

**DNL  
AMALGAMATION  
INFORMATION**

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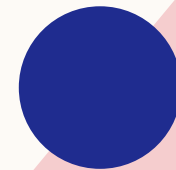
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# PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of our minor sport organization is centered around:

- Fostering and cultivating a passion for amateur minor hockey among the youth in our geographic jurisdiction.
- Creating an inclusive space for eligible individuals to engage in recreational ice hockey, offering community-driven programs that emphasize enjoyment, physical activity, and fair competition.
- Nurturing talent and facilitating participation in competitive ice hockey, enabling our players to reach their highest potential within the association.
- Ensuring the vitality of Local League programs in all three original hockey associations.
- Organizing hockey games, tournaments, and providing developmental opportunities for our players within the DNLMHA.
- Instilling values of good sportsmanship, respectful conduct on and off the ice, reverence for authority, teamwork, and fostering a lifelong passion for and involvement in the game of hockey among all players, coaches, managers, and association members.

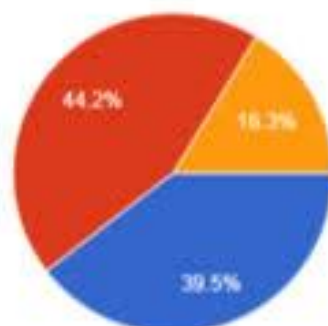
# LAMHA SURVEY RESULTS

- Survey was sent out to the membership via email
- This is why we have taken the direction that we have

With the landscape of minor hockey evolving, we are looking for your feedback on where you would like to see the future of this organization.



43 responses



- Option #1 - We would like to stay as Langton Minor Hockey as long as we possibly can
- Option #2 - We would like to explore what a partnership/amalgamation could possibly look like with Delhi and Norwich
- Option #3 - I'm indifferent

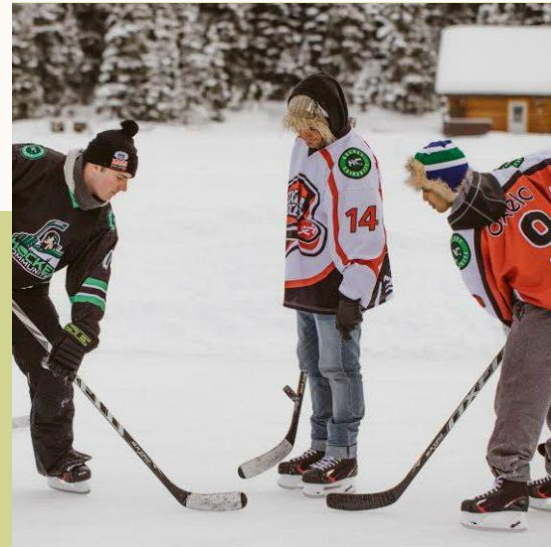
# PRIMARY GOALS



**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**



**FUN**



**SENSE OF COMMUNITY**



**KEEPING HOCKEY AFFORDABLE**

# THE WHY



## PROVIDE A MORE COMPLETE AND SUSTAINABLE HOCKEY PROGRAM

- Allows us for the possibility of providing more second entry teams
- Allows players to play with like skilled players leading to player enjoyment
- Select teams would also be able to take from all players underneath the new banner



## ACCESS TO 3 ICE PADS

- Leads to better ice times for all teams
- Allows for Representative teams to increase to 2 practices a week



## LL PLAYERS AND TEAM NAMES REMAIN

- Under the new banner, the LL will remain with the same names and players will be playing where they want to play.
- LL will play out of their traditional home rink

# THE WHY



## AFFORDABILITY

- Every member will be under the same banner therefore all will be sharing costs
- Registration costs will remain low within our control



## SUSTAIN COMMUNITY AND SMALL TOWN HOCKEY

- Our communities align very well
- Students attend school together, especially at the high school age.



