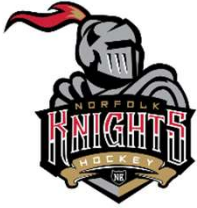




Six Nations -Norfolk Minor Hockey Partnership





Six Nations Minor Hockey

- Six Nations Minor Hockey has approximately 150 players.
- Six Nations offers “C” Rep teams, however numbers are often a challenge, and some teams struggle to be competitive.
- Six Nations offers Local League teams at all divisions.
- With new “A” and “AA” centres surrounding Six Nations, many players try out as “Non-Resident Players” and leave Six Nations Minor Hockey.
- When players leave, they lose their connection with Six Nations. **OUR PLAYERS STOP PLAYING TOGETHER.**
- Six Nations Minor Hockey continues to struggle to attract board members and coaches.



Norfolk Minor Hockey

- Norfolk Minor Hockey is a partnership between Port Dover, Simcoe, and Waterford minor hockey associations.
- Norfolk Minor Hockey offers Rep hockey on behalf of all three associations.
- Port Dover, Simcoe, and Waterford associations continue to exist and run their Local League programs.
- Port Dover, Simcoe, and Waterford players combine and try out for Norfolk Rep teams. This allows Norfolk to offer “A” teams as well as “BB/C” teams.
- Select teams can also be offered on a combined basis, where numbers and interest allow.
- Local League players play for their home centre – Port Dover, Simcoe, or Waterford – in their home arenas, representing their local community and showcasing their community pride.
- All players, at Rep and Local League divisions, participate in skating, skills and goalie development programs.



Why Partner?



By working 'together' we can **improve** the overall hockey program for **ALL** players AND **preserve** that which is important to our local communities.

Six Nations joining Norfolk Minor Hockey is being proposed to:

- Preserve our Six Nations community Local League program
- Allow all players to try out, on a fair and even basis, for Rep hockey at "A" and "BB/C" levels (i.e. no Non-Resident Player restriction, like now)
- Deliver a comprehensive hockey program for ALL players
- Maximize the fun, development, and game playing opportunities
- **Keep our players playing at HOME, TOGETHER!**



Keys of the Partnership:



The Partnership keeps what no one wants to change AND presents better opportunities to our players at home; these being:

- 1) The Local League program remains the same and under full control of Six Nations Minor Hockey – NO CHANGE;
- 2) Providing a host of “optional programming”:
 - a) Option: to participate in a full-season player development program;
 - b) Option: to participate in a full-season goalie development program;
 - c) Option: to participate in “A”, “BB/C”, “Select” and Local League opportunities.
- 3) Removal of the Non-Resident Player (NRP) restrictions and limitations for U12 to U18 players;
- 4) Provides U10 and U11 players the option of ‘A’ hockey programming (currently only AAA or C opportunities at this age for Six Nations players);



How the Partnership Works

- Six Nations Minor Hockey continues and oversees all aspects of Six Nation's Local League Hockey program
- Six Nations players are provided the option to participate in player development, goalie development
- Norfolk's 12 board positions (4 Dover, 4 Simcoe, 4 Waterford) would be expanded to 16 to include 4 Six Nations positions. This results in equal representation by each association.
- Six Nations would have a representative on all committees (Coach Selection, Tryout, etc.)



Impact on Local League Hockey

- No impact or change to Six Nation's Local League programs
- Six Nations Local League teams stay Six Nations Blackhawks
- Local League program continues to be run by Six Nations Minor Hockey
- Six Nations Minor Hockey continues to set registration costs
- Six Nations teams practice and play out of the Six Nations arena

Possible enhancements

- Provides Six Nations the **opportunity** to participate in Norfolk's development programming (skating, skills and goalie development)
- Provides Six Nations the **opportunity** to participate in Norfolk's rostered select programming (where offered based on interest)

