

**ALL PEACE HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**CONSTITUTION**

**and**

**RULES**

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# CONSTITUTION

- 1) This organization shall be known as the All Peace Hockey League (APHL).
- 2) The objectives of the APHL are:
  - a) To promote, govern and improve organized Minor hockey;
  - b) To foster among its members, supporters and teams, a general community spirit;
  - c) To maintain and increase the interest in the game of hockey;
  - d) To have and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over the playing interests of its teams and players;
  - e) To allow the children to play and enjoy hockey.
- 3) The constitution shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting which is held in conjunction with Hockey Alberta Zone 1 meeting. (Apr 2016) All proposed constitutional changes or issues needing group discussion/decision (Oct 2013) shall be submitted to the President in writing no later than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The President then to provide this information to the Associations no later than 15 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 4) The APHL shall consist of two (2) voting members from each APHL Association within its jurisdiction. Members shall represent all their divisions participating in the APHL. It is expected that these members shall represent their association for the entire season and be responsible for reporting back to their respective associations.
- 5) Each APHL Association shall have two (2) votes only.
- 6) There shall be a minimum of three (3) (Oct 2012) meetings held during the season. These meetings will be held as decided at the Annual General Meeting. (All meetings are at MST Mountain Standard Time (Apr 2016). Meetings to include:
  - a. Kickoff Meeting; in late September. (May 2017)
  - b. Tiering Meeting; held prior to regular season play to finalize the tiering format, etc. This meeting will be held in October, date to be determined, at 12:00 PM (Apr 2016). The Saturday following the Tiering Meeting is reserved for the All Peace Scheduling Meeting - attendance by each association is mandatory.
  - c. Annual General Meeting; this meeting is held in April/May. (May 2017)
- 7) The APHL Executive shall be comprised of the following:
  - a) President
  - b) Past President
  - c) Vice-President – Atom, Midget, Female
  - d) Vice-President – Bantam, Pee Wee
  - e) Secretary/Treasurer

The APHL executive shall have a two-year term. On an even year, the President and Vice President – Atom, Midget, Female, shall be up for election. On an odd year, Vice President – Bantam, Pee Wee and Secretary/Treasurer, shall be up for election. The President will send out notification for nomination prior to February 1 of the current year. By April 1 of each calendar year, nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary of the APHL, who will inform the President of all nominations. Elections to be held at the APHL AGM. (May 2017)

There will be five (5) Commissioners chosen from the APHL, one at each level. (i.e.: Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, Midget, and Female) (Oct, 2000).

## 8) DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President within the jurisdiction of the APHL shall have all the power of the President of the Branch and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall have the power to:

- a) Sign as a signing authority of the APHL;
- b) Preside at all meetings;
- c) Exercise the power of the Executive in case of an emergency;
- d) Sit on all committees as an ex-officio voting member;
- e) Oversee / organize the preparation and issuance of the league schedule along with the Scheduling Meeting Director. (Oct, 2010) This is a very big task that requires volunteers and considerable effort. The President should document any procedures or recommendations that would make scheduling easier for the host team the following year and present his/her ideas at the next meeting;
- f) Assist the Secretary and Treasurer in carrying out the many administrative functions;
- g) Notify Hockey Alberta and Hockey BC on address and executive changes each season;
- h) Act on behalf of the league in resolving any issues with any member Association which were formally raised in writing;
- i) Administer the forfeiture of performance bonds and notification in accordance to the Rules and motions passed by the majority of the membership;
- j) Provide guidance and ensure a smooth turnover of the Leagues workings and finances to the next host community.
- k) President to appoint the Statistician/Website Coordinator for the current season (Oct, 2002)
- l) Assist commissioners when requested by them and the VP is not available.
- m) Assess fines to APHL associations as per league constitution.
- n) Attend Hockey Alberta Annual General Meeting as a representative of the APHL. Expenses are to be paid for travel, accommodations and meals.
- o) Attend APHL games as requested by associations to be present at games with concerns due to refereeing, safety of players/visiting teams and any other reason that may cause concern of the integrity of the league. Mileage is to be paid by the APHL.
- p) Appoint a committee to review and decide on any upward team movement for playoffs, without a request from any association.
- q) Ensure that each association is providing a safe and fun environment for all visiting teams. If an association is not providing a safe and fun environment, the association is at risk of expulsion from the APHL by the APHL Executive, (i.e. fans abusing players and coaches on or off the ice etc.) Furthermore, the APHL Executive can fine the offending LMHA up to \$1,000.00. (May 2017)
- r) The President has the power to suspend any APHL member, including players, coaches and LMHA executives that are conducting themselves unprofessionally towards opponents, team officials, on and off ice game officials, fans, facilities and APHL executives, including Commissioners. Unprofessional conduct includes and is not limited to physical or verbal abuse of any person or facility, inappropriate gestures or language and may include any guidelines set forth by Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta. Any member of the APHL causing damages to another LMHA facility, transportation vehicles or equipment will be financially responsible for the replacement or repairs of the damages. Furthermore, the APHL President can fine the offending LMHA up to \$1,000.00. (May 2017)

