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**To:** Directors of Minor

**From:** Peter Woods, Executive Director

**CC:** Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors  
Zone Registrars

**Subject: REGIONAL BANTAM TEAMS**

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As you are aware Motion 17 which proposed the allowing of bantams to form their teams from eligible 14 year olds within a region was prevented from being discussed at the 2010 Annual General Meeting because it failed to obtain the required votes needed through the exercising of By Law 13 to reach the floor.

Since the 2010 AGM was a non-regulation year the motion required the support of 2/3 of the Board of Directors to reach the floor for discussion. Unfortunately the motion did not receive the necessary support therefore was not discussed this year.

It is Hockey Manitoba's understanding that despite this motion not being supported by the Board of Directors some region's may still be considering using the transfer system to their advantage and collectively approving the transfer of players to form a regional team. The fundamental purpose for transferring players was established to assist organizations to balance program numbers, address family situations or provide an opportunity for a player who has demonstrated hardship. Although the associations and regions are responsible for the preliminary stages of player transfer approvals, Hockey Manitoba still retains the final approval for all player movement within the Branch. The current regulations allow teams to be formed from a maximum of five associations and must be declared prior to tryouts.

I have been directed by the Executive Committee to notify you that although you may receive the endorsement of the associations within your region to transfer players, the Branch will not support the movement of players to form a bantam regional team. Although the Branch does not usually interfere in the movement of players from association to association or region to region, Hockey Manitoba does not agree to support this concept at this time and believes it is not in the best interests of hockey

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development in our Branch. I hope that by notifying you of the Hockey Manitoba's position it eliminates any unnecessary effort you are considering investing in the movement of players within your region.

Thank you for your cooperation.