## INCREASED POOL OF VOLUNTEERS

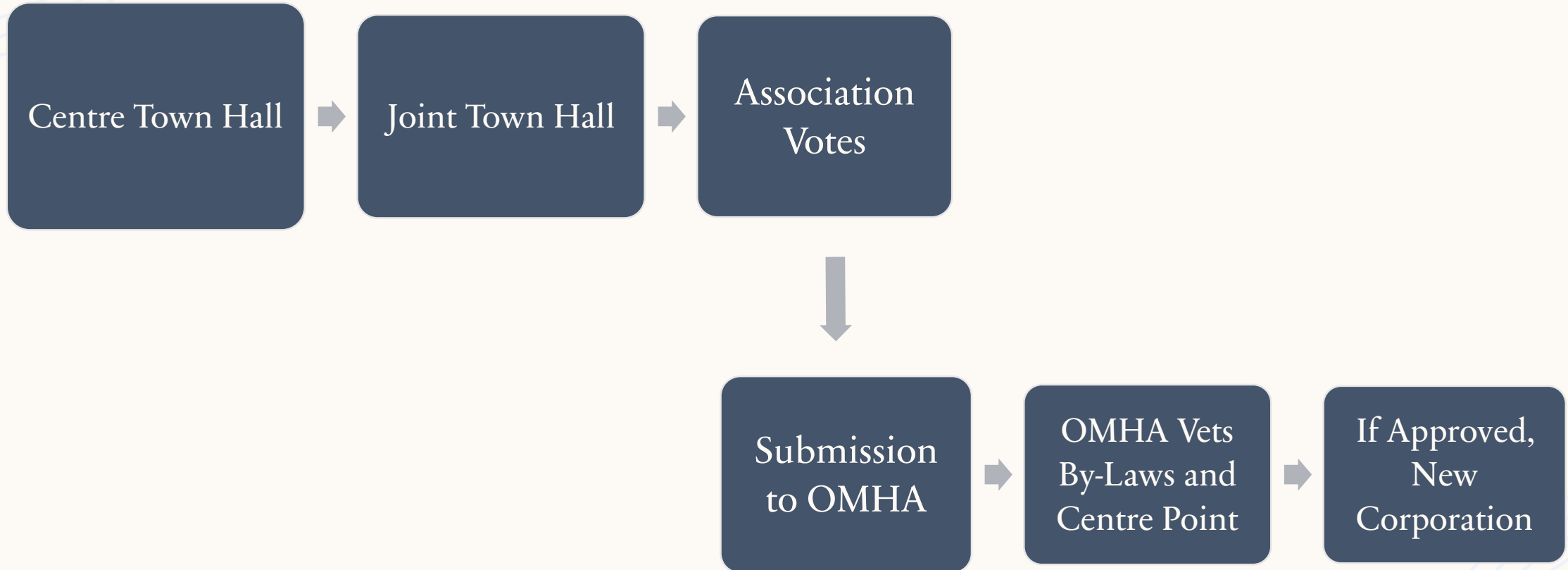
- Many hands make light work
- Increased pool of Coaches

# DEVELOPMENT

- Offered as an individual choice
- We understand and appreciate that everyone does not want to do extra development. That is why we are choosing to provide the opportunity for those wanting to, but not sharing the costs with those that do not.
- Examples would be
  - Power Skating
  - Skills and Drills
  - 3 on 3 Summer League (raises \$15-20000 each year)



