



# U11 HADP OPEN HOUSE

June 15, 2022

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# BACKGROUND

- U11 AA Pilot Project (2021-2022 Season)
  - Camrose, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lakeland (Bonnyville/Cold Lake), Lloydminster, Peace River & Whitecourt.
  - Utilized weekend on, weekend off scheduling and AA Recruitment Areas.
  - Results & Feedback were very positive, especially around scheduling and category of hockey.



# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT - OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a structure for where teams are located.
2. Develop player movement rules for the pilot.
3. Identify standards for host MHA's to operate by.
4. Develop and implement coach and player development initiatives.

# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT - OBJECTIVES

5. Analyze and review all aspects of the pilot, consulting with MHAs to identify strengths and areas of improvement.
6. Identify the ideal number of teams at the top level of U11.
7. Determine how the top level of U11 best fits within the AA Model or Tiered Alberta One System in the future.
8. Align the proposed new level with the Tiered Alberta One system and AA Hockey Model to ensure proper development pyramid and feeder system.

# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT - MEASUREABLES

- Goal differential within the pilot to determine competitive balance.
- The number of players trying out for each program and where those players come from.
- Player satisfaction with their experience playing for a U11 HADP Hosting MHA within this provincial pilot.

# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT – KEY AREAS OF CONCERN

- Competitive balance amongst all teams.
- Why players choose to leave sanctioned hockey for non-sanctioned alternatives.
- Establishing a proper development pyramid and feeder system throughout all Minor Hockey.



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- Not negatively impacting one level of hockey by adjusting another.
- Not negatively impacting one area of the Province by adjusting another.
- Cost to the customer to play at the higher levels.
- Distance of travel (by age division) to play at the higher levels.

# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT - PRINCIPLES

1. This Pilot Project will follow the U11 Player Pathway Phases as outlined by Hockey Canada.
2. The best philosophy for developing players is to create an environment where similarly skilled players can compete together and against each other. This pilot provides a structure where players are provided the opportunity to access the appropriate level of hockey.





# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT - PRINCIPLES



3. A standardized system of hockey that creates a competitive balance at U11. It provides players with a “developmental” system that focuses on skill development and acts as a “feeder” system for U13 hockey.
4. A Regionalized Hockey System that provides opportunities for players to access the top level of hockey within a reasonable distance of travel from their residence. Designed to balance the needs of the player with that of the MHA and family.

# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT - PRINCIPLES

5. Uses established criteria to determine the conditions under which the Teams operate. Teams provide opportunities for all the players within their identified region.



# HOST MHA'S & NUMBER OF TEAMS



# of U11 Teams (2021-2022)	Required # of U11 HADP Teams	Potential # of U11 HADP Teams (Upon Application)
1-3 Teams	0	1
4-10 Teams	1	1
11+ Teams	2	0

- Associations with 1-3 U11 teams in the previous season must apply if interested in hosting one (1) U11 HADP team.
- Associations with 4-10 U11 teams in the previous season will host one (1) U11 HADP team.
- Associations with 11+ U11 teams in the previous season will host two (2) U11 HADP teams.

# HOST MHA'S & NUMBER OF TEAMS



Association	Required # of U11 HADP Teams	Association	Required # of U11 HADP Teams
3 C's	1	Lloydminster	1
Airdrie	2	Medicine Hat	2
Beaumont	1	Okotoks	2
Lakeland	1	Olds	1
Camrose	1	Red Deer	2
Canmore	1	Sherwood Park	2
Chestermere	1	Spruce Grove	1
Cochrane	1	St. Albert	2
Hockey Calgary	12	Stony Plain	1
Hockey Edmonton	10	Strathcona	1
Fort McMurray	2	Strathmore	1
Fort Saskatchewan	1	Sturgeon Hockey Club	1
Grande Prairie	1	Sylvan Lake	1
Leduc	1	Wetaskiwin	1
Lethbridge	1	Whitecourt	1

\*As of June 15, 2022

# HOST MHA'S & NUMBER OF TEAMS – APPLICATION PROCESS

- Associations can apply to Hockey Alberta to increase/decrease the number of U11 HADP teams.
- Deadline to submit an application is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hockey Alberta will strive to have the finalized U11 HADP Host MHA and Team Listing publicized by Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.



# PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Players who do not reside within a U11 HADP host MHA will be permitted to pursue a U11 HADP tryout with a HADP hosting MHA accepting tryout players.
- No Recruitment Areas or Draw Zones
- No second tryouts. Players return to their resident MHA if released.
- Players within an MHA hosting an U11 HADP team must pursue their tryout with their resident MHA.
- Player Acceleration is not recommended.

# LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- Four (4) Minor Leagues will operate U11 HADP:
  - Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL)
  - Hockey Calgary
  - Edmonton Federation Hockey League (EFHL)
  - North (Collaboration of APHL, NAI & NEAHL)
- U11 HADP will operate as the top level of U11, followed by Tiers 1-5.



# TEAM REGISTRATION

- Each U11 HADP team must register a minimum of 16 players.
- Head Coach Requirements: NCCP Coach 2 & NCCP Coach Instructional Stream – Checking Skills.
- No “Quotas”. Expectation that teams are built using the best possible players and coaches available to them.





# AFFILIATION

- U11 HADP Teams can affiliate players from within the boundaries of the Host MHA. No outside affiliation will be allowed.
- U11 HADP players may affiliate up to U13 AA, U13 Tier 1 and U13 Tier 2 within either the host MHA, resident MHA or AA Recruitment Area, if different.

## IN ADDITION...

- Hockey Alberta hosted Coach Development Opportunities.
  - Three (3) Coach Development opportunities were provided last season as part of the U11 AA Pilot Project.
- U11 HADP Showcase in Red Deer on January 6-8, 2023.
  - More Information to be provided soon.

# PARENT/PARTICIPANT EDUCATION



- Hockey Alberta Website  
(<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/players/u11-pathway/u11-hadp/>)
- Host MHA's can operate Development Initiatives / Conditioning Camps
- Get the information out there. Market your program and team(s).

# PARENT/PARTICIPANT EDUCATION



Grande Prairie Minor Hockey Association

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With the Recent changes to the U11 AA structure (now HAPD) from Hockey Alberta, GPMHA, in cooperation with GPAC, is pleased to announce the following highlights for U11 HAPD for the 2022/2023 season.

- \* We will now host one U11 HAPD (former AA) team of up to 15 skaters and 2 goalies.
- \* This team will have a NON-parent Hockey Alberta High Performance Certified Head Coach (HP1 certified).
- \* All U11 Players (2012/2013 born) from the Peace Country are eligible to tryout for the team.
- \* (2) one hour on ice practices per week.
- \* (1) Dryland Training session per week.
- \* Team will play in the U11 HADP League.
- \* All Players on the U11 HAPD team will be affiliated to one of the two GPAC U13 AA teams to provide extra development opportunities for the players and goalies.
- \* Team will wear GPAC Storm Jerseys in game play.
- \* More details and highlights to come as we firm up the plan for the season.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Does U11 HADP utilize Draw Zones / Recruitment Areas?

**Answer:** No, U11 HADP does not utilize Draw Zones / Recruitment Areas.

Players who reside outside of a U11 HADP host MHA can set up their one (1) tryout with any U11 HADP program.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Why did Hockey Alberta choose 11+ U11 teams during the 2021-2022 season as the mark to require two (2) U11 HADP teams?

**Answer:** To ensure a proper development pyramid and feeder system, the number of 11+ was used as the doubling mark.

U13 AA sits at 51 teams, while U11 HADP currently sits at 57 teams pending applications.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

**Question:** Are U11 HADP host MHAs required to accept all players from outside of their association who inquire on a U11 HADP tryout?

**Answer:** No, U11 HADP host MHA's are not required or forced to accept players from outside of the Association.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Do U11 HADP host MHAs have to host the four (4) prep skates required for players from outside of the MHA?

**Answer:** U11 HADP host MHAs are encouraged to provide all players trying out for their U11 HADP team with the four (4) prep skates. Associations can use the prep skates as an opportunity to market the program as well.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Will U11 HADP Teams undergo a Tiering Round?

**Answer:** No, U11 HADP Teams will not undergo a Tiering Round.

Once teams are finalized, the Development Phase can commence with Exhibition Games & Regular Season play.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Will a U11 HADP team be able to be re-tiered down into Tier 1 later in the season?

**Answer:** No, for the purposes of U11 HADP, once the team listing is finalized and regular season play commences, there will be no movement out of U11 HADP.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Will each League operate the weekend on / weekend off scheduling that was operated last season?

**Answer:** Each League will work with their associations to determine the scheduling format for the season. We strongly encourage the leagues and associations to get creative in making a schedule that works for all teams but provides flexibility for the participants.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



**Question:** Will the results & information gathered from this Pilot Project be used to review other divisions and categories of hockey?

**Answer:** Yes, Hockey Alberta will use the results of the U11 HADP to review all divisions and categories of hockey.

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