**WCMHA NOVICE MODIFIED ICE PROGRAM**

1. Players 7 years old are Novice Minor, and 8 years old are Novice Major, unless the MHA does not

 have enough players to make those divisions*. For 2018-19* Novice Minor and combined teams on modified

ice will be split evenly with an East and West division, andNovice Major teams on full ice will be tiered.

2. Play will be on 1/2 ice. In 2019-20, all Novice teams will follow HA age guidelines. *In 2018-19,*

 *players born in 2010 will play on full ice, players born in 2011 will play on modified ice, where MHA’s have*

 *enough players. MHA’s with fewer players can combine age groups and play either modified or full ice.*

3. Ice will be divided by pylons, small board, or rink dividers.

4. Blue 4-ounce pucks will be used for Novice Minor.

5. No off sides or icings will be called, Novice Minor only.

6. Normal penalties will be called for Novice Major.

7. Should a penalty be called, the officials will put their arm in the air to signal the penalty. Should the

 offending team have the puck, there will be a change in possession as indicated by the referee whistle. At

 the buzzer to end the shift, the referee will tell the coach of the offending team, who will ensure that

 player misses their next shift. Players are not sent to the penalty box.

 8. A three-goal limit per player will be in effect. The scorekeeper will track of when one player has scored three

 goals.

 9. The timekeeper will sound a buzzer for a line change maximum every 2 minutes; Novice Minor only.

10. Teams will be 4 players and a goalie per team; Novice Minor only.

11. Full-sized or ¾ sized nets will be used, not Pond Hockey nets.

12. There will be three 20-minute periods, unless time is limited.

13. Officials will drop the puck at the beginning of the game and start of every period. When a goal is scored,

 the offending team will back off and allow the opposing goaltender the opportunity to give the puck to a

 teammate to resume play.

14. Teams will be determined at beginning of season and a copy of the HA registration must be

 provided to the WCMHA league governor as soon as it has been approved by HA.

15. Novice Major players wishing to play Novice Minor will have to be approved as **overage** and Novice Minor

 players wishing to play Novice Major will have to do so using **affiliation.** **(Hockey Alberta affiliation rules**

 **apply.)** Combined age teams do not have to overage or affiliate their novice players.

16. Novice to Initiation overage applications must be signed by the parent, LMHA president & WCMH President

 BEFORE submission to HA. Overage players shall be considered on an individual basis.(Motion Aug. 29/18)

17. WCMHA will supply a league governor. Change of Game Notices and game sheets must be

 submitted to the governor.