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# **MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

The Games and Tournaments Committee have made several changes to the Operating Manual

**THAT:** The wild card ranking formula will remain as it was for the 2010/2011 season. To be eligible to attend a Provincial Event, U14 Tween through 18+ Open teams must have attended two (2) O.R.A. sanctioned events at the appropriate level, one (1) of which must be out of Region, a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Provincial Event in which they are intending to participate. Only round robin and gold medal games will count towards points in the ranking process.

**RATIONALE:** *The entire process at the "A" level worked very well for the 2010/2011 season. Coaches provided a lot of positive feedback. The change to only have round robin and gold medal games was well received. There is a resistance to forcing "A" teams to participate in four (4) tournaments, two (2) of which must be out of region in two (2) different regions. With the two (2) tier system that has been implemented at the "A" Provincials, the option exists that if a team would prefer to only attend two (2) tournaments, one (1) of which is out of region, rather than attain the maximum exposure, then it is their decision. This choice may result in the team not participating in the first tier at Provincials, but the team is making an informed decision and is able to consider the wishes of the players, coaches and parents involved. It gives the coaches and the teams the opportunity to weigh the cost (both financially and time wise) involved with the extra tournaments against the possibility of ranking in one (1) tier versus the other.*

**Where:** Operating Manual Games and Tournaments Section 4.3 pg 11