



Ancaster Minor Hockey Town Hall Session
RE: Amalgamation of REP with Glanbrook
September 12, 2022 @7pm Morgan Firestone Arena

Questions/[Responses](#):

1. How many votes do I get if I have more than 1 child registered?

Each custodial Parent/Guardian member of a registered player shall be entitled to one vote.

2. What happens if one center reaches 2/3 majority and the other does not?

If the membership of Glanbrook or Ancaster do not ratify the proposal to amalgamate, the current Ancaster/Glanbrook Shared Boundary Pilot will terminate at the conclusion of the 2022/2023 season. Commencing the 2023/2024 season Glanbrook and Ancaster would run a separate representative program participating in regular season and playoff competition similar to the programming available prior to the Pilot, at the single A level.

3. Will you look at the competitiveness of the BB team in terms of whether or not you will field one or will you only look at numbers?

The intention is to field BB teams when and where it makes the most sense based on total registrations numbers. This decision is reviewed on a case by case basis every season with our Competition Committee throughout the process. In addition, the representative program will remain cognisant of necessary numbers to roster teams at the House League (AMHL) and Local league (GMHA) programs.

4. Are the AA teams doing better or worse than the A teams were doing at Glanbrook and Ancaster? – want to see Metrics

We are not defining success based on wins and losses. Our purpose and goals at both Glanbrook and Ancaster achieving success with an amalgamation of Rep program is the following:

- *Create the best minor hockey experience in our community, doing everything for the betterment of the game by:*
 - *Community based programming through House League, Local League and Representative*
 - *Tiered programming that allows our players to play at the appropriate skill level*
 - *Player development and having fun.*

5. If we amalgamate, will we be able to move all teams to the Tri-County league?
Our ambition is to have all teams playing in Tri-County and we will continue to pursue this with OMHA; however, at this time we have no indication this will be possible.

6. How do you measure the success of the organization?
We believe success is creating the best minor hockey experience in our community of Ancaster and Glanbrook, by:

- *Community based programming through House League, Local League and Rep*
- *Tiered programming that allows our players to play at the appropriate skill level*
- *Player development and having fun.*

7. What is the effect on House League and Local League programs if the REP amalgamates?

House League and Local League day to day hockey operations will not be impacted by the amalgamation, they will remain independent organizations, working closely with the Bombers. HL and LL will be financially independent, responsible for development, along with managing team wear. Some roles and responsibilities, specifically the relationship with the OMHA, will transfer to the Bombers. Both organizations are in agreement that having a separate rep based hockey operation and board will enable the Local League of GMHA and House League of AMHL to have a dedicated focus resulting in better programming and a more efficient operation moving forward. This result is starting to be realized today as the Bombers Sub-Committee manages rep hockey operations, and the 2 local board are permitted for the most part to solely focus on HL and LL.

8. How do you keep kids here with the Bombers? What is the incentive to stay?
Our intention is to offer and continue to offer programming that will:

- *Permit players to play at the correct level*
- *Development programming tailored to meet the varying needs at each age group/position*
- *Play with friends and have fun in their community*

9. If teams are not competitive at their designated level, can they drop to the level below?

Currently there is no tiering system with the OMHA.

10. Is Hockey Canada removing REP at the U10 level and below?

U9 and below will be MD moving forward, but Bombers will be offering programming for those ages against other associations with like skilled kids.

11. If registration numbers are falling across Ontario, will the OMHA open borders for all levels of REP?

Unfortunately, we cannot answer this question, that would be speculating on what the OMHA will do. We expect to be one of very few AA centers operating in the future which will be a benefit to our members.

GMHA Membership Meeting
RE: Amalgamation of REP with Glanbrook
September 12th @ 7:00 pm
Glanbrook Arena

Questions/[Responses](#):

1. Is there an opportunity to do advance voting?

Unfortunately, this is not possible due to the verification that needs to occur to ensure the correct people are voting.

2. How is it fair and equitable for families to have 2 votes (mom/dad) versus a family with 4 votes (mom, dad, step-parents)

"Parent/Guardian Members" include each custodial parent or legal guardian of registered players, with each being entitled to "vote".

As with the above, each "custodial parent" and "legal guardian" of a registered player is a "Parent/Guardian Member" and would be entitled to vote. Therefore, it is feasible that three parents (a birth-father, mother, and stepfather) would be entitled to one vote each, provided that each was a legal guardian or custodial parent.

3. How do you define a legal guardian?

We are defining a Parent/Guardian as someone who is a custodial parent or legal guardian of registered player playing within Ancaster and Glanbrook.

4. How is the vote happening?

Via paper ballot at both Glanbrook arena and Morgan Firestone arena on October 22 from 9am-2pm.

5. How do you make sure that the correct person is voting?

We ask all parents/legal guardians to ensure that they are associated with their child's registration account. We will have a list of all of those registered with the names of parents/legal guardians and will ask for photo ID to ensure the correct person is voting.

6. When will the votes be announced and how?

Voting results will be communicated Sunday October 23rd via AMHL, GMHA & Glanbrook Bombers websites + any other social media channels.

7. Legally will it be a separate board? Glancaster, Glanbrook and Ancaster
Yes - Glancaster will need to register as its own Not for Profit corporation, Glanbrook and Ancaster are already separate corporations.

8. Will you had to have served previously on a board in order to serve on the Glancaster Board?
No, however to be ensure the proper transition and setup of the Glancaster Bombers board, an interim board will be determined via the bylaws and key roles will be filled based on current individuals in roles.

9. Why the need for fair and equal representation for the Glancaster Board if you are now your own entity?
In order to ensure that both communities are being fairly represented in the governance of the Glancaster Bombers organization/board, the sub committee has determine that it is important to maintain this.

10. Will the merger take away members of the current board?
No it should not - GMHA + AMHL will have to realign their boards to reflect the changes via the Bombers board

11. Can you hold two spots on 2 different boards? (secretary on both Glanbrook and Glancaster)
Yes, this is possible if enough volunteers are not found.

12. Is this just a vote for Rep hockey or should local league parents come to the vote as well?
We are encouraging all members to vote whether you have a child in Local League, House League or Rep.

13. Is there a minimum number of people required to vote?
No

14. Can there be an info session after the vote occurs? (either yes or no – info on what happens now)
Yes, a decision will be made following the voting results.

15. Is it possible to have either a zoom option or you-tube channel on October 16 as some teams are in tournaments?
At this time we are unable to provide this accommodation. If a team would like to have a board member attend a team meeting/practice or game to discuss or present the amalgamation please let us know directly.