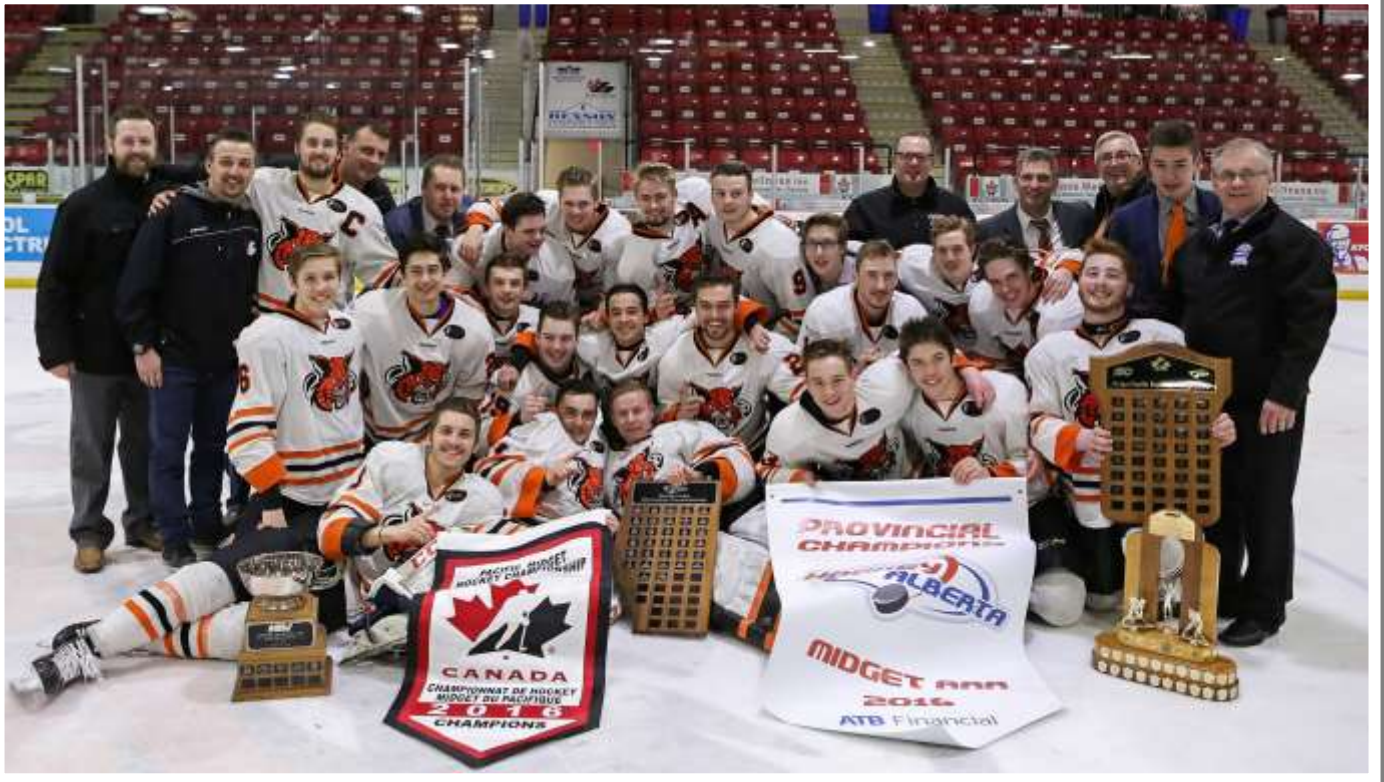


APPENDIX "IV"



MALE HOCKEY A.D.M.





MALE HOCKEY ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL

INTRODUCTION

In 2007, at the direction of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors a committee was formed to develop a process to enable Alberta's top hockey athletes to compete at the highest level in a fair and equitable manner. The focus of the process deals with the elite system within Hockey Alberta and provides for the development of the elite athlete reflecting an "Alberta Made Development Model".

The idea is to provide guidance and direction so that player opportunity and movement is done in recognition of the needs of the player and the teams involved. The guiding principle that has unanimous consensus is the agreement at all times for making responsible decisions and everyone will act in the best interest of the athlete's ability to play at an elite level. It further recognizes and supports that each athlete has the right to consider all options.

The document is based on four (4) principles and uses these principles to create a system that better meet the needs of the athlete as they progress through the system of development. This document creates an improved development system providing a positive experience for all participants through improved communications and a better understanding of the principles.

PHILOSOPHY OF LEAGUES WITHIN THE ELITE STREAM OF HOCKEY

PRINCIPLES

The four (4) agreed upon principles of the Alberta Development Model are as follows

1.
 - a) Accept a "Made and Played in Alberta" philosophy.
 - b) Hockey Alberta establishes an outlined system of development that starts at Bantam AAA and concludes at Major Junior (Bantam AAA, Minor Midget AAA, Midget AAA, Junior A, and Major Junior).
 - c) All Elite Leagues and Local Minor Hockey Associations are to focus on moving players through the system to the next level.
2. A mechanism is developed to encourage communication between Elite Level Leagues on matters related to the Development Model.
3. The Alberta Development Model will include criteria to determine an appropriate number of Teams within each League and the terms and conditions under which these Teams will operate. Elite Level Teams will provide elite level opportunities for the top players within their Boundaries.
4. Establish an Affiliation structure that accommodates athlete development under the development model.
 - Leagues and Teams within the development system shall be known as the "Elite Stream" of hockey.
 - Leagues, Conferences and Teams within the Elite Stream are not allowed to have Bylaws and Regulations that impact the development system. All Bylaw and Regulation changes are to be approved by Hockey Alberta.
 - Sanctions will be imposed for any non-compliance to the principles established within the Alberta Development Model and is to be enforced by Hockey Alberta.



