



14.02 MALE BANTAM AAA PROGRAM

14.02.01.01 MANDATE AND KEY DUTIES – ZONE ADVISORY GROUP AND PROGRAM DELIVERY GROUP

The mandate, key duties and other pertinent details with respect to the Zone Advisory Group and the Male Bantam AAA Program Delivery Group are set out in the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Zone Advisory Group.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Zone Advisory Group and the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator will liaise with BC Hockey stakeholders, as set out in the governance chart excerpt.

14.02.02 ZONE BOUNDARIES

14.02.02.01 BANTAM AAA BOUNDARIES

The BC Hockey Board of Directors has approved thirteen draw zones. Bantam AAA teams eligible to compete in the BC Hockey Major Bantam League. The zone boundaries and Minor Hockey Associations included in each of the respective zone areas established by BC Hockey are:

- a) **Kootenay Zone** including Beaver Valley, Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Elkford, Fernie, Golden, Grand Forks, Invermere, Kaslo, Kimberley, Midway, Nakusp, Nelson, Trail, Windermere Valley
- b) **North Central Zone** including Mackenzie, McBride, Quesnel, Prince George, Valemount, Williams Lake,
- c) **North East Zone** including Chetwynd, Clearview, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Hudson Hope, Tumbler Ridge, Yukon
- d) **North West Zone** including Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Hazelton, Houston, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Smithers, Stewart, Terrace, Vanderhoof
- e) **North Okanagan Zone** including Ashcroft, Chase, Clearwater, Kamloops, Lillooet, Logan Lake, Merritt, Revelstoke, North Okanagan (Armstrong/Enderby), Salmon Arm, Sicamous, 100 Mile House
- f) **South Okanagan Zone** including Kelowna, Lumby, Penticton, Princeton, South Okanagan (Oliver, Osoyoos), Summerland, Vernon, Winfield, Westside
- g) **North Island Zone** including Campbell River, Comox Valley, Cowichan Valley North, Gold River, Lake Cowichan, Nanaimo, Oceanside, Port Alberni, Powell River, Salt Spring Island, Tri Ports (Port Alice, Port McNeill, Port Hardy)
- h) **South Island Zone** including Cowichan Valley South, Juan de Fuca, Peninsula, Saanich, Sooke, Victoria, Victoria Racquet Club
- i) **Vancouver Centre Zone** including Arbutus Club, Richmond, Seafair, South Delta, Vancouver, Vancouver Thunderbirds
- j) **Vancouver North East Zone** including Burnaby Minor East, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Ridge Meadows, New Westminster



- k) **Vancouver North West Zone** including Burnaby Minor West, Burnaby Winter Club, Hollyburn Country Club, North Vancouver, North Shore Winter Club, Squamish, Sunshine Coast, West Vancouver, Whistler
- l) **Vancouver South East Zone** including Abbotsford, Aldergrove, Hope, Chilliwack, Langley, Mission
- m) **Vancouver South West Zone** including Cloverdale, Semiahmoo, Surrey, North Delta

NOTE:

- Burnaby Minor East will include Postal Codes (V5B, V5A, V5E, V3N and V3J)
- Burnaby Minor West will include Postal Codes (V5C, V5G, V5H and V5J)
- Cowichan Valley North will include residency North of the Cowichan River and South Lake Cowichan
- Cowichan Valley South will include residency South of the Cowichan River
- Kootenay Zone participants will be eligible to participate in one (1) of the Draw Zones who are operating a Bantam AAA program.

14.02.02.02ZONE DRAW ADJUSTMENT

The BC Hockey Board of Directors shall approve all adjustments to the BC Hockey Bantam AAA draw zones.

14.02.02.03ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGE

The North Central Zone shall include the boundary of the North West and North East Yukon Zones.

14.02.02.04BANTAM AAA TEAM APPLICATION

The BC Hockey Board of Directors shall only approve one team in each of the above zones

14.02.03FINANCIAL

14.02.03.01BUDGET

- a) League Budget

The League operating budget and team registration fees shall be established by June 15 of the calendar year.

Any expense items outside of the approved budget must be approved by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator.

Each team bank account will be credited \$1,000.00 to be used for team start-up costs via approval from the Chair. This credit is to be paid back to BC Hockey by November 1.

- b) Team Budgets

- i. Each Bantam AAA Team must:

- Establish and submit a proposed budget by June 15 of the calendar year
- Provide a financial report within three (3) weeks of the conclusion of their season.

Teams that do not meet this requirement will be subject to discipline, suspension or fine.

- i. Each Bantam AAA Team budget shall not include expenses for the following items:



- Team Apparel
 - Team Staff Honorarium
 - Team Trainer Honorarium
 - Exhibition Games (Pre-Season)
 - Additional Practice Ice
 - Dry Land Training
- ii. BC Hockey will notify parents of any additional costs team such as: meals, skate sharpening or water bottles.
- iii. All team capital purchases shall require the pre-approval of the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator. All teams must file a complete inventory list including items such as audio-visual equipment, dry land training equipment, and skate sharpeners. The list will be sent to BC Hockey on November 1 and March 1. All team capital purchases become the property of the BC Male Bantam AAA.

