



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Minor Hockey Associations  
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**SUBJECT: Elite Stream Affiliation (Originally sent September 2007)**

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The following information was sent out back in September of 2007 and is being sent out as a reminder:

Hockey Alberta approved the Alberta Development Model with the following principles:

Hockey Alberta established an affiliation structure that accommodates athlete development under the new development model.

“AA” Hockey (Bantam and Midget) is recognized as part of the Elite Stream for the purposes of Affiliation.

An Affiliation policy was developed to:

**Allow for Affiliation within the Elite Draw Zone Area for the teams currently playing in the Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL), the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL) and the Minor Midget AAA League (AMMHL)**

The Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the Alberta Development Model.

The Teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey are eligible to affiliate players from within their entire Elite Draw Zone Area for Midget AAA, Midget Minor AAA and Bantam AAA.

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the AMHL, AMBHL or AMMHL from any LMHA in the Elite Draw Zone Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the Elite Stream of hockey within their Elite Draw Zone Area as per the Alberta Development Model.

**Based on the guiding principles, the following model is to be utilized in the Elite Stream:**

- To accommodate upward affiliation in the elite stream, Midget 15 teams will be registered as Midget A.
- Within the Elite Draw Zone (EDZ), elite teams (MAAA, M15 & BAAA) can affiliate any player who resides within the EDZ.
- If a MAA team wants to affiliate a M15 team's player, they can affiliate with the M15 team that is registered in a lower category in the same LMHA.
- M15 teams can only affiliate players that meet the age criteria for an M15 team or are younger (i.e. from Bantam).
- All other affiliation issues will be dealt with according to Hockey Alberta regulation 8.0.