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Boundary Recommendation 2020-21:

(Changes from March 9 are highlighted in red)

Updated April 8, 2020

August 26 - President Council Motion:

Motion: Associations agree to support the move to a larger Association size model, with a target Association size of 900 – 1100. And each Association agrees to actively engage in the conversation and be open to new ideas and possibilities.

Proposed by J. Edwards

Seconded by J. Beatty

Motion Passed - Unanimous

As per the August 26 motion above, throughout the course of the 2019-20, most Associations have engaged in working together to attain the goal of an 11 Association model.

Below are the recommendations that are proposed to meet this goal.

NE Zone – Saints, Simons Valley, McKnight, Blackfoot:

Numerous meetings have been had with members in this area along with a survey of Saints members being completed. The 4 groups are not 100% aligned but agree in principle to the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1

Current Saints players will be distributed across the Associations of Simons Valley, McKnight and Blackfoot effective for the 20-21 season with the following conditions:

- HC will agree to allow 'Current' Saints members 3-week opt-in period to select the neighbouring Association of their choice (one of Blackfoot, McKnight, Simons Valley), prior to the official opening of registration for the 20-21 season (dates TBD)
 - Only available to members currently in Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Age Categories (2003 – 2008 born athletes)
 - All current Initiation, Novice and Atom players must register with the designated Associations to ensure balance and future growth of those programs
 - If family does not select preferred Association in the time frame agreed upon then they must register with the designated area
 - All future hockey participants 'MUST' register with the designated area
 - Siblings of Pee wee, Bantam & Midget players can opt to go to the same association
 - Siblings not currently in hockey must register with the designated area



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- Saints maintain identity through continuing to operate a Midget program
 - 3 year maximum (20-21, 21-22, 22-23)
 - Current 2nd year Bantam players and all Midget players are eligible
 - If players want to opt to go to another Association they are permitted as per above guidelines
- Saints continue to operate (and be part of) the NE 'House League Program'
 - Focus on growing the game
 - Target those interested in 'Trying Hockey'
 - Market appropriately
- AGLC Licence
 - Remains intact as Saints are running 2 programs
 - House League & Midget
 - Need to see if funds can be directed to 'Current Members', that would now be part of a new organization (should be a way to create a 'Criteria for access to funds')
- NESS
 - HC works with NESS to allocate Ice to Hockey Calgary – **(NESS has final decision)**
 - HC allocates ice to Saints for their remaining programs
 - HC allocates ice to other Associations 'in need', who have member communities in the area of the NESS arena

NW Zone – Bow River, Crowfoot, NW Warriors

All 3 Associations Agreed to the following:

- Want to work together for greater good of NW macro community
- Agree move from 3 to 2 is right strategy to align with remainder of the city
- Agreed that approximately 1000 members is the ideal Assoc. size to be targeting
- Agreed that it is 'ideal' for NW area kids to play and practice in NW part of city

Challenges

- Ice Balancing across the 3 Associations
- Ice Ownership
- Community Association 'Power' & Flexibility (Bylaw Constraints)

Unfortunately, over the course of the 2019-20 season no common ground has been found with the 3 organizations, on where to draw the boundary lines. At this time we do not believe any formal decision can be recommended in time for the 20-21 season, therefore the recommendation is as follows:

Recommendation #2

The implementation of the merger from 3 Associations to 2 in the NW Zone will be delayed until the 2021-22 season with the following caveats in place:



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- The 3 Associations have until December 15, 2020 to come to an agreed upon solution, if at this time the organizations cannot agree, an independent arbitrator (outside of Hockey Calgary) will be contracted to resolve the dispute and facilitate an agreement.
 - The Arbitrator must rule on a decision that meets the pre-determined criteria as set out by Hockey Calgary and Operations Council pertaining to approximate Association sizes, travel distance and ice allocation.
 - More detailed criteria for the Arbitrator to rule on will be provided by the Operations Council prior to selection of the Arbitrator.
 - Hockey Calgary and the Operations Council will work in partnership to select an Arbitrator for this process.
 - This decision of the Arbitrator will be final and binding, and will go directly to the Hockey Calgary Board for final approval.

Southeast – Blackfoot/Bow Valley

Discussion is around the moving of Douglasdale community to Blackfoot Association

- BV is largest and fastest growing organization in HC over last 10 years, and is at the maximum range as outlined by the Operations Council recommendation of 900-1100 players (1090 community players)
- Geographically this community is best fit to move to Blackfoot
- Approximately 80 players currently reside in Douglasdale
- Blackfoot is about 800 players with moderate growth, but needs numbers from both North and South to achieve 900 – 1100 player range

Recommendation #3

The Douglasdale Community becomes part of the Blackfoot Association effective the 2020-21 playing season with the following caveats:

- All players entering into the Midget Age Division (U-18) are grandfathered to Bow Valley
- Players currently in Pee Wee (U-13) and Bantam (U-15) will have the **'option to be grandfathered'** (2005-2008 born athletes). Members will have a 3-week period to exercise their grandfather rights prior to the official opening of registration for the 20-21 season (dates TBD)
 - If family does not exercise these rights in the time frame agreed upon then they will be designated to the Blackfoot Association
- All current Initiation, Novice and Atom players must go to the Blackfoot Association
 - Families with siblings in Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget, can request to be grandfathered as a family
- **Current Bow Valley Board Member families residing in the Douglasdale community will have the 'option to be grandfathered' into the Bow Valley Hockey Association**
- All future hockey participants **'MUST'** register with the Blackfoot Association



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Southwest – Glenlake/Southwest

Discussion is around the moving of the CKE community to Southwest Association

- Glenlake is 2nd largest Association in HC and continues to grow, much like Bow Valley they are close to the maximum range as outlined by the Operations Council recommendation of 900-1100 players, (1083 community players)
- Geographically CKE is best fit to move to Southwest, with many other sporting programs aligning to this portion of the Southwest boundary
- Southwest had 2nd largest drop in registration this past year at -6.8% and are now at the low end of the 900 registration recommendation (914 community players)

Recommendation #4

The CKE Communities becomes part of the Southwest Association effective the 2020-21 playing season with the following caveats:

- All players entering into the Midget Age Division (U-18) are grandfathered to Glenlake
- Players currently in Pee Wee (U-13) and Bantam (U-15) will have the **'option to be grandfathered'** (2005-2008 born athletes). Members will have a 3-week period to exercise their grandfather rights prior to the official opening of registration for the 20-21 season (dates TBD)
 - If family does not exercise these rights in the time frame agreed upon then they will be designated to the Southwest Association
- All current Initiation, Novice and Atom players must go to the Southwest Association
 - Families with siblings in Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget, can request to be grandfathered as a family
- **Current Glenlake Board Member families residing in the CKE communities will have the 'option to be grandfathered' into the Glenlake Hockey Association**
- All future hockey participants **'MUST'** go to the Southwest Association

Notes:

- **At time of writing (April 8) these are just recommendations**
- **As per the Operations Committee Terms of Reference, these recommendations must be motioned by Operations Committee, voted on, and passed before being recommended to the HC Board for final approval**
- **If these recommendations are motioned, and passed they are not final until approved by the Hockey Calgary Board**