



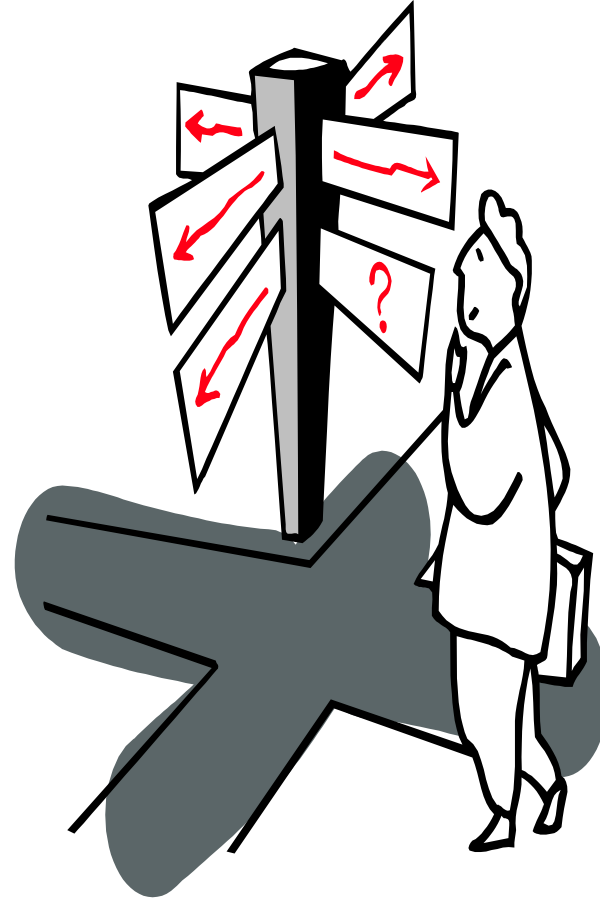
HOCKEY ALBERTA

BODY CHECKING
MOVING FORWARD



Mandate

Take information from 2012 AGM and other research available, other Branch information and chart course what is best for minor hockey in Alberta.



Summary

1. Discuss, debate, determine course of action
2. Review of information
3. Holistic approach of Safety, Player dev., Recruitment & Retention
4. 6 recommendations





Recommendations

1. Hockey Alberta to create an overall Player safety Strategy that includes a focus on the reduction of serious injuries in the game at all levels.

To review, revise and develop a strategy for Hockey Alberta in the area of player safety. This will provide the foundation for future discussions around participate safety, initiatives and recommendations as they arise in the game of hockey.



Recommendations

2. To continue to work within the guiding principles of the Long term Player Development Model.

- It is a philosophy and vehicle for change
- Athlete centered for lifelong involvement in sport/physical activity
- A framework to review current practices, developing new initiatives and standardizing programs
- Clear pathway from playground to podium and on to being active for life.



Recommendations

3. To remove body checking from all divisions of the Peewee age group (11-12 yrs old).

- Information session at 2013 AGM
- Continue to educate – definitions and teaching skills
- Review of Checking Skills program
- Involvement with National Initiatives – research and Coach resource development



Recommendations

4. To remove body checking from Bantam & Midget house league or non Elite stream divisions

Tabled with action

Board Action: Hockey Alberta management team to build a working group to determine at which level of Bantam and Midget the removal of Body checking should be implemented.



Recommendations

5. Enforce infractions of Boarding and Head Contact in the same manner as the Game ejection Rule that is assessed in 4.2(e). IE 3 stick penalties results in a game ejection

Tabled with action

Recommendation will be forwarded to Operations Council and Officiating Council for further input and direction.

- Intimidation and/or dangerous type plays/infractions in game need to be minimized and penalized.



Recommendations

6. Review Checking Skills program to see if it can be amalgamated with the new NCCP Coach course

Tabled with action

Management is tasked with delivering a recommendation on this action to move forward.

- National working group in place to develop a coach resource.
- Understand the timelines of the new NCCP clinic after this year.