# HOW WE GET THERE

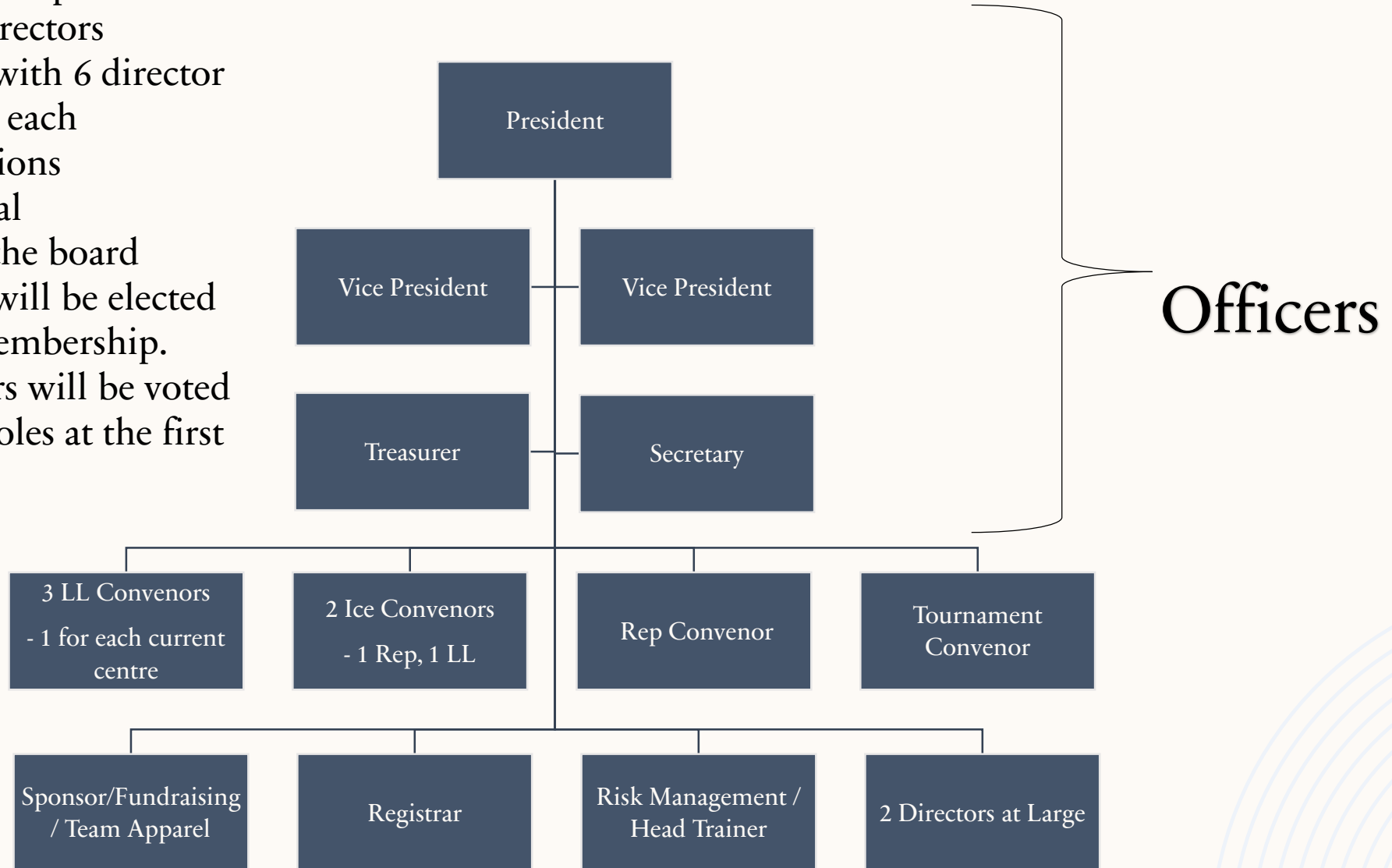


# The New Season



# Proposed Executive Roles

- We would be able to operate with a range of 12-18 Directors
- Ideal would be 18 with 6 director spots coming from each traditional associations
- We would like equal representation on the board
- Officers/Directors will be elected positions by the membership. Additional directors will be voted in and appointed roles at the first meeting



# Executive

- Each position would be a director and have a vote on the executive
- It would be strongly encouraged for directors to form committees to help with the workload. Some may not require a committee.
- An example of this would be the Tournament Convenors – they would seek volunteers to help with the organization and running of the tournament, these individuals would be part of the committee but would not have voting rights at the executive level

# CURRENT REGISTRATION NUMBERS

**DELHI**

**NORWICH**

**LANGTON**

**DNL**

## What is a 3.5?

- These are players who are playing Rep hockey in our organization because their home organization could not field a team at that Level
- They must then try out at the next closest centre if they would like the opportunity to play Rep Hockey
- These players all tried out with equal opportunity in Delhi and were successful in making the teams

