

## Pembroke Minor Hockey Association

Dear PMHA Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about a recent development that impacts our association and the upcoming 2024-2025 season.

District 5 UOVMHL will be implementing a District 5 UOVMHL Ottawa Rep B pilot program for the U14, U15, and U16 age groups. As your president, it is my duty to keep you informed about matters that affect our hockey community.

I want to make it explicitly clear that Pembroke Minor Hockey Association (PMHA) was entirely against the idea of this program. From the onset of discussions surrounding the program, I vehemently opposed it and consistently voiced our association's concerns.

Despite our objections, District 5 UOVMHL proceeded to push the program forward, forcing all association presidents, including myself, to vote on the matter. Unfortunately, this decision was made without all the necessary information and facts in place. Many questions remain unanswered, and attempts to seek clarification have been met with unsatisfactory responses.

Furthermore, I want to emphasize that PMHA already boasts an exceptional Rep B program. There is no valid reason for the unnecessary changes that District 5 is attempting to implement.

I want to assure each and every one of you that I stand firmly behind all PMHA members. I am deeply disappointed and frustrated with the decisions made by District 5 UOVMHL and the manner in which this program was imposed upon us.

As your advocate, I will continue to seek answers and advocate for our association's best interests. Your concerns are my concerns, and I am committed to representing them to the fullest extent.

Please know that your voices matter, and I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have regarding this matter or any other issue affecting PMHA.

Thank you for your attention to this important announcement. Together, we will navigate through these challenges and continue to uphold the values of our hockey community.

Sincerely,

Jason Laronde - PMHA President