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**OPERATIONAL POLICY: MHA MEMBERSHIP STATUS**  
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## **BACKGROUND**

As outlined with the Bylaws, Hockey Alberta may consider for status as a 'member' any Minor Hockey Association (MHA) whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta, provided that Hockey Alberta will only recognize one MHA for each city, town, village or hamlet.

Once approved as a Member, each MHA, as a condition of membership with Hockey Alberta, is required to have filed three (3) documents with Hockey Alberta. Those documents are:

1. A boundary agreement showing the lines that have been mutually agreed upon between themselves and neighbouring MHA's;
2. A listing of the MHA's Board of Directors;
3. Valid Bylaws of the MHA that show the registration of the MHA as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta.

In addition to the above noted documents, each Member Minor Hockey Association is required to pay Member Dues on an annual basis (the Board of Directors of Hockey Alberta sets the Member Dues annually) in order to remain a member in good standing.

From time to time, although meeting the required criteria to technically remain in good standing, member MHA's have become stagnant and no longer registered any players.

## **POLICY**

In order to ensure the membership of Hockey Alberta contains sustainable organizations, Hockey Alberta will review the status of membership of all MHA's annually. All MHA's that have not registered players during that specific season will be flagged and identified as 'dormant'. The Board may remove any MHA that has been 'dormant' as a member. In doing so, Hockey Alberta will then inform the neighbouring MHA's of the removal and have the remaining members renegotiate boundaries.

- A 'dormant' MHA will be contacted by Hockey Alberta to update them on their status and to inform them of the requirements of being a member.
  - MHA's that wish to remain active will be granted an extension. Should the MHA remain 'dormant' for a second consecutive season, Hockey Alberta will gather all necessary information pertaining to the MHA's registration history and report this to the Board.
  - MHA's that fail to respond to Hockey Alberta will be reported to the Board and may result in immediate removal of the MHA as a member.
- MHA's that have had their membership revoked do have the ability to re-apply to be considered a Member again in future seasons.