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### Memorandum

To: SHA Board of Directors  
From: Kelly McClintock  
Re: Zone 3 Meeting Feedback

There were eighteen (18) people present representing twelve (12) MHA's at the Zone 3 Meeting in Gravelbourg on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The communities represented were;

Swift Current, Rockglen, Frontier, Mossbank, Gull Lake, Moose Jaw, Gravelbourg, Assiniboia, Coronach, Lafleche, Central Butte and Avonlea.

#### 1. SHA Initiation Program Provincial standard

Please provide your opinion of the SHA Board of Directors Provincial Standard that has been created.

- I think it has been positive. Jamboree and mentors have helped even more as it is the most difficult group to coach.
- Agree. - 6
- Skill development is most important.
- Excellent.
- More relevant. Promote skill building.
- No games before Christmas. Lighter puck.
- Doing a good job.
- No games before December.
- I was never fond of it until I cached an IP team. I am a firm believer it is the proper thing.
- I think it has been positive. We've seen more kids start enrolling in hockey and enjoy the games more due to more puck touches and closer games.
- I like the standards set so everyone is the same.
- Supportive, good approach.
- You need to have a standard.
- No large issues. Will all associations be required to purchase light pucks, small nets, bumper pads? This is not affordable or a reasonable expense for all association. Not sure about all

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- the game regulations. We did 3-minute running time shifts. I would say as long as cross ice, set shift times are implemented. Let clubs do faceoffs, whistle blows as they see fit.
- It is the best system used in North America, Europe and finally Canada.

### 2 SHA Novice Program Provincial Standard

Please provide your opinion of the SHA Board of Directors Provincial Standard that has been created.

- I like our standard vs others.
- Don't like the playoff format. Don't like no League games till January 1.
- Good progression. Skill building. Appropriate size.
- Agree – 8
- I like that we get both ½ ice and full ice in the same season.
- I have heard some complaining from people, but I feel it will be fine.
- Instead of half ice I wish it would be adjusted for your ice size.
- I would like to see continuous play promoted more. I would like to see the carded programs start earlier as proposed and go next year as well as tournament style playoffs.
- Playoff tournament will affect rink income.
- I believe it is a continuation from IP. It is a good thing. The Boards required are expensive for smaller organizations.
- I am looking forward to how next year goes. I am a fan of the ½ ice because I watched my, almost total first year novice team get spanked all year. It would focus on development heading into a full ice model. Our kids were overwhelmed all of November/December.
- Like the model but think it should stay ½ ice all year long.
- Supporting good mix of development and games.
- Like SHA's standpoint of going full ice after Jan. 1. Good compromise and intro for players going to atom. For game regulation, seems very strict. Penalty rules are not clear, if shifts are set, how long are penalties. When it goes full ice, I would assume off-side, icing should apply in games. I would hope Novice can have games cross-ice prior January 1. 45 games seem fair.

### 3. Female Development model

Please provide your opinion of the SHA Board of Directors approved Female Development Model that has been put in place to date?

- Well thought out.
- Agree – 10
- This needed to be done and I like the system in place.
- Its working
- I like it. Gets the right community with the teams that have the numbers.
- I like the ideas, would like to see more girls in hockey. Like the rise in numbers.

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- I think the female development model is great. I'd like to see more encouragement for female coaching. Maybe a female development camp in Gull Lake/Swift Current with some former Female College/University players.
- Not enough females to make all girls team. Our girls have been playing with boys up to pee wee. Any girls that want to play on girls' team or out age our teams we are willing to release them to find a girls' team. If SHA's intent is to grow female hockey, hope willing to allow new teams in leagues as numbers grow.

#### 4. Male Midget Program Proposal

Please provide your opinion of the proposed Male Midget Program

##### Midget AAA

- I think the reapplication is good as some realignment is good as some realignment is needed across the entire midget group. I think there should be smaller rosters like 18 instead of 20.
- Agree - 7
- I would like to see Notre Dame and Beardy's removed. Add a team to Weyburn/Estevan like that they need to have in the structure.
- Looks good hope. It works as well as the female.
- I think Estevan/Weyburn should get a team.
- Options discussed were good points and ideas.
- No rush on 14-year-old kids to move away from home.
- I like the format of the re-application and the guidelines to get a team.
- I don't think there is a need to reapply, not supportive of that. If Estevan/Weyburn need a team it should be added.
- I think the Midget AAA League should have been consulted on the proposal changes before sending out to zones. If this was the only way to change the Program of could have been made without disbanding the League.

##### Midget AA

- Good – 6
- Being a two-year league could help for sure. Having strong AA is key.
- Concerns over this due to a recent dip in Midget numbers, should not impact the AAA Program.

##### Midget 15

- Depends on interest and # of teams.
- Agree – Good idea- 9
- I think we should look at Zone teams.

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- I think it will be good for those kids that aren't quite ready for midget of 3 ages.
- Change Bantam age back to 15 and younger.
- I think this would be a great program with many advantages.
- This could be good if the commitment is there from enough 15-year-olds.
- Not sustainable in our province.

5. Do you agree with the Accelerated Player Process? What other comments do you have regarding it?

- Yes, as long as the application process has a fee.
- Shouldn't be barely any granted.
- Yes. I think 14-year old's should think long and hard before moving away to play hockey and how much ice time they will get.
- Yes, player will need to be very exceptional for there to be a benefit.
- I'd like to see the fee be substantially more and returned in part to the player if successful.
- Agree – 9
- Charge more - 2
- Kids should play in own age group - 2
- Not really. If they are good enough to make the AAA team, they should play.

6. What are your opinions on the following Hockey Playing Rule/Registration Regulation Proposals;

Mandatory use of Helmets on Coaches?

- Yes – 6
- Kids tend to want to be like their members.
- Disagree. Choice should be the coaches.
- No – 8
- We have many barriers to keeping coaches as it is and I'm guessing leg and laceration injuries are more prevalent.
- IP and Novice coaches would be a good thing.
- I like this idea. Moose Jaw has had this for years.
- Do not see the point. We would never allow a coach who did not have decent skating skills/abilities on the ice.

Sanctioned Exhibition Games counting towards Suspensions?

- As long as booked before suspension occurred.
- No. Too much manipulation.
- Disagree- 6
- No, will result in teams booking ghost exhibition games.
- Yes – 8
- With guideline around this example: minimum 7 day booked before you play or something

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### Minor Provincial Playoff Modified Best of Three Series?

- Yes – 16
- No – 1
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### No icing during short-handed situations?

- No – 5
- Yes – 7
- Puts more focus on smart plays. Could help to increase scoring/decrease dumb penalties.
- Interesting concept. Would like to experiment before jumping in.
- Would like to try it for pre-season games for a year before bringing it in full time.
- I don't agree as it will create stoppages and create an atmosphere where coaches will only want skilled players on PP.
- Should be implemented at IP, Novice to start, not all age groups at once.
- Need more consultation and resources to form an opinion.

### Player who is injured and the opposition receives a five-minute major and GM, that injured player not being able to return until the major penalty is served.

- Yes – 13
- If player violates that rule, they should serve same time period remaining on penalty (1:27 as example)
- Ref Discretion.
- No
- I really, really like this one. Please do it.
- The term injured is vague. If they don't get up right away that doesn't mean penalty warrants 5 minute leave as is.

### 7. Any Other Comments on any Topics?

- Put Zone Meeting back in Swift Current