9) **DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Both Vice Presidents shall be signing authorities of the APHL. (Oct 2013)

PeeWee, Bantam

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability to act, the Vice-President, PeeWee, Bantam shall have and exercise all the powers of the President and shall at all times be an ex-officio voting member of all committees. This Vice President will provide guidance to the Commissioners as required in fulfilling their duties. (Oct, 2010)

Atom, Midget, Female

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, PeeWee, Bantam or in the event of his/her inability to act, the Vice-President Atom, Midget, Female shall have and exercise all the powers of the President and shall at all times be an ex-officio voting member of all committees. This Vice President will provide guidance to the Commissioners as required in fulfilling their duties. (Oct, 2010)

10.) **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER** (May 2017)

- a) Keep an accurate record of the time and place of the meetings;
- b) Notify all members of the time and place of the meetings;
- c) Enter onto the website the latest Constitution, Rules, and a current list of all coaches and contacts;
- d) Enter onto the website minutes of each meeting as well as email to all association representatives, APHL Commissioners, and the Hockey Alberta Zone 1 Minor Regulation Committee Chair within two (2) weeks of the meeting date. (Oct, 2010)
- e) Keep a record of all monies received and distributed;
- f) Shall present at each Annual Meeting a report of the year's operations and duly audited statement of the APHL;
- h) Shall be one of the signing authorities of the APHL;
- i) Order and supply score sheets and incident reports to each association as required. (Oct, 2010)
- j) Order and distribute APHL banners for playoffs. (Apr 2016)

11) **DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER**

They shall include:

- a) Review and rule on all game sheets;
- b) Abide by the rules of the APHL, Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta and Hockey BC (in special circumstances);
- c) Inform their Vice President (Oct, 2010) details of any suspensions handed out at his/her level;
- d) Act as a first line arbitrator in resolving conflicts between teams on possible game forfeitures.
- e) Review game sheets to ensure game scores and statistics have been correctly entered onto the website within 60 hours of the game being played. (May 2017)
- f) Enter in any game changes onto the website as required. (Oct, 2010)
- g) Inform the President of any APHL protocol violations from associations. (Apr 2016)
- h) Submit a year-end report, an overview of the season regarding penalties and suspensions, average length of games and any other information beneficial to the APHL members. (Apr 2016)

- 12) DUTIES OF THE STATISTICIAN / WEB SITE CORDINATOR (Apr 2016)
  - a) Forward statistic summaries to local news media on at least a biweekly basis.
  - b) Team statistics will be kept for two years to provide back ground information for the tiering of teams for the upcoming season. (Oct, 2002)
  - c) Update website as required by the Secretary and/or the President of the APHL.(Apr 2016)
  - d) Work with the website developer on any updates and or better use of the website.(Apr 2016)
  - e) Work in conjunction with the Treasurer on ordering and distributing APHL banners for playoffs. (Apr 2016)
- 13) A yearly fee will be charged for each team participating in the APHL to cover operating costs such as communications, banners, meeting room expenses, etc. These rates are to be established at the Annual General Meeting. For 2017-2018 season, the fee will be \$100 per participating team and \$250 per LMHA participating in the APHL. (May 2017)
- 14) Performance bonds will be required each year for each team participating in the APHL to provide some leverage to deal with specific problem areas including poor sportsmanship, inadequate officiating, cancellations/forfeitures, etc. These rates are to be established at either the Annual General Meeting. The performance bonds will now accrue interest, paid out upon return of the bond, to commence November 8, 2007. (Oct, 2007)
- 15) The Rules are separate from the APHL Constitution. (Oct 17, 1997)
- 17) RULES COMMITTEE: Rule's Committee will be struck annually, consisting of the Past President, or in the absence of the Past President, a designate appointed by the current President, and the President, and one Vice-President. (Oct, 2010). This committee will act as an appeals board for all APHL rulings (Apr 26, 2015), in fulfilling their responsibilities as described in the APHL Constitution. If a member of the Rule's Committee is unable to assist because of absence or conflict of interest, add the corresponding number of Commissioners, which were not part of the original ruling, to this committee. (Oct, 2008)
- 18) All appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing addressed to the President through the Secretary and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision or ruling being appealed. (Oct, 2012)
- 19) The appellant shall be required to pay to the APHL a fee of \$ 300.00 which must accompany the written appeal. Said fee will be refunded if appeal is successful. (Oct, 2012)

# RULES

1.

