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To: Association President's & Administrator's, HC Governors
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CC: HC Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Unsanctioned Hockey

In recent years alternative hockey organizations have emerged in Alberta, operating outside of the Hockey Canada structure.

Hockey Calgary does not support hockey programs that choose to operate teams (game play programs) outside the parameters of the Hockey Alberta & Hockey Canada structure. The Hockey Super League (HSL), and the AMP program are two such programs that we are aware of that operate non-sanctioned hockey programs that do not fall under the Hockey Canada umbrella.

Hockey Calgary fully supports the principles outlined within Hockey Canada's Long-Term Player Development plan and Seasonal Structure Guidelines. We believe that:

- Each family should choose to be part of only one hockey system each season.
- Participating in multiple sports will help develop an individual as an athlete.
- Participating in multiple hockey programs at the same time is not in the best interest of the development of any player.
- When a player registers for a program, they make a commitment to a team and playing on another hockey team can make it hard to honor that commitment.

Therefore, Hockey Calgary will not permit any player to participate in an alternative (unsanctioned game play) program, while registered on a member team within Hockey Calgary. We understand that players often seek extra development (power skating, private goalie sessions, skill development etc.) and participation in these programs is permitted for the improvement of the athlete.

Families do have a choice, and if they choose to register with an unsanctioned program that is their choice, and as an organization we respect that decision. Please be aware that if an athlete is not registered with a member MHA or Sports School they will not be eligible to participate in Hockey Alberta's High Performance programs such as the Pee wee Prospects, Alberta Challenge, Alberta Winter Games, Alberta Cup, and/or any other High-Performance Development Camps.

Regards,



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