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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THE WESTIN CALGARY HOTEL**

FRIDAY, JUNE 12	HOCKEY ADMINISTRATORS	COACH DIRECTORS	ELITE SEMINAR
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	REGISTRATION <i>(South Foyer)</i>		
7:00 PM – 7:15 PM	OPENING REMARKS & MESSAGE FROM BOARD <i>(Britannia/Belaire)</i>		
7:15 PM – 7:45 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: BRIAN BURKE <i>(Britannia/Belaire)</i>		
7:45 PM – 9:00 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: DEVELOPING THE GAME <i>(Britannia/Belaire)</i>		
9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	SOCIAL HOSTED BY HOCKEY CALGARY <i>(Mayfair/Endrooms)</i>		

SATURDAY, JUNE 13	HOCKEY ADMINISTRATORS	COACH DIRECTORS	ELITE SEMINAR
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>EVERY KID, EVERY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST</b> <i>(Britannia/Belaire)</i> PRESENTATION AT 8:00 AM		
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>MHA GOVERNANCE:</b> PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION <i>(Mayfair/Endrooms)</i>	COACHING PATHWAY COMMUNICATION/ SUPPORT PLAYER/TEAM SELECTION PROVINCIAL DEV. PLAN COACH MENTORSHIP PLAN <i>(Bonavista)</i>	TEACHING SKILLS GOALTENDING COACHING MILLENIALS <i>(Nakiska)</i>
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	<b>STRATEGIC INITIATIVES UPDATE:</b> NON-BODY CHECKING OPTIONS INITIATION PROGRAM AA MODEL <i>(Mayfair/Endrooms)</i>		
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <i>(Mayfair/Endrooms)</i>		
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>BFL AWARDS LUNCHEON</b> <i>(Mayfair/Endrooms)</i>		TEACHING THE LITTLE THINGS DEFENSIVE CONCEPTS <i>(Nakiska)</i>
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <i>(Metropolitan Conference Centre)</i>	LMHA SHARING TOPICS ISSUES/TRENDS WORKSHOP NCCP COACH CLINICS <i>(Bonavista)</i>	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM			

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## **REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP**

### **TOP PRIORITIES THIS PAST SEASON**

#### **Hockey Alberta Purpose/Identity**

- Hockey Alberta, through its strategic planning process, has identified the player as its customer. It has also identified numerous other key stakeholders including Local Minor Hockey Associations (LMHAs), coaches, officials, and parents.
- Hockey Alberta will launch new Vision and Mission statements at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.
- Hockey Alberta will operate a Hockey Conference as it has in previous years around its Annual General Meeting.
- A review of Hockey Alberta's overall visual Identity is expected to take place, with the belief, that a renewed visual identity, reflective of Hockey Alberta's purpose and direction, will come with the new statements.

#### **Hockey Delivery System**

- Hockey Alberta has built a draft Hockey Delivery Model which will focus on an easy-to-communicate method to identify minor hockey options in the province, ranging from try hockey programs through to Elite hockey. A new delivery model would feature various different levels of commitment, as well as different sets of regulations for each program. The model includes a diagram using the definitions in the Alberta Sport Plan – Introduction to Sport, Recreational Sport, Competitive Sport, and High Performance Sport.
- Hockey Alberta is conducting thorough reviews of hockey operations in several core areas. In each area, committees have been set up to bring recommendations to the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors for further review and approval. The core areas currently under review are:
  - **Female Hockey Structure Review:** Recommendations have been presented and approved by the Board of Directors which will look to transcend the manner in which Female hockey is operated in Alberta. The key principles approved include:
    - Long Term Player Development (LTPD) philosophies are adhered to;
    - A Regional approach for community programs to work together to provide options for players in their area (Midget AA, Bantam AA and some local programs);
    - A Player Acceleration Policy will be created to ensure players are permitted to move up a maximum of one age division. If players are needed to form a team then a regional approach should be taken rather than moving younger players up to inappropriate age divisions;
    - In order to create and sustain a competitive balance within each level of hockey, the maximum number of teams that will be permitted at each level will be determined Provincially (Elite and AA);
    - There will be no boundaries for Midget AAA, permitting each player with the opportunity to choose the program they wish to support;
    - Using the Regional approach, a feeder system will be established throughout the system to ensure players are educated about developing and moving to the next level;
    - Improved communication, with Team Alberta, Elite, AA, and community programs working together so the system functions to benefit the athletes.

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- **Spring Hockey Review:** Hockey Alberta expects this committee to provide recommendations to the Board on its existing Spring Hockey Policy and how future operations are tied to Hockey Alberta. The committee includes Hockey Alberta traditional spring hockey program representatives. The objective is to determine the right model for Alberta.
- **AA Hockey Review:** Hockey Alberta has approved recommendations to create a new model of hockey for AA at the divisions of Peewee, Bantam and Midget. This will be the first time Alberta has implemented one consistent set of rules for this level. The intent is to strengthen our player development system and feed players into the Elite Stream (Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA (15's), Bantam AAA).
- **League Integration:** Hockey Alberta is working with our Minor Hockey Leagues to bring better alignment to the game, assist in creating a more unified system with more consistent regulations throughout the Province, thereby improving the system for the players.
- **Recruitment/Non Traditional Hockey:** Hockey Alberta was part of five Bauer First Shift Programs. Hockey Alberta is also working to further define its Pond Hockey Program. Both of these programs fit into the proposed Hockey Delivery System.
- **Initiation:** Hockey Alberta announced a provincial mandate implementing a new, focused Initiation Hockey program. The program is based on LTPD principles and will provide LMHAs with the tools to operate a proper program for the kids of this age.
- **Body Checking – Bantam/Midget:** Although there are programs that exist within LMHAs, Hockey Alberta does not have a provincially mandated model that provides non-body checking options for players at Bantam and Midget. Hockey Alberta will work with local associations to identify programs that will provide opportunities for players to try hockey with no body checking. The initiative will help identify how many players are interested in this option and help educate LMHAs, players and families about this option. It is expected that there will be individual games, tournaments and leagues that operate under the rules of "no body checking" this coming season.

