



HOCKEY CALGARY

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To: Hockey Calgary Families
From: Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director
CC: HC Board, HC Governors, HC Member Club Presidents

SUBJECT: Update Registration within Hockey Calgary

As we conclude the 2024-25 regular season and prepare for playoffs Hockey Calgary wanted to address a statement released by Hockey Alberta regarding changes to the registration and player movement process as it currently exists within the Minor Hockey system in Alberta (web reference provided at the end of this bulletin).

Discussions of these changes occurred with Hockey Alberta representatives. The following provides a topline summary:

1. Hockey Alberta only recognizes the 'Minor Hockey Association of Calgary' (Hockey Calgary) as a member Minor Hockey Association (MHA) within their bylaws. A member organization operating under the umbrella of Hockey Calgary is considered a 'Member Club' within Hockey Calgary and therefore is not formally recognized by Hockey Alberta.
2. Under the Hockey Alberta umbrella, when registering for hockey for the **'1st time'** a participant may 'choose' the Minor Hockey Association (MHA) of choice (Hockey Calgary or an MHA outside of Calgary, if that MHA is willing to accept their registration based on the MHA's registration policy).
3. MHA's are **'NOT'** required to accept all players, and must have a registration policy in place to accept or decline potential participants.
4. Large MHA's such as Hockey Calgary or Hockey Edmonton are permitted to have **internal boundaries**, therefore anyone registering within Calgary will be subject to the internal boundaries as defined by Hockey Calgary.
5. Current elite draw zones and recruitment areas will remain in place for all participants wishing to play elite hockey.

Hockey Calgary in partnership with our board of directors, and 18 member clubs are taking the time to fully understand what is expected by Hockey Alberta as we plan a path forward for the 2025-26 season. Next steps in this process will be to formally re-draft the Hockey Calgary Registration Policy and Regulations to align with the new Hockey Alberta regulations.



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These changes will have no impact on the internal boundaries in Calgary and it is our expectation that they will have little impact on the registration process.

Hockey Calgary and our Member Clubs are in agreement on the following key points with regards to future registration policies:

- Hockey Calgary is the largest MHA in Alberta, with close to 15,000 players
- The city of Calgary lacks ice in key periods and does not have the facilities for us to accept players from outside the existing boundaries (ie. Okotoks, Airdrie, Cochrane).
- Calgary hockey programs are for the benefit of families within our existing boundary structure.
- Within Hockey Calgary 'internal boundaries' help maintain parity in organization size and competitiveness. Which is integral to the delivery of our programming.
- Calgary's Member Clubs are volunteer driven, not for profit societies, that focus on participation in their community (region).

Hockey Calgary is aware that there are numerous questions surrounding these changes and we will work quickly to develop an updated policy that addresses those questions prior to 2025-26 registration opening on June 15, 2025.

We thank you for your understanding as we work through the details of these changes with the goal of making hockey 'Everyone's Game'.

Regards,

Kevin Kobelka
Executive Director

RELATED POLICIES & DOCUMENTS:

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