- a) Associations will provide a preliminary list of teams and the levels that they request to be placed **one week after the** (Oct, 2011) the Kick Off meeting. At the same time the LMHA President or delegate must provide four ice slots per team for exhibition play. A final list of teams and levels to be submitted 5 days prior to the Tiering Meeting in the fall. (May 2017)

Team Placement, Division Splits and length of schedule will be determined at the Tiering Meeting. (Oct, 2006)

The APHL will schedule a maximum of four exhibition games for each team participating in the APHL. These games will be played over a two week period and will be posted on the APHL website.

Exhibition game sheets must be entered into the APHL website. Please follow Rule 10 a) through 10 g) in the Constitution. Gamesheets for said games must be present at the **Tiering** meeting. There will be a fine of \$ \$300.00 per game for each scheduled game not played and will result in ineligibility for the team to participate in the APHL in the upcoming season. (May 2017)

Large tiers must be split into two divisions. (Apr 26, 2015)

All Divisions in the APHL will be tiered based on team parity. Team parity will be defined, discussed, and agreed upon by all Associations at the Tiering Meeting. Team statistics from the most current 2 years will be used to help decide the parity of teams.

For the scheduling meeting, each team must bring 30 % more ice slots than they need. Each team must have their own set of ice and their own scheduler. (Oct, 2011)

There will be a fine of \$ 100.00 per team for those who do not. (Apr 26, 2015) Ice schedulers must sign in at the scheduling meeting head table. (Apr 2016)

Coin tosses required will be done at a separate Coin toss session right after the Tiering Meeting. (Apr 26, 2015)

- b) The APHL will begin **the last weekend in October (i.e Friday October 27, 2016)** (Apr 2016) and include twelve to twenty (12-20) (May 2017) APHL league games with a ten (10) day Christmas break. Within the APHL there will be a maximum of 6 Tiers; Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5 and Tier 6 with Tier 6 being the lowest tiered teams of associations. If any one Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 is deemed to be too large – smaller geographical groupings may be created with the same designation, (i.e. Atom Tier 1 – 2 divisions etc.) (May 2017)
- c) APHL will have a playoff season at the end of each regular season with the format as follows:

**All series to be two games, total point.**

In Divisions with	Series	Round 1 – two weeks and Round 2 - Two weeks	(Apr 2016)
3 teams	1	Top team has a bye	Top team plays winner.
	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> plays 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
4 teams	1	1 <sup>st</sup> plays 4 <sup>th</sup>	Winner of 1 plays Winner of 2.
	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> plays 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
5 teams		Bottom team is dropped, revert to 4 team playoff	
6 teams		Top 3 teams become A division, revert to 3 team playoff	
		Bottom 3 teams become B division, revert to 3 team playoff	
7 teams		Top 4 teams become A division, revert to 4 team playoff	

8 teams	Bottom 3 teams become B division, revert to 3 team playoff Top 4 teams become A division, revert to 4 team playoff
9 teams	Bottom 4 teams become B division, revert to 4 team playoff Bottom team is dropped, revert to 8 team playoff
10 teams	Bottom 2 teams are dropped, revert to 8 team playoff

1. Rule # 13 a.) to o.) will be put into effect so that forfeits and fines can be enforced for all playoff games. It is recommended that if playoffs are agreed to, that the following rules be considered as options to assist with the completion of playoffs and the fairness in which teams are tiered:
2. There may be movement of teams upward for playoffs, and only if there is a written request through the LMHA's APHL Rep to the Commissioner by January 15 of the current season from one of the association's coaches who is involved in the tier the team is in. The APHL President may also set up a committee to decide on any upward team movement for playoffs, without a request from any association. (Apr 2016)

The following process will apply:

- There will be an email vote by the executive to rule on the request for movement;
- The email votes are to be tabulated and recorded by the Secretary who will inform the President who will inform the teams in the affected tiers; (Apr 2016)
- If the team is moved up they will be placed at the bottom of the tier they are moving to. They are ineligible for a banner for the tier they are leaving. If a team or teams are moved up into a higher tier the APHL executive committee may alter the playoff format to ensure the team or teams continue in playoffs. (May 2017)

The APHL will not allow downward movement for playoffs.

