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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 14th, 2024
TO: PCAHA Executive Committee
FROM: Melanie Earland
PCAHA President
SUBJECT: **U9 Full Ice Pilot Program – 2024-2025 Season**

We have been officially notified by Hockey Canada that the PCAHA U9 pilot request has been approved for the 2024-25 season.

Hockey Canada has agreed to this pilot request (and one in Ontario) because there is trust in the membership. They reiterated that they understand and appreciate the work that Members have done to promote the value of the Player Pathways, including U9 half-ice hockey.

Hockey Canada remains confident in its belief that, overall, half-ice hockey is beneficial for 7- and 8-year-olds, but by agreeing to this pilot is open to addressing challenges identified by those delivering our game in some locations. Doing so in the form of a pilot allows for a controlled and monitored environment to obtain valuable data, insights and research to inform future discussions and decisions.

BC Hockey will be reaching out to PCAHA to have further dialogue with respect to our obligations in terms of obtaining the important data and feedback that Hockey Canada requires.