**Muskrat Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) Families,**

The MMHA Volunteer Executive would like to thank our Members for their participation and thoughtful responses to our survey regarding the District 5 Rep B Pilot that is currently underway. We had many respondents, with varying perspectives on the topic at hand. This survey information, along with discussion amongst our Executive members, resulted in MMHA voting *that we would prefer the competitive (Rep B) program be brought back to each home association to have their own team, and compete within the UOVMHL instead of the Ottawa B* League at the latest District 5 meeting on December 9, 2024.

We wanted to share the results of our survey on the District 5 Rep B Pilot Program and tiering of House Teams with our families.

We had 87 respondents to our survey:

* 77 were parent(s)
* 17 were a coach/bench volunteer
* 3 were players
* 6 were community members
* (Please note, you could respond as more than 1 category)

We had responses across all age groups:

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| **Age Group** | **Number of Responses** |
| U7 | 12 |
| U9 | 22 |
| U11 House B | 13 |
| U11 Rep B | 17 |
| U13 House B | 8 |
| U13 Rep B | 14 |
| U15 House A or House B | 13 |
| U18 House B | 10 |
| U18 Rep B | 8 |
| Current Pilot Participant (U14, U15, U16) | 3 |
| My player is not playing this season | 2 |
| My player is playing for another association this season | 8 |
| NA | 2 |

And finally, when asked what families would like to see happen next season, 65% of respondents voted that they would prefer the competitive (Rep B) program be brought back to each home association to have their own team, and compete within the UOVMHL instead of the Ottawa B League.

Some key themes mentioned by respondents who preferred the Rep B program be brought back to each home association were:

* Travel is too far for Rep B Pilot
* There is hometown pride in cheering for one’s local competitive teams in the UOVMHL league
* The Rep B Pilot will further dilute the talent at each association
* Kids will quit hockey if no Rep B if offered locally at an association level (we lost several this season who are not playing at all as there was no Muskrat Rep B Team – only the Pilot)

Some key themes mentioned by respondents who preferred a repeat and/or expansion of the Pilot Rep B program were:

* Enhances player development beyond our District
* Opportunity to play with different players and bench staff
* Strengthen house league hockey with tiering. Tiering house would allow non-pilot players to play against similar skilled players, however House A should have longer ice times.

We have shared this information and more with the District 5 and UOVMHL Executive and will share their final plans for next season when we have more information in early January. If you feel the need to discuss the topic or data further, please reach out to a MMHA Executive Member. Our email addresses are on our website.

Once again, thank you to everyone for their thoughtful participation.

MMHA Executive 2024/2025