#### People Capacity and Alignment

- Hockey Alberta has formally approved its Operations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and protocol for selection of members. This committee works with the Executive Director as the conduit between the Board and the membership of Hockey Alberta. The Operations Advisory Committee members are elected by their respective Hockey Alberta Zones.
- Hockey Alberta has started its second recruitment season for core volunteers for operational committees. This process will select more than 80 core volunteers under the guidance of the Volunteer Human Resources Committee and Operations Staff.
- With changes to the Board and operational structure, Hockey Alberta has identified the importance of ensuring the proper recruitment, training, and retention of key volunteers for the organization. We will be looking to identify new strategies to build, train, and retain our core workforce of volunteers.

#### Improve Participant Experience

- **Player First:** After gathering information from the Alberta Hockey Summit and the 2014 Hockey Conference and AGM, Hockey Alberta has established a "player first approach" as a priority. To do this, Hockey Alberta would like to create a platform/charter/structure that will guide decisions and ensure we collectively put the player first. In 2015-16, it is expected that Hockey Alberta will run focus groups and/or utilize surveys to assist in understanding, from the player's perspective, what is important in their hockey experience.

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- **Alberta Coach Development Plan:** This plan has progressed throughout this season and will continue to move forward into next season. Recruitment of Coach Directors for each Hockey Alberta LMHA continues and, for the second year, there will be a Coach Director session at the 2015 Hockey Conference. Coach Directors are a conduit for the associations to Hockey Alberta through Hockey Alberta's six Regional Centres. Hockey Alberta will add a contract position of Coach Mentor to work with the Coach Directors and Regional Centres to expand the opportunity to work with associations to improve coaching at the grassroots level.

#### **Organizational Partnerships**

- **Red Deer College:** With the successful bid of the 2019 Canada Winter Games, a new facility will be built at Red Deer College. This new facility will house Hockey Alberta's office, programs, and many events in the future. Hockey Alberta will look at the facility as its Provincial Training Centre for core programming throughout the season.

#### **Operational Excellence**

- Hockey Alberta has built a measurement cycle which allows the Board to continue to evaluate our organization on four primary areas of focus; Customer Satisfaction, Financial Sustainability, Organizational Outcomes, and Workforce Alignment.
- In Spring 2015 Hockey Alberta sent out its first Customer Satisfaction survey to all players looking to gain feedback on their experience in hockey in 2014-15. This will become a benchmark for future surveys and improvements.

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**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Minor Hockey**

- **“Player First” Philosophy:** In accordance with the new Vision/Mission, our Minor Regulation Committee is continuing to review day-to-day operations to ensure that improvements are being made to offer more flexibility to the athlete in the areas of player movement, retention, and recruitment. Moving forward with a possible new Hockey Delivery Model, we are preparing to work on individual sets of regulations for the different areas of hockey, Introduction to Sport, Recreational Sport, Competitive Sport, and High Performance Sport.
- **Minor Regulations Casebook:** Our Minor Regulations Committee is in the process of creating a casebook that will guide Zone Reps with a consistent application of regulations through interpretation and implementation. Areas of focus are exceptions to player movement, provincial categorization and team registration.
- **Provincial Championships:** The 2015 Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships were a success this season. With over 400 teams consisting of 6,000 amateur athletes, ranging from Atom Female to Senior AAA, a total of 43 Provincial Champions were crowned. In total, 37 Provincial Tournaments were held across the Province over four weekends in March and April. Another six Champions were declared through League Playoffs. We are starting a review process of our Championships to determine if there need to be any changes to the number of Categories that operate, how we declare teams to represent their area, etc.
- **AA Hockey Model:** Hockey Alberta is still on course for implementation of the new AA Hockey Model for the 2015-16 season. The overall number of AA teams within the Peewee, Bantam and Midget Divisions will be decreased to increase the competitiveness and level of play at the AA level. Draw areas will be introduced, much like Elite Hockey, so players from any particular region have the opportunity to access AA hockey across the Province. The AA Hockey Implementation Committee is currently in the process of finalizing Draft 4 of the AA Hockey Model & Philosophy which will include guiding documents to help LMHAs transition to the new model.

**Junior B/C Male Hockey**

- Cold Lake played host to the 2015 Keystone Cup (Western Canadian Jr B Championship) in April. The organizing committee sold over 400 tournament passes, and was proud to be able to webcast all the games live and for free.
- Stony Plain hosted a very successful 2015 Jr B Provincials. North Edmonton Red Wings were the Provincial Champs and represented Alberta at the 2015 Keystone Cup. The 2016 Provincial Championship has been awarded to the Red Deer Vipers of the Heritage Junior Hockey League. This will be the last major event at the Red Deer Arena before it is torn down to rebuild a new arena in time for the 2019 Canada Winter Games.
- Hockey Calgary hosted the 2015 Jr C Provincials with the Edmonton Avalanche winning the event. The team was undefeated their entire season.
- The Hockey Alberta Junior B/C Committee meets monthly via conference call and finds this tool valuable in sharing information, ideas and strategies.

