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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

## HOCKEY CALGARY

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| To: | Hockey Calgary Member Associations |  |
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## SUBJECT: GHC Structure Announcement 2023-24

Female hockey is the fast-growing demographic in Calgary. In 2018, with the support of Hockey Calgary, Girls Hockey Calgary Association (GHC) exited the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL) and moved under the umbrella of Hockey Calgary with the goal of making female hockey more accessible here at home.

At that time, GHC had a little over 500 players. Based on this size, we adopted a modified competition model that saw some GHC teams compete in newlycreated Hockey Calgary Female Divisions and some GHC teams compete in existing Hockey Calgary Co-ed Divisions. We have operated in this fashion for the last five years, steadily increasing the quantity and size of our female divisions as GHC's numbers grew to over 1100.

Hockey Calgary and GHC work closely to evaluate this competition structure year after year, to create the best possible environment for players to thrive. Female hockey in Calgary has now reached the size to support a true female league across all age categories. Hockey Calgary is proud to support GHC in this achievement, and pleased to now offer Hockey Calgary Female Divisions at all age categories in the city.

We look forward to seeing the female game continue to grow and believe that this progression will strengthen an already strong female program here in Calgary. For more information, please visit girlshockeycalgary.com

Regards,

Kevin Kobelka
Executive Director

