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To: Elite Draw Zone Host Associations, Minor Administration Coordinators
From: Bryden Burrell, Coordinator, Hockey Programs
SUBJECT: **Elite Male Hockey Model Regulation Amendments**

The purpose of this memo is to notify the Elite Draw Zones about changes being made to the Elite Male Hockey Model, formally the Male Athlete Development Model (ADM). In reviewing the Elite Male Hockey Model, Hockey Alberta's Elite Male Committee felt amendments were needed to better meet the four (4) guiding principles of the Elite Male Hockey Model, in order to ensure players capable of playing Elite hockey are provided the opportunity.

Given the uncertainty around the start of the 2020-21 season, a second memorandum will be communicated on a later date to provide information on the Elite Male Tryout Procedures for the 2020-21 season and any temporary changes to the regulations as we continue to evaluate our Return to Hockey.

Notification of Tryout Procedure

Amendments within the 'Notification of Try-Out Procedure' section are being made specifically to the process players will undertake to obtain a second (or third) tryout. It was agreed that the process put in place this past season was not conducive to providing players who may be capable of playing Elite hockey the opportunity to do so. The amendments include:

- Elite Male Teams are only able to release players from their tryout process on Sundays.
- Players that do not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for will have the following options:
 - The player will obtain an Elite Waiver Form from the team releasing them and have seven (7) days once they have been released from their first (or second) Elite tryout to contact and arrange a tryout with a second (or third) Elite team.
 - If accepted by an Elite team on a second (or third) tryout, it will be the responsibility of the accepting team host MHA to submit for approval of the second (or third) tryout to Hockey Alberta, using the "Elite Male Second / Third Tryout Approval Form".
 - Once approved by Hockey Alberta, the player will be eligible to participate in a second (or third) tryout; or
 - Return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to tryout for a "AA program; or
 - Return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.
- Players that cannot or choose not to arrange a second (or third) tryout within seven (7) days of being released will be returned to their Resident MHA in order to obtain permission to tryout for a "AA" program or to access other minor hockey programs.
- With there being sufficient tryout opportunities within the Calgary and Edmonton Draw Zones, players that fall within either the Calgary or Edmonton Draw Zones will not be granted additional tryout opportunities outside their Resident Draw Zone.

Team Registration

The amendments to the 'Team Registration' section specifically speak to U18 AAA teams and the implementation of cut-down dates. The Elite Male Committee felt that these amendments will better help the flow of athletes through the entire U18 division during the team formation stage of the season. The amendments are:

- U18 AAA teams will be required to register **all players** remaining in the formal tryout process onto a "Tryout Roster" no later than September 15 of each season. Each team can list a



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maximum of 40 players on this listing in the HCR. Players listed on this “Tryout Roster” will be eligible to continue along in the formal tryout process and participate in exhibition games or preseason tournaments. Those that do not make this “Tryout Roster” by September 15 will be eligible to either coordinate a second (or third) tryout with another U18 AAA team or will return to their Resident MHA.

- U18 AAA teams that do not declare the maximum of 40 players onto the “Tryout Roster” by September 15 will be eligible to register players approved on second (or third) tryouts or players returning from Junior Hockey to the “Tryout Roster” after September 15. Teams who release players from the “Tryout Roster” will not be able to register an additional player in their place.
- U18 AAA teams will have no more than 25 players remaining in the formal tryout process by September 30 in advance of the first five (5) games. U18 AAA teams will register a maximum of 15 players in the registry by September 30 to their official team roster, regardless of the players participation in the first (5) games. Beyond the maximum of 15 registered players, teams will have access to an auxiliary list of 10 players that remain on tryout during the course of the first five (5) games. The auxiliary list of 10 players must be finalized by September 30 in advance of these first five (5) games. Upon commencement of the 6th scheduled game, tryouts will be complete and team rosters will be finalized and all players properly registered in the registry.
- Players who return from Junior Tryouts after September 30 will be eligible to join the formal tryout process of their resident Draw Zone team and will not count against the 25-player requirement. These players must either be registered to the teams official team roster or added as an addition on the teams auxiliary list of tryout players.

With these amendments to the Elite Male Hockey Model, changes have been made to the Elite Male Notification of Tryout Form and Elite Male Waiver Form to reflect the new processes. Hockey Alberta will accept both the previous version and new version of these forms for the 2020-21 season. These revised forms can be found at the following links:

[Elite Male Notification of Tryout Form](#)

[Elite Male Waiver Form](#)

A link to the Elite Male Second/Third Tryout Approval Form will be provided at a later date.

If you have any questions, or would like to provide any feedback regarding the amendments to the Elite Male Hockey Model, please contact, Bryden Burrell, Coordinator, Hockey Programs.