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## Female Hockey

- **Junior Female Showcase:** A 10-team Junior Female League has operated for several seasons in Alberta. In an attempt to promote Junior Female hockey, the League hosted its first-ever showcase tournament this Spring. The focus was to show the Female Hockey community that this level of hockey does exist and is an option for players in the future. Two teams from Manitoba attended and all indications were that it was a successful promotion of the game.
- **College:** After a long run of losing teams, the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference has been able to secure one new team and will be expanding into Olds College for next season. Hopefully this will bring a new life to College Female hockey in the Province.
- **Senior Female:** There is currently a lot of concern within Alberta regarding Senior Female hockey. There is less commitment from teams to participate in a full time, competitive League and even less commitment for teams to participate in Provincials. Discussions have started with our League Presidents to identify what options are available and how we can begin to re-grow this level of hockey. There are also concerns with the Western Shield Regional Championship as Alberta is not the only province having trouble getting teams to commit to this event.

## Senior Male Hockey

- **AAA:** Our first season in quite some time with all five Chinook teams declaring AAA was very successful. The League is regaining momentum and the teams are all developing and beginning to close the gap on the top teams. There are some existing AA programs talking about making the leap to AAA and that would be a boost to this level in Alberta.
- **AA:** The recent amendments to re-align the Senior Hockey structure in Alberta proved to be fairly successful in year one. This change most affected our AA category. Four Leagues made the transition seamlessly by having all teams compete at the AA Category of Provincials. The other League had a couple of teams that could not participate at that level and essentially decided not to declare for Provincial play. The ideal state will see the Leagues declare their categorization which will allow League play to be used towards Provincials and also provide for more opportunity for our teams to access affiliation.
- **A:** Our one and only A League continues to grow and gain momentum in the Eastern portion of the Province. The league continues to field calls from communities interested in this level of hockey because of the lower level of commitment required from players, as well as the focus on "local" hockey.

## Hockey Development

- A Goalie Advisory Group has been created to lead the Alberta Goaltender Development Plan. The plan consists of presenting Instructional Stream Clinics, Goalie Development Camps and creating a support plan to local minor hockey associations.
- A full time Coach Mentor has been hired to focus on supporting NCCP programming, Minor Hockey Association coach and player development, as well as strategic items.
- A Regional Leadership Development Program has been created for third-year midget aged players. The program will focus on providing leadership development in the area of coaching through Coach Level and Instructional Stream training.
- A new player program has been added to the Regional Strategy that will prepare players that are trying out for the Alberta Cup program. These camps prepare players for all aspects of the Alberta Cup Zone Camps.



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## Referee Council

- Eight Alberta officials were selected to work the Western Canada Cup in Fort McMurray, 10 officials for the Esso Cup in Red Deer and 15 officials for the Keystone Cup in Cold Lake.
- We continue to hold our initial High Performance Officials' tryouts in conjunction with the Alberta Cup Bantam program. Using Regional tryouts we evaluate and select 12 officials to work the Alberta Cup tournament each spring.
- This Spring we began a pilot project with an Edmonton school to work with our North Zone Referee Committee to offer the Officials Course to students. A class of approximately 30 students will take the online course and then receive classroom and on-ice instruction from our certified officiating instructors in the Edmonton area over the course of two months. We hope that this will act as a positive introduction to officiating and that in the fall many of the students will register to become officials. We will track the students, and if we are successful with recruitment numbers, we will promote this across the province in those schools that have a hockey academy as part of their curriculum.
- All supervisions on our upgrade candidates for levels 4L, 5 and 6 have been completed and our committee will meet to review and grant the upgrades. We will be looking to send a minimum of two officials this year to the Hockey Canada Level 6 seminar.

## Pond Hockey

- Pond Hockey celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Hockey Alberta program by welcoming nine new associations bringing a total of 3,248 participants into the game.
- The Gleichen Pond Hockey Group again hosted the "Hockey Day in Gleichen" Pond Hockey Festival with 109 kids participating in the fun and games. Calgary Flames' Alumnus Dana Murzyn was on hand to sign autographs and skate with the kids. Hockey Alberta will be looking to replicate this event in other communities over the next couple of seasons.
- Pond Hockey took a strong step forward this season in Edmonton. With the assistance of Dean Hengel and Hockey Edmonton, the North Glenora Community League Pond Hockey Program became the first registered Pond Hockey program in the city. By all accounts, the program was very successful, and provides a stepping stone for other community programs in the Edmonton area. In recognition of its success, the North Glenora program was awarded the 2015 Hockey Edmonton Development Award.
- The Pond Hockey Committee has a fairly extensive list of Action Items that they look at during every meeting. The 2014-15 season saw the Committee look at several Action Items that included discussions with new and current Pond Hockey Groups and their future direction; research on High School Hockey and various School Systems to see if Pond Hockey would be a fit at the school level; and the possibility of a concept letter for the AG Societies and Kinsmen Groups in Alberta to develop awareness on Pond Hockey.

