



HOCKEY CALGARY

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Date:** October 8, 2015  
**To:** Association Presidents  
**From:** Kevin Kobelka – Executive Director  
**CC:** HC Board of Directors

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**SUBJECT: Bantam Non Body Checking Guidelines**

In June the decision was made to remove body checking from Bantam Divisions 4 and below. As we begin the season there has been a number of questions, so I would just like to clarify them, so that all teams are aware of the expectations.

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

### Seeding

- 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 re-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

### Affiliated Players

- Players **WILL** be permitted to AP from Bantam Non – Body Checking to Bantam Body Checking (if they agree to) this is not different than a Pee Wee affiliating to Bantam
- Players **WILL NOT** be permitted to AP from Bantam Non- Body Checking to Midget Body Checking, we will ensure that the players in Bantam Body Checking are utilized

### Tournaments & Exhibition Outside of Calgary

- Non-Body Checking teams will **NOT** be approved for participation in body checking tournaments outside of Calgary.
- Non-Body Checking teams will **NOT** be approved for exhibition games against body checking teams outside of Calgary

### **Non-Body Checking within Hockey Alberta**

- From our understanding there are numerous LMHA's in Alberta moving to Non-Body Checking programs, a list of LMHA's that we are aware of is as follows:
  - Okotoks
  - Lethbridge
  - St. Albert
  - Sherwood Park
  - Canmore
  - Airdrie
  - Cochrane
  - Edmonton
  - Ft. McMurray
  
- Finding Tournaments - the best place to find tournaments is on the Hockey Alberta website (or look at the local LMHA website):
  - Hockey Alberta is in the process of improving their website to enable you to sort by 'Body Checking' and 'Non Body Checking' (hopefully complete in next 2 weeks)
  - Until then you have to view each event to make the determination
  - Link is as follows:
  - [http://www.hockeyalberta.ca/index.php/ci\\_id/4771/la\\_id/1/](http://www.hockeyalberta.ca/index.php/ci_id/4771/la_id/1/)
    - Airdrie has a tournament planned at this point

### **Non-Body Checking within Hockey BC**

- BC Hockey has had non-body checking leagues for a number of years, and they host numerous tournaments. The only challenge is on categorization, in BC categorization is as follows:
  - Bantam AAA            Tier 1
  - Bantam AA            Tier 2
  - Bantam 1            Tier 3
  - Bantam 2            Tier 4
  - Anything below this they categorize as 'Rec Hockey' or 'House Hockey'
  
- Finding Tournaments - the best place to find tournaments is on the Hockey BC website:
  - Hockey BC's website is very simple to navigate and allows you to sort by 'Body Checking' and 'Non Body Checking' events, as well as region
  - Link is as follows:
  - <http://bchockey.net/tournaments/tournaments.aspx>
    - There are numerous tournaments listed here, but they will all be classified as 'Rec' or 'House', so you will need to contact them regarding calibre, but many should be similar

This is a new endeavour and we will do our best to support the needs of the teams, please ensure this information is communicated to your team managers of all Non-Body Checking teams.