3. Playoff Game Scheduling: a minimum of 2 game slots need to be offered by the team with venue to get playoffs started. (Oct, 2004).
4. Notification of each playoff game must be given 72 hours prior to the game. (Oct, 2002)
5. All playoff series must be agreed to by both teams with a signed playoff agreement sent to the Commissioner prior to the game being played. (Oct, 2009)
6. The APHL PRESIDENT will be given the right to extend playoff series only. (Apr, 2016)
7. Whenever possible a three man referee system should be used for playoff games. (Oct, 2012)
8. Playoff games not scheduled due to tournaments will be forfeited by the team not available. Forfeit rules will apply. (Oct, 2012)
9. Formula to break a tie in APHL standings:
  - a) Who won the most games in the match ups between the two tied teams during the season. (Oct 2010)
  - b) In the event of a tie as per a), Team with the highest goals "for" in the match ups between the two tied teams during the season. (Oct 2010)
  - c) If still tied after a) and b), who has the highest total wins throughout the entire season against everyone in the division during APHL play. (Oct 2010)
  - d) If still tied after a), b), and c), take the total number of goals "for" divided by the total number of goals "for" and "against" in APHL play. (Oct 2010)
  - e) Straight up record versus team in highest standing not involving teams tied: The team with the best record receives higher standing in APHL play. If still tied proceed to next team in standings and so forth to the last place team;
  - f) Same as #5 except uses goals for and against instead of wins. (Oct, 1996)
  - g) If still tied after f), the APHL will revert back to the Hockey Canada tie-breaking rule. (May 2017)



10. Formula for playoff overtime ties:

- a) All series are 2 game total goal; overtime is not played to decide the first games;
- b) If the teams are tied after regulation time has expired in game 2, a 10 minute sudden death overtime will decide the series;

Please be aware that this rule may need to apply even though the 2nd game is not a tie: ie. Blue defeats Red 6-4 in the first game, Red defeats Blue 6-4 in the second game - you now have a tie and the 10 minute sudden death. If series is still tied, a shoot-out will decide the series. Start with 5 shooters on each team; the team scoring the most goals wins. If still tied after 5 shooters, sudden death shoot-out will take place with 1 shooter per team until tie is broken. Note: Same player cannot take part in shoot-out until entire roster is used, except for goaltenders; they can be switched at any time during shoot-out. (Oct, 2002)

11. “Mercy Rule”: For playoffs there will be an automatic 10 goal mercy rule which states that if the first game has a 10 goal difference the second game does not have to be played. If the first game ends in less than a 10 goal deficit, but in the opinion of both coaches, one team is clearly outplaying the other team, then both coaches can agree to not play the second game. Both coaches must indicate, on the front of the game sheet that the second game will not be played and sign the game sheet prior to sending it to the commissioner. (Oct, 2008)

- 2.
  - a. All teams must be registered with Hockey Alberta or Hockey BC.
  - b. All parents will have Respect in Sport Parent completed by December 1 of each year.(Oct 2012)
  - c. All divisions are to abide by the age group set down by Hockey Alberta.
  - d. Players may play in the next level higher, but not in a lower level. (Overage exceptions)
- 3. Players with special circumstances (i.e., handicapped, small for age, medical problems, very weak skills) should register with the proper category of play. However players may be allowed to participate in play at a lower level **IF** all of the Hockey Alberta and Hockey BC rules and guidelines for overage player movement are followed and approved by Hockey Alberta and the President of the APHL. This individual must not be in the top half of the players at the lower level. (Oct 2005)
  - a. Overage player applications: (Apr 2016)
    - 1. In order to apply for overage status the Hockey Alberta overage player application criteria and guideline form must be fully completed.
    - 2. Hockey Alberta views overage status as a privilege and not a right. Hockey Alberta guidelines of overage status is not a Hockey Alberta regulation.
    - 3. The APHL will review Overage application once only per season per player. Forms not completed correctly the first time will not be reviewed again and are automatically denied for the overage request.
- 4. Anyone moving into the area can be registered at any time prior to January 10. A new HCR roster must be filed with the Commissioner. The APHL will follow the Hockey Canada /Hockey Alberta rules regarding affiliation. A new HCR roster must be filed with the Commissioner prior to an affiliate player being added to the team. (Oct 2013)

5. **By the Wednesday BEFORE** the start of APHL play (Oct, 2013) of the playing year, each APHL team must email to the appropriate commissioner for each division, the HCR (Hockey Canada Registration) roster which must include jersey numbers. A fine of \$ **250.00** will be levied for each team who is late. (Oct 2013) Team managers/representative must also have the website updated at the same time. A fine on \$250.00 will be levied for each roster posted late to the website. (May 2017)

The rosters sent to the APHL Commissioner must include all team players and personnel, their names, dates of birth, positions, HCR numbers, jersey numbers and HCR STATUS. (Oct, 2010) These rosters must include all affiliates and must be updated as affiliates are added. If you are using team to team affiliation then the lower team HCR roster must accompany the registered team HCR roster, (e.g., if your Pee wee team is affiliated with your Bantam team then the Pee wee registration must accompany the Bantam registration and be sent to the Bantam commissioner). (Oct, 2008)