U5	31				U7
U6	17	22	15	85	131
U7	23	12	11	46	
U8	21		18	39	U9
U9		12	12	24	95
U9 MD	10	11	11	32	
U11	15 (2)	13	17	47	U11
U11 Rep	13 (1)	13		27	90
U11 "D"	14 (2)			16	
U13	31 (2)	14	15	60	U13
U13 Rep	14 (2)	13		29	89
U15	25 (2)	16		43	U15
U15 Rep	15 (1)			16	59
U18	38 (2)	19		57	U18
U18 Rep	15 (2)			17	74
U21	14 (2)			16	16
<b>3.5 in Delhi</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>		

# CURRENT REGISTRATION COSTS

- Important to note
  - Norwich does not charge a rep fee.
  - Langton registration fee is not age dependent as all age groups get equal ice time the entire season (scheduled 2 hours of ice per week in Langton arena)

	DELHI	NORWICH	LANGTON
U5	\$310	\$325	\$650
U6	\$310	\$325	\$650
U7	\$535	\$325	\$650
U8	\$535	\$600	\$650
U9	\$590	\$600	\$650
U11	\$590	\$675	\$650
U13	\$590	\$675	\$650
U15	\$625	\$850 (1.5hr)	\$650
U18	\$625	\$850 (1.5hr)	\$650
U21	\$550	N/A	N/A
Rep	U9 - \$100, U11 - \$130, U13 - U18 - \$150	N/A	N/A
Goalies	Discount of \$150	\$350	\$650

# **STAYING AS IS (NO AMALGAMATION) LANGTON WILL BE A LL CENTRE ONLY**

**WE WILL NOT HAVE REP TEAMS NEXT SEASON AS OMHA WILL NOT CLASSIFY US WITH “REP” STATUS, MOVING FORWARD**

## **LL**

- Continue to have LL practices and games in Langton Arena
- Continue to be Langton Minor Hockey with Langton board of directors
- Our LL numbers are getting smaller as players leave to play REP elsewhere, the siblings that still play LL join that centre as well (since you start to get scheduling conflicts with families if you have one child playing REP in Delhi and LL in Langton)

## **REP**

- Moving forward, Langton Minor Hockey will no longer have “REP” status
- Players wanting to try out for REP will go to your closest REP centre and tryout- if player makes that team, they will now be property of that centre
- Players wanting to play “A” or above need to compete for one of the 3 NRP spots that are available in “A” centres like South Oxford Storm and Norfolk Knights

# AMALGAMATION - DNL

## LL

- continue to have practices and home games in Langton but under the new DNL organization/board
- continue to play as a Langton Leaf
- continue to play in the Intertown Local League
- with more players trying out for Rep teams between the three centres, more “bubble players” will end up on the Local League teams helping those teams be a better size and more competitive
- with the entire DNL organization supporting all levels of hockey in each centre, the costs will be spread out over many players and families helping to keep costs as low as possible
- the possibility of Local League Select teams between the three centres for players who want to try out (not residentially restricted)
- the ability to AP to Rep teams regardless of which Local League centre you play out of
- a larger pool of volunteers to help run our hockey programs, tournaments and development options
- a combined board of Directors with equal representation from each original centre (6 from Delhi, Norwich and Langton)
- with more ice time/arenas: the ability to have more tournaments and training/development

## REP

- Rep practices and games will be rotated through **all three** arenas, ensuring rep hockey in every age group can be played in each original centre (Delhi, Norwich and Langton)
- a more stable Rep program ensuring we have teams in each age group for our players to try out for and be able to be competitive against other centres
- have “B” level Rep teams in each age group, and hopefully the ability to also have “C” Rep teams in each age groups
- more ice time available between all three arenas for more practices and ice times if teams want it (at a cost to rep players)
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- with more ice time the ability to have more tournaments and training
- the ability to offer more favourable ice times being that teams will have more ice to choose from between the three arenas
- with a larger pool of players trying out for Rep teams they will be playing with more like-skilled players on their teams and have more competitive teams
- players continue to be able to try out for “A” hockey as an NRP