14.02.03.02HOTELS/TRANSPORTATION

- a) Transportation to all league regular season and playoff games outside of a team's zone and involving travel that are in excess of approximately 125 km shall travel by chartered bus. There will be no transportation provided for Lower Mainland teams to games played within the Lower Mainland Zones.
- b) Accommodation and transportation for up to twenty players and a maximum of five team officials who are traveling with the team will be provided by the league. Transportation outside of Districts must be arranged through commercial carrier. Any variance must be approved by Male Bantam AAA Coordinator. All hotel and transportation costs for league play must be pre-approved by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and will be paid by league.
- i. Travel by chartered buses shall be provided for team officials and players only
- ii. Parents or guardians of players may be permitted to travel on the bus, space allowing
- iii. Non-players under the age of 15 are not permitted to travel with the team
- c) The League will provide for a meal allowance up to a maximum of \$60.00 per day for a maximum of five team officials for out of district games only:
- Breakfast-\$15.00 per day
 - Lunch-\$20.00 per day
 - Dinner-\$25.00 per day
- d) Travel expenses incurred for any reason other than travel by charter bus with the Bantam AAA team for league games will be the responsibility of the Bantam AAA team.

14.02.03.03TEAM BANK ACCOUNTS

Each Bantam AAA Team will be assigned a bank account prior to the start of each season, with the following parameters:

- a) The Chief Executive Officer or Staff Designate will assign two (2) signing officers for each team
- b) Only team officials will be eligible to be a signing officer on the account
- c) All transactions and monies for the team must be accounted for in the assigned account



- d) The team signing officers will be required to complete a financial report. This report is to be filed with the BC Hockey office each month and will be copied to the registered players of each team.
- e) Teams are not to open or use any other bank account in addition to the league supplied account. Team officials are not to use their personal accounts for any team funds.
- f) All gaming license applications are to be administered by the BC Hockey office. It should be noted that a successful gaming application will necessitate the use of a second, gaming specific, bank account for the team.

14.02.03.04 FUNDRAISING

No advertising, name bars (other than league supplied name bars) or other patches may be applied to team jerseys without prior consent of the Chief Executive Officer.

14.02.03.05 MALE BANTAM AAA TEAM STAFF HONORARIUMS

- a) The League will provide a team staff honorarium with the following breakdown
 - i. Head Coach - \$12,500
 - ii. Assistant Coach (2) - \$1,000
 - iii. General Manager - \$10,000
 - iv. Trainer - \$2,000
 - v. Trainer Supplies - \$500
- b) The honorarium will be paid in two (2) installments to approved staff members. The payment dates are December 1 and the March 1.
- c) Honorarium cheques will be held by BC Hockey should a team not have up to date accounting records.

NOTE: Any request to deviate from the above noted policy shall be submitted to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer for consideration. The Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer hold the authority to make adjustments to honorarium amounts.

14.02.04 TEAM OFFICIALS

14.02.04.01 REQUIREMENTS

All coaching staff must share the philosophical values of the representative zone and that of BC Hockey:

- a) All individuals wishing to apply:
 - i. For a head coach position on a Bantam AAA team shall submit an application form to BC Hockey by February 15.
 - ii. For positions other than head coach on a Bantam AAA team shall submit an application form to BC Hockey by March 15.
- b) Notwithstanding the above dates, if a qualified Bantam AAA team official application is received after the above dates, the application shall be considered.
- c) Returning team officials shall be given preference over new applicants unless it has been determined that to do so would not be in the best interest of BC Hockey.
- d) If no applicant is deemed suitable, the application process shall be extended to June 30th.
- e) All coaches shall be non-parents.



- f) Managers are not permitted to participate on the bench during games or on the ice during practices.
- g) All team officials to complete criminal record check prior to being selected.
- h) All team staff will sign the BC Major Bantam League Code of Conduct.

14.02.04.02 SELECTION

New and returning Team Officials will be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer on recommendation by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and the BC Hockey staff resource.

14.02.04.03 RELEASE OF TEAM OFFICIALS

Team officials are expected to provide a good example to the players in their charge. As a result, an offence committed by a team official shall be deemed to be more serious than an equivalent offence committed by a player.

- a) Team officials may be released from a Bantam AAA team for the following reasons:
 - Failure to control conduct of players
 - Disrespect for the rules and regulations of Hockey Canada and BC Hockey
 - Failure to follow philosophy and/or philosophical values of BC Hockey and the Major Bantam League
 - Excessive penalties
 - Use of alcohol or drugs during a league game or event
 - Failure to meet team obligations
 - Any infraction deemed by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator not to be in the best interests of the team
 - Failure to adhere to the BC Major Bantam League Code of Conduct.

The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to release a team official based on the recommendations for the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator.

- b) A decision to release a team official from a team roster may be appealed to the BC Hockey Chair of the Board.

14.02.04.04 COACHING CERTIFICATION

No applications for Head Coach shall be considered unless the applicant has High Performance 1, including Respect in Sport. All Assistant Coaches shall have completed a minimum Development 1 (formerly Intermediate Level) and Respect in Sport

14.02.04.05 RESPECT IN SPORT

All BC Hockey Male Bantam AAA team officials must complete the Respect in Sport to be considered for any position within the Male Bantam AAA.

