



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ALBERTA NATIVE HOCKEY PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ANHPC)** shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA rules, with the exception of the HOCKEY ALBERTA (HA) and ANHPC regulation and/or rules adopted by Alberta Native Hockey (ANH) and endorsed by HA.
2. The Championships are sanctioned by Hockey Alberta.
3. Hockey Alberta certified Referees are used throughout the ANHPC. All participants (players, coaches & supporters) must respect their decision. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE on abuse of referees.
4. It is MANDATORY that the coaching staff have HA certification be on the bench at all times: Failure to adhere will result in team being asked to stop participation in the ANHPC.

HA coaching certification requirement guideline

	Coach 1 Intro to Coach	Coach 2 – Coach Level	Dev. 1	H.P. 1	Checking Skills	Respect in Sport Coach	Safety
Initiation	1 Team officials Per ten players					All Team Officials	1 Team Official Per Ten Players
Novice	Head Coach					All Team Officials	One Team Official
Atom Atom Female		Head Coach			Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Peewee A, B, C, D, Female		Head Coach			Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Peewee AA			Head Coach		Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Bantam All levels below Male AA-Female Elite		Head Coach			Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Bantam AA, Elite female			Head Coach*		Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Bantam AAA							
Midget All levels below Male AA-Female Elite		Head Coach			Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Midget AA Elite Female			Head Coach*		Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Minor Midget AAA			Head Coach*		Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official
Midget AAA Female AAA				Head Coach	Head Coach	All Team Officials	One Team Official

- **For Bantam AA, Bantam Elite Female, Midget AA, Midget Elite Female and Minor midget AAA where Development 1 is required, any head Coach that possesses the High Performance 1 Certification will also be deemed eligible.**
- ** **For Junior A, the requirement for Head Coaches to have High Performance 1 Certification is new for the 2016-17 season.**
- *** **The Respect in Sport requirement excludes Senior/Junior Teams, unless a minor-aged player is registered to and/or affiliated to the team**

COACHING PROGRAMS

The requirements outlined above are based on a team's categorization prior to November 15 of the current playing season.

It is highly recommended that all Local Minor Hockey Associations ensure Assistant Coaches have completed the same course(s) as noted above.

Development 1 and High Performance 1 courses require a Coach to be 'Certified' in order to meet the requirements. Head Coaches will have to be 'Trained' in the course by November 15 of the current season and will have to have completed full 'Certification' in the program by November 15 of the following season in order to remain eligible.

RESPECT IN SPORTS

All registered team officials must have completed the Respect in Sport – Activity Leader Program. This requirement excludes Senior and Junior teams, unless a minor-aged player is registered to and/or affiliated to the team

HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM

All registered teams must have a minimum of one (1) registered team official who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

5. REGISTRATIONS

- a. All players must be registered On Line at Alberta Native Hockey Council Web Page
- b. All teams are allowed to register a maximum of 19 PLAYERS. (17 skaters and 2 goalies)
Initiation does not have to designate goalies.
- c. All players must be registered with Hockey Alberta.
- d. ANH team roster registration deadline must include 1 goalie, 11 skaters and 2 Coaching staff date is January 20th.
- e. Rosters will be frozen after roster deadline and roster movement will not be allowed. Only blank roster lines can be filled with a player. Exception is goalies that have a medical note from a doctor can be replaced by adding a goalie using the add-on rules.
(Add on players will be allowed under rule 5 e.)
- f. Players may be added on after deadline providing the following guidelines have been met.
 1. Administration fee is paid.
 2. Player is not on any other team roster.
 3. All proper registration papers for player are provided.
 4. All above are met prior to add on deadline date.
 5. Players on double roster cannot be replaced with another player as an add-on.
- g. Color Proof of aboriginal descent, birth certificate, & health care card must be submitted On line.
- h. The ANHPC roster sheet will act as the master sheet for player registration.
Prior to all games the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game and, further disciplinary action will result.

