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## ***ANNOUNCEMENT***

Date: March 18, 2019  
To: HC Member Associations, HC Members  
From: Kevin Kobelka (Executive Director Hockey Calgary)  
CC: Hockey Calgary board of Directors  
Re: Boundary Changes Effective 2019/20 & 2020/21

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Over the past 18 months, Hockey Calgary has engaged the member association executives in reviewing the boundaries within the City of Calgary (zone 9). This review was initiated to address the ever changing landscape in Calgary which has led to a huge disparity in size across member associations, and thus the ability to offer the same playing experience.

HC wants to ensure that all players have a positive minor hockey experience and have

- An opportunity to compete at the appropriate skill level
- An opportunity to equally develop their skills
- An opportunity to have equal access to ice.
- A competitive balance of competition across all associations.

As a city, Calgary continues to grow and evolve, therefore, Hockey Calgary needs to also adapt and change and these boundary modifications help to accomplish that.

We appreciate and thank all the association executives who have engaged with HC throughout this process and have provided valuable feedback. We did not take this decision lightly, and know that modifications made will have impacts on some players and families. Our goal is to move forward with a plan that will positively impact the overall Hockey Calgary program and have the greatest benefit for all of our players. We are all in this together, for the greater good of hockey in Calgary.

The changes to the boundaries will roll out in a phased approach over the next 2 years. There are changes that will take immediate effect for the 2019-20 season and others that will need to be completed by the 2020-21 season. This phased approach will allow HC to work with the impacted associations and members to coordinate an effective and efficient transition.

A detailed description of the changes and impacted associations can be found at the end of this bulletin.



While there are many factors to consider when determining the boundaries, HC analyzed the following criteria in assessing the situation:

- Size gap between organizations in Calgary
  - Reviewed Registration date from 2017-18 & 2018-19
- Size of organizations across Alberta
- Performance of Associations in Major HC events over last 3 years (EMHW & Cities)
- Participation & performance at Provincial Championships (3 years)
- Winning % of all teams – 3 year trend & 1 year trend
- Health of Organizations
  - % of players at Atom levels and below versus Pee Wee and above
- Projected # of players and teams under different models (no change, 11 Assoc., 13 Assoc.)
  - Complete with growth trends and grandfathering (house league included & excluded)
- Growth Analysis – 10 Year Trend & 3 Year Trend
- Drive time analysis (not as detailed, but directional)
- Access to ice (directional, and in big picture terms)

We know that some of the families will be impacted to a greater extent than others. In making the decisions we had to balance the individual needs of the hockey associations, the parents, the players and the communities with what should be a better environment to play hockey in the city moving forward.

**The following was the timeline for this review process:**

- Dec 2017 – Regional meetings with all zones and feedback on potential changes
- Jan 2018 – Feedback and solutions requested of associations
- Mar 2018 – 8 of 14 associations provided feedback and potential solutions
- Oct 2018 – New registration information provided, showed size gap further widening
  - HC agrees to provide options by December for feedback from Operations Council
  - No association objects to this proposal



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- Dec 2018 – Boundary Presentation and first set of 14 potential maps provided
- Jan 2019 – Meetings held with most associations to review options, and understand needs
- Feb 2019 – Seven options provided for feedback
- Feb 2019 – Informational meeting with HC Board and all associations
- Mar 2019 – HC Board reviews final three options and makes decision
- March 18, 2019 – Final boundary decision presented to the association presidents and members
- Mar 2019 and beyond – Coordinating with associations to transition to the new boundaries

While we believe this is the correct decision for Hockey Calgary and the affected associations, we also realize that change does not come without challenges. In the upcoming months we will work closely with all associations to ensure all new members are made welcome and the transition process is managed effectively.

Once again, we thank you for your support and look forward to working with everyone to make this transition as seamless as possible.

### **Boundary Review – Summary of Changes:**

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**Hockey Calgary has approved an 11 Association model of ‘Community Hockey’ within the city of Calgary (zone 9) as shown in the attached map.**

#### **Changes Include:**

- Redistribution of the Saints Hockey Association effective 2019-20 playing season, with players being relocated to SVHA, McKnight & Blackfoot.
- Shifting of select communities to new associations effective the 2019-20 playing season.
- Merger of LBVA(Southside)/Mavericks – to be complete by 2020-21 playing season.
- Merger of Bow River/Crowfoot/NWW (3 Associations to 2) to be complete by the 2020-21 playing season.

#### **Phase 1: Effective 2019-20 Hockey Playing Season**

- Redistribution of the Saints Hockey Program
  - All former Saints communities north of McKnight Blvd. will now be part of the Simons Valley Hockey Association, these communities include:



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- Falconridge
  - Coral Springs
  - Castleridge
  - Martindale
  - Taradale
  - Saddle Ridge
  - Cityscape
  - Redstone
  - Skyview Ranch
  - Stonegate Landing
- All former Saints communities between Memorial Dr. and McKnight Blvd. will now be part of the McKnight Hockey Association, these communities include:
- Whitehorn
  - Rundle
  - Temple
  - Pineridge
  - Monterey Park
  - Marlborough Park
  - Abbeydale
  - Vista Heights
  - Mayland Heights
  - Renfrew
  - Winston Heights/Mountainview
  - Inglewood
  - Ramsey
  - Victoria Park
- All former Saints communities south of Memorial Dr. will be part of the Blackfoot Hockey Association, these communities include:



- Forrest Heights
  - Albert Park/Radisson Heights
  - Red Carpet/Applewood
  - Southview
  - Dover
  - Erinwoods
  - Belvedere
- Shifting of select communities to new associations effective the 2019-20 playing season:
- Community of Douglasdale from Bow Valley to Blackfoot
  - Communities of Kingsland, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge & Chinook Park (CKE on map) from Glenlake to Southwest
  - Communities of Capitol Hill & Collingwood from NWW to McKnight

**Phase 2: To be completed by the 2020-21 playing season**

- Merger of LBVA(Southside)/Mavericks
- Merger of Bow River/Crowfoot/NWW (3 Associations to 2)



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## Grandfathering

Below are the details on grandfathering as they pertain to the 2019 boundary modification moves.

- Any Player entering (or in) Midget or Jr. C has the option of remaining with their home (existing) association (2004 born players and older)
- Must be declared prior to the 2019-20 season
- Players cannot move associations and then return
- Siblings of players noted in 1.0 do not have the option to remain in their home (existing) association
- Families who choose to have older sibling remain in association will be required to transfer younger sibling and therefore have players in 2 associations
- If families wish to have siblings in same association, they will be required to transfer the older sibling
- Players of 'Association Board Members'
  - To ensure continuity of the board of directors of affected associations, players of board members will be permitted to remain with their home (existing) association until the parent's term on that board is complete
  - If the term of appointment is complete prior to the 2019-2020 season, the players will be required to transfer
  - Upon completion of term those players will be required to transfer as per the changes in the boundaries
  - Board Members will not be permitted to apply for another term in order to remain in home (existing) association
  - Board Members can choose to move their children immediately, and resign their position on their respective board of directors
- Existing Player Release Criteria (Grandfather clauses) within in Hockey Calgary will not be recognized due to the significant boundary changes that will be faced by all.