14.02.04.06 HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (HCSP)

All Hockey Canada carded teams must have an HCSP official carded by December 1 of the current season in accordance with BC Hockey regulations. The team HCSP person shall not be permitted on the bench during games unless otherwise qualified and approved by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator. Note that the parent of any member team shall not be permitted on that team's bench during games.



14.02.05 TEAM REGISTRATION

14.02.05.01 LEAGUE REGISTRATION FEES

Each BC Hockey Bantam AAA team shall be assessed a fee to cover the operating costs of the league. To facilitate administration at the team level, these fees shall be invoiced by BC Hockey directly to the individual players based on registration of nineteen players (including two goaltenders). Each team will be responsible for the payment of the total invoice, regardless of the number of players carried on their roster. Member players of the league shall be responsible for any financial deficit incurred by league operations. Should sponsorship funding be secured by BC Hockey to cover operational costs of the league, rebates of these assessments will be distributed equally to league teams.

14.02.05.02 TEAM NAMES

- a) All Bantam AAA team names must be approved by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer.
- b) A Bantam AAA team's approved name cannot be altered in any way, including the addition of sponsor names, without prior approval of the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator.
- c) Application to change a team's name must be made in writing to the League Chairperson.

14.02.05.03 TEAM WEBSITES

- a) Bantam AAA team websites and social media accounts will not post team staff members that have not been approved on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).
- b) Bantam AAA teams will adhere to the BC Hockey Social Media Guidelines – Teams.

14.02.05.04 LEAGUE WEBCAST

- a) All Bantam AAA teams will be required to webcast their home games through the League approved provider.
- b) If a game is not webcast the team will be issued a \$200 fine. The fine will not be issued if a circumstance outside the control of the team prevented the game from being broadcasted.
- c) The Bantam AAA team will be responsible for the equipment that is provided to broadcast their games. If the broadcast equipment is damaged, the Bantam AAA team will pay the repair cost.

14.02.06 PLAYER REGISTRATION

14.02.06.01 PLAYER FEES

- a) Player fees shall be based on Bantam AAA team registration fees.
- b) Player fees shall include transportation to out of district games and hotel accommodation.
- c) The players are responsible for their meal costs.
- d) Player fees shall be paid by credit card or money order/certified cheque upon request by team manager.
- e) If payment is not received within seven (7) days of receipt of invoice, the player shall not be eligible to participate with the team. In the case of a player joining the team after the season



has commenced, payment of fees must be received within two (2) weeks of the player's first game.

- f) Bantam AAA Team managers shall coordinate the payment of all nineteen player registration fees.
- g) A player's full registration fee will guarantee a position on a team's roster for the complete season.
- h) Players paying their player fee in installments shall be suspended from all games and practices if payment has not been made within seven (7) days of the payment due date. Such suspension shall remain in effect until payment has been received.
- i) Any shortfall of player registration fees (i.e. player quits and is not replaced) shall be borne by the remaining players.
- j) Players are responsible for any expenses incurred by their Bantam AAA team during the season over and above the registration/player fee.

14.02.06.02 REFUNDS

Any shortfall of team registration fees will be borne by players. As such, refunds shall only be granted if a replacement player is found to fill the vacant roster spot.

- a) **Players Release Due to Health:** In the case where a player has encountered health issues that restrict participation, the player may apply for a refund, either in full or in part, of registration fees.
- b) **Players Voluntary Release:** Should a player choose to be released from the team on their own accord or upon their own choice (i.e., player decides to quit the team), the registration fee will not be refunded by BC Hockey. Should a player be released in order to sign with a junior team, the player may apply for a refund, either in full or in part, of registration fees.
- c) **Player Releases:** There shall be no refunds for any player who has been released for disciplinary reasons.
- d) **Player Suspensions:** Should a player be suspended by a Bantam AAA team, or by the BC Male Bantam AAA relative to BC Hockey / Hockey Canada Regulations, the registration fee will not be refunded by BC Hockey.
- e) **Player Equipment:** Player equipment provided by the Bantam AAA team is the property of BC Hockey. In the event a player has been permanently suspended or released from a Major Bantam League Team, the equipment provided must be returned to the team. At the conclusion of the season, all players registered and in good standing with the zone Major Bantam league team shall receive the equipment provided by the league.
- f) All player refunds will be at the discretion of the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and the Chief Executive Officer.
- g) Pro-rated refunds, where applicable above, are as follows:
 - Prior to September 15 - eligible for full refund
 - Prior to November 15 - eligible for 50% refund
 - Prior to January 10 - eligible for 25% refund
 - After January 10 - no refund
- h) A participant is eligible to bring forward a special request to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator to consider for refund. The request must include the following details:



- i. Doctor's note and completed Hockey Canada Injury Claim
- ii. Rationale of the request

14.02.06.03 REGISTRATION/CARDING PROCEDURES

- a) Each team shall receive access to a maximum of twenty-five electronic Player Registration certificates via the BC Hockey Online Carding system. Prior to the first league, tournament or playoff game, the registering team manager must:
 - i. Register all players and team officials on the BC Hockey carding system
 - ii. All players are to sign a copy of their completed online card; and parents must sign the Refund Policy Acknowledgement Form prior to first league game. No player shall participate with a team until said forms have been duly signed
 - iii. Signed documents are to be forwarded to the BC Hockey office.
- b) Participation of a player or team official prior to carding on the BC Hockey carding system will result in loss of points and/or discipline in accordance with BC Hockey Regulations.
- c) A team shall carry a full roster of nineteen players, two of which must be goaltenders.
- d) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, in order to be eligible for the BC Hockey Male Bantam AAA Championships, in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations, to meet eligibility requirements to compete in Regional and National playoffs, the teams shall be required to have registered not less than fifteen players on Hockey Canada Registration Certificates (at least two of whom must be goaltenders) on or before February 10 of the current season.

