



**NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA COUNCIL
SENIOR DIVISION
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (NHASC)

Shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA rules, except for the HOCKEY ALBERTA (HA) and NHASC regulation and/or rules adopted by Native Hockey Alberta Council (NHAC).

2. REFEREES

Certified Referees will be used throughout the NHASC.

- a. All participants (players, coaches & supporters) must respect their decision.
- b. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE on abuse of referees.

3. COACHES

It is MANDATORY that the following certification is always on the bench:

- a. Head coach must have First Aid and Respect in Activity Sport Leader.
 - i. Maximum 4 bench staff per team
 - ii. Must be registered on ramp.
- b. Failure may result in team participation from NHASC.

4. REGISTRATIONS

- a. Teams are allowed to register if communities are in good standing with NHAC.
- b. Any player or coach currently serving a suspension in any NHAC sanctioned event or ANY HOCKEY LEAGUE The day of tournament begins will not be permitted to play in the NHASC. Suspension Tab will be on Senior Tab with current suspensions.
- c. All players and coaches must registration through NHAC RAMP registration system by March 28, 2025
 - i. Additions after March 28,2025 will be \$100.00 late fee if you have open roster spots.
- d. All Teams must send in master roster by March 20,2025.
- e. Color Proof of Aboriginal descent must be uploaded on to RAMP to play in tournament.
- f. The NHASC roster sheet will function as the master sheet for player registration.
- g. Prior to all games the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
- h. Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game and further disciplinary action will occur.
- i. All teams must have two sets of jerseys, no taped numbers will be allowed on jerseys.
- j. All players must provide picture id and sign off on master roster before playing the first game. I.D can be asked at any time of the tournament by the director or committee.

5. DIVISIONS

- a. Open Divisions (Ladies, Masters, Ladies Regulation)
 - i. Teams can ice or combine Players from any Treaty Area or Metis Regions **within Alberta.**
 - a. Onion Lake is considered a community in Alberta.
 - ii. Teams are allowed to register nineteen players (18 skaters, 2 goalies).
 - iii. Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)

- b. Community Divisions (Men's Community, Men's Regulation, Legends)
 - i. Teams must ice a team within Treaty's or Metis Communities
 - ii. Teams allowed one to import any position. Treaty to Treaty or Region to Region
 - iii. Treaty 6 community team must only use Treaty 6 area for imports.
 - iv. Treaty 7 community team must only use Treaty 7 area for imports.
 - v. Treaty 6 community team must only use Treaty 8 area for imports.
 - vi. Metis community teams must only use one within West and East Regions listed for imports any positions or MNA card holder's address.
 - West – Paddle Prairie, Gift Lake, Peavine and East Prairie
 1. MNA card holder Regions 4,5,6
 - East- Buffalo Lake, Kikino, Elizabeth and Fishing Lake.
 2. MNA card holder Regions 1,2,4
 - vii. Players need to play for own community if their own community is registered.
 - viii. No players release will be given. Except for goaltender

- c. Ladies Open (12 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 18 years old on the day the tournament commences.

- d. Ladies Regulation (6 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 18 years old on the day the tournament commences.

- e. Master's Open (8 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 50 years old day of tournament. Goalie can be 48 years old.
 - ii. No slap shots allowed.

- f. Men's Community (32 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 18 years old on the day the tournament commences.

- g. Men's Regulation (12 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 18 years old on the day the tournament commences.

- h. Legends Community (20 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 35 years old on the day the tournament commences.

6. GAME REGULATION

- 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 six players or five players and goalie are on the ice.
- d. Any teams unable to commence play 10 minutes after game start time will forfeit the game and the score will be 7-0
 - i. A goal will be awarded to the team after 4 minutes, one goal for every minute thereafter, the team is late up to 10 minutes for 7-0 forfeit win.
- e. Teams will not be allowed in the dressing room and warmups, unless accompanied by a team official.
- f. If a 7 or more-goal differential exists at any time during 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. NAHC 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)
- l. All teams will require a \$100.00 deposit for rooms keys. Inspection will be done before deposit in returned.
- m. Any damage reported by Arena staff in dressing rooms or facility by teams will be fined \$500.00. Must be paid before next game or team is removed from Championships.
- n. Top team is home team in bracket play.
- o. Only teams paid in full will be out on draw. Teams must have minimum of twelve registered players on ramp at deadline to be put on draw failure to do so will result in team being removed. No refunds.
- p. Players cannot play in two divisions, if caught team will be removed from tournament immediately and be under review from NHAC.

7. FORMAT

- a. Bracket Play, Pool Play, modified round robin, and True/ Modified double knock out may be used for Format in any division.

8. FIGHTING

- a. No fighting allowed. Automatic suspension from tournament and further review from NHAC.
- b. If you fight in your elimination game you will be automatically suspended for 2 games in the following NHAC sanctioned tournaments.

9. 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.

10. OVERTIME

- a. Will be sudden victory, first goal wins.
- b. All play will be straight time.
- c. Overtime will run for five minutes as follows:
 - i. Five minutes three on three if no goal scored. ☐
Shootout will occur:
 - 1. Three players would shoot alternately if no goal scored.
 - 2. One player from each team will shoot alternately until winner is decided.
 - 3. Players cannot shoot again until all players from his team have shot.

11. 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 Senior minimum suspension guidelines will be used for suspensions, except for the following.
 - i. Checking from behind with intent to injure will result in suspension for remainder of NHASC.
 - ii. A Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed will result in suspension for remainder of NHASC and further review from NHAC.
 - iii. Any player, coach, manager who receives a 11.2(e)(f), 11.3 and 11.4 penalty, will be suspended from remainder of ANHSC and will be reported for further disciplinary action.
 - iv. NHAC will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
 - v. NHAC may continue a suspension to any NHAC sanctioned event and may include the following year.
 - vi. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to NHAC.
 - vii. Any coach and/or manager that does not disclose that a player is serving a suspension will be suspended for the remainder of the tourney.
 - viii. Managers/Coaches are responsible to ensure the Scoresheet identifies suspensions properly (ex: 1 of 2, 2 of 2)
 - ix. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.
 - x. Please have someone from coaching staff pick up copied Score Sheet and Write-Up for your records.
 - xi. **ANY TEAM CAUGHT WITH UNREGISTERED PLAYERS OR BENCH STAFF WILL FORFEIT THAT SCHEDULED GAME!!!**

12. 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 \$500 cash Challenge fee (non-refundable) to the Arena Director by the start of the second period.
- c. Must have documentation to go with Rule Challenge
- d. One Rule Challenge per \$500 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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Alberta Treaty Map, Metis settlement and Regions Territory's

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