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**HOCKEY ALBERTA RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION INITIATIVES**

**Try Hockey Pilot Programs**

- This program is led by Hockey Canada and Bauer Hockey as part of a national initiative to have more children play the game of hockey.
- In its inaugural year in Alberta, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Red Deer served as hosts.
- In exchange for a \$200 fee, all participants received six weeks of instructional hockey run by trained leaders. They also received new hockey equipment from head-to-toe along with stick, bag, water bottle and countless smiles as kids wore the equipment for the first time.
- The instructors also received track suits, helmets, gloves and sticks for their time and energy while working in an 8:1 ratio with these first-timers.
- Hockey Alberta's Regional Centres supported this program with on-ice support and instructor mentorship.
- In total, 269 children between the ages of 6-10 years participated in seven events, in four communities supported by 70 volunteers.
- To date, eight communities have been approved for the Bauer's The First Shift program.

**True Spirit of Hockey Day**

- Second year of the program
- It was expanded from four schools in year one to nine this year reaching approximately 3,100 students in grades K-6.
- It runs in conjunction with Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships. This season we went to: Bow Island, Caroline, Lacombe, Mayerthorpe, Olds, Ponoka, Sexsmith, Viking and Warburg.
- The program is sponsored by Tundra Process Solutions, operated by teachers and community volunteers, and supported by Hockey Alberta staff.
- Program ideas that engaged the students varied by school based on time and investment in the program. Some of the ideas included: jersey day, floor hockey tournaments, reading hockey-related stories, singing hockey songs, decorating signs to cheer on teams, and a small chapter on the history of hockey.
- Also thanks to the generosity of Tundra, all participants received a foam puck and magnetic photo frame promoting the True Spirit of Hockey.

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## HOCKEY OPERATIONS

### Match Penalties on Official

Match on Official Infractions were up from last season. The chart below shows the breakdown of Match Penalty on Official infractions this season, as well as an historical analysis.

<b>Match Penalties by Infraction</b>				
	<b>9.6A</b>	<b>9.6B</b>	<b>9.6C</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>06-07</b>	18	26	10	54
<b>07-08</b>	7	12	13	32
<b>08-09</b>	8	9	13	30
<b>09-10</b>	10	21	2	33
<b>10-11</b>	9	11	7	27
<b>11-12</b>	12	3	5	20
<b>12-13</b>	0	17	7	24
<b>13-14</b>	5	8	4	17
<b>14-15</b>	9	8	7	24

<b>Match Penalties by Month</b>									
	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>06-07</b>	1	8	11	11	6	8	7	2	54
<b>07-08</b>	0	5	5	3	3	9	6	1	32
<b>08-09</b>	0	1	1	2	5	7	11	3	30
<b>09-10</b>	0	1	8	3	7	11	3	0	33
<b>10-11</b>	0	1	5	3	3	6	6	3	27
<b>11-12</b>	0	0	4	5	3	1	6	1	20
<b>12-13</b>	0	2	2	7	0	9	4	0	24
<b>13-14</b>	0	2	2	1	3	3	5	1	17
<b>14-15</b>	0	3	3	6	5	4	3	0	24

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**Appeals**

It was a steady year again for appeals during the 2014-15 season. We were up slightly from the previous season but remained at a manageable number. A large number of Appeals again were related to Player Movement requests; however most of these seemed to be rectified during the Player Movement Review process, as only eight made it to Appeal.

The chart below shows the breakdown of Appeals this season as well as an historical analysis.

**APPEALS SUMMARY**

<b>APPEAL TYPE</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
Refusal of PTO	3	12	20	1	0
Denial of Elite Movement	1	0	1	2	1
Approval of Elite Movement	0	0	1	1	0
Residency	1	0	10	0	0
PTO Awarded	0	0	1	0	0
Release	4	1	1	0	2
Player Movement	0	0	1	3	8
Suspension	11	9	10	4	9
Prov. Categorization	2	2	1	1	2
Refusal of Release	0	12	1	0	0
Registration	4	1	0	0	1
Player Eligibility	1	0	0	4	2
Fees	1	0	0	0	0
Boundary Resolution	0	0	0	1	0

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>
Approved	11	17	25	6	5
Denied	15	10	14	11	12
Withdrawn	0	2	5	0	6
Refused	2	8	3	0	2

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>
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**REGULATION AMENDMENTS**

**Minor**

**10. Minor Hockey Provincials**

10.1 (c) (e) During the Annual Draw meeting, Hockey Alberta Minor Regulations Committee reserves the right to classify and place a team(s) in whatever Category and series it may deem is in the best interest of Hockey Alberta. After midnight on January 31, no Team(s) will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification.

**Note: Reclassification requests (upward only) shall be placed in the hands of the appropriate Zone Minor Regulations Coordinator.**

10.3 (b) Each team may have a maximum of **twenty-three (23) Players**. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their association Affiliation and registrations in Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of **twenty-three (23)** is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of Players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.

10.3 (h) In the event a team wins a game by more than ten (10) goals, that team will only be granted a goal differential of 10 (ten) for that game and a maximum of a ten (10) goal differential will be recorded in the statistics.

Example: For = 14 Against = 2

Goal Differential: 10

**Upon approval this regulation would bump the remaining Regulations down in order.**

**Senior / Junior Female**

**4. Team Registration**

4.8 (a) Junior and Senior Female Hockey Teams **will be provided with not more than 35 Player allotments. Teams will be provided and charged 25 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required (please see Appendix "I").**

**(b) On January 10, all Junior and Senior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:**

**(i) the number of registered players on their active list; and**

**(ii) the number of unused Player allotments**

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All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.