14.02.06.04 AFFILIATION

- a) BC Hockey Bantam AAA teams may affiliate players from within their draw zones as set out by BC Hockey. Bantam AAA Teams shall not affiliate any players from outside their draw zones in the event an adjacent zone does not register a team (i.e. there shall be no movement of players between zones for the purposes of affiliation in the event that a given zone does not have a Bantam AAA team).
- b) There shall be no "permanent affiliate" players in the Male Bantam AAA.
- c) An affiliate player registered with a Winter Club may affiliate as follows:
 - i. Eligibility for affiliation purposes is to be determined by the players residence within the zone
- d) Affiliate players must be approved by BC Hockey by way of the Hockey Canada Registry prior to participation. Participation of an affiliate player prior to such approval will be considered as use of an ineligible player by the team and will be subject to discipline in accordance with BC Hockey Regulations.
- e) Registration of an affiliate player requires the written permission of the player's carding MHA. Once an affiliate player's information is submitted electronically, a copy of the page must be printed and signed by both the player and the President or Secretary of the player's MHA.
- f) Affiliate players must be carded with a BC Hockey registered lower division/category team prior to being eligible to be included as an affiliate on a BC Hockey Bantam AAA team's list.
- g) Players registered on recreational ("house" or "C") teams, may affiliate to a Major Bantam League Bantam AAA team.



- h) Teams may not call up Affiliate Players (except under emergency conditions) when the Affiliate Player's team is playing. Affiliate players shall only be used as emergency replacements for the following emergency conditions:
 - i. Injuries
 - ii. Suspensions/Disciplinary action (not including team imposed suspensions)
- i) The player's team may not unreasonably deny a player the opportunity to play as an Affiliate. NOTE: This provision applies to players affiliating from MHAs to Male Bantam AAA teams, as well as players affiliating from Male Bantam AAA teams to Junior clubs.
- j) Consent of an affiliate player's home association must be obtained prior to using the player in a game or practice.
- k) Affiliate players may play a maximum of ten games (Regular Season and Playoff) as an affiliate to an Male Bantam AAA Team in a given season. Once an Affiliate player's carded team is eliminated from playoff competition the player may participate as an affiliate for the balance of the season.
- l) Affiliate players who participate in more than three games or practices must pay an affiliate player assessment of \$200.00. The fee will cover regular expense including one or more of: accommodations, travel, and ice.
- m) An Affiliate player who has played the maximum number of games permitted under Hockey Canada rules and/or BC Hockey policy may not be used as an affiliate unless his registered team has been eliminated from playoff competition. Players qualifying under this policy shall be assessed a game fee to be determined by the BC Hockey Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer.

14.02.06.05 PLAYER RELEASES

- a) Players shall not be released once they have been offered a place on a team except for the following reasons:
 - i. Disciplinary problems
 - ii. Use of drugs or alcohol
 - iii. Non-payment of player fees
 - iv. Player requests to play at a higher division or return to Minor Hockey Association.
 - v. Safety or risk management concern to the player
 - vi. Deemed by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator to be in the best interests of the team and/or player
- b) Application to remove a player from a Bantam AAA team roster must be made in writing to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator, setting out reasons for the removal of the player.
- c) If a player with disciplinary issues is being considered for removal from the team:
 - i. Written and/or verbal notice of disciplinary concerns and steps taken to address the problems must be documented by the player's Bantam AAA team officials.
 - ii. The player and parent(s) must be made aware of the problems and given the opportunity to correct his/her behavior prior to submitting said application to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator
- d) There shall be no refunds for any player who has been released for disciplinary reasons.

14.02.07 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY



14.02.07.01 BANTAM AGED PLAYERS

All Bantam aged players (13 or 14 years old within the calendar year) residentially eligible to register and play minor hockey in BC Hockey are eligible to try out for their BC Hockey Bantam AAA team.

14.02.07.02 UNDER AGED PLAYERS

No under-aged players will be permitted to be rostered on, or carded with, a Bantam AAA team.

14.02.07.03 RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

The residential qualifications for Bantam teams shall be those adopted by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.

NOTE 1: A player is only eligible to try out for the Bantam AAA team where his parents reside.

NOTE 2: Winter Club players: A player registered with a Winter Club must try out for the Bantam AAA team where his parents reside. If the player is not selected to a Bantam AAA team, the player is eligible to return to the Winter Club.

