



Brooks Minor Hockey

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Important Registration Information for 2020-2021 Season

Return to Play:

We are preparing to start the 2020-2021 season as normal. However the official start of the season will be determined by Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta in conjunction with directions from the Alberta provincial government and the Alberta Chief Medical Officer.

Age Category Changes:

The following age categories are the changes outlined by Hockey Canada will be in effect in Alberta effective for the 2020-21 season. They apply to male and female teams.

Current Division Name	Age Division Name for 2020-21
4 Year Olds	Under-5 (U5)
Initiation	Under-7 (U7)
Novice	Under-9 (U9)
Atom	Under-11 (U11)
Peewee	Under-13 (U13)
Bantam	Under-15 (U15)
Minor Midget	Under-16 (U16)
Midget	Under-18 (U18)

NOTE: Ages are as of December 31 of the current year.



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U9 Travel for Competition / Game Choice:

Starting in the 2020-2021 season, families and athletes in U9 will have the choice to play games in Brooks or on a team that plays games in the CAHL league (Central Alberta Hockey League). The team in CAHL will be allowed on the condition that there are 3 or more teams in Brooks that can play regularly scheduled games in Brooks. Both teams will have the opportunity to schedule their own exhibition or tournament games in accordance with Hockey Alberta policies. When you register, indicate if you would like to travel with your child in CAHL games or play locally. Depending on the number of registrations, there may be a team selection process needed to form the CAHL team that travels. This is **NOT a HOUSE vs REP TEAM** type program. This is a **choice to play games with or without travel**.

U11 Player Pathway:

The U11 Player Pathway will be implemented for the upcoming season. The U11 Player Pathway delivers numerous benefits to participants and their families. The benefits include:

- creating a positive experience during evaluations with planned pre-evaluation ice sessions;
- avoiding evaluations the first week of school; and
- allowing all U11 players to play actively for 100% of the season.

FAIR AND EQUAL ICE TIME is a key principle of the U11 Player Pathway. Fair and equal ice time is designed to ensure that all players get the same opportunity to contribute to the outcome of games, regardless of skill or ability.

- A coach's responsibility is to develop all players to contribute.
- Shortening of the bench is not permitted.
- All players should receive as close to equal ice time as possible, including opportunities on special teams (powerplay and penalty killing).
- All skaters should rotate through all positions to ensure each player can try each position. (LW/C/RW/LD/RD)
- Full-time goaltenders are allowed. If a team has two goalies, they should rotate for equal playing time and the goalie not playing should be allowed to play out as a skater.

The U11 Player Pathway must be followed for the 2020-21 season. More information is available at the following link:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/players/u11-pathway/>



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U11 Provincial Championships:

Hockey Alberta has decided to **remove Provincials from all streams (Minor and Minor Female) at the U11 division.** This change will allow for less disruption to the end of the season’s league play, will provide more time for teams to celebrate the season with year-end tournaments, and will remove the unnecessary pressures of a ‘Provincial Championship’ from nine and ten year old players.

U15 Checking / Non-Checking Option:

Hockey Alberta has decided to implement non-checking / body contact at the Tier 4 – 6 categories of the U15 division. In your registration process for this age category, please indicate your desire to play on a non-checking team or a checking team. Based upon registrations we will need to decide if one U15 team will be checking or non-checking. If we have enough players for two or more teams, players will need to be organized onto the appropriate team. If a player desires a checking team (Tier 1-3) and is not selected for that team, they will be placed onto the nonchecking team (Tier 4-6).

2020-2021 ALBERTA ONE STANDARDIZED TIERING GRID

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Total
	Body-Checking			Non-Checking / Body Contact Only			
One team			1 (Option)				1
Two Teams		1		1			2
Three Teams	1		1 (Option)		1		3

U16 AA SCAHL Option:

The South Central Alberta Hockey League (SCAHL) and Hockey Calgary, in partnership with Hockey Alberta’s AA Hockey Committee, have agreed to operate a U16 AA division during the 2020-2021 season, in order to review and determine the place for this category of hockey going forward. For the 2020-2021 season, those players born in 2005, are entitled and eligible to tryout for the U16 AA team in Medicine Hat.

AA Notification of Tryout Form:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/uploads/source/Forms/AA%20Notification%20of%20Try%20Out.pdf>

As this is considered a Pilot Project for the 2020-2021 season, Hockey Alberta will not be entertaining any Player Movement applications requesting a first tryout with a team outside the players U16 AA Recruitment Area, nor will any second tryouts be granted.