



HOCKEY CALGARY

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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**CC:** HC Board, HC Governors

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**SUBJECT: Elite Hockey Update**

During the time away from the rink Hockey Calgary and our Member Associations have been actively working on key initiatives to improve our programs and address the needs of our customers. This spring the focus has been on the Elite program offering within Calgary, and what we can do to ensure we are offering our athletes the premier development model. We are pleased to announce the following changes for the 2021-22 season.

**U16 AAA & AA (formerly M15)**

Hockey Calgary and the Elite Stream Associations applied to Hockey Alberta and were granted approval to move from 8 - U16 AAA teams to 4 - U16 AAA teams. This means that each Association will be required to roster 1 U16 AAA team for the 2021-22 season. These 4 teams will continue to play in the U16 AAA provincial league (AEHL) governed by Hockey Alberta.

Concurrent with this change the U16 AA requirement will move from 1 team per Elite Association to 2 teams. These teams will play in a Hockey Calgary U16 AA league, (similar to U18 AA), with the plans for an interlock schedule with SCAHL. The net effect of these changes is the same number of players in Calgary will have access to elite hockey.

**U13 AA (formerly Pee Wee AA)**

U13 AA is on the move and will now reside in the 'Elite Stream' of hockey versus the 'Community Stream', where it previously was. Each Elite Association will be required to roster 3 evenly balanced U13 AA within their program. This change aligns us with the remainder of the province and will improve the competitive balance of our program. This will be the entry point to elite hockey in Calgary. More details of the program will follow in the coming weeks, as we prepare this new league.

Regards,

Kevin Kobelka, Executive Director