



To: MHA Associations
From: Al Maclsaac
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Re: Novice "A" Hockey

Minor Council has allowed associations to work together and manage Novice "A" league schedules. We have provided that flexibility and freedom to the associations, however we continue to receive inquiries about how many games per season is appropriate for Novice "A" teams.

Most recently we have been made aware that some teams are playing an excessive amount of games. Although we allow some flexibility, we also want associations to be aware that players are still at the developmental stage at this age and as such should be adhering to the Hockey Canada Long Term Development Model.

The Hockey Canada Long Term Development Model recommends:

- Novice: 30-35 games in a season (18 regular season + 3 tournaments)

This is information that has been shared on several occasions at meetings, workshop etc. The directive from minor council is that Novice "A" teams shall follow this model. We ask associations to work with your Novice volunteers and teams to follow this directive and ensure that the focus at this age level is about development and not just about games.

In the future, if deemed necessary minor council may be required to develop something more in-depth and perhaps regulate and manage all Novice "A" league play for associations.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us to discuss.

Regards,

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