

The player feels that he, like all other hockey players of his calibre and age, would like the freedom to select the team of his choice. However, he realizes that under the present set-up this is in no way possible.

APPENDIX B.

1. A SUMMARY: THE ORGANIZATION OF AMATEUR HOCKEY IN ALBERTA
(This summary is presented here as an aid in the interpretation of the results of the opinion survey to follow.)

2. THE ATTITUDES OF AMATEUR HOCKEY PLAYERS: THE RESULTS OF AN OPINION SURVEY

APPENDIX B-1

A SUMMARY: THE ORGANIZATION OF AMATEUR HOCKEY IN ALBERTA

Category	Age	Emphasis	Comment
1. Charlie Brown	5-8	Exploratory	Community sponsored, not recognized by AAHA.
2. Little Richard	8	Competitive	
3. Mite	9-10	Introductory: Mixed	Sponsored by Community Leagues
4. Pee Wee	10-12	Pleasure and Competitive	
5. Bantam AA	13-14	Competitive	Athletic Clubs, etc.
BB	13-14	Recreational	Community Leagues, etc.
AB	13-14	Mixed	Rural & Regional
6. Midget AA, BB & AB	15-16	Similar to Bantam	
7. Juvenile AA, BB & AB	16-17		
8. Junior B	17-20	Competitive	For example, the Edmonton Metro League
9. Junior A	17-20	Highly Competitive	Alberta Junior A League
10. Major Junior A	17-20	Semi- Professional	Western Canada Hockey League
11. Intermediate	17 +	Permanent Amateur	Operates in four competitive levels - A,B,C,D
12. Senior	17 +	Permanent Amateur	No registered team in Alberta (1972-73)

APPENDIX B-2

THE OPINIONS OF AMATEUR HOCKEY PLAYERS

As a part of the inquiry reported here, a questionnaire was mailed to a random sample of the Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior hockey players registered with the A.A.H.A.

The 120 respondents were typical of Alberta's amateur hockey player population. Their ages ranged from 16 to 20; they had played hockey an average of 7 years; most of them attended school; and they devoted an average of 10 hours per week to hockey.

The following is a summary of their responses to specific questions:

1. Do you feel that hockey has in any way interfered with your work or school?	Yes....11.6%
	No....83.3%
2. Have you ever been suspended?	Yes....16.6%
	No....83.4%
3. Have you ever been refused a transfer?	Yes.... 5%
	No....95%
4. Have you (or your parents) ever been involved in a dispute with hockey authorities?	Yes....10%
	No....90%
5. Have any of your friends ever been involved in a dispute with hockey authorities?	Yes....38.3%
	No....61.7%
6. If yes, who do you feel was in the right?	Friend....15.8%
	Authorities....17.5%
7. Who "won" the dispute?	Friend.... 5.8%
	Authorities....28.3%

8. Do you think players are treated with reasonable respect and fairness:

(a) by coaches?	Yes....85%
	No....10%
(b) by managers and league representatives?	Yes....85.8%
	No....13.3%
(c) by sponsors?	Yes....85.9%
	No....11.6%
(d) Association officials	Yes....72.5%
	No....22.5%

9. What do you really hope to get out of hockey?

19.1%....a professional career
 42.5%....fun and maybe a professional career
 34.2%....fun and exercise

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