

# ODMHA “AAA”

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Presentation to Minor Council



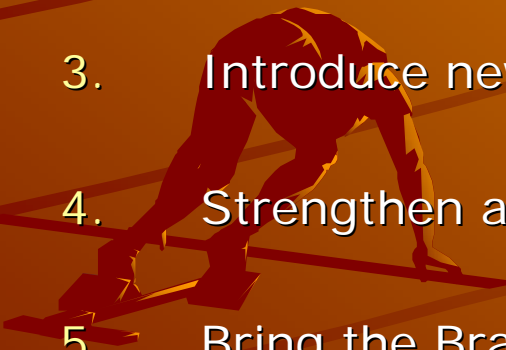
# MANDATE

- ◆ Develop and implement plan for “AAA” within the ODMHA



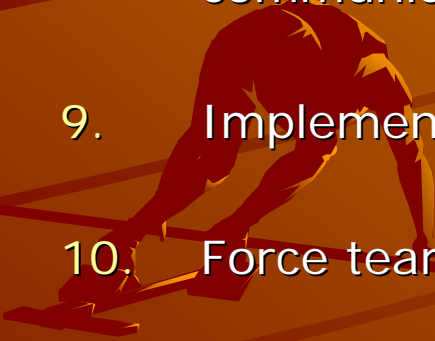
# Present Directions

- ◆ Based on a series of meetings with various stakeholders over the past 2 years, we propose to:
  1. Implement a 3 year pilot program
  2. Commence at the Midget and Bantam levels (Major & Minor)
  3. Introduce new zones or catchment areas for “AAA” teams to draw on.
  4. Strengthen and equalize the top tiered teams and leagues
  5. Bring the Branch in line with the rest of Hockey Canada
  6. Minimize the effect of “AAA” on other levels of hockey



# Present Directions

7. Respect existing association and district boundaries, as much as possible.
8. Develop and support an implementation plan, to ensure a fair, well-communicated implementation process.
9. Implement for 2007 – 2008 season play.
10. Force teams to play tournaments at their proper ranking.



# IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- ◆ **\*\* NO MATTER WHAT APPROACH IS TAKEN NOT EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY \*\***
- ◆ IT IS A PILOT THAT WILL BE RE-EXAMINED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS AND AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.
- ◆ A STEERING COMMITTEE WILL REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE PILOT.
- ◆ TO BE SUCCESSFUL, SOME CHANGES WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A BALANCED APPROACH.



# ZONES / CATCHMENT AREAS

- ◆ Three proposals were examined initially at last year's meeting
- ◆ Preference was for a 6 teams (zones). However, that meant that the zones would cross many District boundaries, which was contrary to the overwhelming view to minimize those impacts.
- ◆ The Committee has focused on a 5 team model, with minimal impact on District boundaries.



# PROPOSAL

- ✦ Based on feedback and discussion from various meetings and in particular, last year's Minor Council special "AAA" meeting, plus further examination of:

1. Total player registration,
2. Existing competitive teams / players,
3. Geographical / demographic impacts, including potential growth or reduction in district populations.

The following Zone structure is recommended.

# ZONES / CATCHMENT AREAS

	Present Districts / Associations	Registration #'s	
ZONE 1	Kingston	3200	
	Rideau St. L.	2500	5700
ZONE 2	Nepean	2500	
	Kanata	1800	
	Ottawa West	900	5200
ZONE 3	Ottawa Valley Titans	5500	5500
ZONE 4	Gloucester	3000	
	Ottawa East	900	
	Ottawa South	1300	5200
ZONE 5	Seaway	2000	
	Cobras	1600	
	Cumberland	1600	5200

# ZONES / CATCHMENT AREAS

- ◆ Two 5 zone proposals were studied and this one was felt to be most appropriate
- ◆ Numerous factors were considered:
  - "B" District,
  - growth potential,
  - total registration size,
  - competitive population
- ◆ It minimizes movement while achieving what appears to be a balanced structure



# LEAGUE(S) TEAM STRUCTURE

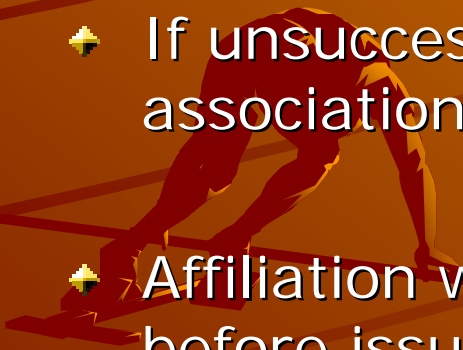
- ◆ Our view and proposal is to create a “AAA” without creating a 4<sup>th</sup> Tier.
- ◆ Our experience with “AAA”, and its supporting levels, will determine whether or not a 4<sup>th</sup> Tier is needed.
- ◆ The new “AAA” League will offer “AA” (Major Atom – Major Peewee) and “AAA” (Minor Bantam – Major Midget).
- ◆ The new “AA” League will offer “A” (Major Atom – Major Peewee) and “AA” (Minor Bantam – Major Midget).
- ◆ There will be no “A” League for the period of the pilot.
- ◆ The “B” Leagues will be augmented, with more teams being added as determined by Districts and Associations.

# LEAGUE(S) TEAM STRUCTURE

- ✦ The same number of teams will remain under this proposal through the addition of additional B teams
- ✦ The 3 tiers will be "AAA", "AA" & "B"
- ✦ Affiliation will be simpler, with fewer impacts for minor-aged teams.
- ✦ It is anticipated that after full implementation (3 to 5 years) that a small City A League may resurface bringing it to a 4 tier system. (Nepean, Kanata, District B, Cumberland, Gloucester, Goulbourn and others)

# INTEGRATION ISSUES

- ◆ All players must be registered at their home association prior to “AAA” tryouts (this may not involve \$\$ but proof only). This may require some pre-registration activity in Associations who do not normally register players until late summer.
- ◆ If unsuccessful at the “AAA” level they return to their home association at its allied “AA” organization.
- ◆ Affiliation will be clarified with the Executive and ODHA before issuing any policy (not open for discussion tonight).



