



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

September 18, 2018

To: All CAHL Member Association Members

Re: 2018– 2019 CAHL Pee Wee Division Provincials update # 1

This letter is to update you on the Pee Wee Provincials Information Meeting and decisions that come from the discussions and motions last night in Strathmore. There was representation from 26 CAHL Voting Members in attendance and a total of 35 attendees at the meeting.

Points of discussion:

- **Todd Vance from Hockey Alberta Zone 5** – Todd presented and discussed the Hockey Alberta Bulletin 17/15 announcing the Hockey Alberta Pee Wee Provincial Trial for March 2019.
- **CAHL Director of Provincials** - Terry Siverson announced and presented the official appointment of Danny Povaschuk. Danny has recently retired from his Hockey Alberta role in Zone 6 and will be acting as the CAHL Director of Provincials. Terry detailed the reasons why this is being done and general expectations of this role helping with additional CAHL scrutiny of our processes and the benefits of the increased Member Support during these trial processes.

Danny presented his thoughts on the needs of the role and a broad view of what will be happening this season. Danny's contact email is on the website under the Executive tab and can be contacted at cahlprovincials@gmail.com

- **Impacts to CAHL Game Regulations**

- **Tier 1 to 4 potential differences** - Generally it is expected that Tier 1 and Tier 2 will have minimal or less impacts by the current CAHL Game Regulations to complete the March 17th date. Tiers 3 and 4 will have more impacts due to their team number sizes.
- **Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grid Bulletin 17/12** - was presented and discussed as support that the tier champion's parity should be much better than in the past and all Leagues must follow it this season.
- **Section 2c Classifications of teams** - Will follow the same process but there will be much more scrutiny around correct placement of Pee Wee Tier 1 to 4 placements this season including review and data collection on outcomes of how teams were placed where they were from tiering. This already aligns with Hockey Alberta Bulletin 17/12 above.
- **Section 2f - Unbalanced Competition Policy** - we will be following this rule. Teams interfering with this process or manipulating outcomes will likely lose the opportunity at playoffs and also provincial entry berth opportunities.
- **Section 3 - Realignment - Attention to Tiering + form** - Please see the attached form that will be in use for the upcoming season, many thanks to Drumheller MHA for letting us use their form with a couple of modifications. As mentioned above much more scrutiny will apply. Discussion was held about the importance of getting the tiers correct in Pee Wee. The Tiering Meeting structure must allow time for us to get this right.

Also concerns about Tier 5 teams moving to Tier 4 just to take part in provincials. Discussed later in the meeting, the CAHL is investigating and potentially will be planning a championship of sorts for Pee Wee Tier 5 and 6 that will make this concern less of an impact and give these tiers an opportunity at something they normally have been for the most part left out of.

- **Section 5 - League Games** - All will still be applicable. Sportsmanship points, Too many PIMS to mention a few still all apply. The season duration may have to be adjusted to ensure we are done to meeting the League Champion being declared by March 17th, 2019

- **Section 6 - League Play-off Games** - All will still be applicable. The play off season duration may have to be adjusted to ensure we are done to meeting the League Champion being declared by March 17th, 2019

Meeting outcomes:

- From this meeting, Terry will complete an update letter and send it out to all members this week.
- For the October 1st Director meeting - the following motions were approved unanimously by those present:
 - Motion # 1 - September 17, 2018 by: Beiseker Seconded by: Drumheller - Terry is to prepare and present to the CAHL Directors to provide approval to modify or adjust the CAHL regular season end date if needed to meet the duration required to complete Hockey Alberta Pee Wee Provincials for the 2019 Tournaments.
 - Motion # 2 - September 17, 2018 by: Beiseker Seconded by: Eckville - Terry is to prepare and present to the CAHL Directors to provide approval to modify or adjust the CAHL playoff season end date and potentially the series time allowances/formats to meet the duration required to complete Hockey Alberta Pee Wee Provincials for the 2019 Tournaments by March 17, 2019.
 - Motion # 3 - September 17, 2018 by: Spruceview Seconded by: Stettler - Terry is to prepare and present to the CAHL Directors to provide approval to investigate and to trial in March of 2019 an invitational tournament for the winners of each Pee Wee Tier 5 and 6 tiers (one for each tier). This would be to declare a champion of the tier 5 or 6 tiers and potentially could include other leagues of the same tier as at least 2 have expressed interest. It would be similar in nature Hockey Alberta Provincials that is being trialed in Tier 1 to 4 except all tier champions would take part in it in those divisions and a league champion would not be required.
 - Motion # 4 - September 17, 2018 by: Stettler Seconded by: Spruceview - Terry is to prepare and present to the CAHL Directors to provide approval budget for travel, meals and potential costs of creation, implementing, managing, scrutinizing and reviewing this T5 and 6 Regional invitational tournament trials.