NOTE 3: Sports School Players: Players may try out for Bantam AAA teams based on the residence of their parents and in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations. Therefore, regardless of where a player registers with a Sport School, he/she may only try out in his/her "home" AAA zone

14.02.07.04 ZONE BANTAM AAA RESIDENTIAL WAIVER

Player / Goaltender

- a) A Bantam AAA team may apply for a goaltender or player residential waiver to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator. A player who has been released from his residential Major Bantam AAA program may be issued a residential waiver prior to September 30.
- b) There is no appeal if a player is not selected to a Bantam AAA team
- c) Infractions to the Player Residential Waiver will result in discipline to the team staff
- d) All residential waivers shall be returned at the end of the playing season

14.02.08 PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

14.02.08.01 SPRING IDENTIFICATION CAMPS

- a) Camps are to be held over three (3) days after the conclusion of the BC Hockey Championships and prior to May 1.
- b) All players must pre-register online with BC Hockey prior to the Identification camp. Failure to pre-register may affect eligibility to participate in the camp.
- c) Players may only attend a Major Bantam AAA camp in the area in which he/she resides.
- d) The Camp must include a Checking Clinic prior to on-ice activities for first year Bantam aged players.
- e) Any player who is unable to attend any stage of the Identification Camp due to injury or for any other valid reason must pre-register online and will remain eligible for future evaluations. Approval must be obtained from the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator.
- f) A nominal fee that will cover the cost of the camp and any additional evaluations will be charged and is to be paid online at time of pre-registration.



- g) No player shall participate in any evaluation session unless the Identification Camp registration fee has been paid in full.
 - h) Practice jerseys will be provided and can be kept by players.
 - i) Three additional ice sessions may be scheduled to accommodate absentee players and to further assess and evaluate players.
 - j) The cost of any exhibition games is to be paid out of team funds and shall not be charged to the players trying out for the team.
 - k) A goaltender camp will be held prior to the main evaluation camp if the following occurs
 - 50 or less players registered and more than 6 goalies
 - 51-60 players registered and more than 7 goalies
 - 61-70 players registered and more than 9 goalies
 - 71-80 players registered and more than 10 goalies
 - 81-90 players registered and more than 11 goalies
 - 91-100 players registered and more than 12 goalies
- ***If a goaltender is released from the goaltender camp 75% of the evaluation camp fee will be refunded.
- l) Players will be evaluated and selected by Team Officials with input by High Performance Delivery Group Members.
 - m) Player Identification:
 - i. A minimum of eleven (11) skaters to a maximum of seventeen (17) skaters and two (2) goaltenders must be identified and offered a position on the team by May 1.
 - ii. The list of identified players shall be registered via the HCR on June 1.

14.02.08.03 EVALUATION PROCESS

- a) Ice sessions and exhibition games will be held at the discretion of the Team
- b) Costs over and above funds provided by BC Hockey are to be paid by the players taking part in the Evaluation process.
- c) If a player does not attend a Spring Identification Camp and a Try Out Exemption has not been granted, they are not eligible to participate in a team's Evaluation Process.
- d) If a player is not selected to a Bantam AAA team, he must return to his residential minor hockey association.

14.02.08.04 TEAM STRUCTURE

- a) Teams will consist of nineteen players including two goaltenders.
- b) A minimum of nineteen players including two goaltenders must be selected by August 31 at which time all remaining minor hockey players must be released to their home Minor Hockey Association.
- c) After September 1, if a team wishes to further evaluate a player, approval must be granted by the CEO.
- d) Once a player has been released, written consent must be obtained from the player's home Minor Hockey Association prior to inviting the player to attend further evaluation.

14.02.08.05 CANCELLATION – REFUNDS

The following refund policy applies to Identification Camp cancellations:



- a) 50% refund up until fifteen days prior to the start of the Identification Camp
- b) Refunds as stated above shall be approved by the Chief Executive Officer upon recommendation of the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator.

14.02.09 RULES OF PLAY

14.02.09.01 RULES OF PLAY

BC Hockey Major Bantam League teams shall be composed of nineteen players (including two goaltenders) and up to five team officials who are duly registered with BC Amateur Hockey Association in accordance with the rules and regulations of BC Hockey and Hockey Canada. Membership for such teams shall commence upon acceptance of the team's registration by the Chief Executive Officer of the BC Hockey and shall expire as of the following August 31.

14.02.09.02 HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES - SUPPLYING OF PUCKS

The home team shall be responsible for the following for each game:

- Warm-up and game pucks
- Official league gamesheet
 - To be submitted to the statistician at the conclusion of the game(s)
- A qualified timekeeper
- A qualified scorekeeper
- Shots-on-goal statistics for each team to be included on the official gamesheet

14.02.10 RULES AND REGULATIONS

14.02.10.01 DISCIPLINE/SUSPENSIONS

- a) BC Hockey shall administer the Major Bantam League and be responsible for all disciplinary action.
- b) Team officials shall be responsible for supervising and controlling the conduct of their players before, during or after each game. Failure by team officials to control the conduct of their players (e.g. dressing room/hotel vandalism, theft, bench brawls, lobby and parking lot altercations, etc.) may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary action of the team official and/or player(s). In addition, the cost of any damages shall be assessed against the team.
- c) All penalties and/or suspensions shall be in accordance with Major Bantam League Policy and/or Hockey Canada published rules. Automatic/Minimum suspensions shall be applied as per BC Hockey Suspension Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the team's officials to ensure that players serve their total game suspensions as required by Hockey Canada and BC Hockey rules, whether or not notification is given
- d) Excessive penalty minutes by individual players including a combination of major penalties such as Gross Misconduct/Match penalties, Misconducts and Game Misconduct penalties shall result in suspension(s) and/or disciplinary action as determined by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator.