# GOVERNANCE

✦ The “AAA” committee has drafted the following documents that will be posted on the web for your review within the next few days after further proofing:

1. “AAA” Franchise Minor Hockey Association Policies & Operation Manual
2. “AAA” Franchise Bylaws
3. Ice rules for Districts to support the New “AAA” Franchises.
4. “AAA” Coach selection criteria
5. “AAA” League Constitution, Operating Rules and Regulations



# Competitive Leagues 2006-07

		Minor Atom	Major Atom	Minor Peewee	Major Peewee	Minor Bantam	Major Bantam	Minor Midget	Major Midget	Totals
AA League	AA		10	10	9	9	10	10	10	68
A League	A		11	11	12	11	11	10	9	75
Ottawa B	B	17	11	8	11	9	11	11	11	89
UOV	B		6		6		7	6	5	30
PGL	B		6		7		7		6	26
UC	B		18		16		17	15	18	84
Totals	All	17	62	29	61	29	63	52	59	372

# First AAA Proposal

		Minor Atom	Major Atom	Minor Peewee	Major Peewee	Minor Bantam	Major Bantam	Minor Midget	Major Midget	Totals
AA League	AAA					5	5	5	5	20
	AA		10	10	10		10		10	49
A League	A		11	11	11	10	11	10	9	74
B Leagues	B	17	41	8	40	9	42	32	40	229
Totals	All	17	62	29	61	24	68	47	64	372

# AAA Committee Proposal

		Minor Atom	Major Atom	Minor Pee wee	Major Pee wee	Minor Bantam	Major Bantam	Minor Midget	Major Midget	Totals
AAA League	AAA					5	5	5	5	20
	AA		10	10	10					30
AA League	AA					10	10	10	10	40
	A		11	11	11					33
New B Teams	B					5	6	5	4	20
B Leagues	B	17	41	8	40	9	42	32	40	229
Totals	All	17	62	29	62	29	63	52	59	372

# Branch Leagues after 2010

		Minor Atom	Major Atom	Minor Pee wee	Major Pee wee	Minor Bantam	Major Bantam	Minor Midget	Major Midget	Totals
AAA League	AAA		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35
AA League	AA		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	70
City A League	B		6		6		6		6	24
B Leagues	B	17	44	10	42	10	44	34	42	243
Totals	All	17	65	25	63	25	65	49	63	372

# B Leagues 2006-07

		Zone 1		Zone 2			Zone 3		Zone 4			Zone 5		
		1	K	10	11	7	4	5	6	8	9	2	3	12
Ottawa	AT Minor			3	2	1	3			2	3		1	2
	AT Major			2	1		4		1		3			
	PW Minor			2	1		1		1		3			
	PW Major			1	1		4		1		3			1
	BT Minor			1	1		3		1		3			
	BT Major			1	1		4		1		3			1
	MD Minor			1	1		3				3		3	
	MD Major			1	1	1	3		1		3			1
PGL	AT Major												6	
	PW Major												7	
	BT Major												7	
	MD Major												6	
UOV	AT Major							6						
	PW Major							6						
	BT Major							7						
	MD Minor							6						
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UC	AT Major	8	4									6		
	PW Major	7	4									5		
	BT Major	8	3									6		
	MD Minor	8	2									5		
	MD Major	8	4									6		
Totals	All	39	17	12	9	2	25	30	6	2	24	28	30	5

# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- ◆ An implementation plan will be developed to ensure that the process is well understood and well communicated.
- ◆ A meeting in January for approval of the Zones and League structure. Any delay beyond that date will result in delaying the implementation of the "AAA" for an additional year.
- ◆ A Steering Committee will be established through the ODMHA Executive to ensure the process is followed by each Zone, continually monitor, with the League, to ensure problems are dealt with and to make any necessary corrections at any time during the Pilot project period.
- ◆ To create an even playing field for coach selection, communications from the ODMHA "AAA" Steering Committee will announce one date that all Zones will accept applications by (if implementation approved)

# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- ◆ Meetings will be held with ODHA & Junior to discuss the process and any impact on them.
- ◆ Existing "AA" & "A" Leagues have been involved in this process and have seen this proposal. They will have to be approached to confirm their willingness to run the new leagues as proposed.



# Thanks

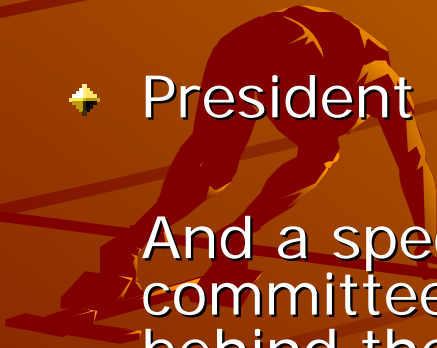
- ◆ To everyone here tonight for taking time out of your busy schedules

- ◆ To the existing Committee members:

Sterling Hartley, Louanne Clitsome, Brent Carty, Denis Dumais, Barb Levere, Frank Pronovost, Craig Shouldice

- ◆ President Mike Depratto and Cindy Seely for their support

And a special thanks for two members of the initial committee who continue to work and support this venture behind the scenes – Jim Powell and especially Stewart Milloy who started the whole thing !!



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