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DEFINITIONS

The following definitions for words and phrases are to be applied solely for the purposes of the Alberta Development Model and may or may not be the same as those definitions as outlined in the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Bylaws and Regulations.

1. “Alberta Development Model” or “ADM” means the document established by Hockey Alberta that was developed to provide Alberta players with a program that focuses on the development of the elite athlete;
2. “Affiliation” means the process that provides the opportunity for higher Division/Category teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the Hockey Canada Playing Rules;
3. “Affiliated Player” shall mean a Player, referred to and approved by Hockey Alberta, as eligible to play for a team in a higher Category/Division than the team in the Category/Division with whom the Player is registered;
4. “Board” means the Board of Directors of Hockey Alberta;
5. “Boundaries” shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one LMHA from another, and defines that area from which each LMHA may register participants as Resident Players;
6. “Bylaws” mean the Bylaws of the League(s) as approved by Hockey Alberta;
7. “Category(ies)” means the sub-divisions of Divisions as follows “AAA, AA, A, B, C, D, Minor, Major”;
8. “Conferences” means those sub-divisions of a League used to separate areas of a League as follows “North, South, Central, etc.”;
9. “Division” means one of the following: Junior, Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, and Initiation;
10. “Elite Draw Zone Area” or EDZA shall mean that line, in accordance with recognized Boundaries and determined by Hockey Alberta, that separates one draw area of the Elite Stream from another, and defines the area by which Teams in the Elite Stream can access Players from. In the instance of more than one (1) team in a specific division/category within the recognized EDZA, the area that they will be able to draw players from shall be agreed to between themselves and approved by HA. In the event of the teams being unable to agree, Hockey Alberta shall set the boundaries.
11. “Elite Hockey” means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA, and Bantam AAA);
12. Geographical Sub Division – may include a city, town, municipality, rural area or zone as established from time to time by a Branch within its own jurisdiction.



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13. "Import Player" shall be defined in elite hockey as a non-resident / import / resident player who resides in one Elite Draw Zone Area and registers with a team in another Elite Draw Zone Area. Note: All import players will be automatically released back to their resident LMHA's at the end of the hockey season.
14. "League" means those groups of teams (Bantam AAA, Midget AAA and Minor Midget AAA) forming province wide leagues as recognized by Hockey Alberta for the purpose of participating in the elite stream, which has adopted Bylaws and Regulations that are consistent with the Alberta Development Model and Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and are approved by the Board of Hockey Alberta;
15. "Local Minor Hockey Association" or "LMHA" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Alberta, are approved by the Board of Hockey Alberta;
16. "Non Resident Player" shall be defined in elite hockey as a Player who resides outside of the Boundaries of the host LMHA of the Elite Team but within the boundaries of the Elite Draw Zone Area that the Player is registered with in any playing season;

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17. "Notification of Try-Out Form" shall be defined as the designated Hockey Alberta form used by Players to try-out with teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey.
18. "Provincials" means the Hockey Alberta playoff competition;
19. "Regulations" means those regulations of League(s), approved by Hockey Alberta, used for the administration and advancement of Hockey;
20. Registry – means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register all players and coaches
21. "Release" means the unconditional discharge of a Player from a LMHA;
22. "Resident Player" shall be defined in elite hockey as a Player who resides within the Boundaries of the host LMHA of the Elite Team that the Player is registered with in any Playing Season;
23. "Stakeholders" means those Leagues, LMHA's, Clubs, and Teams involved in the Elite Stream;



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ELITE DRAW ZONE AREAS

In order to make it fair and equitable for all teams within the Elite Stream, “Elite Draw Zone Areas” have been established. These Elite Draw Zone Areas are to be used to establish a feeder system throughout the Minor Elite Stream.

Hockey Alberta has limited the number of Leagues at each of the Divisions of the development system to one (1) league (Bantam AAA, Midget AAA, and Minor Midget AAA) and established Conferences that focus on minimized travel requirements and lower costs for regular season play.

Hockey Alberta has established consistent Elite Draw Zone Areas that allow for a feeder system under Midget AAA.

- Elite Draw Zone Areas for each Division/Category within the elite structure do not overlap.
- Entire Minor Hockey Associations are within specific Draw Zones and not split.

Provincial Championships at each level of the Elite Stream are to be determined via League Play. Only Elite League teams will be eligible to play in the Championships.

The winner of the AMHL will be the sole representative to the HC Midget National Championship.

The winner of the AMBHL will be the sole representative to the Western Canada Bantam Regional Championship.

