



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: June 6, 2013

To: Hockey Alberta Member Minor Hockey Associations
Minor Hockey Leagues

From: Justin Fesyk, Manager Hockey Development

Subject: 2014 Alberta Winter Games

Hockey Alberta is calling for all Minor Hockey Associations and Minor Hockey Leagues to help promote the Alberta Winter Games (AWG) experience to their registered players. This is a premier development program designed to give participants a great development experience through an organized and competitive Zone Selection Camp. Once the camp is completed, 20 players will be selected to represent their Zone in the 2014 Alberta Winter Games which take place February 5-9, 2014 in Banff – Canmore.

Alberta Winter Games Male Program

As a result of a complete review of the AWG Male Program, Hockey Alberta has implemented some fundamental changes for 2014. Remaining with the Division of Peewee (born in 2001-2002), the 2014 program will see a select team format being used. Below is the rationale for this change:

- In order to better align with the philosophy of the AWG, the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation recommended that Hockey Alberta change the model from a Minor Hockey Association Team to a "Select Team" format (A "Select Team" format means that an open Zone Selection Camp will take place and the Zone Team will be selected from those players in participating in this camp).
- This type of developmental program (Male 11-12 years old) aligns with the "Learn to Train" stage of the Long Term Player Development Model (LTPD).
 - o Most significant period for development, window of accelerated adaptation to motor coordination.
 - o Group interaction, team building, and social activities will be emphasized.
- The Program will provide an opportunity for Hockey Alberta to incorporate the LTPD principles into a controlled environment.
- The Program will provide an opportunity for Hockey Alberta to influence and develop coaches using the LTPD model and the Team Alberta Coach Mentorship Program.
- The Program will provide an opportunity for Hockey Alberta to create a positive developmental environment for everyone involved.
- The Program will provide an opportunity for Hockey Alberta to provide guidance to players and coaches as there will be direct involvement with the teams.

Male Program Dates:

Selection Camp: December 6-8, 2013
Alberta Winter Games: February 5-9, 2014



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Alberta Winter Games Female Program

The Alberta Winter Games Female Program will continue with a select team format and females born in 1999-2002 will be eligible to try out.

Female Program Dates:

Selection Camp:	November 29 – December 1, 2013
Team Training:	January 25 or 26, 2014
Alberta Winter Games:	February 5-9, 2014

We would like to ask for your cooperation in circulating this information to eligible players and coaches. We would also like to ask you to take the program dates into consideration when planning league and tournament games for the 2013-2014 season.

If you require any further information please refer to the Hockey Alberta website (www.hockeyalberta.ca) for details and direct contact information for the Male and Female Programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Fesyk".

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