



HOCKEY CALGARY

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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**To:** Association Presidents  
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**CC:** HC Board of Directors

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**SUBJECT: Bantam Seeding – Body Checking vs. Non Body Checking**

In June the decision was made to remove body checking from Bantam Divisions 4 and below. Based on this decision there will be some challenges we face as we implement the program in year 1, therefore we need to be clear on the process and expectations.

The following is a list of a few key items that will need to be communicated and addressed:

- Players will have the option to begin their tryout process in ‘Non Body Checking’ ( we will not force them in to a body checking division if they do not wish)
- Players who sign up for ‘Body Checking’ and do not make one of the ‘Body Checking’ teams in their association will be placed in the ‘Non Body Checking’ division.
- Hockey Calgary’s recommendation on the # of ‘Body Checking’ and ‘Non Body Checking’ teams per association is as follows (it is based on the # of teams per association and where teams have been placed in recent years):
  - Grid is as follows, based on past history
    - Associations with 7 teams – 3 Body Checking
    - Associations with 6 teams – 3 Body Checking (option for 2)
    - Associations with 5 teams – 2 Body Checking
    - Associations with 4 teams – 1 Body Checking (option for 2)
    - Associations with 3 teams – 1 Body Checking
- Seeding done as per existing HC process, with a caveat that teams in ‘Body Checking’ divisions only be seeded within body checking divisions and teams in ‘Non Body Checking’ division only be seeded within non body checking divisions
- Once a team is declared as Body Checking or Non-Body Checking they will not be able to seed across the line to the other category
- Once we determine the calibre of Non-Body Checking, we may split the tiers accordingly within those divisions to ensure the correct level of competition
- Players WILL be permitted to AP from Non – Body Checking to Body Checking (if they agree to) this is not different than a Pee Wee affiliating to Bantam
- Non-Body Checking teams will not be approved for participation in body checking tournaments outside of Calgary. From our understanding there are numerous LMHA’s in the area moving to Non-Body Checking programs, which should create tournaments for all.