



# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

## Western Ontario Athletic Association Ontario Minor Hockey Association

### Regarding the Creation of WOAA 'A' Zone Shared Boundary Pilot

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is dated and effective as of 6 August 2024

Between –

**Western Ontario Athletic Association**, member of the **Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA)**

(herein referred to as "WOAA")

-and-

The member Minor Hockey Associations of the WOAA (listed below)

<b>ARRAN-ELDERSLIE Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>BLYTH-BRUSSELS Minor Hockey Association</b>
<b>BRUCE PENINSULA Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>CENTRAL PERTH Minor Hockey Association</b>
<b>TOWNSHIP OF CHATSWORTH &amp; DISTRICT Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>DRAYTON Minor Hockey Association</b>
<b>GODERICH Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>HOWICK Minor Hockey Association</b>
<b>HURON-BRUCE Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>KINCARDINE Minor Hockey Association</b>
<b>LISTOWEL Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>MID-HURON Minor Hockey Association</b>
<b>MINTO TOWNSHIP Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>MITCHELL Minor Hockey Association</b>

<b>MOUNT FOREST Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>OWEN SOUND Minor Hockey Association</b>
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<b>WINGHAM Minor Hockey Association</b>	<b>ZURICH Minor Hockey Association</b>

**Pilot Overview & Governance**

1. The parties are accredited members of the Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA) and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), operating Representative and Recreational Hockey teams.
2. The parties wish to enter into a two (2) year Pilot to form six (6) Representative "Zones" at the "A" category, U10 through U18, effective the 2025-26 season.
3. All six (6) Zones will be governed by this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the understanding that all Hockey Canada, OHF, OMHA and WOAA Rules and Regulations must be adhered to.
4. The WOAA will be the governing body for the "A" Zone Shared Boundary Pilot.
5. The WOAA Minor Hockey Committee will administer and monitor the day to day operations of the "A" Zone Shared Boundary Pilot.
6. A WOAA Ad Hoc Committee known as the "A" Zone Shared Boundary Pilot Committee will assist with the setting up of the Pilot (including drafting of the MOA) and oversee the Pilot until its' completion, at which time that Ad Hoc Committee will be dissolved (see Appendix "A").

**Zone Operations**

1. There will be six (6) established "A" Zones, as listed in Appendix "B".
2. Each Zone will establish an Operating Committee which will consist of two (2) Delegates, with full voting privileges, from each feeder Minor Hockey Association within the Zone.
3. The Chairperson shall be appointed/nominated by the Zone Operating Committee. The feeder Minor Hockey Association that the Chairperson comes from will be granted another Delegate, with full voting privileges.

4. The Zone Operating Committee shall be comprised of the following:
  - Chairperson (1)
  - Vice Chairperson/Equipment Manager (1)
  - Treasurer (1)
  - Secretary (1)
  - Risk Management/Discipline Officer (1)
  - Ice Scheduler (1)
5. The Zone Operating Committee will remain intact for the duration of the Pilot.
6. Zones and feeder Associations should work together to support hockey development opportunities for all players.

### **Registration & Financial Responsibilities**

7. Each Zone Operating Committee must draft an Operating Budget to be shared with each of their respective feeder Associations and the WOAA.
8. Players must register with and make payment to their feeder Home Association after the "A" Zone Player Evaluations and must be residential compliant. Player's Right of Choice will remain with their Home Minor Hockey Association; then eligible for their Member "A" Zone ONLY.

### **Teams**

9. Each "A" Zone will register and operate eight (8) "A" teams. One (1) at each age division and sub-division from U10 through U18 (single-year age divisions).
10. Each "A" Zone may register and operate one (1) "B" team at each age division – U11, U13, U15, U18 (double-year age divisions).
11. Each "A" Zone team is required to roster a minimum of seventeen (17) players - fifteen (15) skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
12. Each "B" team is required to roster a minimum of fourteen (14) players - thirteen (13) skaters and one (1) goaltender.
13. Feeder Associations will not provide any additional Representative entries with the exception of U21.
14. Representative hockey (U10 – U18) will fall under the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Zones (Exception - U21)

15. Recreational hockey (Local League, Houseleague and Select) and all Representative U21 teams will remain the responsibility of the feeder Associations with the focus of importance of maintaining and growing local recreational (Local League) hockey as the paramount goal of the WOAA.

