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**TO:** All Minor Hockey Associations  
**FROM:** Marc Blinn, Chair, Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council  
**DATE:** July 24, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Regionalization Pilot for the 2025-26 Season – Western and Nova Regions

Dear Minor Hockey Association Presidents and Executives,

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen competition and development opportunities across the province, Hockey Nova Scotia's Minor Council will be piloting a regionalization initiative for the 2025-26 hockey season.

### **HOW IT IMPACTS TEAMS IN 2025-26**

For the 2025-26 season, teams from the **Western** and **Nova** regions at the following levels will merge with teams from the **Halifax** and **Dartmouth** regions and participate in the ***Central Minor Hockey League***:

- \* **U11 AA**
- \* **U13 AA**
- \* **U15 AA**
- \* **U18 AA**
- \* **U18 A**

This pilot initiative is being introduced to create a more competitive environment for players throughout the province, while also providing a more sustainable league structure across the regions impacted.

### **HOW IT IMPACTS OTHER LEVELS**

All other divisions not listed above will continue as usual. However, they will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for potential regionalization based on need.



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## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

This pilot project will help inform our long-term planning. The goal is to ensure all players at these levels are provided with a high-quality hockey experience, with an emphasis on competitive balance and player development. This initiative will be reviewed throughout the season to assess its success.

Thank you for your support as we work together to grow the game across Nova Scotia.

Yours in Hockey,

Marc Blinn  
Chair, Minor Council  
Hockey Nova Scotia