



ELITE MALE DRAW ZONE OPERATING MODEL REQUIREMENTS



PURPOSE

This document sets out the expectations and requirements for each MHA that has been identified to host an Elite Male Draw Zone team at the U15 AAA, U17 AAA or U18 AAA level. This document is not intended to cover MHA responsibilities related specifically to other Hockey Alberta programs (e.g. AA model and other Minor hockey).

OBJECTIVES

A primary objective of the Elite Male Hockey Model is to enhance the development of all participants in the game (athletes, volunteers, officials), helping them to achieve the highest level of performance possible. Each Host MHA is responsible to:

- Foster and promote a high level of hockey for Alberta players under its jurisdiction;
- Control and administer the playing of the game of hockey in accordance with the rules and regulations and etiquette of the game;
- Ensure that all persons who wish to play elite hockey, and who reside in Alberta, have an opportunity to compete for a position on a team operating within their geographic Draw Zone;
- Work with the feeder levels of hockey, to build a hockey program for their respective Draw Zone that strives to have teams laid out in a hierarchy that builds through each progressive level of hockey; and
- Ensure keen competition within all the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL).

STRUCTURE

The Host MHA shall have the liberty to structure their staff and volunteer resources dedicated to Elite Male Hockey at their discretion. At a minimum, each Host MHA must have one position on their association board of directors that bears responsibility for Elite Male Hockey. This individual shall ultimately be responsible for all aspects of Elite Male Hockey in the Elite Draw Zone. Under this individual shall sit a sub committee of the Host MHA chaired by the Board of Directors member responsible for Elite Male Hockey, where the following responsibilities are assigned accordingly:

- Hockey Operations – day to day operations of the hockey program
- Hockey Development – talent development within the zone (coach and player) including the development hierarchy in the draw zone as well as the feeder system into the elite stream
- MHA Coordination – community (MHA) relations across the zone including the Elite Male Draw Zone Meeting
- Other areas as defined by the Committee from time to time

The Elite Male Committee understands that a common practice in the Elite Male Model is to utilize a separate entity from the Host MHA to operate elite hockey, usually called a 'Club', replacing the aforementioned sub committee. Such a practice may continue, however that does not change the Board of Directors member of the Host MHA assigned responsibility for Elite Male Hockey matters remains accountable for the operations of this club and must ensure the below duties of the Host MHA are met.

DUTIES OF THE HOST MHA

- Be responsible for the operations of the Elite Male Program.
- Between August & October, in January and between March & April; host an Elite Draw Zone Meeting that comprises all MHAs within the Elite Draw Zone they are located. The content of the meetings should entail:
 - Provide to MHAs in the zone an update on and an opportunity to provide feedback relating to the Elite Male Stream Program in the Zone and provincially. MHAs must have the ability to be involved in discussions on:
 - The state of the hockey program within the zone and what changes may need to be considered
 - How to engage all the MHAs in the zone regarding zone operating matters



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- How to involve the Elite Male stream development principles at all levels across the zone to create a development funnel for players and coaches entering the Elite Male stream
 - Following the meetings, reports to the Hockey Alberta Elite Male Committee should be shared highlighting:
 - Date of the meeting and its attendees
 - Summary of discussion held
 - Summary of actions taken
 - Summary of actions not taken or deferred.
 - Representatives of the Hockey Alberta Elite Male Committee should be provided with notice of the meeting and will attend as time permits.
- Conduct annual surveys collecting feedback gathered from Draw Zone MHAs, players and families on program operations and share the results with the Elite Male Committee annually as part of the Elite Male Committee's ongoing program assessments. The surveys should be conducted annually each January, with reports submitted to the Elite Male Committee by the beginning of March.
 - Topics for MHA feedback and satisfaction reporting should include but are not limited to:
 - Coach Selection Criteria and Process
 - Team Selection Criteria and Process
 - Recruitment Area MHA Engagement
 - Hockey Player Development.
 - Athlete Character/Mental Health Development
 - AAA Coach & Recruitment Area Coach Development
 - Topics for Player Feedback should include but are not limited to:
 - Coach ability and performance
 - Player role creation
 - Schedule & Travel
 - Social (relationships with other players/parents participating in sport etc)
 - Selection process
 - Player development
 - Team and league competitiveness
 - Cost
 - Integrated Support Team
 - Association Communication & governance
 - League brand and operations
 - Facilities & Equipment
 - Hockey Alberta will create a sample survey and share it with all Elite Programs each fall.
- Be responsible for ensuring that Elite hockey at all levels in the draw zone work effectively together in building a program that promotes the development of the participants of the game, operating cohesively in a development hierarchy and enhance the development of the players across the entire draw zone.
- Ensure that the Elite Draw Zone is represented at AEHL Elite Draw Zone Meetings.
- Oversee the establishment of Coach development and mentorship programs and criteria for all coaching staffs in line with expectations set by Hockey Alberta.
- Ensure that each AAA Team establishes qualifications and development criteria for team staff in line with expectations set by Hockey Alberta.
- Ensure that each AAA Team selects Team staff (Manager, Coaches and support staff) that are qualified and appropriately certified.
- Set policies and procedures for the Draw Zone using the infrastructure available from Hockey Alberta