### **Player Movement**

16. No player movement will be permitted, including Non-Resident Players (NRP) and Authorization to Move (ATM). Players cannot use NRP or ATM to move to Alliance Hockey associations/teams.

### **Coach Selection**

17. Each Zone must have a Coach Selection Committee which will be comprised of a minimum of three (3) individuals (with no more than one (1) from each feeder Association). It is strongly recommended that one (1) or more are "independent" of that age category
18. The Coach Selection Committee to be finalized by January 31, 2025.
19. The selection of a Head Coach to be ratified by the Zone Operating Committee. The Zone Operating Committee will be responsible for reviewing and approving the remaining Team Officials, as selected by the Head Coach.
20. Recommend the Zone make an effort to have non-parent Head Coaches on all respective teams.

### **Player Evaluation & Selection**

21. Player Evaluations must be held in accordance with the OHF Seasonal Calendar and Hockey Canada Player Pathways.
22. Spring Player Evaluations are preferable for "A" teams, depending on ice availability.
23. "B" teams may hold try-outs in the fall.
24. Each respective Zone will be responsible for setting and collecting their Player Evaluation Fee per participant. All players must be offered the opportunity of a minimum of three (3) evaluation sessions.

### **Ice Allocation**

25. Feeder Associations are encouraged to support the Zone by providing access to ice.
26. A plan for ice allocation is to be included by each feeder Association within their Zone.
27. Each team should have a "minimum" of one (1) home game and one (1) practice per week provided by the Zone (time allocation is to be at the Ice Scheduler's discretion). Any additional ice time costs to be shared equally amongst the participants.

### **Tournaments**

28. Each Zone team will be allowed a "maximum" of five (5) tournaments during the season:

- One (1) during the Development Phase (Pre-Season);
- Three (3) during the Regular Season Phase;
- One (1) during the Play-off Phase (Post Regular Season).

### **Zone Names & Identity**

29. Each Zone Operating Committee will have the ability to name their respective new Zone.

30. Each Zone Operating Committee will have the choice of using the existing feeder Association jerseys or purchasing new jerseys, with this expense to be allocated equally amongst the players and defined in their Zone's Operating Budget.

**Term**

1. This MOA shall remain in effect for a period of two years covering the 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
2. A review process will be established and will include, but not be limited to, specific metrics regarding impact on registration and a survey of participants regarding the pilot.
3. Formal review will take place in the following timeframes:  
Review #1 - January/February, 2026  
Review #2 – December, 2026.
4. At the completion of the Pilot in April, 2027, a final report will be provided to all participating parties including outcomes, feedback and recommendations.
5. The WOAA will conduct a vote of all participating parties to determine the future continuance and finalization of "A" Zones in the WOAA.

