



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

September 25, 2023

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations

Re: League update and information

Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 CAHL Season. The time has come for the team formation processes and the league to become more active again. It is great to talk to everyone again and the CAHL Leadership group is ready to go.

I was asked a few questions recently and I thought the best way is to respond to everyone with some additional information. As always if one person has a question likely more people do too so this should help out.

- Why we do initial team summaries from the members in September and then in the beginning of October we do team declarations. The answer is the summaries allow the League to plan and resource volunteers for expected team numbers in age divisions. The declarations are your starting placement of your teams in the tiering grid as per Alberta One Regulations. Two totally different reasons.
- Critical Dates (see first letter link below) The CAHL Season dates are set by working backwards from when we have to declare our League Champions and Representatives for Hockey Alberta Provincials. We have a detailed best practice document we follow to come up with the best time frames for the age divisions, Hockey Alberta program criteria and then each part of the CAHL season. These are released usually in May of each year.
- In regards to team declarations and the Alberta One Tiering grid. (see second letter link below) teams have an opportunity to play in Body Checking Tiers 1, 2 and 3 and as well Non Body Checking Tiers 1, 2 and 3. It is a great opportunity to help teams that may not be that interested in taking part in the Body Checking tiers. I hope the CAHL members support this as it is a similar stream just no Body Checking. Please take a moment when making your October 1 declarations considering both streams. It would also help the large skill range in Tier 3, many of which cannot compete for a provincial opportunity with the strong tier 3 groups anyways.
- Alberta One changes, please (see last letter link below) take a moment to review this. A significant amount of work has happened to get here from the meetings in May and June to the final updates to the CAHL policy and Game Regulations Manual. Lots of change here, please make sure you and your teams are aware.
- Changes to Affiliation, more information has already been sent out to you but with the changes made by Alberta One Transition, the CAHL is switching from an approval system for Affiliation players to a notification system. We will explain this in detail at our October Directors meeting further to the information you have now.
- We are past the Governor Candidates submission deadline and are now reaching out to members who have not provided the adequate number of Governors for the teams they have submitted. We are short candidates this season and we need every member to help or it makes it really hard to operate the League under our current formula or operating model. If you did not submit 1 candidate for each 7 teams you have in the league, we will be reaching out and seriously need your assistance.

I look forward to talking to you all and enjoying another CAHL season with the best hockey people and Minor League in the Province. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all your support in making each season great for our players;

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Additional information

[2023 - 2024 CAHL Season Critical Dates](#)

[Non-Body Checking update 2023 - 2024](#)

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