



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELITE HOCKEY IN ALBERTA

April 8, 2009

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

As there are no opportunities to play elite (AA, AAA) hockey within the Hockey North Branch players must move to Alberta or other branches to pursue their hockey goals. Generally, Hockey Canada does not encourage the free movement (does not include the relocation of a family) of players between branches but will consider a request under justified circumstances. There is an informal agreement between the presidents of Hockey Alberta and Hockey North to allow a limited number of elite northern players to transfer to Alberta – if they are selected to play at the AAA level (only).

### 2.0 THE PROCESS

The “application to transfer” process involves the following steps:

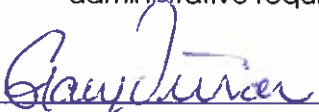
- A written application must be submitted to Mike Olesen, Manager Hockey Alberta Regulations and Registries, by 01 July.
- Mike may be contacted at:  

Hockey Alberta	Phone: 403-342-6777
# 1, 7875 – 48 Avenue,	Fax: 403-346-4277
Red Deer, Alberta	Email: <a href="mailto:molesen@hockeyalberta.ca">molesen@hockeyalberta.ca</a>
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- The application should, among other relevant information, include:
  - A short profile (resume) of the player including relevant personal information and hockey experience
  - The reason (to pursue elite hockey opportunities) and the rationale (no opportunities in NWT) for the application
  - Reference to the informal transfer agreement between the two branches
  - A letter of support from the Local Minor Hockey Association and President, Hockey North
  - A letter of support from an identified potential host team in Alberta and the potential host association would be very helpful.
- Hockey Alberta must file an appeal with Hockey Canada by 15 July for the appeal to be considered by 01 August.

- The application must include a cheque for \$300 to cover the appeal fee.
- The cheque should be made payable and issued to Hockey Alberta
- Hockey Canada will deal with the appeal within a very short time frame. A response will usually be provided to Hockey Alberta within 7 days of Hockey Canada receiving the appeal.
- Hockey Alberta (Mike Olesen) will notify the appellant of the Hockey Canada decision within 2 (two) days of receiving the Hockey Canada decision.
- If Hockey Canada approves the transfer, the Association player may pursue opportunities in Alberta subject to Hockey Alberta policies.
- The requirement to associate with a particular Hockey Alberta draw zone by 01 July is waived pending the Hockey Canada decision.

### 3.0 GENERAL

- Hockey Canada's National Appeals Committee meets regularly to consider appeals. The informal agreement between Hockey North and Hockey Alberta is understood at the national level and it provides an opportunity for elite players from the North to play 'AAA' Hockey.
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- Players are strongly encouraged to:
  - o Make contact with prospective Alberta teams to confirm interest by a potential host team and association
  - o Make contact with prospective teams as early as possible so that Hockey Alberta administrative requirements may be addressed in an efficient and timely manner.

  
 Gary Vivian, President  
 Hockey North

July 14, 2009  
 Date

  
 Hockey Alberta  
 Annie Orton, President

Sept 01, 2009  
 Date