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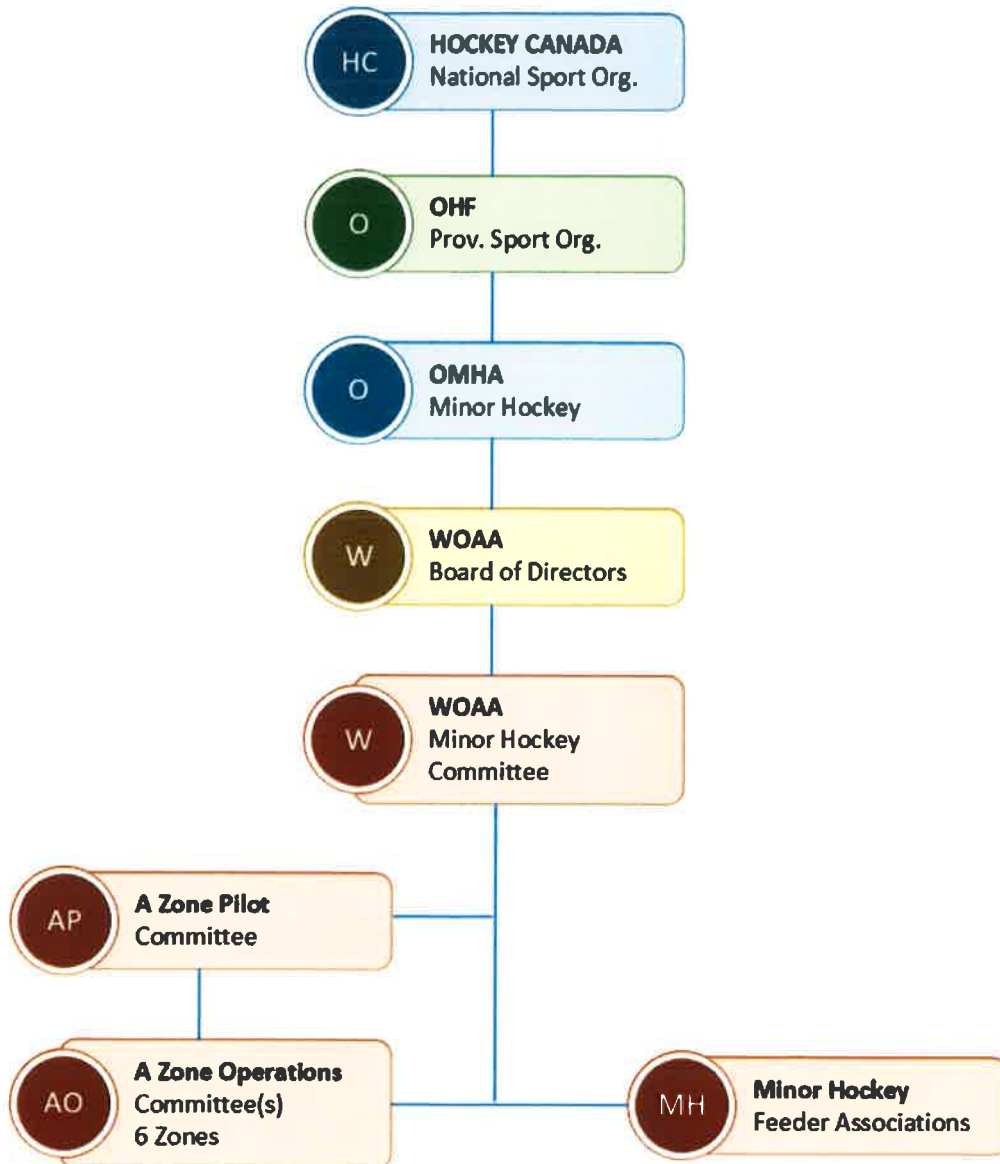
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APPENDIX "A"



WOAA ZONE "A" SHARED BOUNDARY PILOT  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



APPENDIX "B"



**WOAA ZONE "A" SHARED BOUNDARY PILOT  
ZONE LISTING**

<b>ZONE 1</b>
Bruce Peninsula Owen Sound Shallow Lake

<b>ZONE 2</b>
Arran-Elderslie Saugeen Shores TCDMHA (Chatsworth)

<b>ZONE 3</b>
Saugeen Valley South Bruce Walkerton

<b>ZONE 4</b>
Huron Bruce Kincardine Wingham

<b>ZONE 5</b>
Blyth-Brussels Goderich Mid-Huron Mitchell Zurich

<b>ZONE 6</b>
Central Perth Listowel Mt. Forest Drayton Minto Howick Wallace