MIDGET MINOR JUNIOR PROPOSAL

ODMHA SUB-COMMITTEE
AGENDA

- Background
- Key Note Address – ODMHA President: Denis Dumais
- Key Discussion Areas:
  - Combined midget age group
  - Governance
    - Registration, Discipline
  - Financials
  - Player Selection (Movement & Affiliation)
  - Ice Allocation
- League Objective
- Committee Findings
- Appendices
Minor identified to the CCHL the midget level was suffering due to players graduating to Junior @ age 16 – disconnect between minor & junior.

The CCHL group has been researching for the past 18 months how to best provide a program to help the midget level that benefits both minor and junior.

- The CCHL commissioner submitted a proposal to minor for review, this included:
  - Numbers of OHL drafts with or without AAA
  - ``Minor Midget Myth`` (career is over at age 15 if undrafted)
  - Providing more NCAA opportunity
  - Comparison study with USPHL Model

The CCHL commissioner hosted a workshop with an invitation extended to minor to walk through several presentations and collaborate on how the two groups could proceed together. The committee reviewed the output of the workshop session.

ODMHA struck a committee to review the merits of the proposal

The minor junior sub-committee collaborated through many meetings:

- sub-committee meetings
- sub-committee meetings with Junior
- sub-committee and midget sub-committee meeting
- sub-committee with HEO, ODMHA Registrar
- sub-committee with ODMHA zoning & constitution
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction from ODMHA President:

Denis Dumais
MINOR JUNIOR MIDGET AAA

Summary of Objectives for the minor junior midget AAA league:

- To provide Midget players with a structured and competitive level of hockey to ensure their continued development entering Junior hockey (clear path for development)
- To Allow players to advance at their own pace within a club system
  - Typically NCAA commits begin playing at Age 20-21
  - Many Junior A/B opportunities for players who continue to play hockey at Age 16 and 17*
- Increases exposure to schools and opportunities within local junior clubs and within Major Junior/NCAA
- Ensure academics are a continued priority for student athletes
  - Set games/practices
  - Shutdown for exam week
- Continuity of programs in the new development league – same practice ice, same off ice, etc... (minimum team operating standards)
- Development path is known for players within the system, they are able to set their hockey goals
- Radius criteria to allow as many players the opportunity to play as close to home as possible
WHAT DO OTHER PROVINCES DO?

Quebec – ligue de midget AAA (age 15, 16 et 17), 3 divisions with 15 teams, players AP to QC Major Junior, Population of Province 8,214.7 (by thousands stats can 2014)

Alberta – Alberta Midget Hockey League AMHL (age 15, 16 & 17), the league consists of 18 teams split into the Dodge and Chrysler Divisions, Population of Province 4,121.7 (by thousands stats can 2014)

Saskatchewan - Saskatchewan Midget AAA Hockey League (SMAAAHL), U18 – comprised of 12 teams, Population of Province 1,125.4 (by thousands stats can 2014)

BC – BC Hockey Major Midget League BC MML (age 15, 16 & 17), League hosts 11 teams, Population of Province 4,631.3 (by thousands stats can 2014)

Manitoba – Manitoba Midget “AAA” Hockey League MMHL, League hosts 12 teams (age 15, 16 & 17), Population of Province 1,282 (by thousands stats can 2014)

Ontario - Leagues for Midget:
Eastern AAA Hockey League (13 teams - Barrie, Markham, etc…)
Greater Toronto Hockey League GTHL
Alliance (13 teams in Minor and 8 teams in Major)
OEMHL AAA (5 teams in Minor and 5 teams in Major)
Great North Midget League GNML (9 teams - age 15, 16 & 17)
Population of Province 13,678.7 (by thousands stats can 2014)

East
- Nova Scotia major Midget Hockey League NSMMHL - Two divisions with 8 and 6 teams (age 15, 16 & 17)
- New Brunswick – PEI Major Midget Hockey League, Major & Minor Midget
- Newfoundland Major Midget Hockey League NLMMHL, League hosts 5 teams (age 15, 16 & 17)

Finding – across Canada the midget level is the combined age group except the GTHL and PEI.
GOVERNANCE

• Minor governance, minor rules.

• Proposed “Minor Junior Midget AAA pilot project” would encompass the following, this is aligned with Junior:

The Executive Committee shall govern in a manner consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of HOCKEY CANADA, HEO; ODMHA, League Constitution, the Executive Committee shall administer the business and affairs of the League.

The Executive Committee of the League shall consist of an appointed committee for the duration of the pilot project as approved by the ODMHA Minor Council, as specified below:

• President and Chairperson of Board Meetings (representative from minor)
• Vice-President (representative from junior)
• Director of Risk & Discipline (representative from minor)
• Treasurer*
• Secretary*

*One of the two representatives above shall be represented from minor; the remaining position shall be a representative from junior. Nominations from districts to be sent to Wayne for vote at minor council.

ODMHA code of discipline to be applied.
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

For the duration of the pilot program the sub-committee recommends and Junior is aligned, **all funds are centrally managed through the governance model with a separate bank account**.