- e) Exhibition games are not considered league, tournament or playoff games for the purpose of serving suspensions.

14.02.10.02 ZERO TOLERANCE - DRUGS, ALCOHOL TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

There is a zero tolerance for the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and illegal activity during activities within BC Hockey. All incidents will be investigated and dealt with on an individual basis. The recommended minimum suspension for violation of this policy is thirty days from all participation within the league. A written report must be forwarded to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator outlining the circumstances within seven (7) days.

14.02.10.03 HAZING/INITIATION

- a) All Hazing/Initiation incidents will be reported to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator
- b) All suspension shall be in line with Hockey Canada Regulations

14.02.10.04 RECRUITING PRACTICES - TAMPERING

No team official may invite a registered player of another association/club to participate in any exhibition, tournament or league game, practice or team event without prior consent of the player's home association. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

14.02.10.05 GAME FORFEIT

Hockey Canada Forfeiture Rules (as set out in Section 5.6 of the Hockey Canada Policy Manual) shall apply to Male Bantam AAA. Failure to meet league commitments may result in suspension(s).

14.02.10.06 LEAGUE PLAY

The number of scheduled league games shall be based on the number of participating Bantam AAA teams.

- a) Time of Game
 - Three (3) twenty minute stop time periods will be included in regulation playing time with a twelve minute intermission between each period.
 - An eight minute warm up will be used with no flood prior to the start of the first period.
 - Teams will be required to provide two and a half (2.5) hour game time slots.
- b) Overtime
 - Overtime is played should the game remain tied after regulation play.
 - There will be a two (2) minute break prior to the start of the five (5) minute sudden victory overtime period.
 - The teams will not change ends to start overtime as per Rule 10.16 (a) (1).
 - Overtime shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) goalie [3 on 3]
 - If the game remains tied after the overtime period, it shall remain a tie.
 - In the event of a tie both teams will receive one (1) point each in the standings
 - In the event there is a winner in overtime the winning team shall receive two (2) points and the losing team shall receive one (1) point in the standings.
- c) Penalties in Overtime



- When regulation time ends and the teams are five (5) on three (3):
 - Teams will start overtime five (5) on three (3)
 - Should player strength reach five (5) on four (4) by the next stoppage of play, player strength shall be adjusted to four (4) on three (3).
 - Should player strength reach five (5) on five (5) by the next stoppage of play, player strength shall be adjusted to three (3) on three (3).
 - When Regulation time ends and the teams are five (5) on four (4) or four (4) on three (3):
 - Teams will start over time four (4) on three (3)
 - Should player strength reach four (4) on four (4) by the next stoppage, player strength shall be adjusted to three (3) on three (3).
 - When Regulation time ends and the teams are four (4) on four (4):
 - Teams will start three (3) on three (3)
 - Should player strength reach four (4) on four (4) by the next stoppage, player strength shall be adjusted to three (3) on three (3).
 - Teams shall never have less than three (3) skaters on the ice to start play.
- d) No Change Icing
- A team that is in violation of the icing rule shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing face-off.
 - Should either team elect to utilize their team time-out at this stoppage of play, the team in violation of the icing rule is still not permitted to make player substitutions.
 - A team shall be permitted to make a player substitution when in violation of the icing rule:
 - In order to replace a goaltender who had been previously substituted for an extra attacker
 - In order to replace an injured player
 - When a penalty has been assessed, which affects the on-ice strength of either team.
 - The determination of players on the ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending player's stick.
- e) Puck Out of Play
- When any player (excluding the goaltender), with both skates inside his defending zone shoots or bats the puck (with stick, hand or skate) directly (not-deflected) outside the playing surface, except where there is no glass, the resulting face off shall ensue without the offending team being able to make a line change or player substitution
 - When the puck is shot directly into the players' bench, this rule shall not apply. However, should the puck be shot from the defending zone over the glass behind the players' bench, no line change or substitution shall be permitted. This rule shall also include situations where the puck is considered to be shot outside the playing surface from the defending zone and striking any overhead obstructions above the regular playing area such as; scoreboard, rafters, banners or roof etc.
 - The Goaltender shall still be penalized with a minor penalty for delay of game as per Hockey Canada Rule 10.11 d) for shooting the puck out of the playing surface.



Further, should a player delay the game deliberately by shooting, batting or throwing the puck out of playing surface, they shall be assessed a minor penalty under Hockey Canada Rule 10.11 b).

14.02.10.07 GAME PROTESTS

There shall be no game protests for league play in the Major Bantam League except for the playing of an ineligible player. Game protests during regular season shall be transmitted in writing to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator within seventy two hours of completion of the game in question.