- (c) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.

9. Categorization

Senior AAA	Open to all teams wishing to compete for the National Championship.
Senior AA	Open to all teams wishing to compete <b>for the Senior AA Female category of Provincials and the A category of the Western Canadian Shield.</b>
Senior A	Open to all teams wishing to compete <b>for the Senior A Female category of Provincials and the B category of the Western Canadian Shield.</b>
Senior B	<b>Open to all teams that are wishing to compete for the Senior B Female category of Provincials.</b>
Junior	Open to all Junior teams wishing to compete for the Junior Female Provincial Championship.

Senior Male

10. Senior Male Provincial

10.2 (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior **Male** Division for the following Categories and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the Championship ~~Team member~~ in any category.

- (i) **Senior Male "AAA": Teams that have registered as "AAA" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,500 by June 1 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.**

**Teams wishing to participate in Senior Male "AAA" competition must have participated in "AAA", "AA", or "A" hockey in the previous year prior to being eligible for Senior Male "AAA" Competition in the current season.**

- (ii) **Senior Male "AA": Teams that have registered as "AA" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,000 by October 31 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.**

- (iii) **Senior Male "A": Teams that have registered as "A" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,000 by October 31 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.**

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**Note: Exceptions may be made for teams that do not have a viable league within close proximity to participate within.**

- (b) Sanctioned Senior Male Leagues shall provide a listing of Teams and their corresponding Category, along with the Bond payment, by the identified deadline of the current Hockey Season. The Categorization and Bond indicate the intent of the Teams within the League to Participate in Provincials in each respective Category. Leagues that do not fulfill their commitment to participate in Provincials will forfeit their Bond.**
- (c) A Draw Meeting shall be held in the month of December each year to determine the playdown format required for the Senior "AAA", "AA" and "A" competitions.**
- (d) Senior Hockey Teams wishing to register for the Provincials must complete a Senior Provincial Notice of Intent to Participate form and submit the necessary bond payment as set out below to Hockey Alberta Office.**

~~—————~~ Bond Payments for Senior Hockey shall be as follows:

- ~~(i) "AAA" — \$1,500 due June 1.~~
- ~~(ii) "AA" — \$1,000 due October 31.~~
- ~~(iii) "A" — \$1,000 due October 31.~~

Bond payments will be refunded in April should **League(s)** / team(s) meet the obligations of participation in ~~meeting their requirements~~ as directed.

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Regulation Amendments Continued...

**General Information**

**1. Coach Education Requirements**

LMHA's / Club Teams must ensure by November 15 that all Teams meet the requirements outlined in the chart below. Any Team that does not meet the requirements outlined within the Hockey Alberta Regulations is not an eligible team and therefore is not able to participate in sanctioned games. Once the certification deadline passes, any team that does not meet the required certifications for their Team Officials will be notified that they are ineligible to participate until they have obtained the proper certifications.

	<u>COACH 1 - INTRO TO COACH</u>	<u>COACH 2 - COACH LEVEL</u>	<u>DEV. I</u>	<u>H.P. I</u>	<u>CHECKING SKILLS</u>	<u>RESPECT IN SPORT</u>	<u>SAFETY</u>
INITIATION	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL PER TEN PLAYERS					ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
NOVICE	HEAD COACH					ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
ATOM		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
PEEWEE A, B, C, D, FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
PEEWEE AA			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM A, B, C, D, FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM AA			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM FEMALE AAA			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM AAA				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET A, B, C, D, FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET AA			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MINOR MIDGET AAA			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET FEMALE AAA				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET AAA				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
JUNIOR B, C, FEMALE						* ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
JUNIOR A MALE				HEAD COACH		* ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
SENIOR FEMALE						* ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
SENIOR MALE						* ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL



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**Coaching Programs**

- The requirements outlined above are based on a Team's categorization prior to November 15 of the current playing season.
- It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure Assistant Coaches have completed the same course(s) as noted above.
- A listing of "equivalent" courses, that outlines all previous course names, is available on the Hockey Alberta website for your reference. The courses listed are considered "equivalent" to the identified requirement for this season. Any course not listed are now outdated and no longer valid.

**Respect in Sport**

All Registered Team Officials must have completed the Respect In Sport - Activity Leader Program. This requirement excludes Senior / Junior Teams, unless a Minor aged player is registered to and / or affiliated to the Team.

**Hockey Canada Safety Program**

All Registered Teams (including Junior and Senior Teams) must have a minimum of one (1) registered Team Official who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

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**2016 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

<b><u>CATEGORY / DIVISION</u></b>	<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>CATEGORY / DIVISION</u></b>	<b><u>DATES</u></b>
Senior AAA Male	League Playoffs	Bantam B	March 17 - 20
Senior AA Male	March 24 - 27	Bantam C	March 17 - 20
Senior AA/A/B Female	March 24 - 27	Bantam D	March 17 - 20
Junior A Male	League Playoffs	Bantam Female A	March 17 - 20
Junior B Male	March 31 - April 3	Bantam Female B	March 17 - 20
Junior C Male	March 24 - 27		
		Pee Wee AA	March 10 - 13
Midget AAA	League Playoffs	Pee Wee A	March 10 - 13
Minor Midget AAA	TBD	Pee Wee B	March 10 - 13
Midget AA	March 10 - 13	Pee Wee C	March 10 - 13
Midget A	March 10 - 13	Pee Wee D	March 10 - 13
Midget B	March 10 - 13	Peewee Female A	March 10 - 13
Midget C	March 10 - 13	Pee Wee Female B	March 10 - 13
Midget D	March 10 - 13		
Midget AAA Female	League Playoffs	Atom AA Major	March 17 - 20
Midget A Female	March 10 - 13	Atom AA Minor	March 17 - 20
Midget B Female	March 10 - 13	Atom A	March 17 - 20
		Atom B	March 17 - 20
Bantam AAA	League Playoffs	Atom C	March 17 - 20
Bantam AAA Female	League Playoffs	Atom D	March 17 - 20
Bantam AA	March 17 - 20	Atom Female	March 17 - 20
Bantam A	March 17 - 20		

