



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELITE HOCKEY IN MANITOBA

As there are no opportunities to play elite (AA, AAA) hockey within the Hockey North Branch players must move to Manitoba 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 presidents of Hockey Manitoba and Hockey North to allow a limited number of elite northern players to transfer to Manitoba – if they are selected to play at the AAA level (only).

THE PROCESS

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

- A written application must be submitted to Peter Woods, Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba by July 1st. Peter Woods may be contacted at:

Hockey Manitoba
145 Pacific Ave
Winnipeg, MB
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Phone: 204-925-5757
Fax: 204-925-5761
Email: peter@hockeymanitoba.mb.ca


- The application should be cc to Gary Vivian, President of Hockey North vivian.gary@gmail.com
- 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 NT or NU) for the application
 - Reference to the informal transfer agreement between two branches
 - A letter of support for the local MHA and President, Hockey North
 - A letter of support from an identified potential host team in Manitoba and the potential host association would be very helpful
- Hockey Manitoba must file an appeal with Hockey Canada by July 15th for the appeal to be considered by August 1st.
- The application must include a cheque for \$300 to cover the appeal fee.
- The cheque should be made payable and issued to Hockey Manitoba.
- Hockey Canada will deal with the appeal within a very short time frame. A response will usually be provided to Hockey Manitoba within 7 days of Hockey Canada receiving the appeal.
- Hockey Manitoba (Peter Woods) will notify the appellant of the Hockey Canada decision within 2 (two) days of receiving the decision Hockey Canada decision.



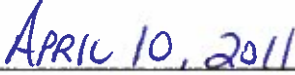
- If Hockey Canada approves the transfer, the Association player may pursue opportunities in Manitoba subject to Hockey Manitoba policies.
- The requirement to associate with a particular Hockey Manitoba region by July 1 is waived pending the Hockey Canada decision.

GENERAL


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



Gary Vivian, President
Hockey North



Date



Brian Franklin, President
Hockey Manitoba

March 25, 2011

Date