14.02.10.08 EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

- a) Any team wishing to play an exhibition game or enter a tournament shall first obtain permission from the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator and then obtain an Exhibition/Tournament Game number from the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator. All league commitments must be met prior to permission being granted.
- b) All exhibition games and tournament costs will be paid by the team.
- c) Players are not required to attend tournaments and may not be disciplined for such decision.
- d) A rostered player who is not able to attend a tournament for any reason shall not be charged a tournament fee or any related expenses. Replacement affiliate players shall be assessed a pro-rate tournament fee and expense
- e) No tournament game shall be substituted for any scheduled league game.

14.02.10.09 RESCHEDULING OF LEAGUE GAMES

No league or playoff game will be altered or rescheduled to accommodate a tournament or exhibition game unless special permission is granted in writing by the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator. Permission will not be granted unless the date(s) and time(s) of the rescheduled game(s) have first been obtained, which date(s) and time(s) are mutually agreed on by both teams.

14.02.10.10 GAME REPORTS

- a) The home team is responsible for supplying the game report ensuring that it is properly completed, and submitting it to the office. The home team shall also ensure that additional blank game reports are available at the timekeeper's bench.
- b) All affiliate players (AP) shall be designated as such on the game sheet beside the player's name.
- c) Game statistics are to be entered into the BC Hockey Major Bantam AAA website by a non-parent team official.
- d) In order to ensure no sanctions will be applied to your team:
 - i. The game sheet must be uploaded and complete by Midnight of the game day.
 - ii. The data entered into the system must be exactly as the official game sheet.
- e) To ensure accuracy, a BC Hockey Staff Resource Person will compare Official Game Sheets to the data entered every Monday by 10 am. Any discrepancy noted from the teams data entry to the game sheet will be reported to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator for a final decision.



- f) The Male Bantam AAA Coordinator shall have the authority to issue a fine in the amount of \$100 to any team that did not enter the stats within the above timelines or if the team entered inaccurate information.

14.02.10.11 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE – LEAGUE STANDINGS

In the event of any ties in final league standings, the following tie breaker format shall apply for the determination of playoff positions:

- a) If two or more teams are tied, standings will be determined by ranking the teams on the basis of most wins in regular season play.
- b) If the standings determined in step a) contain any further ties, those teams whose standing was not determined in step a) will have the following format applied, with all games played by the tied teams against each other being considered (i.e. If three teams are still tied, then all games played involving any two of the three tied teams will be used in breaking the tie): teams will be ranked by highest winning percentage in these games
 - i. Teams will be ranked by highest winning percentage in these games
 - ii. Any teams still tied will be ranked by most goals-for in these games
 - iii. Any teams still tied will be ranked by least goals against in these games
 - iv. Any teams still tied will be ranked by the least penalty minutes in these games

NOTE: For section b), games involving all of the tied teams will continue to be used in each of steps ii., iii. and iv. even if one or more of the tied teams receives a placing after a step is applied (i.e. if three teams are tied and one team receives a ranking after step i. is applied, then games among all three teams will still be used in step ii. and beyond).

14.02.11 OFFICIATING

14.02.11.01 OFFICIATING

District Above Minor Assigners will assign all games. Major Bantam AAA games shall be officiated by a combination of Junior and high performance level Minor Hockey officials. Officials will be identified and approved by the respective Above Minor Officiating Coordinators in consultation with the BC Hockey Referee-In-Chief.

- a) On-ice official fees for league and playoff games shall be paid by the League as follows:
 - Three-man System:
 - Referee: \$55.00
 - Linesmen: \$35.00
 - Two-man System: \$55.00 each
- b) It is the responsibility of the home team to pay the officials.
- c) Should there be fewer than three on-ice officials in attendance at any game; the home team manager is to notify the league manager at the conclusion of the game.
- d) Expenses for on-ice official fees for exhibition games will be paid by the individual teams.

14.02.11.02 OFFICIATING NO SHOWS



Should fewer than the required number of officials appear for any game, then the procedures outlined below shall be followed in accordance with Hockey Canada Rules:

- a) If, for whatever reason, the Referee or Linesmen appointed are prevented from appearing, the Managers or Coaches of the two competing teams shall agree on a Referee and one or two Linesmen.
- b) If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team who shall act as officials.
- c) If the regularly appointed officials appear during the progress of the game, they shall replace the temporary officials immediately.
- d) If a linesman appointed is unable to act at the last minute, or if through sickness or accident she is unable to finish the game, the Referee in charge shall have the power to appoint another in her place if she feels it necessary.
- e) If, owing to illness or accident, the Referee is unable to continue to officiate when working with two Linesmen, one of the Linesmen shall perform such duties as devolved upon the Referee. The Linesmen shall be selected by the Referee, or if necessary, by the Managers or Coaches of competing teams.

14.02.12 BILLETING

14.02.12.01 BILLETING OF PLAYERS

- a) All billeting procedures shall be in accordance with Hockey Canada's guidelines.
- b) No team official is to serve as a billet.
- c) Teams must report all billeting arrangements to the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator
- d) Each team shall provide a billet coordinator to oversee all affairs
- e) Billeting fees shall not exceed six hundred dollars a month

14.02.13 TEAM UNIFORMS / DRESS CODE

14.02.13.01 UNIFORMS

BC Hockey has approved league colours, which shall be worn by all Bantam AAA teams. Where uniforms of both teams are so similar that in the opinion of the referee there will be confusion, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change its uniforms to a contrasting colour.

