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To: District and Operating Area Presidents, Initiation Directors, Registrars
From: Mark Doram, President
CC: Board of Directors
Date: 6/2/2017
Re: **HOCKEY EDMONTON INITIATION PROGRAM**

First of all, I want to personally thank you for all your hard work over the course of this past season. We saw some massive change that allowed us to meet, even exceed, Hockey Alberta and Canada program expectations. As we strive for excellence, we've started a review of the Initiation Program and there are a few tweaks that we'll need to implement over the coming year.

Of immediate importance, each of you need to ensure that your respective player registration packages offer the following categories of programs and that you strictly enforce Year of Birth Registration.

- Discovery Program for those born in 2013
- Jr T for those born in 2012
- Sr T for those born in 2011

As we move towards the start of the season you will be advised of how individuals, with exceptional circumstance, can apply to Hockey Edmonton to accelerate to a different category of program and, conversely, for those older participants that are new to skating and hockey to move to a more introductory program that will allow the participant to more quickly and efficiently master the requisite skills expected to be acquired via the Initiation Program.

You'll recall, given standard program expectations and curriculum, the board expected that standard fees be set across the city. We recognize that overheads and in some instances, additional program features are offered by Districts or Operating Areas in the same vein as does the amount of program subsidization by Districts and Operating Areas. In this regard, please use the fees outlined last season as minimal standards:

- Jr T \$ 165
- Sr T \$ 250

Fees for the Discovery should likely be set at \$ 165

Additional information arising from the program review will be shared in a timely manner.

In closing, I once again reference a favorite quote: "It's OK to look back, but remember that isn't the direction you're going in."

Yours in Hockey

Mark Doram

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