# The Hockey Cascade

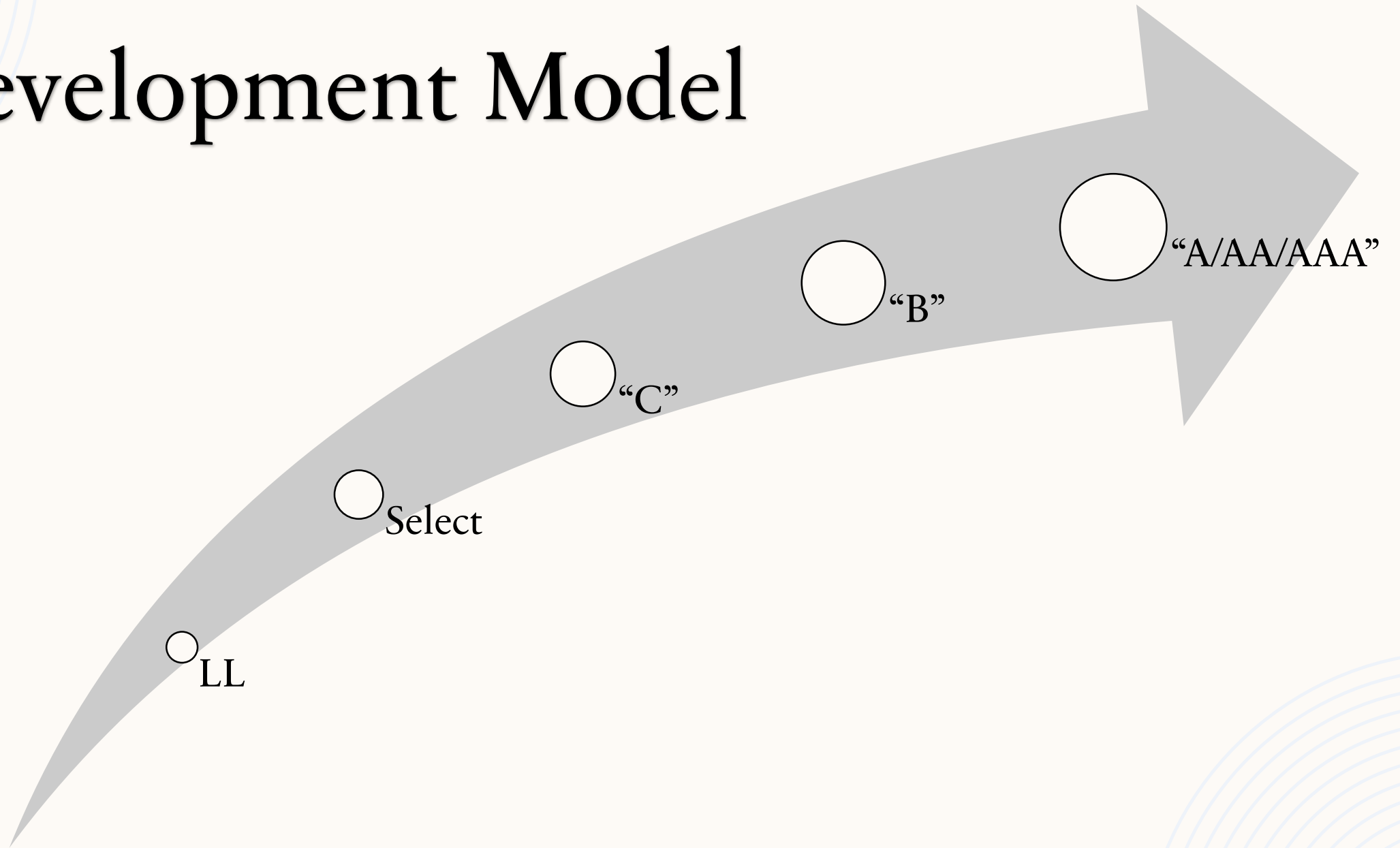
## of Amalgamation

- Currently offer a competitive LL program
- With amalgamation, it can mean that more players will be playing at the appropriate level they should be
- Example:
  - We have 3 rep teams across the three centres this year in U11 (Delhi – “C” and “D”, Norwich “D”)
  - With amalgamation, this number goes down to 2 – “B” and a “C” with the remaining players remaining with their traditional LL centre if they so choose
  - BUT, with the increased pool (being able to draw from all 3 centres) – Select would be a viable option to provide to those players who were on the “bubble” of those teams while also playing for their LL teams therefore in theory making LL stronger along with our Rep Program.
  - This creates greater opportunities for improvement and expanding the capability of players at the Local Level
- Having access to 3 arenas allows us to have access to the Ice needed to run these teams.

### **SELECT**

- Comprised of players selected from an organizations LL program (not Residentially Restricted)
- They may compete in up to 3 exhibition games per month and up to 3 tournaments in a season. Practices would be available as well (additional cost)
- You may be on the select team as well as “AP” for a Rep Team. It does not restrict you from being a possible AP

# Development Model



# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

## Amalgamate

- Two or more active Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations amalgamate to become one new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation.

## Reorganization

- **Norfolk, South Oxford are examples**
- This involves two or more active Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations that wish to incorporate a new Not-for-Profit Corporation that will jointly administer Representative Hockey for two or more active Not-for-Profit Corporations who will continue to offer and administer their own Recreational programming (House League & Local League).

# WHY AMALGAMATE VS REORGANIZE

## Amalgamate

- Working together as one organization for all kids
- Not working with multiple corporations below having differing goals
- Able to keep costs down and hockey as affordable as we can
- Accessibility to all 3 rinks at a reduced “Minor Hockey Rate”
- Costs shared amongst the whole organization to help keep fees down for everyone

## Reorganization

- Costs are divided