6. Any association with teams in the APHL will be charged a \$1000.00 bond. (Apr 2016) Any Association that loses part of, or all of, their bond will have five (5) days to replenish their bond or their Association will be suspended from APHL play until their bond is replenished. (Oct, 1995)
7. All Annual Dues: see Constitution article 13. Applicable performance bonds per Association must be paid prior to the commencement of APHL play. (Oct, 2003) Commissioners expenses, (i.e. telephone, fax, paper etc.) are to be covered by the association providing the commissioner. (Oct, 2004) Honorariums will be paid for the following executive positions: (Oct, 2011)

Commissioners	Atom, PeeWee, Female: \$ 750.00 per season - re-evaluated yearly. Bantam, Midget: \$ 1000.00 per season - re-evaluated yearly.
Statistician/Website	\$ 500.00 per season - re-evaluated yearly.
President	\$4500.00 per season (May 2017) Accommodations and travel (\$.54 km) for APHL Business. (Apr 2016)
Vice Presidents	\$1000.00
Secretary Treasurer	\$1000.00
Past President	\$1000.00

8. Game durations: Overtime format for APHL regular season games will be a 5 minute straight time 3 on 3 sudden death period. (Apr 2016) All games must be equal in length to ensure statistical analysis is fair and accurate for the next seasons tiering within Divisions. Length of games will be as follows: All divisions -  
Three periods of twenty minutes stop time. (Oct, 2003)  
Recommend one flood after each period of play. (Oct, 2004)  
\*\*Recommend 2 hrs minimum for Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Female  
\*\*Recommend 2 1/2 hrs minimum for Midget

9. APHL games must use certified officials. All games at all levels shall have a minimum of 2 officials. (Oct, 2004) For games with a two man system, one referee must be from at least two (2) divisions higher than the play they are officiating, whereas the other referee must be from at least (1) division higher. For all APHL games in BC, if a two man system is used, both must wear the red arm band. On games with a three man system, the referee must be from at least two (2) divisions higher than the play they are officiating, whereas the linesmen be from at least (1) division higher or the linesmen can be from the same level. (Oct 2009)

The home team shall attempt to provide three (3) on ice officials for Bantam and Midget games. (Oct, 2002) Teams not meeting these requirements will be fined \$ 250.00 by the APHL Commissioner and/or President. (Oct, 2009)

10. a.) It is mandatory for all teams to use APHL Scorebooks. (Oct, 2006)
  - b) Game sheets to be entered into the APHL website by the **home team** within 24 hours of completion of the game. This includes game scores and all statistics (goals, assists, penalties). (May 2017)
  - c) The home team is responsible for sending the game sheet and any incident reports to their APHL commissioner and to Hockey Alberta as required. Late game sheets entered into the APHL website or sent to APHL commissioner will be fined \$250.00 per occurrence. All score sheets with 5 minute, match, gross, 10 minute, game misconducts, etc. must be emailed within 24 hours to the Commissioner. Match and Gross Misconducts must also be emailed within 24 hours to the Hockey Alberta Zone 1 Discipline /Sanction Coordinator. The game number must appear on the game sheet! Commissioners must issue suspension notices no later than Thursday morning of each week to the Association Representative. (May 2017)
  - d) It is preferred that score sheets be scanned and emailed. (Oct, 2011)
  - e) Scorekeepers and timekeepers are game officials. Associations must provide competent volunteers. Ineligible or incomplete game sheets will also be subject to a \$250.00 fine per occurrence. The APHL encourages each association to train 2 to 4 members per team to properly and correctly complete game sheets. (May 2017)
11. All score sheets must signed by the on ice and off ice officials and their names must be printed as well. This is to be verified by coaches or managers. (Oct, 2008) The Game Number, Date, Game Level, and Team names must be clearly marked on the game sheet. (i.e.: Atom Tier 1 - Game # 12 - December 9, 1992 - Peace River vs. Manning or Peewee Tier 4 - Game #5 etc.) Game sheets received with inadequate information will not be processed for points. Commissioners will not phone associations involved. The teams must call the commissioner to supply the missing information. All associations need to put a system in place whereby the referee gives the white copy of the score sheet to the winning team - this ensures that the commissioner can read what is emailed to them. (Oct, 2004)
12. League standings will be kept on the APHL Website and overseen by the Commissioner with 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. (Oct, 2003)  
**If overtime is required the following points will be awarded:**  
**2 points for overtime win      1 point for overtime tie      1 point for overtime loss**
13. POSTPONED, CANCELLED and FORFEITED GAMES and APHL FINES (Oct, 2005)
- a) The performance bond posted by each Association will reinforce this position: (Oct, 1995)
  - b) Changes to regularly scheduled games when agreed upon by both parties: (Oct, 2011). All date changes to regularly scheduled games must be faxed or emailed to the APHL Commissioners as soon as the alternate date has been set by the teams involved. (Oct, 2003)
  - c) When both teams cannot agree to postpone a game, there shall be seven (7) days application for postponement indicating reasons for same given to the APHL Commissioner. The APHL Commissioner in consultation with the Vice President and/or President shall then rule on the postponement and advise both teams. (Oct, 2011)

