



Indus Minor Hockey Association

Strathmore Minor Hockey Association

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RE: U16 & U18 Pilot Program – 2026/2027 Season

Dear Members,

Indus Minor Hockey Association and Strathmore Minor Hockey are pleased to announce a pilot project for the 2026/2027 season that will impact U18 players.

This season, the two associations will collaborate to host a Regional Tier 1 U16 team, while also combining U18 players to form three additional teams at the U18 Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 levels. This approach is intended to support healthy roster sizes and foster more meaningful, competitive play throughout the season.

This initiative has been developed in response to feedback from members of both associations, including a desire for larger rosters, more evenly matched teams, and an enhanced overall competitive experience. As a pilot program, ongoing feedback will be gathered throughout the season to evaluate its effectiveness and help inform future decisions.

Each association will host two teams, with a combined evaluation process used to determine player placement. The host association for each team will be determined following final team formation. Practices and games will be shared across both associations' available ice and scheduled as evenly as possible. Representatives from both associations will work collaboratively to plan all aspects of the program, with regular updates shared to keep families informed throughout the process.

Registration will remain with each player's home association. Information regarding anticipated costs, as well as any differences from current programming, will be communicated as details are finalized. Further information on the evaluation process, including timelines and format, will also be shared in the coming months.

We are excited about the opportunities this pilot project presents for our players and associations, and we look forward to seeing its positive impact throughout the season. As we move forward, we welcome feedback from our members and encourage you to share any questions or comments. Your input will play an important role in helping us evaluate and shape the future of this initiative.

Sincerely,

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