



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Camrose Elite Draw Zone Changes

Over the past two years, the Male Alberta Development Model (ADM) Committee for Hockey Alberta has been undertaking a review of the Elite (AAA) Draw Zone structure across the province.

A major focus of the review is the number of registered resident area players (by birth year) within each Elite Draw Zone, ensuring the possibility of competitive balance within the ADM.

A key principle of the ADM is that approximately five per cent of all registered male hockey players in Alberta should be playing at the AAA level. Through its review, the ADM Committee identified four draw zones that needed to be addressed. One of those was the Camrose Elite Draw Zone, which is well below average in registered Bantam and Minor Midget-aged players compared to the other draw zones.

Over the past six months, the Male ADM Committee reviewed data and statistics, collected feedback from MHAs, and evaluated different options for realigning MHAs within Camrose and neighbouring draw zones. However, the committee determined there are not enough registered players within any of the nearby communities and that shifting MHAs to align within the Camrose Elite Draw Zone was not a viable option.

Therefore, the following changes will be made for the 2018-2019 season:

- The Camrose Elite Draw Zone will be dissolved, removing both the Minor Midget AAA team and Bantam AAA team from the respective AAA leagues;
- Bashaw MHA will be realigned under the Red Deer Draw Zone, giving all Bashaw MHA resident players the ability to try out for the Red Deer Draw Zone teams;
- Battle River MHA, Camrose MHA, Holden MHA, Thunderstars MHA, Tofield MHA and Viking MHA will remain within the Sherwood Park Draw Zone, giving their respective resident players the ability to try out for the Sherwood Park Draw Zone teams.

Although this decision does remove teams from the model, the ADM continues to provide opportunities for players to develop their skills and play at the highest level within a reasonable proximity to their homes.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Male ADM Committee through the Hockey Alberta office (info@hockeyalberta.ca).

A copy of the Male Alberta Development Model can be found on the Hockey Alberta website (<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/players/male-hockey-adm-aaa/>).

Thank you.