

We Want To Hear From You! Your Survey Response Is Requested by THURSDAY JUNE 20.

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Members,

As an affiliate member of Minnesota Hockey, it is important for us to check in from time to time beyond our annual meeting to understand our members' point of view on initiatives that may impact the successful operating of the association. As you are aware, WAHC affiliate boundaries encompass the three public high schools, East Ridge, Park Cottage Grove, and Woodbury. In addition, our members have a number of private schools to choose from in the area as well.

Minnesota Hockey recently enacted a rule that does not allow an association that has multiple high schools within its boundaries to align teams by individual high school. Rather, the association can only align teams by division and level regardless of school attendance. The concept of splitting the association has been brought forward by the East Ridge High School Boys Hockey program, however previous membership surveys, as well as the majority of the WAHC Board of Directors, do not support a split at this time. Nevertheless, the ERHS Boys Hockey program strongly believes it needs its own separate youth program to better develop and grow its program and has indicated that it will continue to appeal to District 8 and Minnesota Hockey for a separate youth program each season.

For this reason, the WAHC Board would like to survey the WAHC membership to gauge member interest for a change in our association model as any such change in the association model will directly impact all our youth. We are committed to hearing your opinion. We're conducting a survey regarding a specific plan for an **intra-association hockey boundary alignment** and your input would be appreciated. This survey is asking for **one response from each family**. The survey is being sent under a separate cover to the first email address listed in your player's *2018-19 Season Registration* entry. Please check your family's primary email account for the survey invitation and link. If you did not receive the survey, please check your SPAM/Junk folders and then email administration@woodburyhockey.com.

The document linked below and titled [WAHC Intra-Association Alignment 2-Program Model](#) provides some background and the proposed plan. Please also feel free to contact the Board with any questions. Click [HERE](#) for Board contact information. **We would like to receive your response by 8 PM on Thursday Jun 20.** Your responses are essential to helping us make the right decision for all our players and families.

If the survey results show that the majority of our membership is in favor of aligning our Youth teams by high school boundary - the WAHC Board will next work with our District Director and the High School hockey programs to petition Minnesota Hockey for an exception to their Bylaw/rule change to allow us to implement the intra-association hockey boundary alignment model being proposed. The ability to best develop our players' skills has and will continue to be the priority in any decision we make.

Thank you for your participation!

The Woodbury Area Hockey Club Board

BACKGROUND for Intra-Association Hockey Boundary Alignment**WAHC_By High School**