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**WinSport statement regarding March 18th bantam AA playoff game**

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport would like to clarify certain facts that have appeared in the media and a Hockey Calgary media release regarding a game that took place on Saturday, March 18, at the Markin MacPhail Centre.

The ice schedule was tight for Saturday games and no extra time was available to be added in advance to the tournament's permit. However, WinSport was cooperative in trying to accommodate overtime games throughout the weekend and willing to provide extra time if necessary, including this particular game.

At no point was WinSport requested to extend the time for the Royals/Wranglers game. We share the same disappointment that a team's season was determined by a coin toss, however, WinSport has no responsibility or authority for establishing or enforcing the rules and format of these games.

Since a request for additional ice time was never communicated to WinSport management or ice attendants by any coach, team management or on-ice official, the game concluded at its scheduled time of 9 p.m. Following a 15-minute flood, the next game commenced on schedule at 9:15 p.m.

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**About WinSport**

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