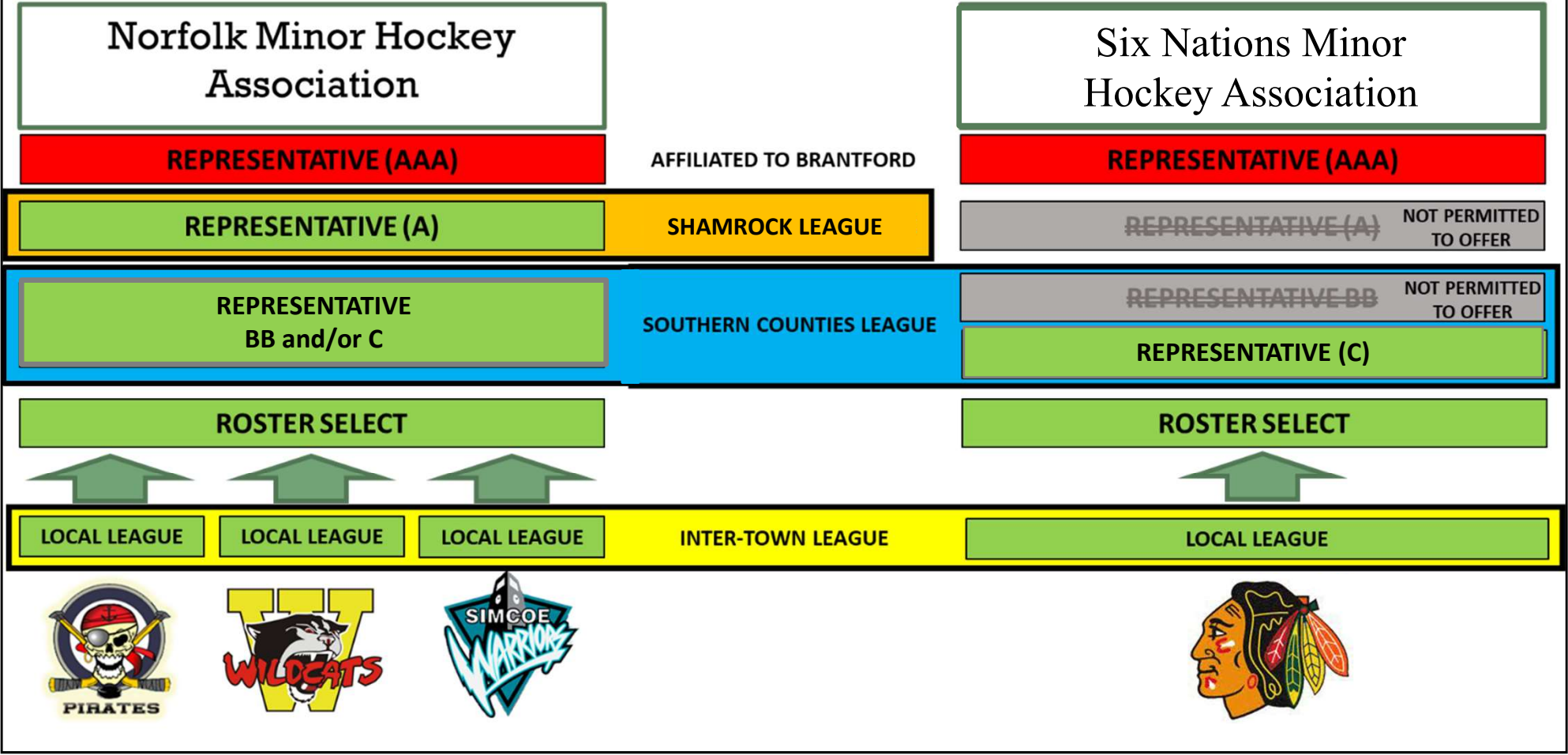


Impact on Rep Hockey



- No change to AAA affiliation, no change to OMHA AA opportunities
- Equal opportunity to try out for “A” hockey (minor/major teams)
 - 1) No NRP cap for Six Nations players, Six Nations players try out on equal basis with Norfolk Players
 - 2) U10 & U11 Six Nations players can try out for “A” hockey (currently must go “AAA” to “C”)
- Equal opportunity to then try out for “BB/C” teams (two-year teams)
- Equal opportunity for all Local League players to AP for Norfolk teams

CURRENT ASSOCIATION PROGRAM 2023-24 SEASON



POTENTIAL MOU PROGRAMS 2024-25 SEASON

Norfolk Minor Hockey Association
(with Six Nations)

REPRESENTATIVE (AAA)

AFFILIATED TO BRANTFORD

REPRESENTATIVE (A)

SHAMROCK LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE
BB and/or C

SOUTHERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE

ROSTER SELECT

Expanded RS selection
Across 7 to 10 teams

LOCAL LEAGUE

LOCAL LEAGUE

LOCAL LEAGUE

LOCAL LEAGUE

INTER-TOWN LEAGUE





Rep-Related Questions

- Norfolk “A” teams play in the Shamrock League
- Norfolk “BB/C” teams play in Southern Counties
- Norfolk Rep teams participate in skating and goalie development, and have dedicated skills development ice
- Ice times (practices and games) will rotate throughout Port Dover/Simcoe/Waterford and Six Nations arenas.
- Opportunity for all Rep players to play on an appropriate Rep team
- No fixed number of players from each association – all teams selected based on individual player ability
- Tryouts assisted by independent evaluators, who report to Tryout Committee. Six Nations representative will participate in the Tryout Committee and be welcome as independent evaluators.



Current Norfolk Hockey Experience

- Successful coach and team selection processes, including committees with representatives of all associations and independent player evaluation panels
- Very competitive “A” team programming, higher level of play with more consistent player ability
- Strong interest in “BB/C” teams allows such teams at all divisions
- Optional Local League development program (skills, skating, goalie) offered to players of all associations, with tremendous participation and feedback
- Strong executive, professionally-operated board



Summary

Through the Partnership, we can deliver a great, comprehensive hockey program.

TOGETHER WE CAN:

- KEEP LOCAL LEAGUE EXPERIENCE IN SIX NATIONS
- CREATE EQUAL REP TEAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PLAYERS
- CREATE TEAMS OF CONSISTENT PLAYER ABILITY
- ENSURE PLAYERS PLAY AT THE RIGHT COMPETITIVE LEVEL
- OFFER ALL PLAYERS PROFESSIONALLY DELIVERED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
- KEEP SIX NATIONS PLAYERS PLAYING IN SIX NATIONS, TOGETHER

TOGETHER = BETTER