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To: Minor Hockey Associations, Hockey Alberta Volunteers and Staff
From: Bryden Burrell, Coordinator, Member Services; Mike Kraichy, Manager,
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SUBJECT: Male AAA hockey changes

In recent months, Hockey Alberta's Male Alberta Development Model (ADM) Committee has been reviewing the structure and organization of the Bantam AAA, Minor Midget AAA and Midget AAA leagues within Alberta. The goal is to ensure we are providing the best possible elite hockey experience for our athletes.

With the recent announcement from Hockey Canada to change the naming conventions of the age categories of hockey in Canada, the ADM believes the timing is right to make structural, organizational and branding changes to the three AAA leagues.

Members of the ADM Committee (including representatives from the male AAA leagues, draw zones and MHAs) agreed that changes were necessary and that they should take effect for the 2020-21 playing season.

The proposed changes include the introduction of one new league structure where the Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL), Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League (AMMHL), and Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL) will come together and play under a single league banner as divisions within a new hockey league structure.

The Committee believes that the restructuring of the elite male hockey system in Alberta provides alignment and consistency across the province of all elite hockey league play, and provides the best possible experience for the players, coaches and volunteers. It is also a step in a more general refocusing of the overall Alberta Development Model to ensure focus on each specific level of hockey in the province.

Hockey Alberta will communicate with all Minor Hockey Associations, and specifically engage Draw Zone host MHAs to finalize the new structure. As part of this process, MHAs that host AAA male programs will receive a survey in the coming weeks seeking input into the new direction.

Administrative structure, website platforms, schedules and other details will be reviewed, confirmed and announced in the coming months.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact us:

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