- d) A minimum of 72 hour's notice is required to postpone a game due to extenuating circumstances such as: extreme weather conditions (in the case of weather less than 72 hours may be the only option), family emergency, serious illness etc. or the team in default forfeits the points AND Rule 13 j) may be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner. (Teams agreeing to reschedule the game would nullify the need for the forfeit and fine.)
- e) If the visiting team is a "No show" at a regularly scheduled game an automatic minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$1000.00 shall be assessed by the APHL President and/or Commissioner. Points will be forfeited to the host team. (Teams agreeing to reschedule the game would nullify the need for the forfeit and fine.)
- f) If the host team cancels a game due to no referees at a regularly scheduled game an automatic minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$1000.00 shall be assessed by the APHL President and/or Commissioner. Points will be forfeited to the visiting team. (Teams agreeing to reschedule the game would nullify the need for the forfeit and fine.)
- g) League games delayed due to tournament or exhibition games are to be made up before the end of the regular season. Failure to do so will result in the offending team forfeiting two (2) points to the other team AND Rule 13 j) will be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner.
- h) If the host team postpones a scheduled game, the host team must try to reschedule and play this game prior to the end of the regular season. If after offering three different times without agreeing to an acceptable date for a rematch within the above time frame, the host team will forfeit the game; AND Rule 13 j) will be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner.
- i) If the visiting team postpones a regular scheduled game, the host team must offer a minimum of two (2) dates for a rematch to be played prior to the end of the regular season. The visiting team must accept one of the alternate dates or forfeit the game; AND Rule 13 j) will be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner.
- j) A APHL Fine will be issued with a minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$1000.00 against an Association which has a team cancel or forfeit a game, unless for valid reasons (i.e. extreme weather conditions, family emergency, serious illness etc.).
- k) The APHL President will (Apr 2016) be notified of all forfeited games by the commissioner. The APHL President through the APHL Secretary (Oct, 2010) will then issue a letter to the offending Association's Executive and the APHL Commissioner (for statistical purposes) notifying them of the forfeiture and the deduction of the money from their performance bond. Upon the 3rd forfeiture the remaining bond money will be deducted and the team will be ejected from the APHL for the remaining regular season and playoff games.
- l) The non-offending team may make formal application in writing with full details to the APHL for the recovery of any receipted expenses by the Annual General Meeting (Oct, 2011). If the non-offending team does not make formal application for funds the money will be retained in the APHL Bank Account Fine Pool. The APHL will not exceed the fine pool, in terms of payouts. All APHL fines will be reported in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting. (Oct 2013)
- m) The APHL Commissioner and/or APHL Vice (Oct, 2010) President for that level will rule on all disputes and his/her decision will be final. (Oct5, 1992)

- n) All fines levied by the APHL Commissioner and/or President will be issued and invoiced by the APHL secretary within 10 days of the date that the infraction occurred. (Oct, 2008)
- o) On games that are forfeited, a score of 3 to 0 will be given to the non offending team for statistical purposes. (Oct 2009)
14. APHL Banners are to be presented at the deciding game in all playoffs. (Oct, 2002)
15. Suspensions shall be administered by the Commissioners at the respective level in accordance with these APHL Rules and/or those set out by Hockey Canada, and Hockey Alberta (Apr 26, 2015) as minimum standards whichever is greater. The commissioners shall notify the APHL Vice (Oct, 2010) President of any suspensions. The Commissioner may increase the number of game suspensions for repeat offenders or depending on the particulars of any specific incident. Suspensions are to be served as per Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta rules. (Apr 26, 2015)
16. Any member association in arrears with dues/bonds after regular APHL play begins, will lose all rights to discuss or vote in the association until such fees are paid in full. (Oct, 1991)
17. It is the responsibility of the APHL representatives to familiarize all the coaches and managers in their communities of these rules. (Oct, 1991)
18. Failure to comply with any of the above rules cause forfeiture of performance bond money by that Association. (Oct, 1991)
19. a) Any APHL Association not attending two (2) out of three (3) (Oct, 2012) APHL meetings during the year, will be deemed no longer part of the APHL and their bond will be refunded. This rule may also apply to any Association not fulfilling other obligations as required by the APHL. (Associations who have requested in-active status are not included in this rule) (Oct, 2004)
- b) All Associations will ensure that a team representative attend the ice schedule meeting held prior to the start of APHL play for that season. Each association will also ensure that an ice scheduler is present at the scheduling meeting for each team (Oct, 2009) and each team must have 30% more ice slots than they need for their home games. Any association, which does not have a member in attendance, will not be scheduled for that season. (Oct, 2008)
- c) Any Association that remains inactive for (2) two seasons will have their bond refunded and will no longer be considered part of the APHL. (Oct, 2011)
20. a) APHL Expansion or re-instatement of membership. No team shall be allowed to join the APHL without the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the Associations members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. (Oct, 1994) Associations applying for a probationary spot in the APHL will NOT be present for discussion and voting. Application will be made by the association in question and they will then be asked to leave the meeting.
- b) The first three (3) years of membership are to be probationary years, which will be voted on for each season at the Annual General Meeting. (Oct, 2008) The following options may occur: The probationary association will be granted another year of probation OR the probationary association will be denied further involvement with the APHL.
- When the probationary association finishes their 3rd year of probation a vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting for permanent status. (Oct, 2008)

