



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

July 30, 2020

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations

Re: Additional info and the Return to Play Plan for the CAHL (2020 -2021 Season)

I hope this letter finds you and your Hockey families all safe and healthy during this public health emergency we are encountering. If you are no longer your Minor Hockey Associations CAHL Director, please forward this to that new person with our thanks.

As we work through the outstanding items from the end to the season, we have the following items left to address below.

- The Annual General Meeting was partly completed by a scrutinized remote vote for the notice of motions. Those outcomes are posted on the CAHL Website under minutes – click this link http://www.cahlhockey.net/files/letter_from_the_cahl_to_all_member_associations_200430_1.pdf
- Committee work still in progress to address we hope to wrap several of these up before we start in late September with recommendations. These are:
 - Social Media and Code of Conduct Review
 - Supplemental Discipline Review
 - Review of miss-placed teams and what do we do about them
 - Return to play contingency planning
- Final financial transactions and reports to finish and future agreements to be signed these will be presented as soon as they are completed and Audited.
- 2020 -2021 Budget will be presented in September sometime, last season we offered about a 17% savings for you over the listed player's costs Regulation. We are working through numerous reductions in other costs and fees to all CAHL Members that will be presented shortly.
- Position nominations for the end of term Elected roles of the Executive. I have extended these roles and will be presenting them when time permits. Those include multiple Vice Presidents and Governor in Chief roles to be nominated and voted upon.
- Transition to a new Website Provider. We did not get to the meeting where we were to discuss this. We have test ran the M15 Trial on the RAMP platform and we will be moving Novice to the RAMP platform for this season. With all that is going on over the last few months will stop there for now unless directed otherwise by You our Directors.
- U11 (Atom) Pathway changes for 2020 -2021 – This was released by Hockey Alberta Feb 7, 2020. More to follow on this, please see <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/players/u11-pathway/> for current info. This will have a big effect but will open the door to some new possibilities how we can do our seasonal play for the U11 Division.
- U15 Non-Body Checking implementation link below - This was released by Hockey Alberta May 4, 2020. We will discuss how this impacts us all shortly and we will provide all the details when you declare your teams. https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/uploads/source/Bulletins_and_Memos/19-10U15Non-CheckingBodyContactOnly.pdf

CAHL Return to Play Plan

- We currently are restarting our systems with our websites and processes to follow through with a restart as per normal – Dates will all be updated here on the Deadlines page shortly along with additional instructions. http://cahlhockey.net/page.php?page_id=63464
- We will also post an update to what is happening at the top of the deadlines page and the Front Page to keep you informed. We also are working through numerous scenario's where we could potentially see start up delays and we will build contingency plans for those through the season. This may mean we used the reduced travel pilot model we tested in 2017 for some or the shortened parts of the season.

While this is fluid at the moment I believe we are in a good spot and believe we can be positive about the upcoming Hockey Season.

Notice of Motion for a Female Hockey Stream in the CAHL

Lots of discussion and activity has happened since this approval vote including preparations to implement this Notice of Motion.

Officially, I have been contacted by Hockey Alberta expressing their preference that the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League Executive be given the chance to correct the deficiencies noted in the review of the issues around RMFHL and its Members. After numerous discussions with Hockey Alberta Representatives and the original submitters of this motion, I am directing that the motion will be tabled until March of 2021 for review unless:

- There is further decline or collapse in operating confidence of the RMFHL
- There is a formal request to bring this motion forward again in advance of that date
- There are CAHL Members formally declaring their Female Teams in the CAHL and actions must be taken to accommodate them.
- The CAHL members can make a determination what they would like to do at that time at the March 2021 meeting.

The following provisions are almost completely ready should we need to implement this motion later this season:

- Website space has been arranged, Game Regulations are being reviewed and draft prepared
- Support to manage this division has been planned as close as we can
- The CAHL will backstop this process should the RMFHL fall apart, we will immediately have a working model to fall back on to make it work for everyone. Hardship applications would also be expedited so no one is left out

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this tabled motion.

Notice of Motion for a Novice (U9) Supplement in the CAHL

We have put together a supplemental document and there are some outstanding issues that need to be addressed for the U9 Division in the CAHL. We will begin this implementation in the Middle of August. Watch for the document and review process to get started.

U16 (M15) Update in the CAHL

Hockey Alberta made an announcement regarding the M15 program the CAHL pilot last season. [Click Here](#) for the website info and [Click Here](#) for the announcement bulletin. With this announcement it appears that there will not be U16 play in the CAHL this season as there likely is not enough ice or players available. We have a contingency plan in place to ensure this is taken care of should it happen.

Summary

In an effort to make the start up or adapting to changes easier, we will be getting information out to you as timely as we can and we may be sending out questionnaires or surveys to get updates where everyone is at in your locale with your Association and Facility Managers. We do know there are some Facilities under renovation at the moment and we will make accommodations to help those out with their situation should they not be done on time.

On your end you can help us out by replying as soon as possible to these requests and keeping us informed if you have issues develop within you Association or any Facilities you utilize for your home games.

So we have worked very hard for you on what we can control and are going to be ready for Hockey as would normally would be. If we have to delay or reorganize, we will because it is important that all of our kids get to play the game they love this season in a meaningful way.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am available if you would like to discuss any of this.



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