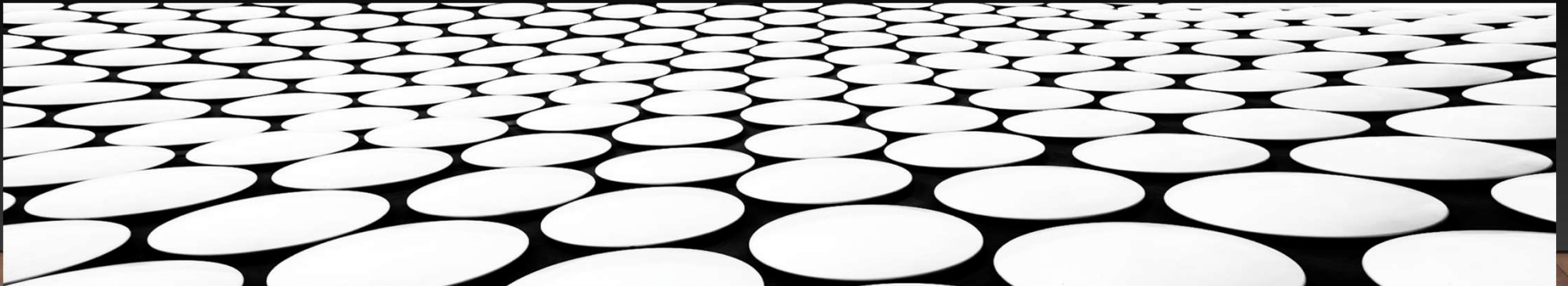




AMALGAMATION



THE POINT OF THESE INFORMATION SESSIONS IS NOT TO GET YOU TO VOTE YES TO THE AMALGAMATION, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL OF THE RELEVANT INFORMATION SO YOU CAN MAKE AN EDUCATED DECISION THAT MAKES SENSE FOR YOUR PLAYER AND YOUR FAMILY.



THE LANDSCAPE OF HOCKEY IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING. PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CURRENT TO PROVIDE THE BEST OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PLAYERS OF ALL LEVELS TO ENSURE THE BEST EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE.

EVALUATING REGISTRATION TRENDS, POPULATION, DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS, ICE CAPACITY, AND COMPETITIVE HISTORY, BRINGS ALONG CHANGES THAT WILL BEST SUIT THE NEEDS OF PLAYERS MOVING FORWARD.

WINDSOR/SUN COUNTY AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL

Declining numbers in Minor Hockey in Windsor/Essex County

Competitive teams that can compete in the Alliance, Quebec Tournament, OHF's and OHL Cup

Challenge

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Other AAA centers will start to merge soon, and we want to be ahead of that.



SOLUTIONS



- Players will be playing at the appropriate level (AAA/AA/A). Players will be placed at the proper hockey category which will result in better development.
- Teams will have players that can play at the AAA level, therefore eliminating player burnout.
- Allow the new AAA Hockey Club the ability to offer the best high-performance Coaches and Player development, as it currently stands both organizations are competing for coaches and development coaches within Essex County which limits each organization's ability to offer high-performance programs.





COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

- Windsor Spitfires backing (financial, development, etc.)
- We will have ample ice and can focus on using that for development.
- We will be able to cut costs for players to play AAA.
- In building viability and sustainability our Association will thrive – it is more desirable to stay and play.