EXPANSION & REDUCTION OF LEAGUES

Expansion and reduction of teams in the Leagues within the Elite Stream will be based on the following criteria:

1. Hockey Alberta registration numbers are to be used, in conjunction with other factors, in determining an appropriate draw ratio of available players per Division.
2. Each Elite Draw Zone Area will include a minimum of one Midget “AAA” team, one Minor Midget AAA team and one Bantam AAA team.
3. Historical statistics will be reviewed to determine how competitive the Teams within that Draw Zone have been within the Province.
4. Player Development is the most important factor in the rationale for expansion or reduction.
5. Teams must still allow Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA Boundaries but within the Team’s Draw Zone. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best players from within a Team’s Draw Zone.
6. Expansion requests will consider the possible effects to existing teams / programs and the existing number of teams within the same Category.
7. **All changes to the draw zones, expansion and contraction of teams, will be the responsibility of the Male ADM Committee to review. All submissions for changes must be submitted in writing prior to January 30 in order to be considered for the next season.**



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MIDGET AAA DRAW AREAS & FEEDER SYSTEM

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ELITE PLAYER MOVEMENT

The following are Elite Player Movement Procedures for any player who wishes to move from his permanent residence to access his first try out with an Elite team outside his resident draw zone.

- Players are expected to play for the Elite Draw Zone Team that draws from the Team/Local Minor Hockey Association the player is resident in. If, however, a player wishes to move the following application process must be followed:
 - The player should only request movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. considerably closer for travel).
 - The player completes a Player Movement Application Form and has it signed by all necessary parties (as outlined on the form).
 - Player submits the Player Movement Application and supporting documents by July 1st (no exceptions) to the Hockey Alberta office.
 - Hockey Alberta Office notifies the players resident Elite Draw Zone Team and Local Minor Hockey Association that the player has submitted an application to move.
 - The resident Elite Draw Zone Team / Local Minor Hockey Association is asked to respond within Five (5) days with their comments on the application.
 - The HA office ensures documentation is complete and submits the request to the Male ADM Committee in July (a decision will be rendered prior to August 1).
 - The committee reviews the application which includes the Local Minor Hockey Association and Elite Draw Zone Team's comments.
 - The committee approves or denies movement.
 - Notification of decision will be sent out from the Hockey Alberta Office to the Player, LMHA, Elite Draw Zone Teams involved, and the appropriate League(s).
 - If approved, the Player MUST access their first try out within the Elite Draw Zone they have been approved to attend. Players will not be permitted to try out for another Elite Team unless this newly approved first try out is exhausted first.
 - In the case that an affected member is dissatisfied with the decision, the Hockey Alberta Appeals process may be accessed.

Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON

ADM COMMUNICATION MODEL

The following communication model will be used for communications with LMHA's and elite teams as outlined by the ADM.

Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- Feedback is to be gathered from the LMHA's every year.
- This feedback will be done through a on-line survey that will be used to gather feedback from the general membership in regards to how the ADM is doing with their LMHA and the draw area of which they are apart of.
- The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the Male ADM Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season. This feedback survey will be similar to the agenda for the Elite Draw Zone team meetings



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Communication with Elite Draw Areas and Elite Teams

- Each Draw Zone Area will meet two (2) times per year to discuss elite hockey within their area and the ADM in general. These meetings would occur at the start and end of the season with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback would be gathered and reviewed by the Male ADM Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- The purpose of the meetings is to ensure that the development of the players within their Elite Draw Zone Area is being handled in the most efficient and productive manner. Each of the Elite Draw Zones will be permitted to make recommendations and suggestions with respect to Draw Zone Areas, formation of teams, locations of teams and development opportunities within their Elite Draw Zone Area.
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, this would be done through their respective committee structure, internally.
- The meeting would be chaired by the AMHL team director/governor and he/she would be responsible to communicate the date and time of the meeting and report any feedback that is received to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- The meetings would be made up of one representative from each of the assigned elite teams within the Draw Zone Area.
- The agenda for these meetings would be built as templates by the Male ADM Committee so that there is consistency relative to the information that is being brought forward from the stakeholders.

In each of the cases above, information will be gathered through the two means listed above, reviewed by the Male ADM Committee, with recommendations then being sent to Hockey Alberta.

NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE

Any Player may try-out for the team for which the Player is eligible of the: AMHL (Alberta "AAA" Midget Hockey League, AMMHL (Alberta Minor Midget AAA Hockey League), or AMBHL (Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League) provided;

- a) the player has filed a completed Notification of Try-Out form;
- b) the team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the Elite Development stream.

Elite Teams must allow for Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA's boundaries, but within the teams Elite Draw Zone area, to have the opportunity to try out with the team. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best players from within a Team's Draw Zone.

LMHA's hosting Elite Draw Zone Teams must ensure that there are no restrictions on the number of Non-Resident Players that are eligible to make and register with the Elite Draw Zone Team. The top 19 or 20 players, by position, should be selected, regardless of where they reside.



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It is incumbent upon the Host LMHA to insure they have a plan for accommodating non-resident players in their Elite Draw Zone. This would include information on the following:

- Living arrangements for players that need to be billeted if they make the team
- Schooling so the player can maintain their academics
- Tryouts scheduled on weekends to insure it is convenient for the out of town player to properly participate?

Players wishing to try-out with an Elite Team (as defined) must first complete a Notification of Try-Out Form and submit to their resident LMHA (the LMHA of which the player resides), and the Team to which the player wishes to try-out for.

Residency of the player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications.

A player must first try-out for the team in the Elite Draw Zone Area where the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained via Elite Player Movement Application).

