2019-20 Survey - Intra-Association Hockey Boundary Alignment

BACKGROUND:

- **Since the opening of East Ridge High School, the ERHS Boys Hockey Program group has lobbied for its own youth hockey association similar to other youth sport organizations to allow for greater identity and promotion of its program.**
- **WAHC committed to one association and exploring having 2 programs aligned by high school.**
- **A recent MN Hockey Bylaw change (see Article 5) disallows teams formed by 'school' boundary.**
- **The ERHS Boys Hockey Program group reaffirmed its commitment to having its own youth hockey program and/or association and committed to continue its appeal to the District and to MN Hockey each season.**

PROPOSAL:

WAHC to petition MN Hockey for approval for a 2-program model similar to the Lakeville South / Lakeville North model. With this approval, WAHC will implement the *Ramp Up INTRA-ASSOCIATION Alignment by ERHS and WHS Boundaries* beginning 2020-21 Season as follows:

- **2020-21 Mites & MiniMites**
- **2021-22 Squirts, Mites & MiniMites**
- **2022-23 Peewees, Squirts, Mites & MiniMites**
- **2023-24 Bantams, Peewees, Squirts, Mites & MiniMites**

NOTES:

- **Girls Program remains unchanged. The Girls levels will be reviewed and decided on annually and only considered for splitting when the numbers could support it.**
- **Youth Program teams can be co-oped at any level depending on player counts.**
- **Single Governing Board with a support structure within each program.**
- **No change in the Cottage Grove Hockey Association's ERHS boundary.**

MEMBER INPUT

We are seeking all member family input on the proposal. This survey is asking for one response

from each family. The survey is being sent to the first email address listed in your player's(s') 2018-19 Season Registration entry(ies). Please indicate your preference by answering the following survey question

1. Would you support staying as one association but aligning our Youth teams by high school boundary as scheduled above?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Please share any comments