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## 2020-21

August 26, 2021

To: Elite Draw Zone Host Associations, Minor Administration Coordinators,  
Local Minor Hockey Associations  
From: Neil Robertson, Chair, Elite Male Committee  
**SUBJECT: Elite Male Hockey Model**

The purpose of this memo is to notify the Elite Draw Zones on several updates to the Male Elite Hockey Model for the 2020-21 season.

Based on Hockey Alberta's August 21 version of the Return to Hockey Plan, the Elite Male Committee has identified the following four (4) procedural changes to the Elite Male Hockey Model tryout procedures and registration process.

1. **Tryout Rosters:** In lieu of tryout rosters, teams will be required to register all players in their cohort in HCR as of September 14. Cohort rosters can be no larger than 50 participants which includes coaches and team staff.
2. **Elite Waiver:** Upon being released from a player's first tryout and obtaining an Elite waiver, a player will have no more than three (3) days to contact and arrange a second tryout with another host MHA at that level. It is the host MHA's decision whether to accept the player's request. Please note, according to AHS guidelines any player leaving one Cohort cannot participate with a new Cohort for 14 days. Third tryouts will not be permitted.
  - Players that cannot or choose not to arrange a second tryout within three (3) days of being released will be returned to their Resident MHA in order to obtain permission to tryout for a "AA" program or to access other minor hockey programs.
  - With there being sufficient tryout opportunities within the Calgary and Edmonton Draw Zones, players that fall within either the Calgary or Edmonton Draw Zones will not be granted additional tryout opportunities outside their Resident Draw Zone.
3. **U18 AAA Pre-Season:** As a result of the Return to Hockey timelines, the U18 AAA five-game pre-season will not take place. Final team roster declaration will be completed through the Cohort and team training, and exhibition series.
4. **Affiliation:** Affiliation will not be permitted to be filed nor used during the Development Season. The deadline for filing for affiliation will be moved to January 15, 2021.

[Elite Male Notification of Tryout Form](#)

[Elite Male Waiver Form](#)

If you have any questions regarding the amendments to the Elite Male Hockey Model, please email [Michael Kraichy](#), Manager, Team Alberta.