If the player does not make the team they are trying out for, they may have the option to try-out for the next closest Elite Team as defined by the Elite Draw Zone Areas. (If there is any dispute with the next closest Elite Team, the dispute shall be settled by Hockey Alberta upon application).

1. The player must first obtain a **Waiver** from the team of which he did not make.
2. The player would then submit the amended Notification of Try-out form for the next closest Elite team. This Notification of Try-out form is required in order to try-out as a non-resident / Import player for the next team. His previous waiver(s) must accompany the request.

Note: 15 Year Old Midget Players are permitted to try out with the Midget AAA (AMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area only. If the player does not make the Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area they have the ability to try out for the Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area. A 15 Year Old Player may travel to the next closest Draw Zone Area to try out for an additional Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Team only.

A player making the designated Elite Team will receive Permission to Play from the LMHA of which the player was registered in the previous season and/or their resident LMHA. The player must pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the previous registered Team.

Once an Import Player (by definition) has made the Elite Team of which he was trying out for, the Player must ensure that his Notification of Try-out Forms and all applicable Waivers are submitted together at the time of registration to Hockey Alberta.

Failure to submit the Notification of Try Out form and applicable waivers (as required for an Import Player), at the time of registration, will result in that player being not registered.

In cases where an Import Player is found to have played in a game, without first having submitted his Notification of Try Out form and applicable waiver(s) at the time of registration, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played, will be subject to discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation A. 12 – Discipline.



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Please Note: Players trying out for any of the Elite Teams, should also be cognizant of the fact that IF they don't make these Elite Teams, they should ensure that they determine which team and apprise them of their possibility of playing for the team at the next level of which they are eligible for. The worst situation for a player to be in is to Try-Out for the Elite Teams, not make one of them, and then not have an appropriate team of their skill level to try-out for within the appropriate time frame. Timely and informed decisions must always be kept in consideration.

TEAM REGISTRATION

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry with Hockey Alberta, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before their first league game. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincials.

MAJOR MIDGET AAA (AMHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register a maximum of a *"40 man roster"* in the HCR. All players playing in exhibition games and preseason tournaments will be listed as tryout players on this roster. This is not applicable to those players skating at tryout sessions, only those players in exhibition games.

- The transfers will be entered into HCR with the NTO uploaded to the transfer and the transfer will be approved using "Approve (Share)" so that both the Resident MHA and the MHA in which the AAA Team is hosted can view the player's profile.
- Once the player makes the AAA team, the primary association of the player will be changed to the MHA of the AAA team he is now registered with.
- All players that don't make the AAA team will be released off the team in the Registry and will return to their resident LMHA.

The AMHL has declared 5 games at the beginning of the season as being Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration. This structure was developed to better reflect the current Hockey Alberta Regulations and to address the dates by which players are released from higher divisions. To follow is the structure by which Teams in the AMHL will register:

- The first 5 games of the AMHL scheduled season have been declared as Pre-Season games for the purposes of Team roster declaration.
- AMHL Teams will register a minimum of 15 players in the Registry by their first Pre-Season game.
- Beyond the minimum 15 players registered in the Registry, teams will have access to a floating 10 player auxiliary list during the course of the 5 scheduled Pre-Season games.
- Upon the commencement of the scheduled 6th league game all players will be registered in the Registry.
- All Discipline matters will be administered by the AMHL with all notifications of suspensions during the AMHL Pre-Season to be forwarded to the respective Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator for review.



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MINOR MIDGET AAA (AMMHL Teams) and BANTAM AAA (AMBHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register a maximum of a “30 man roster” in the HCR. All players playing in exhibition games and preseason tournaments will be listed as tryout players on this roster. This is not applicable to those players skating at tryout sessions, only those players in exhibition games.

- The transfers will be entered into HCR with the NTO uploaded to the transfer and the transfer will be approved using “Approve (Share)” so that both the Resident MHA and the MHA in which the AAA Team is hosted can view the player’s profile.
- Once the player makes the AAA team, the primary association of the player will be changed to the MHA of the AAA team he is now registered with.
- All players that don’t make the AAA team will be released off the team in the Registry and will return to their resident LMHA.

AFFILIATION POLICY

The Affiliation Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the “Alberta Development Model” (ADM). To allow for Affiliation within each Elite Draw Zone Area for the Teams currently playing in the Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL), the Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League (AMMHL) and the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL). The Teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Elite Draw Zone Area. All players to be registered for affiliation within the ADM must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Elite Draw Zone Area Host LMHA is located within.

- An Elite team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team’s designated geographic region.
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player’s name must appear on the team’s affiliation list filed within the Branch.
- Once a player’s affiliation is approved, the player’s name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.

NOTE: All Affiliated players must reside in the Elite Draw Zone Area of the team they will be Affiliated with, in either the AMHL, AMMHL or AMBHL.

All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the Elite Stream from any LMHA in the Elite Draw Zone Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the Elite Stream within their Elite Draw Zone Area as per this ADM.



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MALE ADM COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Male ADM Committee will be to encourage communication and development between the Elite Level Leagues and communicate those concerns and ideas to Hockey Alberta. It shall be the responsibility of the Male ADM Committee to monitor, formulate and recommend changes and improvements in the Elite Stream of Hockey.

