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To: Association Presidents
From: ODMHA Minor Council
Date: April 14th, 2015
RE: **New League**

ODMHA Minor Council, in partnership with CCHL Tier 1 announces a 3-year pilot project of a new midget AAA league for the 2015-2016 minor hockey season:

"A branch-wide "Midget AAA" league encompassing combined players of midget-age will commence for a 3-year pilot in the ODMHA, for the 2015-2016 hockey season, in accordance with the regulations and policies drafted by the sub-committee under mandate from Minor Council. Final ratification to proceed or return to current AAA would be determined by vote at the 2018 ODMHA AGM".

This is the first collaboration between Junior and Minor hockey in the Ottawa area in the past 5 years. 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.

Additional details will be made available over the next few days and weeks.....