

CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

November 1, 2022

To: All CAHL Member Associations

Re: Interleague play in the CAHL during the upcoming season

As discussed in our Director meetings, we will be moving forward with Interleague play this season. This is the continuation of the efforts towards Alberta One processes under the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee. This concept has formally been presented to the Hockey Alberta Leagues Committee and Hockey Alberta is actively supporting pilot projects to make it better for the members, teams and parents.

Working together with Hockey Alberta, North Eastern Alberta Hockey League (NEAHL) and the Northern Alberta Interlock League (NAI), Ryan Robertson and myself have been assigned to be representatives between this group and the CAHL.

After a series of meetings, we have finalized the ways on how we would work together to help our neighbouring Leagues. There are benefits to the CAHL for teams that are within the travel:

- Several CAHL Teams benefit from reduced travel when tiers take part in this process. The intent is to allow an inter-league game(s) to happen in the place of a longer CAHL game(s) thereby reducing travel for participants.
- The ability the CAHL has to help our neighbours who are in a disadvantaged travel and/or a reduced like team situation especially to the north and north-east sides of the CAHL.
- Some varied opponents for some of our teams to play games against.
- Will allow for additional measureable real time data for Hockey Alberta to assess the accuracy and effectiveness of the Alberta One Tiering Placement Grid before the start of the planned Provincial Tournaments.
- Any impacts due to unbalanced schedules would be negated in our year end processes.

To get this happening, we have tentatively selected specific members and will ask for their support to make this happen. Below are the associations that would be eligible for interleague participation:

3C's	Bashaw	Battle River	Bentley	Big Valley	Blackfalds	Calmar
Camrose	Clive	Delburne	Eckville	Endmoor	Hanna	Lacombe
Maskwacis	Millet	Oyen	Ponoka	Red Deer	Rimbey	Rocky Mtn House
Stettler	Sylvan Lake	Thorsby	Thunderstars	Warburg	West Country	Wetaskiwin

This will have potential for 1 to 3 teams to play similar tier opponents in each group. Ryan Robertson will be the contact for the U18 and U11 divisions, and myself will be handling the U13 and U15 divisions. These games will be added to the regular season schedule.

Please feel free to contact Ryan or myself if you have any questions, concerns or would like to hear more about what we are trying to accomplish in our upcoming hockey season.

Thank you for your continued support,

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