The Male ADM Committee will report to the CEO, or designate. Upon making a decision regarding recommendations, the committee shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the decisions. The committee shall be an Operational Standing Committee of Hockey Alberta and shall have a Terms of Reference in place that stipulates the purpose, goals and objectives and composition of the committee.

Some items the Male ADM Committee is tasked with are:

- Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Elite Level Players, Teams and Leagues related to the Elite Stream of Hockey.
- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) on the Draw Zones of Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas from recommendations and statistics from the Elite Draw Zone Teams.
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance amongst the leagues involved.
- Make recommendations in areas of expanding and/or reducing of Elite Draw Zone Areas to ensuring that they fit within the established criteria.
- Make recommendations in areas of reduction and additions of Elite Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas with input from the Elite Draw Zone teams ensuring that they fit within the established criteria.
- Make recommendations to deal with areas of player movement from the different levels of the Elite Stream throughout the hockey season.
- Develop a mechanism to encourage communication between Elite Level Leagues on matters related to the Development Model.

APPENDIX “V” MINOR PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION

This Provincial Categorization by Division Model was approved for a trial by Hockey Alberta’s Minor Council and Board of Directors in the Fall of 2008 and was adopted as a Regulation in the Spring of 2011.

*Note: Calgary and Edmonton Minor Hockey Associations are exempt from this process. Their participation in Hockey Alberta Provincials will be determined appropriately in conjunction with Hockey Alberta’s Minor Regulation Committee.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY: The philosophy of Minor Hockey Provincials in Alberta is that it is a competition for associations with like sized Divisions competing their programs against one another.

A. PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION

1.0 Provincial Categorization is based on the number of Players registered in each LMHA, in each Division, based on actual registration (excluding; Players registered on AA and Elite Hockey teams, and adjustments for Player Movement) in the current Hockey Season.

Clarification: Those associations with AA and Elite Stream teams will not have those numbers count towards their Provincial Categorization as outlined in A 2.0 below.

2.0 Categorization for Provincials will be as follows:

Number of Registered Players in an Association’s Division

AA Major	115+ (Atom only)
AA Minor	58-114 (Atom only)
A	41-57 (41+ for Peewee, Bantam and Midget)
B	24-40
C	17-23
D	10-16

Clarification: The Categorization for Provincials for an LMHA’s Division will be determined on January 10th of the current Hockey Season.

3.0 Each Division within an LMHA will have the top Team placed in the appropriate Category according to the current Hockey Season’s registration numbers. The remaining Teams within the Division will be automatically placed in the next lowest Category. There will be no movement down in Category for any reason.

i.e. An association’s Midget Division has a registration of 36 with a total of 2 teams. The top team will be provincially categorized ‘B’ and the second team will automatically be provincially categorized ‘C’. Further, the same association’s Atom Division has a registration of 65 with a total of 4 teams. The top team will be provincially categorized ‘AA Minor’, second team automatically provincially categorized ‘A’, third team automatically provincially categorized ‘B’, and the fourth team automatically provincially categorized ‘C’. These teams may only move up.

In the case where an LMHA creates multiple “equal” teams within the same Division of hockey, and enters them as so during Regular Season Play, the “equal” teams will all be placed at the same Provincial Categorization. Remaining team(s) within the Division will be placed in the next lowest Category.

- i.e. An association’s Pee wee Division has a registration of 50 with a total of 4 teams. One team is created as the top team, the next two teams are created equal and play as equals in regular season, the 4th team is created as the lower team. The top team is categorized as “A”, the next two equal teams are categorized as “B” and the forth team is categorized as “C”.

B. PLAYER MOVEMENT

The current principles of Player Movement are to remain the same therefore the process for Player Movement will be based on an Associations size as per Regulation 1.0, below.

- 1.0** LMHA Categorization for the sole purposes of Player Movement shall be as follows:

Number of Registered Players in Association

AAA	451 and up
AA	201-450
A	136-200
B	101-135
C	66-100
D	65 and below

- 2.0** Categorization for the sole purpose of Player Movement is based on the number of Players registered in each LMHA based on actual registration (excluding adjustments for Player Movement) in the previous Hockey Season.

Clarification: As the majority of Player Movement occurs prior to the actual registration of any participants as outlined in Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation 4 there needed to be a pre-determined reference point for the principles of Player Movement to remain. Therefore the previous season’s numbers must be used.

- 3.0** Minor female Players registered on minor male Teams will be included in the numbers used to determine registered Players in an LMHA. Female Player numbers registered on female Teams will not be used in the registered Player numbers used to determine male categorization for the purposes of Player Movement.
- 4.0** Novice and Initiation Program registered Players will not be used in the registered player numbers used to determine categorization for Player Movement.
- 5.0** Junior C registered Players will not be used in the registered Player numbers used to determine categorization for Player Movement.

6.0 A Player may not register in another Local Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category for Player Movement as or a lower Category for Player Movement than the Local Minor Hockey Association in which the Player resides.

7.0 PERMISSION TO TRY OUT

A Permission to Try Out form may be refused in situations where:

- i. The Player requesting the release intends on registering with a new LMHA that is at the same or lower Category for Player Movement as his resident Local Minor Hockey Association or, if applicable, the LMHA with which he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.

Clarification: The categorization for Player Movement is not to be confused with the categorization for Provincials.

8.0 APPLICATION OF PLAYER MOVEMENT

To be as reflective as possible of an Association's Division's current seasons status the application of Player Movement reflects the numbers used in Provincial Categorization.

