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To: Member Associations

From: Jeremy Pierce
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Re: Developing Checking Skills Clinics

For the 2016-2017 season and all seasons moving forward, all first year male/female aged players at the Bantam level require a Developing Checking Skills clinic prior to their first exhibition, tournament or league game if they are playing in checking leagues (Bantam AAA Male or Bantam AA Male).

The focus on the first year Bantam clinics for those playing in checking leagues should be on the final 2 steps of checking skills (Body Contact & Body Checking).

For the 2016-2017 season and all seasons moving forward, all first year male/female aged players at the Bantam level require a Developing Checking Skills clinic prior to December 1st if they are playing in non-checking leagues (Bantam AAA Female, Bantam A Female, Bantam A Male).

The focus on the first year Bantam clinics for those playing in non-checking leagues should be on the first three steps of checking skills. Those steps are body positioning/angling, stick checks and body contact.

For the 2016-2017 season and all seasons moving forward, all male/female aged players at the Pee Wee level require a Developing Checking Skills clinic prior to December 1st.

The focus on the Pee Wee level clinics should be on the first three steps of checking skills. Those steps are body positioning/angling, stick checks and body contact.

Full time goalies are not required to take the Pee Wee or Bantam Developing Checking Skills clinic. Goalies are still welcome to take part to take part in the clinics but it is not mandatory.

Goalies who could potentially play both goal and out (skater position) during a season must however still take the clinic before playing out.

Atom Players affiliating to Pee Wee do not require a clinic.

The clinics are done in house by instructors who were trained over the last number of years. Each MHA should have someone within their association trained to lead the clinics. If not, there should be an instructor in a neighboring MHA who can lead them.

We encourage MHA's to host multiple clinics throughout the season with coaches in attendance and ensure your coaches are reinforcing the skills during practice time. The more exposure players receive to these skills the more prepared they will be as they enter Bantam.





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Hockey PEI will not be charging for these clinics. All we ask is that you email mike@hockeypei.com your attendance list of players and coaches when the clinic is complete.

Any questions please contact Mike White at mike@hockeypei.com or 902-368-4334.

Regards,

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