No advertising, sponsor names or logos, name bars, or other patches may be applied to team jerseys, without prior consent of the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator after consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

Players are required to wear league-supplied equipment including but not limited to jerseys, socks, pants, gloves, helmets and cages.

"Players including goal tenders, shall wear required protective equipment, including CSA-certified helmets and facial protectors and BNQ certified throat protectors in all games, practices, warm-ups and while sitting on the players' bench or penalty box."



14.02.13.02 DRESS CODE

All players shall wear a shirt and tie, slacks, mock turtleneck, tracksuit or team jersey on game days or when in public during league functions. Baseball caps are not to be worn.

14.02.14 LEAGUE ALL-STAR SELECTIONS

14.02.14.01 END OF SEASON LEAGUE ALL STAR TEAM

Each team shall nominate the top three (3) forwards, two (2) defensemen and one (1) goaltender from an opposing team. Each team shall submit their completed All Star Player Ranking form to BC Hockey by March 30.

14.02.14.02 MALE BANTAM AAA COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the end of each season the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer shall select an individual for the Male Bantam AAA Coach of the Year Award.

14.02.14.03 MALE BANTAM AAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the end of each season the Male Bantam AAA Coordinator, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer shall select an individual for the Male Bantam AAA Player of the Year Award.

14.02.15 MAJOR BANTAM LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The Major Bantam League Championships shall adopt the BC Hockey Championship policies, procedures and format with the following variations:

- a) The Major Bantam League Championship shall consist of a Quarter-Final series, Semi-Final series and a Final Series.
- b) The top eight teams as determined by league final standings shall be eligible for the Major Bantam League Championship.
- c) The Major Bantam League Championship Format will be as follows:
 - i. Quarter-Finals:
 - First vs. Eight (series to be hosted by the higher placing team)
 - Second vs. Seventh (series to be hosted by the higher placing team)
 - Third vs. Sixth (series to be hosted by the higher placing team)
 - Fourth vs. fifth (series to be hosted by the higher placing team)
 - ii. Semi-Finals:
 - Highest placing remaining team vs. Lowest placing remaining team (series to be hosted by the higher placed team)
 - Second highest placing remaining team vs Lowest placing remaining team (series to be hosted by the higher placed team)
 - iii. Finals:
 - Winners of the Semi Final series will advance to the Final series.



- The Final series will be hosted by the higher placing team per league standings.
- d) All Major Bantam League Championship Playoffs will consist of a best two out of three games series as follows:
 - Game One: Friday evening
 - Game Two: Saturday afternoon or evening
 - Game Three: Sunday (preferably afternoon)
 - Series will be held on a specific weekend as determined by BC Hockey
- e) The higher placing team shall have the home team dressing room and bench for Game one.
 - The teams will then alternate home and away jerseys, dressing rooms and benches for each subsequent game the higher placing team shall provide the timekeeper and scorekeeper.
- f) All games must end with a winner. No ties are permitted. In the event a game ends in a tie, the following overtime format shall be applied:
 - In a tied game at the end of regulation time, there will be a two (2) minute rest and then a ten minute stop-time sudden victory period.
 - If still tied at the end of the first overtime period, there will be a fifteen minute flood and then another twenty minute stop time sudden victory period.
 - If still tied, teams will repeat (ii) until a winner is declared.
- g) The BC Hockey Major Bantam League Champion shall be the BC Hockey representative at the Hockey Canada Pacific Regional and National Bantam Championship.
- h) The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to change the venue of a series if deemed advisable.
- i) The most valuable player announcements or awards shall not be announced or presented at any of the Bantam Zone AAA Championship Series.

14.02.15.02 TRAVEL

All travel and accommodation expenses for games outside of a team's District during the Championships shall be provided.

The team representing BC Hockey at the Pacific Regional Championships and National Championships will be responsible for all travel, hotel and meal expenses incurred while attending those events.

14.02.15.03 FINAL DATE TO WITHDRAW

The final date to withdraw from the BC Hockey Major Bantam AAA Championship is January 15.

14.02.16 EDUCATION ADVISOR

14.02.16.01 EDUCATION ADVISOR

It is suggested that each team in the BC Hockey Major Bantam League make appropriate arrangements to provide an education advisor.

14.02.16.02 ROLE OF THE EDUCATION ADVISOR

The role of the education advisor is to provide guidance and/or assistance with respect to their education.





14.02.17 IMPORTANT DATES

August 31	Nineteen players including two (2) goaltenders must be selected at which time all remaining minor hockey players must be released to their home Minor Hockey Association.
August 31	Team rosters due to the BC Hockey office
August 31	All selected players to send in their signed and completed Refund Policy and Payment forms
September 1	Practice ice will begin to be paid by BC Hockey
September 10	Equipment fitting sessions to be completed
September 10	Player head shots due to the BC Hockey office
September 30	Deadline for a Goaltender Residential Waiver
January 10	All registered players will become permanent
January 15	Final date for addition to affiliate list
February 10	Final date to make any changes to team rosters (HCR system will convert to "read only")