Subject to the exceptions contained in Paragraph 7.6:

- i) Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA shall take the median Provincial Categorization number, from the LMHA within whose Boundaries he/she resides, of the Division for which the Player is eligible. (See A 2.0)
- ii) Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA will automatically add the median Provincial Categorization number, from the LMHA within whose Boundaries he/she resides, of the Division for which the Player is eligible to the new LMHA's Division registration numbers effective immediately.
- iii) In addition, each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA, shall also add the median Provincial Categorization number of the Division for which the Player is eligible, of all LMHA's by-passed, but only those registration numbers of such LMHA's by-passed in the direction of travel from the Players resident LMHA to the new LMHA.
- i.e. If the Player leaves LMHA "X" (B Categorization for Player Movement) to play in LMHA "Y" (AA Categorization for Player Movement) the following will occur. Given that LMHA "X" has a Categorization for Player Movement of "B" 32 will be added to the Division in which the Player is registering in LMHA "Y". This movement will only effect the Division in which the movement occurred.

Clarification*: The following are the predetermined median numbers of each category that a player would carry as previously mentioned. (B 8.0)

***Median Numbers of Provincial Categorization**

AA	-	86
A	-	49
B	-	32
C	-	20
D	-	12

Clarification: The median of D was determined as 12 as the bottom of the D Category for Provincial Categorization is technically 0; however in order to have a Team the registered number required is 8 therefore the median was taken between 8 and 16.

Clarification: There is the potential within the mechanics of this model that a player may move from an Association with a Categorization for Player Movement that is higher than the Categorization for Provincials to where the player is going.

9.0 In addition to B. 8.0, each Team within the Division will assume the registration number of any Non-Resident Player taken on that particular Team. This may result in that Team being moved up in category. Top Teams add non-resident numbers to that particular Division's total registration number. Any subsequent Teams will add non-resident numbers to the lowest limit of the Category that Team is in.

i.e. An Association's Atom Division has 45 registrants for a total of three (3) Teams. The top and second teams have Non-Resident Players. Each Non-Resident Player, coming from Associations with "B" Categorization for Player Movement, brings a number of 32 to the Teams. The top Team will add 32 to 45 for a total of 77, which reclassifies them to "AA Minor". The second Team now reclassified "A" adds 32 to the lowest limits of "A" (41) for a total of 73 which reclassifies them to "AA Minor" as well. The third team is automatically reclassified "A".

APPENDIX “VI” ZONES

To assist in the administration of Hockey Alberta, and to assist in carrying out the objectives of Hockey Alberta, the Province of Alberta will be divided into Zones, the number and jurisdiction of which shall be determined or revised from time to time by the Board.

1. Minor Hockey Zones

The Minor Hockey Zones shall be as follows:

(a) Zone 1

North Boundary

Commencing at the north west corner of the province, (B.C.-N.W.T. and Alberta), then east along the north boundary of the province to the 5th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 5th meridian, from the north boundary of the province to the south boundary of township 74.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west diagonally from the south boundary of township 74 and the 5th meridian to the north boundary of township 52, range 13, west of the 6th meridian (Alberta-B.C. border).

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border, to the point of commencement.

(b) Zone 2

North Boundary

Commencing at the 5th meridian and the north boundary of the province (Alberta-N.W.T.), then east to the 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the north boundary of township 126 to the south boundary of township 44.

South Boundary

Proceeding diagonally north west from the south boundary of township 44 and the 4th meridian, to the north boundary of the north west corner of township 53, range 20, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west along the north boundary of township 53 until it intersects with the east boundary limits of the City of Edmonton.

West Boundary

Proceeding north from a point of the north boundary of the City of Edmonton and Highway 28 (97 Street) until it intersects with Highway 18 (5 miles east of Clyde) between sections 34 and 35, township 59, range 24, west of the 4th meridian then east along Highway 18 for 13 miles to the road allowance between sections 2 and 1, township 60, range 22, west of the 4th meridian (2 miles west of Thorhild) then north to the south boundary of township 74 between sections 3 and 4, range 21, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west to the 5th meridian. The remaining west boundary is the same as the east boundary of Zone 1.

(c) Zone 3

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 1.

East Boundary

Same as the west boundary of Zone 2 until it intersects with Zone 1.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west from the west boundary of the City of Edmonton between sections 13 and 24, township 51, range 26, west of the 4th meridian, to a point on the Alberta-B.C. border and the 6th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west from the 6th meridian along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects the south boundary of Zone 1.

(d) Zone 4

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 3.

East Boundary

Commencing at the south east corner of the City of Edmonton boundary, south east 1/4 section 17, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian and proceeding east for one mile to the north/south road allowance between the north east 1/4 section 9 and the north west 1/4 section 10, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding south to the south boundary of township 34, range 24, west of the 4th meridian.

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the south boundary of township 34, range 19, west of the 5th meridian, then projected in a straight line until it intersects with the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 3.

(e) Zone 5

North Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta-B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23 until it intersects with the west boundary of the City of Calgary, section 4, township 23, range 2, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east from the south boundary of the City of Calgary and the west road allowance of section 3, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 9 to the south boundary of township 1 (Alberta-U.S. border).

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the Alberta-U.S. border until it intersects the B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the north boundary.