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**2015-2016 REGISTRATION & INSURANCE FEES**

Division / Category	HA Team Fee	HC Team Liability Fee	Total Team Fees	HA Participant Fee	HC Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
<b>Senior Male</b>							
AAA	\$450.00		\$450.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
CIS	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$18.85	\$7.00		\$25.85
ACAC, AA, A	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* Available	\$37.50
<b>Senior Female</b>							
AAA, AA, A, B	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
CIS, ACAC	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
<b>Junior</b>							
A	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
B	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
C	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$10.00	\$47.50
Female	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
<b>Minor</b>							
AAA	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
AA, A, B, C, D, Female	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Sport Schools	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Division / Category	Level	HA Ref Admin Fee	HC Level Fee	HA Participant Fee	HC Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
<b>Officials</b>							
	Level 1	\$3.00	\$1.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$44.00
	Level 2	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$45.00
	Level 3	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$46.00
	Level 4	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$47.00
	Level 5	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$48.00
	Level 6	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$49.00
Division / Category		HA Program Fee	HA Participant Fee	National Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees	
<b>Other</b>							
	Pond Hockey	N/A	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$37.50	
	Inline Hockey	N/A	\$5.50	\$15.00	-	\$20.50	
	Sledge Hockey	N/A	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$37.50	
	Hockey Canada Skills Academy	\$20.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$57.50	

\* Additional Medical/Dental Insurance is offered to Junior and Senior Teams at the following:

- Half Shield at \$35.00/Player (Full Team Required)
- Facemask / Cage at \$10.00/Player (Full Team Required)

**Hockey Alberta Participant Fee is comprised as follows:**

Hockey Alberta Participant Fee	\$13.50
Hockey Alberta Facility Fee	\$ 1.35
Hockey Alberta Development Levy	\$ 3.00
Hockey Alberta Technology Fee	\$ 1.00

**NOTE:** Junior and Senior Teams not having used all the player allotments received will be eligible for a refund. Some Divisions will be eligible to purchase additional player allotments up to the maximum eligible for that Division, as per Hockey Canada Regulations.

**NOTE:** The Hockey Alberta Sanction Fee of an additional \$1.00 will be assessed for all registered players.

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**2015-2016 REFEREE RATES**

Category	Maximum Rate	Rate Split
CIS (Male)	340	160-90-90
CIS (Female)	220	110-55-55
ACAC (Male)	260	112-74-74
ACAC (Female)	165	69-48-48
AJHL	TBD	TBD
Senior Male (AAA)	210	88-61-61
Senior Male	195	83-56-56
Senior Female	150	62-44-44
Junior B	195	83-56-56
Junior C	165	69-48-48
Junior Female	140	58-41-41
Midget AAA	180	76-52-52
Minor Midget AAA (15 yr.)	160	66-47-47
Midget AA	145	61-42-42
Midget AAA Female	140	58-41-41
Midget A, B, C, D	130	52-39-39
Midget Female A, B	130	52-39-39
Bantam AAA	135	55-40-40
Bantam AA	125	51-37-37
Bantam AAA Female	125	51-37-37
Bantam A	120	48-36-36
Bantam B, C, D	105	43-31-31
Bantam Female A, B	105	43-31-31
Peewee	95	41-27-27
Atom	75	33-21-21
Novice	58	26-16-16
Recreational (2 officials)	145	

- Mileage Rate: - As per Hockey Alberta Regulations @ 0.36/km
- Travel time: - Negotiable to a maximum of \$10.00/100km/Traveller (return trip)  
 - First 50 km are free  
 - Travel Rate = ((Total km - 50)/100) x \$10.00 (rate per traveller)  
 - Travel time applies to all travelling officials including the driver
- Late or Early Games: - Games scheduled to conclude after 11:00 p.m., start before 7:00 a.m., or start prior to 5:00 p.m. on a weekday (excluding Provincials) are negotiable to an additional \$10.00 per official.
- Tournaments: - Rates for all tournaments, except Provincial tournaments, are to be negotiated with applicable Referee Council Zone Chairperson or their designate.  
 - Maximum rates are not to be exceeded.  
 - Assigning fee may be charged to a maximum of \$6.00 per game (excluding Provincials).
- Assigning Fee: - \$100.00/team/season (excluding tournaments) for Exhibition, Regular Season & Playoffs.
- Warm-Ups: - \$10.00/official (maximum of \$20.00/game) for officials to monitor warm-ups.

These rates apply to the two (2) or three (3) official system. The rate for a one (1) official game is 70% of the rate listed in the applicable category above.

The rates above are for games that are 1.5 hours in length or longer. Games that are shorter in duration may have a lower negotiated rate between the LMHA and applicable Referee Zone Chairperson (or delegate).