Additional action items:

- for Danny Povaschuk and Duane Moulton - to review the playoff structures to see what is the options are to make it easier for us to met the deadline of March 17, 2019 and the impacts on the regular season end dates.
- for Terry - to engage and gain interest/feedback from other Sanctioned Leagues to see if they are interested in participating in the Tier 5 and 6 invitational tournament.

More information to follow October 1st at the Directors Meeting in Strathmore. Thank you to those who attended this meeting and provided feedback. Also for your support and patience while we work through this trial transition for Pee Wee Provincials 2019. As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments.



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Attachments: CAHL CAHL Tiering Team Information Form
Hockey Alberta - Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grid Bulletin 17/12 (4 pages)
Hockey Alberta Pee Wee Provincials Trial Bulletin 17/15 (3 pages)
Attendees Sign in Sheet

CAHL Tiering Information Form

Please fill out the necessary information for the CAHL representative. A lot of changes happen at the CAHL meeting the more information the better for your team. CAHL wants facts to support any team movement.

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| Team Name including Division and Tier |
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| Game | Opponent | Result | Shots For | Shots Against | Game notes (ie-goalie played, # of PP/PK, 5 on 5 play) |
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Teams will change from the original tiers proposed by CAHL. There will be movement into and out of a tier. Please indicate teams you feel you will be competitive with and those that you will be over matched. Please review other game scores and cross reference teams you played. ie A vs B, B vs C. If you were team A compare B vs C game and see how you feel you would match with C.

| | Teams to stay with | | Teams not to be with |
|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | | 1 | |
| 2 | | 2 | |
| 3 | | 3 | |
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| Please provide any other information relevant to your team |
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Many thanks to Drumheller Minor Hockey for the use of their form and document idea.



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin No: 17/12

DATE: April 11, 2018

TO: Minor Hockey Associations
Minor Hockey Leagues

FROM: Bryden Burrell – Coordinator, Hockey Operations
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SUBJECT: Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model

Over the past year, Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues Committee has worked extensively on a Standardized Tiering Model. This tiering model is a key component of the Alberta One initiative, where Hockey Alberta and our Minor Leagues are working together to build a unified structure and strategic model that enables Leagues to adopt the same tiering, seasonal structure and other operational processes.

Having identified standardized tiering as the first step in this initiative, the following leagues/ organizations will implement the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model for the 2018-19 hockey season:

- Hockey Calgary
- Hockey Edmonton
- Central Alberta Hockey League
- Northern Alberta Interlock
- All Peace Hockey League
- North Eastern Alberta Hockey League

Under the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, leagues/ organizations have agreed to operate six tiers within the divisions of Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget. Larger leagues/ organizations can split tiers into more manageable groups based on number of teams and travel. Smaller leagues/ organizations may not operate all six tiers within a division but will follow a grid that determines the number of tiers based on the total number of teams at a division.

All leagues/ organizations will utilize the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grid as a starting point in their tiering placement. The grid provides all Minor Hockey Associations a starting point for the placement of their teams within a specific division. Teams then proceed through tiering rounds for final placement determined by policies of the individual league.

Further information on the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, including the Tiering Grid, is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, please contact either your League President or myself.



Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model & Grid Information

1.0 Application

- 1.1 The Alberta One Tiering Model applies to the following minor hockey leagues operating at the Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget divisions:
 - Hockey Calgary
 - Hockey Edmonton
 - Central Alberta Hockey League
 - Northern Alberta Interlock
 - All Peace Hockey League
 - North Eastern Alberta Hockey League
- 1.2 Any regulation covered in the Alberta One Tiering Model supersedes any regulation made by an individual league, when dealing with any issues that are covered by this document.

2.0 Season Timeline

- 2.1 Each league shall determine its season timeline for pre-season, regular season, and playoffs, as long as the timeline is in accordance with *Hockey Canada’s Seasonal Structure Guidelines*.

3.0 Tiering

- 3.1 Each League shall not operate more than six tiers at a division.
 - 3.1.1 Each League shall operate the following number of tiers per division based on the total number of teams at that division.

| Teams per Division | Tiers per Division | * Tiers Operated |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 40 + Teams | 6 | Tiers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 |
| 32 – 50 Teams | 5 | Tiers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 |
| 24 – 40 Teams | 4 | Tiers 1, 2, 4 and 5 |
| 16 – 30 Teams | 3 | Tier 2, 3 and 4 |
| 8 – 20 Teams | 2 | Tier 2 and 4 |
| 0 – 10 Teams | 1 | Tier 3 or 4 |

* Should a League look to operate different tiers than those listed above, approval from Hockey Alberta’s Minor Leagues Committee must be given prior to the start of regular season play.