(f) Zone 6

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 4, then proceeding east along the south boundary of township 34, until it intersects with 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9.

South Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta –B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23, west of the 5th meridian until it intersects the east road allowance of section 1, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding north in a straight line to the south east corner of section 24, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then west in a straight line to the south east corner section 22, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then north in a straight line until it intersects Highway #1, (TransCanada Highway) between sections 2 and 3, township 25, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along Highway #1, until it intersects the east road allowance of section 36, township 24, range 4, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed north in a straight line until it intersects the Bow River between section 25, township 25, range 4 and section 30, township 25, range 3, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along the Bow River to the west boundary of the City of Calgary, then proceed north along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary, east and south along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary to the west road allowance of section 12, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east until it intersects the Alberta – Saskatchewan border, south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 4.

(g) Zone 7

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 2.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 44 to the south boundary of township 34.

South Boundary

Same as the north boundary of Zone 6 until it intersects the east boundary of Zone 4.

West Boundary

Same as the east boundary of Zone 4.

(h) Zone 8

All of that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Edmonton, which area may be subject to change from time to time.

(i) Zone 9

All that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Calgary, which area may be subject to change from time to time and including areas outside the boundaries of the City of Calgary as described as follows:

North Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary corporate limits proceed west along south bank of the Bow River to the East boundary 13 of the SE ¼ Section 25, township 25, Range 4 W5W; then proceed south along Range Road 40 W5M to the point in Section 26, Township 24, Range 4 W5M which intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway); then proceed west along Highway #1 to the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5W.

West Boundary:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 22, Township 23, Range W5M proceed north to the point where the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5M intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway).

South Boundary

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M proceed west along the boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145 to the south-east corner of Section 1, Township 24, Range 5 W5M; then south to the southeast corner Section 24, Township 23 Range 5 W5M; then west to the southeast corner Section 22, Township 23, Range 5 W5M.

East Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits proceed south along west boundary of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits to the southeast corner Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M (north boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145).

2. Referee Zones

The Referee Zones shall be as follows:

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| (a) Peace Zone | } | |
| (b) North Zone | } | |
| (c) North-East Zone | } | - All Zones as depicted in the online Map |
| (d) North-Central Zone | } | |
| (e) Central Zone | } | |
| (f) South Zone | } | |

3. Management of Zone Business

The affairs and business of each Zone shall be completed by a group of individuals (said group being hereafter referred to as the "Zone Team"). The Zone Team shall consist of the following persons (collectively, the "Zone Team Members").

- (a) The Operations Advisory Committee (OAC) Representative, to be elected in accordance with HA Policy;
- (b) A Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (c) A Zone Minor Administration Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (d) A Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (e) A Referee Representative, to be appointed by the Referee Committee;

4. The Zone Team Shall:

- (a) Assist in the administration of Hockey in the respective Zone as may be required from time to time;
- (b) Establish a work plan for the respective Zone that meets with the approval of the CEO (or designate); and
- (c) Perform any tasks or functions for the respective Zone as may be required of it by the CEO (or designate) from time to time.

5. Operations Advisory Committee Representative

Each OAC Representative shall be elected by those Members that are located within the respective Zone in accordance with HA Policy.

Each of the OAC Representatives shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall reside in the Zone for which he/she was elected during his/her term of office. In the event that during his/her term, a Zone Representative ceases to reside in the Zone which he/she represents, the said Zone Representative shall be deemed to have resigned the office of Representative, effective on the 30th day following the date on which he/she ceased to reside within the Zone.

6. Minor Regulation Coordinator

Each Minor Regulation Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Regulation Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

7. Minor Administration Coordinator

Each Minor Administration Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Administration Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

8. Minor Discipline Coordinator

Each Minor Discipline Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Discipline Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

9. Referee Representative

Each Referee Representative shall be assigned, by the Referee Committee, to liaise with the Zone Team on a yearly basis.

APPENDIX "VII" APPEALS

1. APPEALS OFFICER

The Appeals Officer shall hear appeals as provided for in this Regulation and adjudicate on the issues arising from the appeals, which are heard.

2. APPEALS FROM CEO'S, OR DESIGNATE'S, DECISIONS

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling, in whole or in part, of the CEO or designate, made pursuant to the Rules and Regulations, or a decision of the CEO, or designate, regarding registration of a Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, Official or Branch to Branch transfer, has the right of appeal to the Appeals Officer.

3. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

In the event that a Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling made by a Local Minor Hockey Association or League, and provided that:

- (a) the decision or ruling arises from the Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) all Appeals as provided or allowed by the Local Minor Hockey Association and/or League have been exhausted;

the said Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, or Official may appeal the aforesaid decision or ruling to the Appeals Officer.

4. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF APPEALS OFFICER – APPEALS COMMITTEE

An Appeal lies to the Appeals Committee from the whole or any part of any decision or ruling made by the Appeals Officer pursuant to the Bylaws & Regulations.

5. APPEAL TO BOARD

An Appeal lies to the Board from the whole or any part of a decision or ruling made by the Appeals Committee pursuant to Regulation 4 (above).

6. EFFECT OF APPEAL

An Appeal to the Appeals Officer, Appeals Committee and the Board does not operate as a stay of the decision or ruling appeals from, except so far as the authority appealed from may direct.

