



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 process focused on elite level hockey and resulted in the establishment of the "Alberta Development Model" (ADM).

The ADM provides guidance and direction so that players have opportunity and movement options available to meet their needs as well as that of the teams involved. The most significant principle of the model is the agreement that, at all times, everyone will act in the best interest of the athlete and work to provide them with the ability to play at the highest level they can attain. The ADM further recognizes and supports the fact that each athlete has the right to consider all options.

The ADM 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. The model creates an improved development system that strives to provide a positive experience for all participants through improved communications and a system-wide understanding of the principles.

PRINCIPLES

The four (4) guiding principles of the Alberta Development Model are as follows:

1. At all times, everyone will act in the best interest of the athlete and work to provide them with the ability to play at the highest level they can attain;
2. The foundation is a "Made, Played and Developed in Alberta" philosophy;
 - Establishing, supporting and promoting a Provincial 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);
 - All Elite Leagues and Local Minor Hockey Associations are to focus on moving players through the system to the next level.
3. The Alberta Development Model will determine the appropriate number of Teams within each League, the location of the teams and the terms and conditions under which the Teams will operate. Elite Level Teams will provide elite level opportunities for the top players within their EDZ.
4. Affiliation is an integral part of the ADM and the structure accommodates the developmental needs of the athlete and team by providing the option for all players within an EDZ to be identified and properly registered as an affiliate.

DEFINITIONS

This document provides specific rules and regulations that apply to the Leagues, MHA's and Teams operating within the Male Hockey ADM. All Minor Hockey Regulations apply, unless regulations within this model alter the meaning of said Regulations for the purpose of "AAA" Hockey. 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.



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- **“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;
- **“Elite Draw Zone” or “EDZ”** defines the area in which Teams in the Elite Stream can access Players from.
- **“Import Player”** shall be defined in elite hockey as a player who resides in one Elite Draw Zone and registers with a team in another Elite Draw Zone due to accessing the Elite Player Movement process and/or an additional tryout;
- **“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 their respective Elite Draw Zone;
- **“Notification of Tryout Form”** is the designated Hockey Alberta form that is required to be completed for players to access a tryout within the Elite Stream of Hockey.

CRITICAL DATES

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| July 1 | - | Deadline for Elite Player Movement Applications; |
| August 15 | - | “AAA” Try-Outs can start; |
| September 1 | - | Exhibition Games can start; |
| | - | Teams must have “Tryout Rosters” entered into HCR; |
| September 15 | - | Players must declare that they are electing to participate in the Hockey Alberta Minor Hockey Program in their resident MHA |
| October 1 | - | “AAA” Regular Season schedule can begin; * |
| | - | Teams must register a minimum of fifteen (15) players and can still have an additional ten (10) on Tryout; |
| | - | Deadline for Draw Zone change proposals for the following season; |
| October 15 | - | Tryout Rosters are complete. Players participating in tryout processes have been returned to proper level and Tryout processes are complete. Teams must have all participating players properly registered on their HCR roster prior to allowing them to participate in a game; |
| December 15 | - | Deadline for MHA’s to file Affiliation; |
| January 10 | - | Final date to Register a Player to or Release a Player from a Team; |
| | - | Deadline for Draw Zone changes to be communicated to Host MHA’s; |
| February 28 | - | Regular Season ends; * |
| March | - | Playoffs and Championships; * |
| April | - | Pacific Regional Championship (Midget “AAA”) |
| | - | Telus Cup (Midget “AAA”) |

** These dates reflect the ideal state and actual dates may alter somewhat from these targets.*



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ELITE DRAW ZONES

In order to make it fair and equitable for all teams within the Elite Stream, “*Elite Draw Zones*” (EDZ) have been established. The Elite Draw Zones ensure there is an opportunity for all players that want to, and have the skill to, play within the “Elite” stream have the ability to do so. The EDZ’s establish a consistent development system for players throughout the Province by structuring a feeder system from Minor Hockey up through to the Elite Stream.

- Elite Draw Zones for each Team do not overlap;
- Entire Minor Hockey Associations are located within one specific EDZ and the players that live within an MHA’s boundaries are not split up;
- Each EDZ has a Host Minor Hockey Association identified within it and this Host MHA is responsible for operating the “AAA” Team(s) as identified for the area, in accordance with this Male Hockey ADM;
- EDZ’s are based on registration numbers, geographic location and travel time to the Host Minor Hockey Association.



