

Arthur Minor Hockey Association notice for the WOAA Shared Boundary Pilot

- FYI to start,
 - this Pilot Project has absolutely no affect on our Local League, and it will remain the same
 - OMHA has removed Rep levels C & D moving forward, so there will only be A's and the B's available
 - all C & D centres will be reclassified to B
- OMHA approved the WOAA for the 2-year pilot program to have 6 Zones within WOAA to run Representative A hockey
- start beginning with the 2025/2026 season
- summary of zones attached on following page with the feeder centres
 - *note that we are not currently included as we are Guest in the WOAA*
- Current Structure:
 - Zones divisional breakdown will be:
 - U10A, U11A & U11B
 - U12A, U13A & U13B
 - U14A, U15A & U15B
 - U16A, U18A & U18B
- this is not an amalgamation of centres
- local league hockey for U5 to U18 would stay the same at the association level.
- tiering of Local league yet to be determined
- the ability for centres to combine players if one centre does not have enough to field own LL team, thus there is still hockey for everyone, Residency rules apply, thus LL goes to next closest centre, even if not part of zone
- no NRP's are allowed to our league during the trial period, and current NRP's return to home centre as
- there will be an appeal process through OMHA for current NRP's to stay with their current teams

At Zone Level

- zone board of directors will consist of 2 members from each centre in the zone
- Existing jerseys would be used from teams with in the zone for each Rep team, ie Arthur U11 for Rep A, Drayon U11 for Rep B and so on
- one centre would be used as the 'Registration' point, where administration & accounting occur
- register with home centre before you can try-out for a Rep team
- unsuccessful players return to home center Local League
- try outs can be held in the spring or the fall, but likely Fall due to lack of Ice availability in WOAA
- try out process determined by the zone
- registration paid to home centre, if player makes Rep team, player registration is forwarded to Zone
- players making Rep teams will likely have further registration costs to incur
- possibility to cross over with A and B into Shamrock and Tri-County to have more than 5 other centres to play
- existing referees are qualified to ref at A and BB level
- coaches need D1 to coach A and BB

- practices and games would be shared within the zone

To be Answered:

- no word yet if there will be help from WOAA with administration, scheduling, registration, etc.
- recall of AMHA players currently at other centres during the pilot and how it will affect ROC
- Non-Resident Players allowed is no longer an option as per OMHA
- to verify about trying out for A and do not make it, can you go to B, then to LL
- how OMHA is going to tier Local League
- looking at possibility of move from 6 zones to 7 or 8, to help with distances within the zones
- try out format for the selection of teams
- how this all looks for AMHA going forward during and after pilot program if successful

Please take some time to compile your questions and present them via e-mail to the following:

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We will sort thru questions and try to find the answers you are looking for and report back.

Please keep in mind that this is very new to us also and we are still searching for clarification on this also.

Reminder: THIS DOES NOT CHANGE LOCAL LEAGUE FOR US.