



**Changes to Provincial Championship Age-Class and Middle School Divisions
at the mini, bantam and middle school levels**

BNB minor associations and teams have traditionally been classified as “AAA”, “AA” and “A” based on criteria such as the size of the minor association, the geographic area, the number of athletes participating, the number of schools in the area, etc. Each year more and more teams are requesting to move either up or down from their assigned division for a variety of reasons. At the 2012 provincials, 18 teams at the mini and bantam levels played outside of those assigned divisions.

After meaningful discussion, it was approved by the BNB Board of Directors to move from the “AAA”, “AA”, “A” divisions at the mini and bantam levels, and “Small School” and “Large School” at the middle school levels to “Division 1, 2, 3....” (depending on the number of registered teams).

Mini/Bantam Example: If 30 teams register for mini boys provincials they will be seeded 1 through 30 and placed in five tournaments of six teams each (titled “Division 1, 2....5”), regardless of the size of their minor association.

Middle School Example: If 36 teams register for girls middle school provincials the teams will be ranked 1 through 36 and placed in six tournaments of six teams each (titled “Division 1, 2, 3....6”), regardless of the school population.

RATIONALE:

By allowing teams to no longer be locked into particular divisions based on their previously assigned classifications (AAA, AA, A) will allow for a more competitive and enjoyable experience at the age-class and middle school provincials.

Additional notes:

- All teams are heavily encouraged to play games versus opponents from multiple regions of the province and outside of their traditional AAA, AA, A classifications
- Traditional AA and A teams having a strong season will not automatically be seeded into “Division 1”
- Division assignments will be based on reported scores from exhibition games and tournaments
- All provincial championship banners for each division will read “Provincial Champions”
- The new division assignments will take affect for the 2012-2013 and will be reviewed following the provincial championship season

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