- c) Application for expansion or re-instatement to the APHL must include the following:
  - i) Written request to the APHL President by March 1 of the current season, which the APHL President will forward to the APHL Association Reps by April 1.
  - ii) A \$500.00 application fee to be sent into the APHL Treasurer within 3 weeks of the APHL AGM. The application fee will be applied to the APHL bond if the association is accepted into the APHL. If the application is denied the application fee is nonrefundable.
  - iii) Minutes from association's board meeting showing a passed motion to apply to the APHL.
  - iv) Applicants must include the following information:
    - 1) Number of teams within the association that are applying to play in the APHL.
    - 2) Number of members in the association in the past two years and expected members for the upcoming season.
    - 3) Include information regarding association's facility including; how old, any renovations, ice surface (size), number of dressing rooms, showers, concession, ice times that are available to the association for APHL games, skate sharpening etc.
    - 4) Town overview including; restaurants, hotels sport stores, hospitals, ambulance service, RCMP, etc.
    - 5) Overview on why the association wants to apply to the APHL.
  - v) Representative must be in attendance at the APHL AGM to present the application and answer questions from the APHL membership.
  
- d) All associations requesting in-active status in any given season will automatically be placed on probation and Rule 20 b will be enforced. During in-active status, the association in question must still honor all executive requirements for their association as in President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scheduling Director (Oct, 2010) and Commissioners. This rule shall be retro-active to the 2003 – 2004 season and shall apply to all associations who became in-active on or before that season. (Oct, 2006)
  
- 21. Commissioners: At the Kick Off Meeting five (5) member associations will be expected to put forth names for Commissioners for that year and the levels they request.

The following table is to be kept intact for future reference and proper rotation of teams. If an Association no longer belongs to / or forfeits their obligation to provide a Commissioner for the APHL their name will be removed and all others will move up one slot accordingly. Associations who forfeit their obligation will be added to the bottom of the list again. All new teams will be added above Smoky River as they are accepted into the APHL on probation. (Oct, 2006)

**THIS LIST TO BE KEPT UPDATED YEARLY BY THE APHL PRESIDENT. (updated May 28, 2017)**

\* means another association served for them

Association	Year served	Year served
Wembley	Atom 2014 – 2015	PeeWee 2009 - 2010
LaCrete	PeeWee 2014 – 2015	Atom 2009 – 2010
Dawson Creek	Midget *2014 – 2015	Midget 2009 – 2010
Grande Cache	Female 2015 – 2016	Bantam 2009 – 2010
Hythe	Bantam 2015 – 2016	Bantam 2010 - 2011
Spirit River	Pee Wee 2015 – 2016	PeeWee 2010 – 2011
Sexsmith	Atom 2015 – 2016	Midget 2010 – 2011
Valleyview	Midget 2015 – 2016	Female 2010 – 2011
Grande Prairie	Female 2016-2017	Atom 2010 - 2011
Peace River	Atom 2016-2017	Bantam 2011 – 2012
Chetwynd	Midget 2016-2017	Female 2011 – 2012
Manning	Bantam 2016-2017	Atom 2011 – 2012
Fairview	Pee Wee 2016-2017	Midget 2011 - 2012
Grimshaw	<b>2017-2018</b>	Atom 2012 – 2013
Beaverlodge	<b>2017-2018</b>	PeeWee 2012 – 2013
Clairmont (06-07)	<b>2017-2018</b>	Midget 2012 – 2013
East Smoky (07-08)	<b>2017-2018</b>	Bantam 2012 – 2013
Horse Lake (07-08)	<b>2017-2018</b>	Female 2012 - 2013
Clearview (11-12)		Female 2013 - 2014
LaGlace (11-12)		PeeWee 2013 – 2014
Hines Creek (13-14)		Bantam *2014 – 2015
Taylor (14-15)		
Smoky River	Atom 2008 – 2009	Bantam 2013 - 2014
High Level	PeeWee 2008 – 2009	Midget 2013 - 2014
Fort St. John	Midget 2008 – 2009	Atom 2013 - 2014
High Prairie	Female 2008 – 2009	Female 2014 - 2015