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Lethbridge Midget AAA		Okotoks Midget AAA	
<p>Bassano Bow Island Brooks Cardston Claresholm Coaldale Crownsnest Pass Duchess Foremost Fort MacLeod Irvine Kainai</p>	<p>Lethbridge Lomond Magrath Medicine Hat Oyen Picture Butte Piikani Nation Pincher Creek Raymond Redcliff Taber Vauxhall Warner</p>	<p>Blackie Chestermere Foothills High Country Hussar Indus</p>	<p>Nanton Okotoks Rockyford Siksika Standard Strathmore Vulcan</p>
Medicine Hat Minor Midget AAA	Lethbridge Minor Midget AAA	Okotoks Minor Midget AAA	
<p>Bassano Bow Island Brooks Duchess Foremost Irvine Medicine Hat Oyen Redcliff</p>	<p>Cardston Claresholm Coaldale Crownsnest Pass Fort MacLeod Kainai Lethbridge Lomond Magrath Picture Butte Piikani Nation Pincher Creek Raymond Taber Vauxhall Warner</p>	<p>Blackie Chestermere Foothills High Country Hussar Indus</p>	<p>Nanton Okotoks Rockyford Siksika Standard Strathmore Vulcan</p>
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Airdrie Midget AAA		Red Deer Midget AAA	
Airdrie Banff Beiseker Canmore Carstairs Cochrane Cremona	Crossfield Didsbury Drumheller Hanna Kneehill Mini Thni Morrin	Alix Bashaw Bentley Big Valley Blackfalds Bowden Caroline Clive Delburne Eckville Endmoor	Innisfail Lacombe Olds Red Deer Rimbey Rocky Mountain House Spruce View Stettler Sundre Sylvan Lake
Airdrie Minor Midget AAA		Red Deer Minor Midget AAA	
Airdrie Banff Beiseker Canmore Carstairs Cochrane Cremona	Crossfield Didsbury Drumheller Hanna Kneehill Mini Thni Morrin	Alix Bashaw Bentley Big Valley Blackfalds Bowden Caroline Clive Delburne Eckville Endmoor	Innisfail Lacombe Olds Red Deer Rimbey Rocky Mountain House Spruce View Stettler Sundre Sylvan Lake
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Leduc Midget AAA		Fort Saskatchewan Midget AAA	
Beaumont Calmar Devon Drayton Valley Edson Hinton Jasper Leduc Maskwacis	Millet New Sarepta Pembina Ponoka Thorsby Warburg Wetaskiwin Winfield	Andrew Athabasca Boyle Bruderheim CNN Fort McMurray Fort Saskatchewan Goodfish Lake Josephburg Kikino La La Biche Lamont	Mundare Plamondon Redwater Saddle Lake Smoky Lake St. Paul Sturgeon Hockey Thorhild Two Hills Vegreville Wabasca Westlock
Leduc Minor Midget AAA		Fort Saskatchewan Minor Midget AAA	
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Sherwood Park Midget AAA		St. Albert Midget AAA	
Battle River Camrose Holden Sherwood Park	Strathcona Thunderstars Tofield Viking	Barrhead CR Knights Enoch Fox Creek Mayerthorpe Onoway	Spruce Grove Stony Plain St. Albert Swan Hills Whitecourt
Sherwood Park Minor Midget AAA		St. Albert Minor Midget AAA	Spruce Grove Minor Midget AAA
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Lloydminster Midget AAA		Grande Prairie Midget AAA	
3Cs Bonnyville Chauvin Cold Lake Dewberry Edgerton Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Hardisty Hughenden	Irma Kitscoty Lloydminster Mallaig Mannville Marwayne Onion Lake Paradise Valley Provost Vermilion Wainwright	Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Fairview Grande Cache Grande Prairie Grimshaw Grovedale High Level High Prairie Hines Creek Horse Lake Hythe La Crete	La Glace Loon River Manning Nampa Peace River Rainbow Lake Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Slave Lake Smoky River Spirit River Valleyview Wembley
Lloydminster Minor Midget AAA		Grande Prairie Minor Midget AAA	
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Calgary Midget AAA	Edmonton Midget AAA
4 Midget AAA	3 Midget AAA
Calgary Minor Midget AAA	Edmonton Minor Midget AAA
8 Minor Midget AAA	4 Minor Midget AAA
Calgary Bantam AAA	Edmonton Bantam AAA
4 Bantam AAA	4 Bantam AAA



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EXPANSION & REDUCTION OF TEAMS

The Male Hockey ADM has defined the maximum number of Teams that are permitted at each Division and Category within Alberta. Teams have been allotted based on registration statistics and historical data. The annual review process provides an opportunity to identify any need to expand or contract the number of teams within this model.

