



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Minor Hockey Associations
Minor Female Hockey Leagues

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**SUBJECT: 2020 Provincial Championship Trial Project
Bantam 'A', Bantam 'B', Midget 'A', Midget 'B'**

Over the last several seasons, representatives from Hockey Alberta's Minor Female Committee and Minor Female Leagues have been discussing the future of Hockey Alberta's Minor Female Provincial Championships. The recent completion of the 2018/19 Minor Provincial Championship Pilot Project for the Peewee division has led the Minor Female Committee to establish a plan that aligns league tiers with Provincial play at the Bantam and Midget Female divisions.

During the 2019-20 season, Hockey Alberta will initiate a trial project to test and review a Minor Female Provincial Championship model that is aligned with the Alberta One philosophy. The foundation of this trial project is to align Provincial play with Minor Female League play to provide a more accurate representation of female teams across the Province. Teams will still be required to declare their intent to participate, however they will compete in Playdowns against teams within their respective League division and category as opposed to within the traditional Hockey Alberta Zone structure.

Divisions:

- The trial project will apply to the Bantam Female 'A', 'B', and Midget Female 'A', 'B' Categories
- Bantam 'A' and 'B' Provincial Championships will be held March 19 – 22, 2020
- Midget 'A' and 'B' Provincial Championships will be held March 26 – 29, 2020

Declaration of Intent:

- The Deadline for Minor Female Teams to Declare Intent for Provincials, via an online fillable form, is December 1st. Playdowns will commence in January.

Playdowns:

- Teams will participate in Playdowns, via series play, against opponents from within their respective League.
- One team from each Minor Female League will move on to represent the League at the Provincial Tournament.
- In the case that a League has **eight or more teams** within a specific Division and Tier, both teams playing in the final series will move on to represent the League at the Provincial Tournament.
- If any 'Wildcard' entries are required, the League that gains the additional representative will be identified by the Minor Female Committee through a draw.



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Tournament Format and League Representation

Midget A (8 Team Tournament)	Midget B (10 team Tournament)	Bantam A (8 Team Tournament)	Bantam B (10 Team Tournament)
Hockey Calgary (GHC)	Hockey Calgary (GHC)	Hockey Calgary (GHC)	Hockey Calgary (GHC)
Hockey Edmonton (EFHL)	Hockey Edmonton (EFHL)	Hockey Edmonton (EFHL)	Hockey Edmonton (EFHL)
Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL)	Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL)	Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL)	Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL)
East Central Female Hockey League (ECAFHL)	East Central Female Hockey League (ECAFHL)	East Central Female Hockey League (ECAFHL)	East Central Female Hockey League (ECAFHL)
All Peace Hockey League (APL)	All Peace Hockey League (APL)	All Peace Hockey League (APL)	All Peace Hockey League (APL)
Host	Host	Host	Host
Wildcard(s) (If necessary)	Wildcard(s) (If necessary)	Wildcard(s) (If necessary)	Wildcard(s) (If necessary)

Atom & Peewee Provincial Tournaments

- Minor Female Provincial Championships at the Atom and Peewee divisions will remain unchanged from past seasons within the zone structure.
- Teams that participate within a Minor Female League / organization at all divisions will be eligible to participate in the playdown process for Minor Female Provincial Championships.
- As a result of the ongoing pilot project within the 'mainstream' Minor Hockey divisions, Minor Female teams competing in mainstream leagues at the Divisions of Peewee, Bantam and Midget will be eligible to compete for the 'mainstream' Minor Provincial Championships through their respective League.