



ELITE MALE DRAW ZONE OPERATING MODEL REQUIREMENTS



PURPOSE

This document sets out the expectations and requirements for each MHA that has been identified to host an Elite Male Draw Zone team at the U15 AAA, U16 AAA or U18 AAA level. This document is not intended to cover MHA responsibilities related specifically to other Hockey Alberta programs (e.g. AA model and other Minor hockey).

PRINCIPLES

A primary objective of the Elite Male Hockey Model is to enhance the development of all participants in the game (athletes, volunteers, officials), helping them to achieve the high level of performance possible. Each Host MHA is responsible to:

- Foster and promote a high level of hockey for Alberta players under its jurisdiction;
- Control and administer the playing of the game of hockey in accordance with the rules and regulations and etiquette of the game;
- Ensure that all persons who wish to play elite hockey, and who reside in Alberta, have an opportunity to compete for a position on a team operating within their geographic zone;
- Work with the feeder levels of hockey, to build a hockey program for their respective Draw Zone that strives to have teams laid out in a hierarchy that builds through each progressive level of hockey; and
- Ensure keen competition within all the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL).

DUTIES OF THE MHA

- Each MHA that hosts one or more Elite Male Draw Zone Team(s) will establish and maintain a separate Committee that is responsible for the operations of the Elite Male program. In circumstances where multiple MHAs in a draw zone host an Elite Male Draw Zone Team (for example, U15 AAA in one MHA and U16 AAA in another), the MHAs will work together to establish a single Committee to cover Elite Male Draw Zone operating matters;
- Membership of the Committee will be submitted to the Hockey Alberta Elite Male Committee for information purposes, annually;
- The Draw Zone Committee will, as part of the MHA that it represents, be responsible for ensuring that Elite hockey at all levels in the draw zone work effectively together in building a program that promotes the development of the participants of the game.

DUTIES OF THE DRAW ZONE ELITE MALE COMMITTEE

- The Draw Zone Elite Male Committees are responsible and accountable for the development and operations of the elite programs across the entire Zone.
- The Draw Zone Elite Male Committees will be responsible for ensuring that the Elite Male Draw Zone teams in the Draw Zone operate cohesively in a development hierarchy and enhance the development of the players across the entire draw zone.
- Ensure that the Draw Zone Team is represented by the Committee at the AEHL.
- Ensure that each Draw Zone Team establishes Coach development and mentorship programs and criteria for all coaching staffs in line with expectations set by Hockey Alberta.
- Ensure that each Draw Zone Team establishes qualifications and development criteria for team staff in line with expectations set by Hockey Alberta.
- Ensure that each Draw Zone Team selects Team staff (Manager, Coaches and support staff) that are qualified and appropriately certified.
- It is expected that each Draw Zone Team will have the following minimum level of team staff positions:
 - Manager
 - Head Coach and Assistant Coaches



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- Trainer / Athletic Therapist
 - Ensure that a representative is responsible for player registration in line with the expectation from Hockey Alberta
 - Set policies and procedures for the Draw Zone using the infrastructure available from the Host MHA and/or Hockey Alberta
 - At least annually, host a meeting with all the MHAs in the Zone (the “Elite Male Draw Zone Meeting”) to do the following:
 - Provide an update to the MHAs in the Draw Zone on the Elite Male Stream Program in the Zone
 - Actively solicit feedback on the Elite Male Stream Draw Zone operations
 - Discuss the state of the hockey program within the zone and what changes may need to be considered
 - Discuss how to engage all the MHAs in the zone on zone operating matters
 - Discuss how to involve the Elite Male stream development principles at all levels across the zone to create a development funnel for players and coaches entering the Elite Male stream
 - Report to the Hockey Alberta Elite Male Committee on the meeting highlighting:
 - Number of meetings held within each Draw Zone and attendees
 - Summary of actions taken
 - Summary of actions not taken or deferred
 - Summarize actions to be referred to the HA Elite Male Committee
- Representatives of the Hockey Alberta Elite Male Committee should be provided with notice of the meeting and will attend as time permits.

COMPOSITION OF THE DRAW ZONE ELITE MALE COMMITTEE

- The Draw Zone Elite Male Committee shall be composed of not less than 5 members, all of which reside within the Draw Zone and represent the MHAs that have the majority of the hockey registrants in the draw zone
- The Draw Zone Elite Male Committee shall have a Chairperson, appointed by the host MHA, who is responsible for all committee activity
- It is suggested that the Draw Zone Elite Male Committee will have a member(s) responsible for the following areas:
 - Hockey Operations – day to day operations of the hockey program
 - Hockey Development – talent development within the zone (coach and player) including the development hierarchy in the draw zone as well as the feeder system into the elite stream
 - MHA Coordination – community (MHA) relations across the zone including the Elite Male Draw Zone Meeting
 - Other areas as defined by the Committee from time to time

DUTIES OF THE MANAGER

- The Manager, working with HCR-educated people within the MHA that complete the process, will ensure that all players are appropriately registered for participation with the team.
- The Manager is responsible to have appropriately trained and experienced off-ice officials to execute their role(s) as part of the game activity. Off-ice officials include:
 - Scorekeeper
 - Time Keeper
 - Penalty Time Keeper
 - Penalty Box Attendant(s)
 - Announcer



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DUTIES OF THE COACHING STAFF

- With respect to the Elite Stream Draw Zone activities, each member of the coaching staff is expected to participate in Coach Development activities (both learning and teaching) for other levels of hockey in the draw zone as established by the Draw Zone Elite Stream Committee.
- With respect to each Elite Stream Team, the Head Coach is accountable for all Team activities