- 3.2 Each league shall determine its own process for tiering rounds (pre-season play).
- 3.3 Each league shall tier teams in accordance with the Alberta One Tiering Grid (Appendix A), which includes:
 - 3.3.1 The tiering grid is to be the starting point for all teams;
 - 3.3.2 The number of teams within an association at a division must include all teams registered in the association at that division, not including internal association house league teams or teams in the Elite or AA streams;
 - 3.3.3 When an association is required, or requests, to have more than one team at a particular tier, these teams shall be equally blended and balanced;
 - 3.3.4 An individual team may move, or be moved, upwards or downwards during the tiering process, with the final placement of all teams to be determined by the individual league and in accordance with the minimums established by the grid;
 - 3.3.5 When an association chooses to have two or more equal teams at the same tier instead of utilizing top down tiering and having teams ranked strongest to weakest,



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these teams will be placed on the tiering grid at the median tier that any of these teams would have been placed had they not chosen to be divided equally.

3.3.5.1 Example: An association has 6 teams to be placed according to the Alberta One Tiering Grid. The association chooses to have three ranked teams and three equally divided teams. According to the Tiering Grid, the 3 equally divided teams should have been placed at Tier 4, 5, and 6 if they had been ranked. Consequently, those three equal teams will be classified as Tier 5 teams, which is the median tier that any of these three teams would have been placed at, had they been ranked.

3.2.6 The leagues will have the ability to move the equally divided teams to different tiers should it become apparent that they are either too strong or too weak for the tier that they have been placed in. This may include splitting the teams into different tiers.

3.4 In the event of an error in placement that results in a team being far too strong for a particular tier, the league has the ability to move the team upward, disqualify the team from eligibility for the Provincial Championships, or disqualify the team from further league play including playoffs.

4.0 Disputes

4.1 Any clarification or dispute from an individual team related to this Model shall be dealt with by that team's home league.

4.2 Any clarification or dispute from a league relating to this Model shall be dealt with by the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee and/or the Hockey Alberta Minor Regulations Committee.

Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model & Grid Information



Appendix A

| | Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 | Tier 4 | Tier 5 | Tier 6 | Total |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| One Team | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Two Teams | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Three Teams | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 |
| Four Teams | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 4 |
| Five Teams | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 5 |
| Six Teams | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Seven Teams | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Eight Teams | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Nine Teams | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Ten Teams | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Eleven Teams | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Twelve Teams | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Thirteen Teams | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Fourteen Teams | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Fifteen Teams | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| Sixteen Teams | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 16 |
| Seventeen Teams | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 17 |
| Eighteen Teams | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 18 |
| Nineteen Teams | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| Twenty Teams | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 20 |
| Twenty-One Teams | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 21 |
| Twenty-Two Teams | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 22 |
| Twenty-Three Teams | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 23 |
| Twenty-Four Teams | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 24 |
| Twenty-Five Teams | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 25 |



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin No: 17/15

Date: May 17, 2018
To: Minor Hockey Associations
Minor Hockey Leagues
From: Bryden Burrell – Coordinator, Hockey Operations
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SUBJECT: 2019 Provincial Championship Trial Project

Over the last season, representatives from Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues and Minor Regulations Committee have been discussing the future of Hockey Alberta's Provincial Championships. Having recently unveiled the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, Hockey Alberta will be continuing our collaboration with our Minor Hockey Leagues to encompass our Provincial Championships to ensure they remain the pinnacle event of the hockey season.

During the 2018-19 season, Hockey Alberta will be initiating a trial project to implement, test and review a possible Provincial Championship Model under the Alberta One Initiative.

The 2019 Provincial Championship Trial Project Highlights

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| Division | Peewee |
| Categories | Tiers 1 – 4 |
| Tournament Dates | March 28 – 31, 2019 |
| Format | Eight Team Tournament |
| Representatives | League Champions, Host and One League Runner Up |

It has become apparent that change to our Provincial Championships structure was required. Consistently, approximately 25% of all Zone Playdown and Provincial Championship games consist of a spread of six or more goals, while more than 50% of teams eligible for Provincial play are choosing not to participate. Zone Playdowns also contribute to a greater demand on teams to play additional games throughout the already busy last half of the season.