  - No longer all sharing costs among everyone (see next slide)
- Will see an increase LL and a large increase in rep costs
- Will not get Minor Hockey rate in Norwich. Only with Amalgamation.
- Three LL organizations are no longer recognized by the HCR. Only the Rep organization is.

# Costs with Reorganization Example

- In the traditional structure of an organization, it's typically divided with a 70-30 split, with 70% representing the LL (Larger Group) and 30% as the Rep (Smaller Group). Costs are distributed among the entire organization.
- However, with the reorganization, the 30% group is now separated from the 70%. Each group is now responsible for its own costs, which were previously shared across the entire organization. As a result, the 30% group will experience a significant increase in their costs, as observed in neighboring reorganized centers, essentially functioning as standalone entities.
- The 70% group won't be impacted as severely, but they will still see an increase in costs because the 30% group, which used to help share the expenses of the traditional organization, has been separated.

# OMHA – Category Review Committee

The mandate of this committee is not to specifically look at re-categorization of Associations, but also to place Associations in a category to promote fair competition. In order to do this the Committee met several times to discuss and review the categories of every OMHA Association. The committee was always mindful that the categorization of an Association is, at best, a very inaccurate science and considered each Association's registration numbers, caliber of play during the regular season, NRP regulations and the effect on those Associations, their OMHA Playdown successes over the past five years, the number of players that an Association traditionally lost to AAA Zone teams and as well considered the recommendation of the Regional Director.

# OMHA – Category Review Committee

Establish the critical path for the next category review.

In establishing the critical path for the next category review it should be noted that the current report was initially due to be presented at the 2021 AGM for implementation in the 2022-23 season. Due to the pandemic and its impact on our sport it was decided to delay the filing of this report by a year. However, it is recommended that the next Category Review will begin in accordance with every five years timeline established in 2010.

