



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Minor Hockey Associations

SUBJECT: Intro to Hockey Model – 2019-20 Season – FINAL

Hockey Alberta has finalized the **Intro to Hockey Model**, which provides the general structural and administrative guidelines and specific playing rules for all players, ages 5-8 years. These rules and guidelines are required for all Initiation and Novice level hockey in Alberta effective for the 2019-20 season.

The Intro to Hockey Model is based on the principles contained in Hockey Canada's national policies regarding age-appropriate programming on cross-ice or half-ice surfaces for the Initiation and Novice age groups.

The 2018-19 season has served a transition year for Hockey Alberta. The knowledge gained this season has resulted in some changes to the initial model introduced in April 2018. Of note are certain items that are NON-NEGOTIABLE and must be implemented to be compliant with the Hockey Canada policy. Other items are NEGOTIABLE and can be adopted at the discretion of the Association.

All Associations are encouraged to review the Intro to Hockey Model final version for 2019-20 and ensure you are compliant with the requirements.

The full Intro to Hockey Model document is included with this Bulletin and can be found on the Hockey Alberta website, hockeyalberta.ca.

If there are questions about the implementation of the Intro to Hockey Model, please contact your Hockey Alberta Regional Manager for assistance. Contact information for Regional Managers can be found on the [Hockey Alberta website](http://hockeyalberta.ca) under the Regional Centres tab.