodations and equipment
- The approximate cost per participants would be \$2500.00 (excluding credits for fundraising and sponsorship)

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