7. NOTICE OF APPEAL

All Appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing ("Notice of Appeal") addressed to the CEO, or designate, and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision or ruling being appealed. The Notice of Appeal may be filed by ordinary mail, courier or email.

8. CONTENTS OF NOTICE

The Notice of Appeal shall include and contain the following:

- (a) a statement of the decision which is being appealed, including a copy of the written decision, if any;
- (b) concise statements of the grounds for appeal in numbered paragraphs;
- (c) concise statements of the facts, in numbered paragraphs, alleged by the Appellant;
- (d) if an Appeal Hearing is provided for in these Regulations, a summary of the evidence which the Appellant intends to produce at the Appeal Hearing, whether by document or viva voce (with the living voice) evidence.

9. APPEAL DUTIES OF CEO

The CEO, or designate, upon receiving a Notice of Appeal, shall:

- (a) if the Appeal is made pursuant to Regulations 2 and 3 (above), forthwith notify in writing the Appeals Officer and serve a copy of the same on the party whose decision is being appealed (the "Respondent"). Further, the CEO (or designate) shall serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on such persons as the Appeals Officer shall reasonably direct;
- (b) if the Appeal is made pursuant to Regulations 4 and 5 (above), forthwith notify in writing the Appeals Officer and such other parties as either the Appellant, Respondent or the Appeals Officer shall reasonably direct.

10. APPEAL FEES

Appellants shall be required to pay to Hockey Alberta a fee of an Appeal, which fee shall be payable with the filing of the Notice of Appeal as contemplated in Regulation 7 (above), in the following amounts:

- (a) Appeals Fee pursuant to Regulations 2 and 3 (above) shall be **Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars + GST**;
- (b) Appeals Fee pursuant to Regulation 4 (above) shall be **Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars + GST**;
- (c) Appeals to decisions made pursuant to **Rule 9.6** of the Rules, the Appeal Fee shall be **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) + GST**;
- (d) Appeals Fee pursuant to Regulation 5 (above) shall be **Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars + GST**

11. APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS UNDER REGULATIONS 2, 3 AND 4

Appeals made pursuant to Regulations 2, 3 and 4 (above), at the sole discretion of the Appeals Officer, shall be conducted with one of the following procedures:

- (a) an informal meeting of parties to the Appeals Officer or Appeals Committee, as the case may be, and with the evidence and arguments produced as the Appeals Officer or Appeals Committee, as the case may be, may reasonably determine necessary; or
- (b) a Quasi-judicial Hearing.

12. APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS UNDER REGULATION 5.

Appeals made pursuant to Regulation 5 (above) shall be conducted as a Quasi-judicial Hearing.

13. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

At Quasi-judicial Hearings, the procedures shall be conducted according to the laws of the Province of Alberta for such hearings, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) the Appellant and other parties to the Appeal may be represented by a barrister and solicitor or an agent;
- (b) Witnesses shall be called to give evidence under oath;
- (c) Witnesses may be examined and cross examined by the parties to the Appeal, the Appeals Committee and by other parties to the Appeal;
- (d) at the sole discretion of the Chairperson of the Appeal, have all proceedings recorded by an official court reporter or have the proceedings recorded by the CEO, or designate.

14. DATE FOR APPEAL HEARING – REGULATIONS 2 AND 3

Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Regulations 2 and 3 (above), the CEO (or designate), in consultation with the Appeals Officer, shall set a date for the Hearing which date shall be no later than the 10th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.

15. DATE FOR APPEAL HEARING – REGULATIONS 4 AND 5

Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Regulations 4 and 5 (above), the CEO (or designate) shall set a date for the Hearing of the Appeal, which date shall be no later than the 30th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.

16. NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE

Notice of the date for the Hearing of the Appeal shall be given by the CEO, or designate, to Parties to the Appeal either in writing (letter or email) or by telephone.

17. DISQUALIFICATIONS OF ADJUDICATORS

Those persons disqualified from adjudicating an Appeal pursuant to Regulations 4 and 5 (above) are as follows:

- (a) in the event of an Appeal under Regulation 4 (above), the Appeals Officer;
- (b) in the event of an Appeal under Regulation 5 (above), the Appeals Officer and those persons that made up the Appeals Committee.

18. DECISION OF ADJUDICATOR(S)

The adjudicator(s) of the Appeals provided for in this Regulation shall give the decision in writing within ten (10) days from the date the Hearing or Quasi-judicial Hearing concluded and may:

- (a) allow the Appeal;
- (b) dismiss the Appeal;
- (c) give any decision or ruling which ought to have been made and make such further or other decision and/or ruling as the circumstances require;
- (d) make such order as to costs as it seems just, and unless otherwise specified, the costs shall follow the event of the Appeal.

19. BOARD DECISIONS - FINAL AND BINDING

All Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, shall accept as final and binding the decisions of the Board, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board's interpretation or construction of the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws subject only to a right of Appeal to Hockey Canada as provided for in the Bylaws of Hockey Canada.

20. COURT ACTIONS

All Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen, and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, agree that any recourse to the law courts of any jurisdiction before all rights and remedies as provided by these Bylaws and the Bylaws of Hockey Canada have been availed and utilized, shall be prohibited. Further, any such recourse to the law courts as aforesaid shall be deemed by Hockey Alberta to be unsportsmanlike conduct enabling the Board to suspend and/or disqualify the said persons.