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**2015-2016 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Committee Chairs

Minor Administration: Debbie Northcott  
Minor Regulation: Randy Hupka  
Discipline: Sherry Haarstad  
Operations Advisory: Francois Gagnon  
Junior/Senior Female: **Vacant**  
Junior B/C Male: Aaron Rawlake  
Senior Male: **Vacant**  
Referee: Dave Shaw  
Volunteer HR: Ted Carter  
Pond: **Vacant**  
Aboriginal Hockey: Stacey Carefoot  
Minor Leagues: **Vacant**  
Provincial Championships: Phil Moreau  
Sport Schools: **Vacant**  
Elite Male: Doug Wadlow  
Player Safety: Francois Gagnon

Administration Coordinators:

Zone 1: Janet Fairless  
Zone 2: Shauna Benn  
Zone 2: Donna Reeds  
Zone 3: Seema King  
Zone 4: Lin Luymes  
Zone 5: Sherri Barrett  
Zone 6: Trevor Hittel  
Zone 7: Sandra Schell  
Zone 8: Glenn Sommerville  
Zone 9: Pam Douglas

Regulation Coordinators:

Zone 1: Jamie Salm  
Zone 2: Ali Fyith  
Zone 3: Barry Brost  
Zone 4: Lane Moore  
Zone 5: Todd Vance  
Zone 6: Danny Povaschuk  
Zone 7: Bonnie Ogilvie  
Zone 8: Betty Chmilar  
Zone 9: Beth Long  
Female: Bob Stinn

Discipline/Sanction Coordinators:

Zone 1: Michelle Malbeuf  
Zone 2: Dave James  
Zone 3: Julie Wilkinson  
Zone 4: Daryl Pickering  
Zone 5: Gord Lane  
Zone 6: Connie Anderson  
Zone 7: Kevin Gallaway  
Zone 8: **Vacant**  
Zone 9: Jill Cameron

Operations Advisory:

Zone 1: Craig Reid  
Zone 2: Francois Gagnon  
Zone 3: Joe Kuhar  
Zone 4: Graham Parsons  
Zone 5: Doug Durbano  
Zone 6: Paul Isaac  
Zone 7: **Vacant**  
Zone 8: Dean Hengel  
Zone 9: Kevin Kobelka

Referee Committee:

Treasurer: Dave Butler  
Past Chair: Curtis Nichols  
Peace: CJ Senkow  
North East: Mark Woytkiw  
North: Stefan Brown  
North Central: Darren Kuz  
Central: Craig DeCoursey  
South: Jody Ginther  
Female: Arron Best

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**HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT**

**Regional Centres:**

Below is a listing of contact information for the Regional Centre Consultants as well as a listing of the Minor Hockey Associations and which Regional Centre area they fall within.

REGIONAL CENTRE CONTACT INFORMATION	
Regional Centre – NORTHWEST <b>Blake Cosgrove</b> <a href="mailto:bcosgrove@hockeyalberta.ca">bcosgrove@hockeyalberta.ca</a> Phone: (780) 532-9109 Location: Grande Prairie	Regional Centre – CENTRAL <b>Jonathan Bartman</b> <a href="mailto:jbartman@hockeyalberta.ca">jbartman@hockeyalberta.ca</a> Phone: (403) 967-0043 Location: Red Deer
Regional Centre – NORTHEAST <b>Marc Neron</b> <a href="mailto:mneron@hockeyalberta.ca">mneron@hockeyalberta.ca</a> Phone: (780) 875-0238 Location: Lloydminster	Regional Centre – CALGARY <b>Kellin Carson</b> <a href="mailto:kcarson@hockeyalberta.ca">kcarson@hockeyalberta.ca</a> Phone: (403) 660-1049 Location: Calgary
Regional Centre – EDMONTON <b>Chad Scharff</b> <a href="mailto:cscharff@hockeyalberta.ca">cscharff@hockeyalberta.ca</a> Phone: (780) 587-982-7966 Location: Edmonton	Regional Centre – SOUTH <b>Jesse Hale</b> <a href="mailto:jhale@hockeyalberta.ca">jhale@hockeyalberta.ca</a> Phone: (403) 380-0195 Location: Lethbridge

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Calgary Regional Centre Association Contact List			
MHA	Zone	MHA	Zone
Airdrie	6	Cochrane	6
Banff	6	High Country	5
Canmore	6	Hockey Calgary	9
Chestermere	6	Mini Thni	6

Edmonton Regional Centre Association Listing			
MHA	Zone	MHA	Zone
CR	3	Sherwood Park	7
CNN	2	Spruce Grove	3
Enoch	3	St. Albert	3
Devon	4	Stony Plain	3
Fort Saskatchewan	2	Sturgeon Hockey Club	3
Hockey Edmonton	8	Wabamun	3
Onoway	3		

Central Regional Centre Association Listing			
MHA	Zone	MHA	Zone
3C's	7	Innisfail	4
Alix	7	Kneehill	6
Bashaw	7	Lacombe	4
Beaumont	4	Leduc	4
Beiseker	6	Millet	4
Bentley	4	Morrin	6
Big Valley	7	New Sarepta	7
Blackfalds	4	Olds	6
Bowden	4	Oyen	6
Calmar	4	Ponoka	4
Camrose	7	Red Deer	4
Caroline	4	Rimbey	4
Carstairs	6	Rocky Mountain House	4
Clive	4	Rockyford	6
Cremona	6	Rosalind	7
Crossfield	6	Spruceview	4
Delburne	7	Stettler	7
Didsbury	6	Sundre	6
Drayton Valley	3	Sylvan Lake	4
Drumheller	6	Thorsby	4
Eckville	4	Thunderstars (Daysland)	7
Endmoor	7	Warburg	4
Hanna	6	Wetaskiwin	4
Maskwacis	4	Winfield	4
Hussar Skating	6		