**22. League Scheduling**

a) Scheduling Rotation: (Apr 2016) 1<sup>st</sup> Bantam division 2<sup>nd</sup> Midget division 3<sup>rd</sup> Female division  
4<sup>th</sup> Pee Wee division 5<sup>th</sup> Atom division (Apr 2016)

b) Scheduling Rules:

- i. A draw will be held for seat placement at the scheduling table. One member from each association will draw a number. The lowest number will take the first spot at the table and will be the first to schedule two games. The highest number will be the last to schedule two games at the table. After the last person has scheduled their two games the format then reverts back to the first person who then schedules their next two games.
- ii. Each division will be allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes to schedule games. The APHL President will announce 30 minute, 20 minute and 15 minute warnings. At the 15 minute warning the President or Scheduling Director will take control of the table and assist in scheduling the final games to be scheduled.
- iii) Each team is required to have only one person to schedule games and sit at the table. A maximum of two members may be in attendance. The second member must sit behind the scheduler and not at the table.
- iv) One member from the scheduling table must step forward to record all games on the master scheduling sheet. (preferably one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> members for an association)
- v) Each team is required to review the master schedule once printed off by the APHL’s representative. Any errors or mistakes should be noted and changed.
- vi) The APHL President or Scheduling Director has the authority to remove anyone from the meeting who exhibits unprofessional manners and/is abusive towards any APHL representative or any member at meeting.(Apr 2016)
- vii) The APHL mandates a maximum of two blackout weekends per team, scheduled prior to the scheduling meeting. (May 2017)

#24 Team Placement Which Division and Level (Oct 19, 2008)

THE APHL has established a six (6) tiered system in each division.

Regular Divisions will be tiered as follows:

Tier 1 – Towns with the top team at AA capability within the APHL league, and any from a lower tier if they choose to move up.

Tier 2 - Towns with multiple tiered teams with the top team capability below AA (top tiered teams from those towns), and any team from a lower tier if they so choose to move up

Tier 3 – Towns with one team and towns with multiple non-tiered teams, and any team from a lower tier if they so choose to move up;

Tier 4 –

Tier 5 – Towns with multiple tiered teams (lower tiered team)

Tier 6 - Non-body checking teams. (May 2017)

Female Divisions should be tiered as recommended yearly. (Oct 17, 2010)

Associations that have more than one team in any one division

If the teams are tiered - these associations need to consider the following based on the strength of any given team in any given season. All coaches MUST be made part of this decision making process - no guesses by association reps - these guesses can place teams in the wrong division.

- Team 1 - Tier 2 division or Tier 1 division
- Team 2 - Tier 3 division or Tier 2 division
- Team 3 - Tier 5 division or Tier 3 division (May 2017)

If the teams are NOT tiered - these associations need to consider the following based on the strength of any given team in any given season. All coaches MUST be made part of this decision making process - no guesses by association reps - these guesses can place teams in the wrong division.

- 2 equal teams “Tier 2” division or “Tier 3” division

Associations with only one team in any one division

These associations are unique in that the teams from their associations are typically made up of players who have, for the majority of their hockey lives, played together. All coaches MUST be made part of this decision making process - no guesses by association reps - these guesses can place teams in the wrong division.

- One team - Tier 2”, “Tier 3” or Tier 5 (May 2017)



## 25. APHL BOUNDARIES AS AT OCTOBER 2003

Keep record of all associations since 2003

ASSOCIATION NAME	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	
Beaverlodge	Active	
Berwyn	Inactive (2004-2005)	Bond refunded
Chetwynd	Active	
Clairmont	Active	
Clearview	Active	
Dawson Creek	Active	
Eaglesham (West Smoky)	Inactive (2003-2004)	Bond refunded
East Smoky	Active	
Fairview	Active	
Fort St. John	Active	
Grande Cache	Active	
Grande Prairie	Active	
Grimshaw	Active	
Grovedale	Inactive (2004-2005)	Bond refunded
High Level	Active	
High Prairie	Active	
Hines Creek	Active 2013-2014	
Hines Creek	Inactive (2003-2004)	Bond refunded
Horse Lake	Active	
Hythe	Active	
LaCrete	Active	
LaGlace	Active	
Loon River	Active	
Manning	Active	
McLennan	Inactive (2007-2008)	Bond refunded
Nampa	Inactive (2001-2002)	Bond refunded
Peace River	Active	
Rycroft	Inactive (2011-2012)	Bond refunded
Savanna	Inactive (2011-2012)	Bond refunded
Sexsmith	Active	
Slave Lake	Active	
Smoky River	Active	
Spirit River	Active	
Sturgeon Lake	Inactive (2009-2010)	Bond refunded
Taylor	Active	
Tumbler Ridge	Active	
Valleyview	Active	
Wembley	Active	

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