



**NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA COUNCIL
SENIOR DIVISION
RULES AND REGULATIONS
2025**

1. **NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (NHASPC)**

Shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA rules, except for the HOCKEY ALBERTA (HA) and Native Hockey Alberta Senior Provincial Championship (NHASC) Rules and/or Regulations 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 the abuse of referees.

3. **COACHES**

- a. It is MANDATORY that the following certification is always on the bench
 - i Head coach: First Aid and Respect in Sport Activity Leader.
 - ii Failure may result in team participation from NHASC.
- b. Maximum four bench staff per team
- c. Must be registered on RAMP.

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 suspension must be served before stepping on the ice. Current suspensions can be found at www.nhac.ca under the senior tab.
 - i NHAC suspensions can be served during the NHASPC if the player or coach is registered and on the game sheet.
 - ii The completed game sheet must show what game and how many games the suspended player or coach served on the game sheet. See Rule (11. c. viii)
- c. All players and coaches must register through the NHAC RAMP registration system by March 28
- d. Additions after March 28 will be a \$100.00 late fee if you have open roster spots.
- e. All Teams must send in a master roster by March 20
- f. Colour Proof of Aboriginal descent must be uploaded onto RAMP to play in the NHASPC.
- g. The NHASPC official roster sheet will function as the master sheet for game sheets.
- h. Prior to all games, the game sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
 - i Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game, and further disciplinary action may occur.
- i. All teams must have two sets of jerseys. No taped numbers will be allowed on jerseys.
- j. All players must provide a picture ID and sign off on the master roster before playing the first game. The NHAC arena director or an NHAC board member may ask a player for their ID at any time during the NHASPC.

5. DIVISIONS

a. Open Divisions (Ladies and Masters)

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

b. Community Divisions (Men's, Nakehko Lamouthe and 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
 - The Treaty 6 community team must only use the Treaty 6 area for imports.
 - The Treaty 7 community team must only use the Treaty 7 area for imports.
 - The Treaty 8 community team must only use the Treaty 8 area for imports.
 - Metis community teams must only use from within West and East Regions or an MNA cardholder see below
 - West Metis Settlements are Paddle Prairie, Gift Lake, Peavine and East Prairie.
 - West Metis teams can only use an MNA card holder from regions 4, 5 or 6
 - East Metis Settlements are Buffalo Lake, Kikino, Elizabeth and Fishing Lake.
 - East Metis teams can only use an MNA card holder from regions 1, 2 or 4
 - MNA card holders home addresses will determine the region
- iii Players need to play for their own community if their own community is registered.
- iv No player release will be given. Except for goaltender

c. Ladies Open

- i Players must be 18 years old on the day the NHASPC commences.

d. Master's Open

- i Players must be 50 years old on the day the NHASPC commences. Goalies can be 48.
- ii No slap shots allowed.

e. Men's Community

- i Players must be 18 years old on the day the NHASPC commences.

f. Nakehko Lamothe Division Community

- i Players must be 18 years old on the day the NHASPC commences.

g. Legends Community

- i Players must be 35 years old on the day the NHASPC 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 team unable to commence play 10 minutes after the 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 if the team is late up to 10 minutes for a 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. The 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 minutes of the Game (All Games)
- k. 30-sec Timeout each team (STOP TIME ONLY)
- l. All teams will require a \$100.00 deposit for room keys. The dressing room will be inspected before the deposit is returned.
- m. Any damage reported by Arena staff in dressing rooms or facility by teams will be fined \$500.00. Must be paid before the next game, or the team is removed from the NHASPC.
- n. The top team is the home team in bracket play.
- o. Only teams paid in full will be out on the draw. Teams must have a minimum of twelve registered players on RAMP at the deadline to be put on the draw. Failure to do so will result in the team being removed. No refunds.
- p. Players cannot play in two divisions. If caught, the team will be removed from the tournament immediately and will be reviewed by NHAC.

7. **FORMAT**

- a. Bracket Play, Pool Play, modified round robin, 3-game guarantee bracket, and True/Modified double knockout may be used for format in any division.

8. **FIGHTING**

- a. No fighting allowed. Automatic suspension from the NHASPC and further review from NHAC.

9. **PENALTIES**

- a. All penalties assessed during straight times shall be:
 - i. Minor penalty will be 3 minutes.
 - ii. Major penalty will be 7 minutes.
- b. Penalties assessed during straight time will not commence until the puck is dropped.
- c. 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
 - i Play will be three on three
- d. if no goal scored.
 - i 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 the 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 minimum suspension guidelines, except for the following, will be used for suspensions.
 - i Any player who receives a 7.5(c)match for Checking from behind will be suspended for the remainder of NHASPC and will be reported for further disciplinary action.
 - ii A Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed will result in suspension for the remainder of NHASPC and further review from NHAC.
 - iii Any player, coach, or manager who receives an 11.2(f), 11.3, 11.4, or 11.5 penalty will be suspended from the remainder of NHASPC and 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 Coaches and managers are responsible for reporting and recording any suspensions to NHAC.
 - vii Any coach and/or manager who 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 The coaches are responsible for ensuring that a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.
 - x Please have someone from the coaching staff pick up the 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.

ANYTHING YOU DO IS A REFLECTION OF YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

HAVE FUN AND SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!



Alberta Treaty Map, Metis settlement and Regions Territory's

