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Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor and HEO Junior are pleased to announce a two-year extension through to the 2020 playing season of the U18 Midget AAA League and Program. The U18 Midget AAA League will be governed under a newly devised Board of Governance framework and League Executive.

The U18 Midget AAA League Board of Governors will remain under the responsibility of HEO Minor with the direct collaboration and involvement of HEO Junior hockey.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors along with the Legacy AAA League will participate on the HEO High Performance Committee and HEO Minor's Development Committee.

Prior to end of the second season, HEO Minor will conduct a review of the U18 Midget AAA Program with a view to formalizing the U18 Midget AAA League.

This partnership extension between HEO Minor and HEO Junior further exemplifies the benefits of high performance programs working closely together for the betterment of the player. The Program's first three years demonstrated a remarkable increase in player retention at the pivotal 15 and 16-year old groups, allowing more players to have appropriate opportunity as they enter Junior hockey. The path for development is on the athletes' timetable without the unwarranted pressure to try to mirror the most elite of all players. The Central Canada Hockey League applauds the forward-thinking members of HEO Minor Council and looks forward to continuing to build a better model for Hockey Eastern Ontario.

Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor and HEO Junior would like to thank the U18 Midget AAA League Executive, Team Officials and the many volunteers that dedicated their time to getting the League started and running during its first three years.