Northeast Regional Centre Association Listing			
MHA	Zone	MHA	Zone
Andrew	2	Lamont	2
Athabasca	3	Lloydminster	2
Bonnyville	2	Mallaig	2
Boyle	2	Mannville	2
Bruderheim	2	Marwayne	2
Chauvin	7	Mundare	2
Cold Lake	2	Paradise Valley	2
Dewberry	2	Plamondon	2
Edgerton	7	Provost	7
Elk Point	2	Redwater	2
Fort McMurray	2	Saddle Lake	2
Frog Lake	2	Sedgewick	7
Glendon	2	Smoky Lake	2
Goodfish Lake	2	St. Paul	2
Hardisty	7	Strathcona	7
Holden	7	Thorhild	2
Hughenden	7	Tofield	7
Irma	7	Two Hills	2
Josephburg	2	Vegreville	2
Kikino	2	Vermilion	2
Killam	7	Viking	7
Kitscoty	2	Wainwright	7
Lac La Biche	2		

Northwest regional Centre Association Listing			
MHA	Zone	MHA	Zone
Back Lakes - Red Earth	1	La Glace	1
Barrhead	3	Manning	1
Beaverlodge	1	Mayerthorpe	3
Clairmont	1	Nampa	1
East Smoky	1	Peace River	1
Edson	3	Pembina	3
Fairview	1	Rainbow Lake	1
Fort Vermilion	1	Rycroft	1
Fox Creek	3	Sangudo	3
Grande Cache	1	Savanna	1
Grande Prairie	1	Sexsmith	1
Grimshaw	1	Slave Lake	1
Grovedale	1	Smoky River	1
High Level	1	Spirit River	1
High Prairie	1	Swan Hills	3
Hines Creek	1	Valleyview	1
Hinton	3	Wabasca	2
Horse Lake	1	Wembley	1
Hythe	1	Westlock	3
Jasper	3	Whitcourt	3
La Crete	1		

South Regional Centre Association Listing			
MHA	Zone	MHA	Zone
Bassano	6	Lethbridge	5
Blackie	5	Lomond	5
Bow Island	5	Magrath	5
Brooks	6	Medicine Hat	6
Cardston	5	Nanton	5
Claresholm	5	Okotoks	5
Coaldale	5	Picture Butte	5
Crowsnest Pass	5	Pincher Creek	5
Duchess	6	Raymond	5
Foothills	5	Redcliff	6
Foremost	5	Siksika Nation	6
Fort Macleod	5	Strathmore	6
Indus	6	Taber	5
Irvine	6	Vauxhall	5
Kainai	5	Vulcan	5
		Warner	5

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## Annual General Meeting Package



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**- AGENDA -**

**As per Article 4.**

1.0	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<b>T. Engen</b>
2.0	Roll Call of Member Delegates	<b>R. Litwinski</b>
3.0	Introductions of Directors and Life Members	<b>T. Engen</b>
4.0	Presentation of 2014 AGM Minutes	<b>T. Engen</b>
5.0	Business Arising from Minutes	<b>T. Engen</b>
6.0	Report of Directors to Membership (pg. 5)	<b>T. Engen</b>
7.0	Reporting of Audited Financial Statements	<b>L. Samletzki</b>
8.0	Appointment of Auditor	<b>L. Samletzki</b>
9.0	Operations Report	<b>R. Litwinski</b>
10.0	New Business	<b>T. Engen</b>
11.0	Elections (pg. 28)	<b>TBD</b>
12.0	Awards Presentations	<b>Awards Committee</b>
13.0	Adjournment	<b>T. Engen</b>



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**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Date: June 3, 2015

Bulletin No: 15/04

To: All Minor Hockey Associations  
Senior Male/Female Teams  
Junior A, B & C Teams

CC: Board of Directors  
All Hockey Alberta Committees  
All League Presidents (Senior Male/Female, Junior)

From: Bob Clark  
Hockey Alberta Nominating Committee Chairperson

**SUBJECT: Final Nominations Committee Report 2015**

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Further to the process outlined in Bulletin 14/33, sent out to the membership on April 1, per the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, the following individuals have filed a proper nomination application with the Nominating Committee and therefore these names will be brought forward at the 2015 Annual General Meeting on June 13.

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Director of Finance	Len Samletzki
Director at Large	John Erkelens Jerrold Lemko

The final date for nominations, with a fully completed Nomination Form, to be accepted as per the Hockey Alberta Bylaws was May 30, 2015.

All nominees will be given the opportunity to speak to support their nomination for a position on the Board of Directors during the Annual General Meeting on June 13.

Please note that current member dues and delinquent accounts must be paid in order for members to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Please follow the procedures under Article 4, 4.6 (b) as presented in the Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations in regards to voting privileges/procedures.

Should you have any questions regarding this process I would encourage you to contact me via phone 403-337-3168 or email [rcnclark@shaw.ca](mailto:rcnclark@shaw.ca).

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