



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Minor Hockey Associations
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Zone Registrars

Subject: HOCKEY CANADA REGISTRY (HCR) DATABASE PRESENTATION

In 2005, Hockey Canada introduced its independent, on-line database known as the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). Hockey Manitoba uses this system to track its 30,000 active members each year. Hockey Canada designed the system to provide opportunities for minor hockey associations to utilize it as their own on-line database. This would improve the data entry process, as well as provide an opportunity for associations to use the system to their advantage in tracking their membership, forming teams, monitoring coach certification, tracking fees, scheduling games, creating distribution lists and sending mail outs.

Although Hockey Manitoba has used the system exclusively to date and has been responsible for all data entry, we recognize it is very difficult for a small staff to ensure the information is entered efficiently and accurately. In addition, we feel it is time to offer this opportunity to all minor hockey associations with the hope that it will benefit them in the organization of their hockey membership.

Hockey Canada will be making a presentation on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting during Minor Council on Saturday April 26, 2008 at the Canad Inns Garden City in Winnipeg, MB. We encourage representatives from each minor hockey association to attend as this presentation will outline how the system works and the overall benefit it will have to your association.

Following the presentation, each region will be asked to name 25% of their associations that will be using the HCR system in the 2008-2009 season. An additional 25% of associations will be asked to use the system in 2009-2010, and the final 50% of associations in the 2010-2011 season. Therefore, all minor hockey associations in Manitoba will be using the HCR database within the next three years. It is important to note that each minor hockey association will remain in direct contact with Hockey Manitoba registrars and approval for all members/teams will be required as is current practice. However, we feel that this process will not only reduce the time required to register members etc., but will also result in a significant decrease in the amount of paper work required in the administration of the registration process.

A full-day training session will be provided for all minor hockey associations that use the HCR system. This session will be free of charge and Hockey Manitoba will provide lunch and mileage per diem for one representative from each association in attendance. This year there are tentatively three to four training sessions scheduled in late August, and the potential centres are Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin or Thompson. Further details regarding the training sessions will be provided at the AGM.

Hockey Manitoba is confident this change in the data entry process will not only result in quicker, more efficient data entry and record keeping, but will also provide minor hockey associations with the tools to improve organizationally and administratively each season.

Feel free to contact our office for further information. Thank you.