All changes to the draw zones, expansion and contraction of teams, will be the responsibility of the Male ADM Committee to review. A MHA can apply to Hockey Alberta for expansion or reduction of the number of teams within their draw zone area. Applications will only be considered one full season in advance following application which must be submitted by May 1 (for example, application for the 2020-21 season must be submitted by May 1, 2019). Applications must 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 an important factor in the rationale for expansion or reduction.
5. Expansion requests will consider the possible effects to existing teams / programs and the existing number of teams within the same Category.

ADM COMMITTEE

Hockey Alberta has established the Male Hockey ADM Committee to oversee League play for “AAA” hockey in Alberta. The committee will monitor the day-to-day operations of League play in accordance with the established Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures. They will encourage communication between the Elite Level Leagues and Host MHA’s as well as 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:

- Encourage communication between the Teams, MHA’s and the committee in order to develop and grow hockey in Alberta;
- Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Players, Teams and MHA’s related to the ADM;
- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) with respect to the reduction and addition of Teams, as well as on the assignment of MHA’s within the Draw Zones;
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance;
- Administer Discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Regulations for conduct and rule violations;
- Host meetings for the members to discuss the game and make recommendations for change to the ADM.



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ELITE LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Hockey Alberta has identified Leagues to conduct the day-to-day operations of play in accordance with the established Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures. There is only one identified league at each of the Divisions of the Elite Stream (Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA, and Bantam AAA) sanctioned to operate “AAA” hockey in Alberta. The Elite Leagues are:

- Midget AAA Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL)
- Minor Midget AAA Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League (AMMHL)
- Bantam AAA Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL)

ELITE PLAYER MOVEMENT

Players are expected to first try out for the Draw Zone team that draws from the local Minor Hockey Association the player is a resident within.

- Players will obtain the necessary permission from their resident MHA, in accordance with the Notification of Try Out Procedures to try out for the Draw Zone team.
- Players will not be considered “Import” Players to the Draw Zone Team in which their resident Minor Hockey Association is located.
- The Players’ resident Minor Hockey Association may not refuse to give permission to a player that wishes to try out for his Resident Draw Zone Team.

Players may be permitted to have their first try out within a Draw Zone that is not their resident MHA’s Draw Zone with special permission from the Male Hockey ADM Committee.

- Players should only request this movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. considerably closer for travel, move without parent transfers).
- Players must file an application, using the Elite Player Movement Form and supporting documentation, through the Hockey Alberta office prior to **July 1** if they wish to request this “special permission” to move for the upcoming season.
- The Committee reviews the application and renders a decision on or prior to August 15.

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



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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 Male Hockey ADM.

Team participating in the Elite Stream Leagues (“AAA” 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 and register with the team. There may be an opportunity where players are afforded 2nd and 3rd try out opportunities as imports from other Draw Zones (as discussed below). Those players must also be allowed equal opportunity to try out. The top, eligible, players should be selected for each team, regardless of where they reside within the Draw Zone. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best players from within each Draw Zone.

For clarity, MHA’s hosting Elite Draw Zone Teams must ensure that there are no restrictions on the number of players that reside outside of that respective MHA and within the Draw Zone 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.

It is incumbent upon the Host MHA to ensure 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 appropriately to ensure out of town players can properly participate.

Players wishing to try-out with a Midget “AAA”, Minor Midget “AAA”, or Bantam “AAA” Team must first complete a Notification of Try-Out Form and submit it to their resident MHA (the MHA within whose boundaries the player resides), and the applicable host MHA of the Team that the player wishes to try-out for. **NOTE – If the Team the player is wishing to try out for is hosted within the Player’s Resident MHA they are not required to submit this form.**

Midget “AAA” - A 16 or 17-year-old player may choose a maximum of three (3) Midget “AAA” teams to try out for by naming all teams on their Notification to Try Out form. The player must first try out for the team in the Draw Zone in which the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process as discussed above).

