



GLORIA RINTS MEMORIAL SILVER STICK[®] HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



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**Mark Cobbold,
President
Ottawa Valley Titans**

Dear Mark:

It is my understanding that this is the last year of the three-year trial for the Ontario East AAA Minor Hockey League, and there will be a vote in January on whether to continue it on a permanent basis

Our Whitby International Silver Stick AAA Minor Finals Tournament just completed its twenty-first year this past November, and we have been inviting teams from the ODMHA since the beginning. Prior to the three-year AAA trial, I always invited teams from the ODMHA AA League to play in our AAA Finals. I did this because it is where the teams played in the Provincial Championships. I usually invited two teams in each Division from your league to participate in the Finals, and it most always included an Ottawa Valley Titans team. I select the teams primarily based on how they finished up the prior year.

I have noticed since the AAA League was formed that the teams on the average are more competitive in our Tournament, and are also more successful in other Tournaments. We also run a AA Minor Regional Tournament at the same time, and for each of the past two years I have invited two Ottawa teams to participate in our Minor Bantam AA Division. Both of these years the two teams invited advanced beyond the Round Robin, and two of the teams advanced to the semi-finals. This would indicate to me that the Associations that the AAA Clubs draw from are left with a strong AA League that is competitive with other AA Leagues in Ontario.

I would hope and recommend that after the three-year trial for the AAA League, that the League become permanent, and that consideration would be given to include Major Peewee in the League.

Sincerely,

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Whitby Silver Stick Tournament Director