



HOCKEY CALGARY

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To: Hockey Calgary Members
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SUBJECT: **Hockey Alberta Leagues Update – 2020/21 Season**

Recently, Hockey Alberta has worked both internally and with the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee, which Hockey Calgary is a member of, to come up with a provincial plan for League Operations for the 2020-21 season in an effort to get our kids back to traditional team sizes and 5v5 play. Please note that any plan will continue to follow the requirements of AHS and the Government of Alberta.

On September 24, 2020, Hockey Alberta released a 'Hockey is Back' campaign which was followed by a more detailed Return to Hockey and Minor Leagues Plan on October 2, 2020.

Below, you will find some clarifications and how this will impact Hockey Calgary Leagues:

- Travel
 - Travel is permitted for the purposes of tiering and league play. This is designed to help smaller rural associations combine cohorts to create some form of competition.
 - As Hockey Calgary operates in an urban region, extensive travel is not needed to provide competition. Travel permits in Hockey Calgary will NOT be approved at this time.
 - NO TOURNAMENTS are permitted during this time as per Hockey Alberta.

- Exhibition Series/ Tiering Play
 - 'Exhibition Series' per Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues Plan is designed to provide competition prior to official League play. In late July, Hockey Calgary, in partnership with its member associations, agreed to operate a community hockey development season within a cohort structure that included modified competition. Associations are scheduling games and therefore, exhibition games are not permitted.
 - 'Tiering Play' in other leagues across the province is used to identify the appropriate placement for teams for League Play. This is not that same as Hockey Calgary's 'Seeding Round' where we experience minimal movement. Hockey Calgary will not operate a 'Seeding Round' this year and will be forgoing Hockey Alberta's 'Tiering Play' for an extended Development Season with modified game play.

- League Play
 - Hockey Calgary is aligned with Hockey Alberta's Minor League's Plan to operate 'League Series Play' starting in January 2021. As the landscape continues to change, Hockey Calgary will monitor this date with a possibility of starting sooner.
 - Hockey Calgary will utilize a 14-day isolation period to form traditional team sizes for the purposes of League Play and meaningful competition.

There are several details that need to be ironed out and we fully expect a lot to change from now until January. However, we are committed to keeping you up to date as the plan continues to evolve.

We have dropped the puck again!

Regards,

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