



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

July 4, 2018

To: All CAHL Member Associations and the CAHL Novice Steering Committee Members

Re: 2018– 2019 CAHL Novice Division Hockey Season update # 2

As mentioned previously the CAHL will be prepared to accommodate those who wish to transition immediately to the new Hockey Canada Intro to Hockey Program for Novice this season. This letter is a further update of discussions and decisions the CAHL have made moving forward with the Novice Transition for the upcoming season.

There has been feedback from the last letter I sent out (please see the website for information) and as a result a further decision has been made to expand this detail and allow for room for like player skill placement if the CAHL Member wishes to do that. Our preference is definitely like skilled players together if we can achieve it but with all transitions it will be a process we are all getting used to at once.

To assist the request from Members with player placement, the Novice half ice stream will be divided into 3 groupings of like skilled players group "A" (similar to tier 1 / 2 players), group "B" (similar to tier 3 / 4 players) and group "C" (similar to tier 5 / 6 players). This potentially could be expanded further if the numbers of team declarations warrant. This will give each member the ability to place their team in a similar skilled group.

There will be no tiering games as such; each member will just have the ability to place their teams where they feel the team fits. This is also in-line with Hockey Edmonton's decision to have six tiers of team placements for the upcoming season as well as recently announced on TSN 1260 Sports Radio.

We also will be leaving the schedule formation a little more open to allow for some cross over of close proximity teams between the groups to reduce travel as needed. There will be a potential of cross over play between A and B and B and C if the geography benefits from it and it increases the variety of teams to play against.

We still only have a small number of CAHL Members indicate they are close to or at the point of making a decision so this likely will not start to develop more until the September 1 initial team summary submission.

We will have the information available and communicated as needed from those Member submissions and then we all would have until the October 1st declaration date to finalize all of the decisions the members will need to make for this process. Then as the program guidelines indicate we would start with scheduled games for these teams November 1st thru to approximately March 15th the recommended number of games would be scheduled.

Thank you for your support and patience while we work through this transition. As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Siverson".

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