



RE:	Press Release – Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO Midget AAA)
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То:	District Chairs, Association Presidents, Members

## Announcing the Hockey Eastern Ontario Midget AAA League!

Announcing the new Hockey Eastern Ontario Midget AAA League, in partnership between Ottawa District Minor Hockey and CCHL Tier 1, for a 3-year pilot project beginning the 2015-2016 minor hockey season!

This is the first collaboration between Junior and Minor hockey in the Ottawa area in the past 5 years, though discussions began in 2010 and continued in 2013. Both groups are coming together to create a development path with more opportunities for players aged 15, 16 and 17 of AAA caliber. In a collaborative effort, the players will benefit from a revised catchment area model, different then boundaries and zones, which will allow more players to play as close to home as possible reducing travel and cost for families. The teams participating in the league will operate under the current ODMHA Minor Hockey rules and discipline codes. Games will be hosted through showcases on Monday nights and Saturday's to increase the players exposure to scouts for future opportunities in Junior, NCAA and OHL.