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## **P.C.A.H.A. 2020-2021 MEMORANDUM**

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TO: The Presidents,  
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues

FROM: Rick Grant  
PCAHA President

SUBJECT: **ATOM (U11) PATHWAY FOR 2020-2021 SEASON**

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The Atom (U11) Pathway was developed by Hockey Canada and affects players aged 9-10 years of age. It is a progressive, learn to play program and was created to grow a positive impression of hockey for players and parents. The main goal is to continue to have fun while developing skills.

All PCAHA Minor Hockey Associations will be implementing this pathway for the 2020-2021 season.

Within the pathway, there are two streams, community (recreational) and Competitive (developmental). The pathway does not state that MHAs have to balance teams.

At the PCAHA Semi-Annual Meeting, the Minor Hockey Associations voted unanimously to maintain the current structure for team formation. This is applicable to both integrated and female teams within PCAHA.

For the competitive (developmental) stream, teams within an Association can be selected based on skill (A1, A2, A3 etc). These teams will then be placed in groups to allow for competitive games. For the community (recreational) stream, teams within an Association will continue to be balanced as per current PCAHA rules and regulations.

PCAHA teams are not permitted to play non-sanctioned teams in exhibition, league or tournament games. Any new sanctioned teams or Associations would require the approval of the PCAHA member Associations in order to join our leagues as per our bylaws.

There is still work to be completed on the actual season structure. Hockey Canada will release their Atom Pathway structure by mid-July which will be followed by the PCAHA.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.