6. PLAYER RELEASE

Player release will be required when a player wants to participate for another community

- a. When the player lives in a community that is in good standing with ANH.
- b. When the player is HA registered during regular season play, with a community that is in good standing with ANH.
- c. When the player has played with a community for two consecutive years, that player is deemed from that community.
- d. All release forms must be signed by the community representative; community registrar or president; parent or guardian; & player.
- e. The manager of the team is responsible for obtaining player release form when a player is in question by ANH or knowingly adding players to roster from another community.
- f. The community that should have granted the player release form must make a formal written complaint, at which time the player in question will be suspended until a ruling is made by the ANH board.
- g. Teams will be notified if players are on two rosters. The roster first submitted will be deemed to have priority not withstanding eligibility.
- h. Any player caught playing on two teams will jeopardize both teams from further play at the ANHPC.
Failure to obtain a properly completed release form could disqualify a player from playing in the ANHPC.

7. CATEGORIZATION

- a. Players registered with HA as AAA, AA, A, Tier 1, community A, or Junior are defined as "A" players for ANHPC.
- b. Players registered with HA as Tier 2 or lower, or community B, C, and D are defined as "B" players for ANHPC.
- c. Midget/Bantam Only 2 A players allowed on a team in the B division if they are members from that community or registered within that minor hockey association with HA in previous years.
- d. Pee wee and down is all open for A players allowed on a team.
- e. A player can move down from his League level of play, to play in ANHPC as long as age permits. However player will be classified an A player.

8. GAME REGULATIUN

- a. All teams must be at the arena at least 45 minutes prior to game time.
- b. All games will start on time.
- c. Any team unable to commence play 10 minutes after game start will forfeit game.
- d. A goal will be awarded to team after 5 mins, 1 goal for every minute thereafter the team is late up to 10 mins, for a 6-0 forfeit win.
- e. Teams will not be allowed in dressing room and warm ups, unless accompanied by a team official.
- f. A 10 goal differential exists after the second period, the game shall be called.
- g. No ties in round robin play. (with the exception of Initiation)
- h. Finalized ice schedule will be posted at each arena. Match program schedule with arena postings.
- i. ANH reserves the right to match the game times with ice availability.

9. PENALTIES

All penalties assessed during straight times shall be:

Minor penalty will be 3 minutes.

Major penalty will be 5 minutes.

Penalties assessed during straight time will not commence until the puck is dropped.

10. OVERTIME (NEW 2016)

- a. Will be sudden victory, first goal wins.
- b. All play will be straight time.
- c. Clock will stop after each progression. So players can be removed.
- d. Puck shall be dropped at center ice after each progression.
- e. Overtime will run in increments for five minutes as follows;
 - (Goaltender may be pulled at any time for an extra attacker at the discretion of the coach)
 - Two minutes 3 on 3 if no goal scored Penalties will be carried over to the next progression
 - Two minutes 2 on 2 if no goal scored
 - One minute 1 on 1 if no goal scored Penalty shot will be called for penalties incurred
 - Shootout will occur:
 - Three players will shoot alternately if no goal scored.
 - One player from each team will shoot alternately until winner is decided.
 - Players cannot shoot again until nine players from his team have shot.

11. TIE BREAKING SYSTEM

If a tie occurs in the standings after round robin play, the following steps will occur:

- If two teams tie; winner of head to head competition will determine placement.
- If three teams tie; plus/minus will determine placement of all three.
- If, still tied fewest penalty minutes will determine placement.

12. DISCIPLINE

- a. All disciplinary rulings shall be final
- b. Managers and coaches will be deemed responsible for the behavior of their teams and supporters.
- c. The HA minimum suspension guidelines will be used for suspensions, with the exception of the following.
 1. Fighting instigator or aggressor will be suspended from remainder of ANHPC.
 2. Retaliator will be suspended for the next game.
 3. Checking from behind with intent to injure will result in suspension for remainder of ANHPC.
- d. Any player, coach, manager who receives a 9.6 (a) (b) or (c) penalty, will be suspended from remainder of ANHPC and will be reported to HA for further disciplinary action.
- e. ANH and HA will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
- f. ANH may continue a suspension to any ANH sanctioned event and may include the following year.
- g. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to ANH.
- h. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed major penalties does not participate in the next game.

**Have fun and show Good Sportsmanship!
Anything that you do is a reflection of your community**

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