



NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA COUNCIL

JUNIOR DIVISION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

2024

1. NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (NHAJC) shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA rules, with the exception of the HOCKEY ALBERTA (HA) and NHAJC regulation and/or rules adopted by Native Hockey Alberta Council (NHAC) and endorsed by HA.
 - 1a. Hockey Canada requires all players to wear CSA certified full-face protectors, properly attached to CSA certified hockey helmets. Full-face protectors come in three (3) styles: wire cage, high impact polycarbonate shield or a combination of both.
2. The Championships will be sanctioned by Hockey Alberta.
3. Hockey Alberta certified Referees will be used throughout the NHAJC. All participants (players, coaches & supporters) must respect their decision. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE on abuse of referees.
4. It is MANDATORY that the following certification be on the bench at all times:
 - Coach 2, Safety, and Respect in Sport Activity LeaderFailure may result in team unable to participate in ANHJC.
5. REGISTRATIONS
 - a. All players must pay a registration fee within RAMP:
 - i. Hockey Alberta Registered \$25.00
 - ii. Hockey Alberta Unregistered Players \$50.00
 - b. Certificate of Indian status or Metis card, birth certificate, & headshot must be uploaded to RAMP.
 - c. All Players must be born in Alberta or be playing in a league within Alberta
 - d. The NHAJC roster sheet will act as the master sheet for player registration.
 - e. Prior to all games the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
 - f. Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game and, further disciplinary action will result
6. NON-INSURED HOCKEY ALBERTA
 - a. Players last HCR provincial or league tier will apply to his/her status as a "B" or "A" player.
7. UNSANCTIONED LEAGUES:
 - a. Players playing in unsanctioned hockey leagues must notify NHAC and provide proof from the league that they are not currently suspended and serving major penalties. Players found playing without a letter will be deemed ineligible all games that specified player has played will be deemed a loss.
 - b. Players playing Unsanctioned leagues will be deemed "A" players.

8. DIVISIONS

ELITE

- a. Allowed 4 Overage Players (Born in 2002)
- b. WSHL, NJHL, Junior A, College, University, Senior, WHL
- c. Out of province players allowed (BC, Sask, Manitoba, NWT, Yukon)
- d. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- e. AAA, AA U18 players allowed to play but will not be allowed to play in U18 NHAPC.

COMMUNITY

- a. Community Player is a player that has played with the same community for the last 2 consecutive years
- b. Minimum 12 Community player must be on your roster.
- c. U18 A, B, C players playing in the Junior Community Division will not be allowed to play in U18 NHAPC.
- d. No AAA, AA U18 Players allowed to play with exception to goalies
- e. Allowed 4 Overage Players (Born in 2002)
- f. Two Elite Players allowed (Junior A, College, University, Senior, WHL, WSHL, NJHL) on Roster (From your community)
- g. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).

FEMALE

- a. Considered an Elite Division
- b. U18 Female Players playing in Junior Female will not be allowed to play in U18 NHAPC.
- c. Allowed 4 Overage Players (Born in 2002)
- d. Allowed 2 Out of Province Players (Sask, Manitoba, BC, NWT, Yukon)
- e. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).

Players coming from U18 to Junior will be considered Community Players for their respective Community. Will not be able to play for another Community unless their Community does not have a team entered.

Players will be allowed to jump up to ELITE without any restriction.

Players are classified (ex: ELITE, Community) where they began the season.

Example: If a player started playing ELITE (Junior A, WHL, College, University, Senior, WSHL) caliber hockey at the beginning of the 2023-2024 season and then go to Junior B, they still will be considered ELITE CALIBER.

9. PLAYER RELEASE

Player release form required if player is deemed a community player and wants to play for a different community.

- a. All release forms must be signed by the community representative & player.
- b. The manager of the team is responsible for obtaining player release form when a player is in question.
- c. 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 NHAC board.
- d. Failure to obtain a properly completed release form could disqualify a player from playing in the NHAJC.

10. 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. Teams must start the game once 6 players or 5 players and goalie are on the ice
- d. Any team unable to commence play 10 minutes after game start will forfeit game.
- 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.
- h. Finalized ice schedule will be posted at each arena. Match program schedule with arena postings.
- i. NHAC reserves the right to match the game times with ice availability.
- j. STOP TIME: 2 Goals or less within the last 5 mins of the Game (All Games)
- k. 30 sec Timeout each team (STOP TIME ONLY)

11. TIE BREAKING SYSTEM

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

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

12. FIGHTING

- a. One fight allowed per player throughout the tournament - Major penalty and game misconduct assessed instigator/aggressor will be assessed an additional minor penalty.
- b. Second fight of the tournament the player will be suspended from the NHAJC instigator/aggressor will be assessed an additional minor penalty.

13. PENALTIES

- a. All penalties assessed during straight times shall be:
- b. Minor penalty will be 3 minutes.
- c. Major penalty will be 7 minutes.
- d. Penalties assessed during straight time will not commence until the puck is dropped.
- e. Stop time minor penalty will be 2 minutes

14. OVERTIME

- 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)
(Any penalties assessed will carry into the next time progression)
 - (a) Two minutes 3 on 3 if no goal scored
 - (b) Two minutes 2 on 2 if no goal scored
 - (c) One minute 1 on 1 if no goal scoredPenalty shot will be called for penalties incurred
Shootout will occur:
 - i. Three players will shoot alternately if no goal scored.
 - ii. One player from each team will shoot alternately until winner is decided.
 - iii. Players cannot shoot again until nine players from his team have shot.

15. 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 Hockey Alberta minimum suspension guidelines will be used for suspensions, with the exception of the following.
 - i. Checking from behind with intent to injure will result in suspension for remainder of NHAJC.
 - ii. A Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed will result in suspension for remainder of NHAJC and further review from NHAC Board and addition discipline could result.
 - iii. Player may receive suspension beyond the HA minimum guidelines based on the severity of the infraction.
- d. Any player, coach, manager who receives a 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 penalty, will be suspended from remainder of NHAJC and will be reported to HA for further disciplinary action.
- e. NHAC Board will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
- f. NHAC may continue a suspension to any NHAC sanctioned event and may include the following year.
- g. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to NHAC.
- h. Any coach and/or manager that does not disclose that a player is serving a suspension will be suspended for the remainder of the NHAJC.
- i. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.

It is the responsibility of the coach/manager to pick up their copy of the game sheet and Write-Up for your records.

Any player caught playing on two teams will jeopardize a team from further play at the NHAJC.

Teams found playing an ineligible player will be suspended from further play and disciplinary action will result.

16. RULE CHALLENGE

- a. The referee must be informed of rule challenge at the beginning of the game and/or during the game up to the end of the first period.
- b. The rule challenge must be received in writing along with a **\$1000** cash challenge fee (non-refundable) to the Junior division coordinator by the start of the second period.
- c. Must have documentation to go with rule challenge.
- d. One rule challenge per fee
- e. All rulings are final and are not subject to appeal.

**HAVE FUN AND SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
ANYTHING YOU DO IS A REFLECTION OF YOU AND YOUR
COMMUNITY**

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