



IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

TO: All Minor Hockey Associations
Referee's Division

FROM: Craig Tulk, Executive Director, Hockey NL

DATE: September 25, 2015

RE: **NEW BODY CHECKING**

Please find below, the new Body Checking Motion that was passed during the 2015 Fall Meeting. Greatly appreciate if you could ensure this document gets the widest circulation possible within your association.

*For the 2015-2016 minor hockey season, body checking will be permitted in Bantam and Midget hockey at all levels that are provincially graded **A** and above. Any Hockey in the bantam and midget divisions below the grading of **A** will not have body checking rather they will play conforming to the rules and regulations of body contact.*

- Prior to the December grading report being released, **ALL** hockey below the **graded A** level on the provincial grading report will be considered **non-body** checking hockey. Associations hosting tournaments before the release of the December grading report will have to ensure this is communicated to all visiting teams and all tournaments (invitational at association levels) will not permit body checking in any games/tournaments. The grading report has no impact on any house league program, therefore, body checking **will not** be permitted at any house league program within associations at any level.

After the December grading report is released, teams **graded A** and above will continue to have body checking while those teams graded below **A** on the provincial grading will **not** have body checking.

- This will be revisited after the 2015-2016 playing season.

Thank you and should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Craig Tulk", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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