



# CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

## Executive Memorandum

May 19, 2023

**To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations**

**Re: Non-Body Checking update**

With Hockey Alberta announcing the tier naming changes and the potential for additional provincials in the U15 and U18 age divisions, we are into planning stages for these new tiering options. These are exciting prospects for more Hockey Alberta Provincial opportunities for the CAHL Member Teams.

In the recent Hockey Alberta Bulletin and in my previous letter with the critical dates you noticed the tier naming now included Non-Body Checking Tiers 1, 2 and 3 in these two age divisions. This will be in place of the U15/U18 Tiers of 4, 5 and 6 and should be a smooth transition as we are already seeing interest in these areas.

With this transition, the CAHL Executive would like to see the CAHL Members teams maximize this opportunity when it presents itself. Clearly, it is well within our reach and we will not have any issues making it happen for these players and their teams who are interested.

I would encourage your Associations to consider declaring teams into this process and taking part in this new option.

We are open to any feedback you may have and will look at the following and any other suggestions to make this as easy as possible for each of the groupings. We will look at:

- Regional play with playoffs separated as we have with our reduced travel projects in the past. This also will allow for some more creative ways to get the geography under control.
- With Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues Committee blessing the approved split tiering that will help contribute to reduced travel and also allow us to separate teams easier for Playoffs and maintain eligibility for Provincials.
- We will look into different scheduling methods to keep the opportunities and cost impacts down as much as we can as well. That may include but limited to, multiple games at one location each time and other suggestions we have used in the other tiers in the past.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am available if you would like to discuss any of this. Please take the time and consider this as we want to see as many Hockey Alberta Provincial opportunities as possible attended by CAHL Teams.

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