

Ice hockey – Clan break ranks over future league plans

❌ Braehead Clan have welcomed the addition of two clubs into the Elite League and have pledged to remain in Britain's top ice hockey division.

The move comes only hours after two of the Elite League's three Scottish-based clubs, Fife Flyers, Dundee Stars confirmed they were considering their options.

Edinburgh Capitals have not made any statement but sources indicate they are also considering their future.

It is understood Fife and Dundee are unhappy that a maximum of 14 import players will be allowed in the league next season.

And the addition of two new teams is another strain on already hard-pressed budgets.

Gareth Chalmers, hockey and operations director at Braehead Clan, said: "It's very exciting for everyone involved in the EIHL to welcome Guildford and Milton Keynes.

"The EIHL has always had ambitions to expand and, with the additions of these two stable organisations with proven track records, it can only be positive for everyone involved.

"Here in Braehead we're looking forward to welcoming the Flames and Lightning during the 2017/18 season.

"We believe they'll be great additions to the league and will give the Purple Army two new teams to see here in Glasgow."