Elite Stream Teams will establish their try out rosters beginning no earlier that September 7 of each year. Players that do not make a try out roster would leave the Elite Stream try out process and be returned to their resident MHA to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program.

Players who are added to a try out roster will generally be afforded three (3) opportunities to make and Elite Stream team (subject to clarity below). If a player does not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- obtain an Elite Waiver form and move onto the second (or third) Midget “AAA” team they have requested to try out for; or



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- return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program; or
- return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.

Note: 15-Year-Old Midget Players are permitted to try out with one (1) Midget AAA (AMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone only.

“Minor Midget AAA” - A 15-year-old player may choose a maximum of three (3) “AAA” teams (Midget AAA and Minor Midget AAA) to try out for by naming all teams on their Notification to Try Out form. The player must first try out for the team in the Draw Zone in which he resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process as discussed above). If the player does not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- if first tryout was at Midget “AAA” - obtain an Elite Waiver form to access a Minor Midget “AAA” tryout within your resident Draw Zone; or
- if first tryout was at Minor Midget “AAA” - obtain an Elite Waiver form and move onto the next closest Minor Midget “AAA” team that was identified on their Notification to Try Out form.
- if cut a second time, obtain an Elite Waiver form and move onto the next closest Minor Midget “AAA” team, that was identified on their Notification to Try Out form, in order to access a third and final Elite try out; or
- return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program; or
- return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.

Note: A 15 Year Old Player may travel to the next closest Draw Zone(s) to try out for additional Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Teams.

“Bantam AAA” - A 13 or 14-year-old player may choose a maximum of three (3) Bantam “AAA” teams to try out for by naming all teams on their Notification to Try Out form. The player must first try out for the team in the Draw Zone in which the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process). If the player does not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- move onto the second (or third) Bantam “AAA” team they requested to try out for by obtaining an Elite Waiver form;
- return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program;
- return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.

Players will not be afforded the opportunity to access tryouts for more than three (3) teams within a specific category of hockey. A player making any designated “AAA” Team will receive permission to play for the season and will be returned to their Resident LMHA at the end of the season.



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PLAYER ACCELERATION

One of the objectives of the Male Hockey ADM is to develop players within their specific age group, and not to displace the players from their age Division by facilitating the movement of underage players.

- a) **Each Midget “AAA” Team is permitted to register only one (1) “Underage Player” at any one time during the season. Only second year bantam aged players will be considered for acceleration to Midget “AAA”;**
- b) **There will be no acceleration for Bantam aged players to Minor Midget;**
- c) **Each Bantam “AAA” Team is permitted to register only one (1) “Underage Player” at any one time during the season. Only second year Peewee aged players will be considered for acceleration to Bantam “AAA”.**

TEAM REGISTRATION

All “AAA” Teams will be registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) by the MHA that has been identified as the Host MHA. The Host LMHA will register the team(s) in accordance with the Hockey Alberta Regulations. All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry, prior to their first League Game. All Players and Team Officials participating with a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before participating in their first League game.

In order to support the Male Hockey ADM and to align the system of player development within Alberta, Players will be asked to declare on September 15 each year that they are going to participate in the Minor Hockey programs offered by their resident MHA. “AAA” Teams are not permitted to begin the player evaluation and selection process for the current season until **August 15**.

Each “AAA” Team will be required to obtain a commitment, in writing, from all players prior to registering them in the Registry as a try out player (refer to the “Player Agreement” process). Each Midget AAA Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season. Each Minor Midget AAA and Bantam AAA Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season.

Each Team is provided the opportunity to utilize Exhibition and Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration.

MIDGET AAA (AMHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register try out players to 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. Players participating in the tryout process and who do not participate in exhibition games or tournaments are not required to be registered as try out players and occupy one of the “40 man roster” spots. 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 MHA.



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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 **maximum of 15 players** in the Registry by their first Pre-Season game.
- Beyond the maximum number of 15 players registered in the Registry, teams will have access to a floating 10 player try out players auxiliary list during the course of the 5 scheduled Pre-Season games.
- Upon the commencement of the scheduled 6th league game, try outs will be complete and team rosters will be finalized and 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.