- Club Fee Range = $4,700 - $5,600 per player
- All teams would hold to a minimum operating standard.
- Any teams requiring above $5,600 must have approval from the league.
- Expectation, the League will attract corporate sponsorship to offset costs
PLAYER SELECTION AND MOVEMENT

- **Player Rosters** will be set at 17-18 players per team
  - Aggressive program for affiliation
  - No trades/no imports

- **Player Registration**
  - Requirement for players with their Home Association prior on-ice to participation remains in effect, process to determine status and MOGS to be setup between league and home associations

- **Radius Criteria**
  - Different than current minor boundaries or zones
  - The radius is measured by the players home address to the nearest club arena address, this is measured by a tool currently in use by Junior – tool = RinkNet
    - Category 1 = nearest team to area residence
    - Category 2 = less than 100 KM
    - Category 3 = greater than 100 KM

- **Player Affiliation Path (using 19-player special affiliated list)**
  1st option – unsuccessful players released back to their drafted club
  2nd option – each team allowed max of 4 Major Bantam AAA – Cat 1 only
  3rd option – teams could fill out their affiliation list from 1 or 2 from within the local residential district
ICE ALLOCATION

- Does the new league require any ice from minor?
  - No, but any minor ice would help reduce the cost to play for local practice ice by team.

At this time, the CCHL has ice available from the Sensplex east & west facilities.
Games are hosted on Mondays at the Sensplex’s and Saturdays at each home arena – 2X per season.
COMMITTEE FINDINGS

After careful review, the committee finds in favour of a 3 year pilot project as the key areas of concern have been addressed:
  o Combined midget age group, governance, Financials, Player movement (roster size), Player affiliation, Player boundary, imports, etc…

Key Points
  • It’s a minor hockey league governed by minor rules and discipline
  • All ice rentals from Sensplex come from their internal programs not any minor associations
  • There will be no imports and no trades (minor rules)
  • League will have its own 5-member executive with minor & jr representatives to govern the league
  • Cost is based on current AAA model with enhanced schedule, coaching & training
  • Player sponsors are permitted/encouraged for registration
  • CCHL will modify protecting & drafting rules to the betterment of new league
  • CCHL2/Junior B is part of the development chain since not every player makes CCHL/Jr A
  • True partnership between minor & junior to provide 15-20 year olds a positive environment for development - path for players is defined

Recommendation:
To proceed with a pilot project for 3 years, and the committee will assess the pilot after Year 2.
The committee has compiled drafts/outlines the following artefacts to host the minor junior midget AAA league this coming season, they need to be completed & vetted by the governance committee:

- **“Minor Junior Pilot Project”**
  - League Constitution
  - Operating Policies & Procedures
  - Playing Rules & Regulations
  - WBS (timeline)
  - Communication Plan (all stakeholders)

**Motion:** “A branch-wide “Midget AAA” league encompassing combined players of midget-age will commence for a 3-year pilot in the ODMHA, for the 2015-2016 hockey season, in accordance with the regulations and policies drafted by the sub-committee under mandate from Minor Council. Final ratification to proceed or return to current AAA would be determined by vote at the 2018 ODMHA AGM”.

Moved by Jim Powell, Seconded by Gary Hopkins
BACK UP MATERIAL
TOURNAMENTS

With regards to tournaments:
- Showcase Events (eastern based early / western based later)
- OHL Cup:
  - the league in collaboration with the OHL Cup tournament chair would send two all-star teams to the OHL Cup.
  - Similar to the current Team NOHA structure in place today.
  - Note – rulebook change for our branch required.
- Home Tournament:
  - In collaboration with the sensplex east & west, for Year 1, we can host a home tournament
- Boston Tournament:
  - In Year 2, the league would look to collaborate with Boston for one away tournament if there was continued interest in away tournaments.
- NCAA Tours – league would look to setup tours of NCAA schools with exhibition games.
- Teams will be sanctioned as AAA for tournaments
- Associations that host tournaments: apply and receive exceptions
  - (i.e. Leo Boivin Tournament – 43rd year)
MAXIMUM OPERATING EXPENSES

Club Fee Range = $4,700 - $5,600* per player

All teams will hold to the following **minimum operating standard**: 
- Jerseys & Socks Home & Away, Track Suit 
- 2 games per week, one home and one away (44 games) 
- 4 hours of practice per week, exception exam shutdowns 
- Off Ice Training 
- On Ice Testing (Start & End of Season) 
- Concussion Testing 
- Coaching with STEVA Software 
- Pointstreak Website for league 
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- Games on real time scoring and live streaming video 
- League fees 
- Equipment Packages – optionally available for additional $$$

*Above $5,600 requires league approval
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Any additional players will draw from the following pools:
1-Minor retention of players who choose to remain in midget versus junior, currently 9 (Jr A) +36 (Jr B) 16 year olds 2014/2015 season
2-Retention of 17 year olds that will remain playing hockey as will be the feeder to Jr instead of the perception around Midget AAA
3-Natural growth and spike in Major Bantam and Minor Midget
4-Broadened base of opportunity for AAA caliber players currently playing AA due to current structure of less teams (more Midget AA drafts).
5-Development model will curb drop outs who usually revisit their plans after CCHL draft (being expanded) and OHL draft (education about other options will motivate) is not successful and other players in the same birth year advance.