Under this trial project, the previous Peewee A – D Provincial Championships will transition to Peewee Tiers 1 – 4. Teams will not participate in Zone Playdowns, but will instead qualify as League Champions from the following leagues/ organizations:

- Hockey Calgary
- Hockey Edmonton
- Central Alberta Hockey League
- Northern Alberta Interlock
- All Peace Hockey League
- North Eastern Alberta Hockey League

The Peewee Tiers 1 – 4 Provincial Championship Tournaments will take place on the weekend of March 28 – 31, 2019. The events will consist of eight teams comprised of the league winners from the six above mentioned leagues/ organizations, one host team and one league runner-up that will be identified as a wild card team by the Minor Regulations and Minor Leagues Committees. Leagues/ organizations will be scheduling play to ensure that league champions are determined no later than Sunday, March 17th.



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Provincial Championships at the Atom, Bantam and Midget divisions will remain unchanged from past seasons. Minor Hockey Associations will declare their teams by December 1st with Zone Playdowns commencing in January.

Bid information on hosting any of the 2019 Provincial Championships will be communicated to all Minor Hockey Associations this summer. All dates for the 2019 Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships are enclosed for your reference.

If you have any questions regarding the 2019 Provincial Championship Trial Project, please contact either your Zone Minor Regulations Coordinator or myself.



2019 HOCKEY ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY ATB FINANCIAL

| CATEGORY / DIVISION | DATES |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Senior AAA Male | Provincial Playoff |
| Senior AA Male | March 28 – 31, 2019 (Wainwright) |
| Junior A Male | League Playoffs |
| Junior B Male | April 4 – 7, 2019 (Wetaskiwin) |
| Junior C Male | March 29 – 31, 2019 (Calgary) |
| Midget | |
| Midget AAA | League Playoffs |
| Minor Midget AAA | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget AA | March 28 – 31, 2019 (Edmonton) |
| Midget A | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget B | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget C | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget D | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget Female AAA | March 22 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget Female Elite | March 28 – 31, 2019 |
| Midget Female A | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Midget Female B | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Bantam | |
| Bantam AAA | League Playoffs |
| Bantam AA | March 21 – 24, 2019 (Calgary) |
| Bantam A | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Bantam B | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Bantam C | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Bantam D | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Bantam Female Elite | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Bantam Female A | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Bantam Female B | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Pewee | |
| Pewee AA | March 28 – 31, 2019 (SCAHL) |
| Pewee Tier 1 | March 28 – 31, 2019 |
| Pewee Tier 2 | March 28 – 31, 2019 |
| Pewee Tier 3 | March 28 – 31, 2019 |
| Pewee Tier 4 | March 28 – 31, 2019 |
| Pewee Female A | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Pewee Female B | March 21 – 24, 2019 |
| Atom | |
| Atom AA Major | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Atom AA Minor | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Atom A | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Atom B | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Atom C | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Atom D | March 14 – 17, 2019 |
| Atom Female | March 14 – 17, 2019 |

PEE WEE PROVINCIALS

Location

Date: September 17, 2018

Please neatly print your name & e-mail below, then sign and add your telephone number

| Association Name | Assistant Name | Signature |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Waska MHA | Paul Chaloup | [Signature] |
| Waska minor | Coly L... | [Signature] |
| Debonne | Cheryl Marek | [Signature] |
| " | Kate Marek | [Signature] |
| Trillium Minor Hockey | Kelita [Name] | [Signature] |
| Town Vance | HA | [Signature] |
| Fortville | John Mitchell | [Signature] |
| St. Anne Minor Hockey | Dennis Pasiecznik | [Signature] |
| Chapinwood MHA | Gloria Grant | [Signature] |
| Oxford Minor Hockey | Anna [Name] | [Signature] |
| Beisler Minor Hockey | Shane Berth | [Signature] |
| Cremora Minor Hockey | Matt McKinnon | [Signature] |
| Duchess Minor Hockey | Evan [Name] | [Signature] |
| Medicine Hat Minor Hockey | Jordan [Name] | [Signature] |
| Foremost Minor Hockey | Kevin Williams | [Signature] |
| " | Jon Hollingsworth | [Signature] |
| Clive | Jesse Sauer | [Signature] |
| Ducksford MHA | Sarora [Name] | [Signature] |
| Sunara MHA | Dad McCullough | [Signature] |
| Eckville MHA | Dale [Name] | [Signature] |
| Kneltill | Roger [Name] | [Signature] |
| Rocky Road | Evan [Name] | [Signature] |
| Spruce View | Lee McKinstry | [Signature] |
| Spruce View | Shane Murray | [Signature] |
| Pinkaw Nation | Ross Yellow Horn | [Signature] |
| Fort Malard | Danisha Haluk | [Signature] |
| Grathmore | Roxanne Shank | [Signature] |
| Blackfands | WADE ANDERSON | [Signature] |
| Warralber | Darryl [Name] | [Signature] |
| Black Diamond | Blake Dewar | [Signature] |
| Kainia | Waven Twigg | [Signature] |