NEXT  
REVIEW

- 2025-2026 the Ad-hoc Committee begins work with report for 2026 AGM
- 2026-2027 Association appeals
- 2027-2028 to take effect

Committee Movement Rationale:

- The Association's participant registration. Each category was aligned into an approximate high and low registration range.
- The Association's past OMHA Playdown and league overall records and/or successes and taking into account the impact of the new OMHA Championships structure and the ability to move individual teams according to their level of competitiveness.
- The realignment of base categories as a result of the integration of 'AE' programming into the established categories.
- The OMHA Regional Member's opinion of the Associations from their Area.

# OMHA – CATEGORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Important to note that not only were teams being moved up in category, but also moved down to create leagues with fair competition

ASSOCIATION	REGION	CATEGORY (AS OF 2022-23)	NEW CATEGORY (EFFECTIVE 2023-24)
Arthur	3	D	LL
Dorchester	1	B	A
Dresden	1	D	C
Essa	5	D	C
Frontenac	6	C	B
Howick	WOAA	D	LL
Huron-Bruce	WOAA	D	C
Ilderton	1	C	B
Lakefield	6	C	D
Lambton Shores	1	C	B
Langton	2	D	LL
Manvers	6	D	LL
Mount Brydges	1	B	A
Parry Sound	5	B	C
Port Colborne	2	B	C
Seaforth	WOAA	C	D
South Huron	1	C	B
Southpoint	1	A	B
St. Marys	1	B	A
Strathroy	1	B	A
Tecumseh-Shoreline	1	AA	A
Tillsonburg	2	B	A
West Lorne	1	D	LL



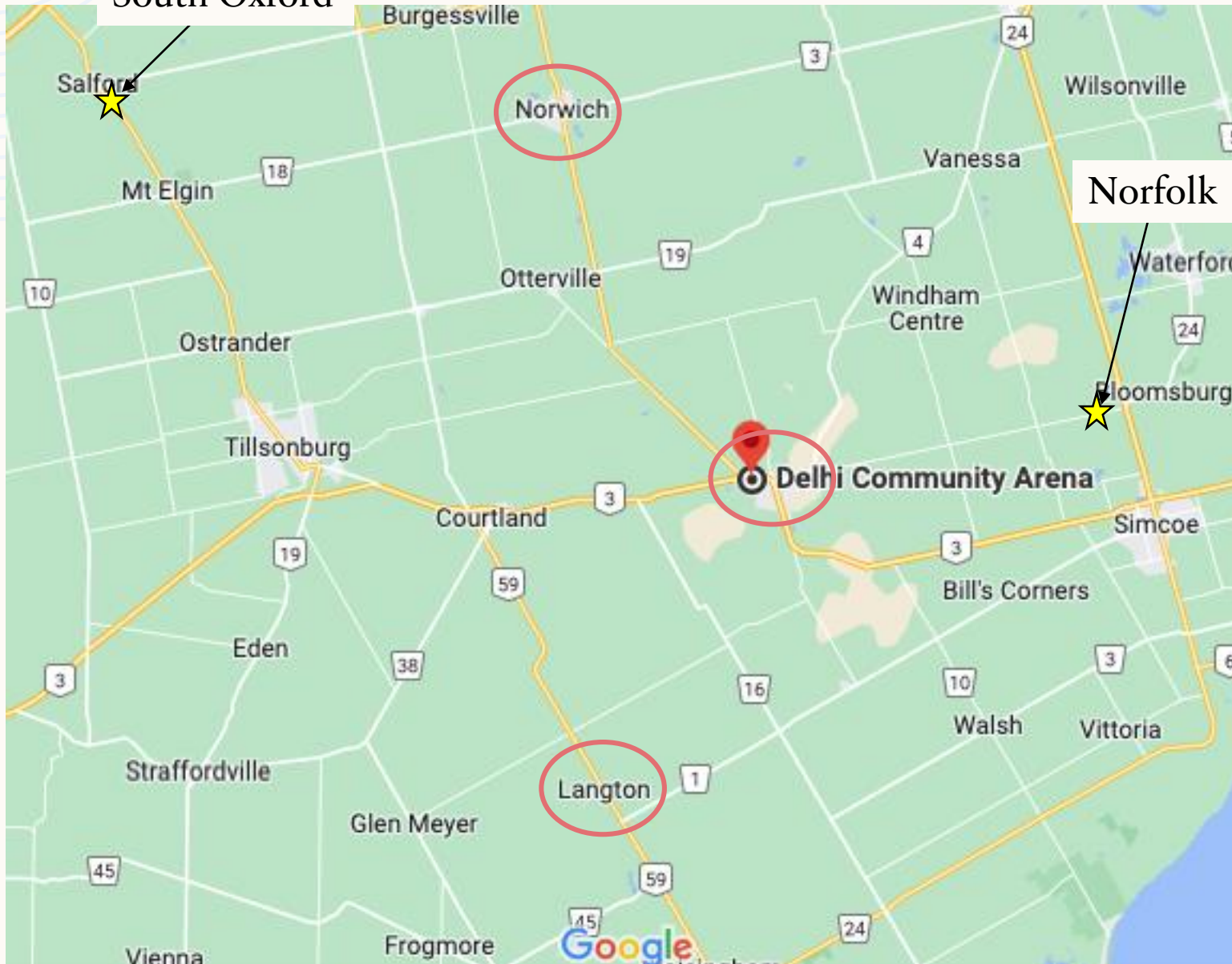
## **EXAMPLES OF AMALGAMATED CENTRES THAT DID NOT GO TO “A”**