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

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register try out players to 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. Players participating in the tryout process and who do not participate in exhibition games or tournaments are not required to be registered as try out players and occupy one of the “30 man roster” spots. 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.

PLAYER AGREEMENTS

In order to be eligible to play during the regular season and playoffs / provincials, **all players must sign a “Player Agreement” form with the team that wishes to register them.**



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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, 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) are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Elite Draw Zone. 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 Host MHA 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 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 MHA in the Elite Draw Zone regardless of the MHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the Elite Stream within their Elite Draw Zone as per this ADM.

TEAM MANAGEMENT

The following model guides the management of the teams within the Male Hockey ADM and establishes the communication protocol that will be used in order to ensure the success of the model.

Each Host MHA is responsible for identifying a representative that will attend regular League Meetings throughout the season in order to ensure proper communication between the Male Hockey ADM Committee and their Host MHA / Team(s).

Seasonal reviews have been established in order to highlight how the model is operating within the Province as well as within each area. Utilizing the feedback from these reviews will provide the opportunity to make amendments as necessary and ensure parity within the Male Hockey ADM.



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Communication with Male Hockey ADM Teams

- Each Host MHA will host meetings a minimum of two (2) times per year to discuss hockey within their area. These meetings will be chaired by a representative from the Host MHA. The Host MHA will be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting to all Teams as well as reporting feedback from the meeting back to the Male Hockey ADM Committee.
- These meetings will occur at the start of the season and end of the season, with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback could be gathered and reviewed by the ADM Committee prior to the end of the season so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, these meetings would be hosted by the member Minor Hockey Association.
- Some agenda items for these meetings will be submitted by the ADM Committee so that there is consistency throughout the Province in the information that is being provided to / gathered from the stakeholders.

Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- The Male Hockey ADM encourages MHA's to work together to provide the best possible developmental experience for the players. The model supports moving practices and games around in order to include the MHA's in the model and to promote the program within each community.
- Each "Elite" Team Host MHA will host a meeting a minimum of one (1) time per year with all of the MHA's within their Draw Zone. This meeting would occur at the end of the season so that the feedback could be gathered and reviewed by the ADM Committee and adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- This Draw Zone Meeting will be chaired by the Host MHA and they would be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting as well as reporting any feedback that is received to the ADM Committee.
- Feedback will also be gathered from the MHA's every so often through the use of an on-line survey. The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the ADM Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the next season.

In each of the cases, information will be gathered through the means listed above, reviewed by the ADM Committee, with recommendations then being sent to the CEO (or designate) of Hockey Alberta.

Sanctions will be imposed on Host MHA's for any non-compliance to the principles established within the Alberta Development Model.

Coach and Player Selection

Coach and Player selection is the responsibility of the Host MHA. One principle of the Male Hockey ADM is for each Team to consider all eligible coaches and players when selecting their team(s). Regardless of where a coach or player resides, provided they are eligible to try out and/or be selected, they should all be treated equally during the evaluation and selection process.

There are no "quotas" permitted to be exercised within the Male Hockey ADM and there shall be no restrictions, based on place of residence, placed on the coaches or players. It is the expectation that Teams are built with the best possible players and coaches available to them.

PROVINCIALS

Provincial Championships for each Category within the Male Hockey ADM will be operated by Hockey Alberta and teams participating in the Championship will be determined through League play.

Only Hockey Alberta Teams approved to participate within the Male Hockey ADM will be eligible to play for the Provincial Championship.

ARBITRATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Male Hockey ADM requires that issues resolved by arbitration and/or conflict resolution to be reviewed and remedied within a timely manner. The Host MHA can refer to the Hockey Alberta Conduct Management Guidelines if they do not have their own clearly defined steps for an arbitration and/or conflict resolution process.

Any requests for arbitration or conflict resolution that are submitted to the MHA, in writing, need to be dealt with accordingly. Due process is required to complete a review of the situation, and upon completion of the review a written response shall be sent to the complainant.

If, after all process is exhausted at the level of the MHA, further review is required, a second level of arbitration and/or conflict resolution can be accessed through the Male Hockey ADM Committee. The first level of review, within the MHA, may not be bypassed in favor of an ADM review.