



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

August 28, 2023

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations

Re: Alberta One (AB-1) Committee update

I would like to thank those members and volunteers that helped with this review coordinating this with Hockey Alberta in May and June this year.

With Hockey Alberta announcing the AB-1 transition and the movement to the AB-1 standards, this was a perfect time to review this and as such Notice of Motion # 2 was approved by the Directors to complete the review and make the necessary recommendations and changes to the CAHL documents, practices and processes.

There were many good detailed conversations within this review and the outcomes of that are that the committee recommended the following for each item:

- Remove the CAHL regulation or policy and follow the AB-1 documentation directly
- To modify our current regulation or policy to a new one
- To use AB-1 but keep our some, part or all of the regulations or policies strengthening the regulation or policy as they felt was needed

An additional update from this week, I have received the approval letter from Hockey Alberta that we are approved to play in the AB-1 Minor Leagues processes as a result of this review.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you;

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Supporting Links to documents used for review

[Alberta One Operating Directives](#)

[Alberta One Policy, Procedures and Regulations](#)

Review item	Outcome
1. AB-1 identifies a League Officiating Liaison or RIC	Function already done within CAHL Processes in other roles. Communicate to Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee (HA MLC for future use in this document) that we will not be establishing this role.
2. AB-1 identifies a League Communication Coordinator	Function already done within CAHL Processes in other roles. Communicate to HA MLC that we will not be establishing this role.
3. AB-1 League Membership (CAHL Policy 2)	Correct the CAHL Policy to align with AB1, but keep the map, the right to refuse a member, right to remove a member, the right to request presentations for membership from applicants and make the determination if they will allow hardship applications
4. AB-1 Tiering Regulations, Procedures and Policy	Committee confirmed that while the minimum tiering games is 4 listed in AB1 regulations, they do not wish to see the current CAHL Processes altered. The tiering grid is a duplication of the one in AB1 so it can be removed and Committee does not want to lose the right to address unbalanced competition that appears. Update of the Game Regulation 1f, 1g, 5L, and 2. Classification of teams is required.
5. AB-1 Affiliation (CAHL Regulations 1f, 1g, 5L)	Committee confirmed the CAHL will follow the Affiliation Grid and Committee does not want to lose the right to address unbalanced competition that appears. CAHL Process review will be needed to meet the new criteria as discussed by the subcommittee. Does not want small teams to be allowed to increase roster size in playoffs. Update of the Game Regulation 1f, 1g, 5L, and the CAHL AP Process is required. Feedback is that the Teams can make the decision generally and will suffer the consequences if it is abused.
6. AB-1 Games/Scheduling	Committee confirmed: Section a) that while the minimum tiering games is 4 listed in AB1 regulations, they do not wish to see the current CAHL Processes altered. The CAHL occasionally has teams wanting to play more games and these help the League assigned the correct tiering. An exception would be 9 games for the CAHL. Section b) that notifying the number of games to the tier and age division October 8th is not possible. This will be done generally in the regulations in advance as we will not know the number of teams in the tier or the schedule until after re-tiering in November. Section c) that we will not be asking for the 50% ice requirement, we have issues getting 100% ice now.
7. AB-1 Team Failing to Represent itself – No Shows not fulfilling commitments (CAHL Regs 9L)	Alberta One does have no show regulations and weather regulations will need review by a subcommittee to update this section of the CAHL Regulations More review next meeting in the AB-1 appendixes
8. AB1 On Ice officials (CAHL Regs 4)	Section a) Use of a League RIC – CAHL will not have one for approvals of different ref assignment patterns. The CAHL will not separately approve a two-man ref system, it is the norm of where we are at today. The 3 and 4 man systems can be used as people choose to do so. Section c) definition of immediate family member to be clarified Section e) Hockey Canada Rule 5k, the CAHL wishes to keep it stronger stating captains will be the officials in the event of no officials, the CAHL also wants to keep the game postponement policy we have now when no officials are available.

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<p>9. AB-1 Scoresheet Submission (CAHL Reg 4)</p>	<p>All fines be increased to Alberta One standards, Deadlines are changed under Alberta One to 24 hours after the game. (1 warning then up to \$200.00) and the team cannot play until; it is paid</p> <p>Be clearly communicated to all teams each season start of season, remove fax from process, remove loss from section b), Remove Mail in of gamesheets.</p> <p>Keep loss in game sheet tampering</p> <p>Part e) is already being changed under another NOM</p>
<p>10. AB-1 Suspension Procedures</p>	<p>CAHL Process allows investigation to get the Rule number correct from the RIC of the Game Officials. AB-1 allows only 48 hrs to rule on a suspension, going to be an issue during investigations, CAHL processes will have to be changed to this.</p>
<p>11. AB-1 Supplemental Discipline</p>	<p>CAHL Reg Stands as is with the only change being - Too many PIMS would only carry over into playoffs for players who reached a threshold in the regular and tiering seasons would be the change as per AB-1</p>
<p>12. AB-1 Playoffs</p>	<p>Committee confirmed: Alberta One does have that are different and the CAHL will need to update the regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair play points will no longer be used since everyone now makes playoffs • CAHL will focus on everyone making playoffs in 2023-24 season as directed in AB1. • Will have issues making it to the first week of March with the deadlines imposed by Hockey Alberta to notify of provincial entrants in early March • No consolation rounds for U15 and U18, due to the Issues encountered and feedback this season from Directors. U13 and U11 may be considered at the October Directors meeting with the option to opt out of the round. • The best of three game series will only be allowed for a Tier final with two teams involved. • Two (2) game series will be come the norm except for either round robin or best of final tier rounds only. Rationale is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolute chaos trying to get 3 game series done in one weekend • Issues with Team to Team conflict in the process • Code of Conduct issues surrounding the process • Issues with game scheduling – teams will not cooperate • Issues with Ref Scheduling, Issues with burned ice and wasted Ref's on game 3 • AB-1 tie breakers and Overtime format will be followed which is very similar to what we have done in the past.