- There are currently **97** “B” and below centres in OMHA
  - Compared to **24** “A” centres.
  - These are centres that we traditionally come across in Silver Sticks, Tournaments and OMHA Tournaments
  - This is not a complete list by any means
- **Arran Elderslie** - Tara, Paisley, and Chesley Blyth Brussels - Blyth and Brussels
  - **Bruce Peninsula** - Lion's Head and Wiarton
  - **Central Perth** - Elma Logan and Milverton
  - **Huron Bruce** - Ripley and Lucknow
  - **Mid Huron** - Seaforth joined with BCH which included Bayfield, Clinton, and Hensall
  - **Minto** - Palmerston, Harriston, and Clifford
  - **Saugeen Shores** - Port Elgin and Southampton
  - **South Bruce** - Mildmay and Teeswater
  - **TCDMHA** - Chatsworth, Keady, and Desboro
  - **West Grey** - Durham, Normanby (Ayton)
  - **Saugeen Valley** – Hanover and West Grey (happened just last year)

# Additional Items

- The new jerseys for the organization would be purchased by the New Organization through sponsorship – we do not believe this should be a cost offloaded onto the player
- The current jerseys from each organization would now be used for the LL teams and the regular upkeep and purchasing of these jerseys.
- We plan to seek out a supplier that would be able to offer organization specific gear including pants, gloves and other additional items. This would by no means be a requirement, but just an option for those looking to purchase.

# CENTRE POINT



- Delhi Arena
- Reasoning
  - Choose to go with Centre point compared to Hard Boundaries as we feel negotiations with neighbouring centres would be time consuming and not necessarily applicable to our needs

# FINANCES

- Each Association must contribute to fund the new corporation for initial operating costs
- Recognizing that registration fees **DO NOT** cover the fees of hockey, we do rely upon fundraising and sponsorships to keep our costs down.
- We have the goal of keeping hockey affordable for our communities

**THANK YOU**



## REMINDER

**Wednesday November 15th - Information Session** - Upstairs at the Delhi Arena  
7:00pm (all three memberships)- ask your questions!!!!!!

\*\*\*We will be streaming live on our Langton Minor Hockey Facebook page for those that can't attend

**Wednesday November 22nd - Amalgamation Vote** - Langton Arena (upstairs)  
from 5 pm – 9 pm

### WHO CAN VOTE?

- **One vote, per player that is registered**, this current season in Langton Minor Hockey example: you have a child playing U7 and a child playing U9MD – you get two votes

If any additional information is needed prior to these dates, please email [letsplaylangton@gmail.com](mailto:letsplaylangton@gmail.com)