Potential Challenges

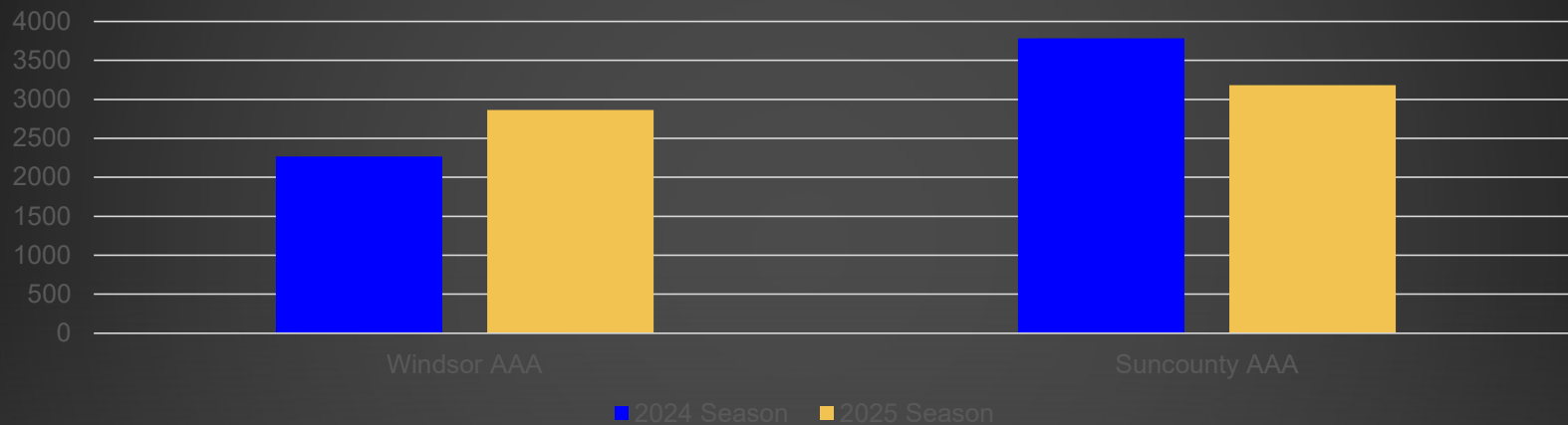
- This may result in longer driving time for travel parents – ice allocations will be split between Essex and Windsor
 - Loss of identity
- Players that have always played on the AAA teams may go back to home centers – players will be placed where they can compete

As a Board, we want you to know that we have considered the challenges and advantages!



In 2025 the Alliance will approve the realignment of Windsor AAA Zone borders. Tecumseh Minor Hockey will be under the Umbrella of the Windsor Zone

2025 Border Realignment



LET'S TALK NUMBERS

REGULAR SEASON RANKING						
Division	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Sun County	Windsor	Sun County	Windsor	Sun County	Windsor
U10	6	4	6	11	5	10
U11	2	11	6	9	7	10
U12	2	7	4	7	4	6
U13	2	3	1	10	2	10
U14	8	11	1	4	2	9
U15	7	8	10	8	1	5
U16	10	4	5	6	5	4
Average	5.29	6.86	4.71	7.86	3.71	7.71



TRYOUT NUMBERS

WINDSOR JR. SPITFIRES AAA

• Team	Count
• U10 Tryout Fee	22
• U11 tryout fee	16
• U12 Tryout Fee	17
• U13 Tryout Fee	29
• U14 Tryout Fee	37
• U15 Tryout Fee	19
• U16 Tryout Fee	18
• Grand Total	158

SUN COUNTY PANTHERS AAA

• Team	Count
• U10 Tryout Fee	28
• U11 tryout fee	27
• U12 Tryout Fee	49
• U13 Tryout Fee	39
• U14 Tryout Fee	49
• U15 Tryout Fee	34
• U16 Tryout Fee	29
• Grand Total	255



Amalgamation Past and Presents

- Riverside and Tecumseh
- Belle River and Tecumseh
- Windsor and LaSalle
- Amherstburg and LaSalle
- Amherstburg and Erie North Shore
- Essex and Leamington
- Chatham Kent and South Kent
- Hamilton Huskies and Hamilton Jr Dogs
- Oshawa Generals and Clarington Toros

Private Hockey Schools

- This year the BIOSTEEL Academy (formerly A21) opened in Windsor and was accredited by Hockey Canada.
- Next year Academy St. Cecile has applied for Accreditation from Hockey Canada
- The opening of both these hockey schools could significantly drain our players into their programs

HOW WILL COACHES BE SELECTED?

A Coach Selection Committee will be created to choose the best candidates for each team regardless of their previous home center.



The committee would be comprised of pertinent board members including but not limited to the VP of Hockey, the Coaching Director, and non-board member experts.



Who will sit on the board for the new AAA hockey club?

- The new executive will be temporarily made up of both Windsor Jr spitfires and Sun County's current board members.

Which league will the new AAA team play out of?

- The new Club will be playing within the Alliance Hockey Association. Games and practices will be in both Essex Arena and Central Park Athletics

What age groups will the new AAA hockey club be offering?

- Will be offering teams from U10-U18 AAA



HOW WILL PLAYERS BE CHOSEN?

- A committee will be utilized for unbiased evaluation
- The committee will be comprised of non-parental members and include local hockey minds such as current and former coaches and outside sources for various opinions
- The evaluators would provide their feedback which will be entered into a database for each team.
- The database will be utilized to direct the selection process
- Coaches will have input throughout the process and provide the final selection. The evaluation committee data is used to steer the process, but not necessarily make the selections; it is more like a check and balance.



QUESTIONS



FUTURE QUESTIONS CAN BE EMAILED TO

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