



NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA COUNCIL
Senior Division
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (NHASPC)

Shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA and NHASPC rules & regulations.

2. REFEREES

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

3. COACHES

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

Must have Emergency First Aid & Concussion Awareness and NHAC Aboriginal Coaching Module Protocol Course (Coaching Staff)

- i. Maximum **four** bench staff per team. Must be registered on RAMP.
- ii. Failure to do so may result in team participation and coaching staff from NHASPC.

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 the day of tournament begins will not be permitted to play in the NHASPC until the suspension is served.
- c. Suspensions will be up on Senior Tab with current suspensions.
- d. All players and coaches must registration through NHAC RAMP registration system.
 - i. \$20.00 fee per player
- e. Team Fee: \$1500.00 non-refundable includes gate fee.
- f. Community Fee: \$1000.00 Will apply if community does not participate in the NHAC Minor Provincials for the current year.
 - i. Community meaning all members with same Treaty or Metis numbers.
 - ii. All Teams must be sent in master roster by March 20.,
 - iii. The March 20th Master roster must have a minimum of twelve skaters and one goalie.
 - iv. No roster movement after this date
 - v. Registration closes on March 22nd.
 - vi. Late registration starts March 23rd and will be \$100.00 late fee plus the registration fee if you have open roster spots.
 - vii. Final Deadline is April 12 to fill open roster spots and registered on RAMP.
 - viii. Roster Max: is eighteen skaters & 2 Goalies.
- g. Color Proof of Aboriginal descent must be uploaded to RAMP to play in tournament.
- h. The NHASPC roster sheet will function as the master sheet for player registration.
- i. Prior to all games the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
- j. Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game and further disciplines will occur.

- k. All teams must have two sets of jerseys, (NO EXCEPTIONS) No taped numbers will be allowed on jerseys.
- l. All players must provide picture id and sign off on master roster before playing first game. I.D can be asked at any time of the tournament by director or committee.
- m. Sunday games – All players must produce ID at the beginning of each game and must match the Master roster.
- n. Teams will be notified if a player is on two rosters.
 - i. The player may play on either team for which they were double-rostered.
 - ii. The team that lost the player can replace that roster line.

5. DIVISIONS

a. Open Divisions (Ladies, Masters)

- 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. Players must have STATUS CARD & METIS CARDS (No Letters)

b. Community Divisions (Nakehko Lamothe, Men's, Legends)

- i. Teams must ice a team within their First Nation or Metis Community.
- ii. Teams allowed one to import any position. Treaty to Treaty or Region to Region
- iii. Treaty six community team must only use Treaty 6 area for imports.
- iv. Treaty seven community team must only use Treaty 7 area for imports.
- v. Treaty eight community team must only use Treaty 8 area for imports.

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, five,6
 - East- Buffalo Lake, Kikino, Elizabeth and Fishing Lake.
 - 2. MNA card holder Regions 1, two,4
 - vi. Players need to play for own community if their own community is registered.
 - vii. No players release will be given. Except for goaltender (Must be Approved by the Senior Director and Head Coach)
 - viii. Goalie Release Form must be submitted by April 13, 2026
- c. Ladies Open (14 TEAMS MAX)
- i. Must be 18 years old on the day the tournament commences.
- d. Master's Open (12 TEAMS MAX)
- i. Must be 50 years old on the day of tournament. Goalie can be 48 years old.
 - ii. No slap shots allowed.
 - iii.

- e. Men's Community (36 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 18 years old on the day the tournament commences.
 - ii. Top 2 in each pool go to A pool
 - iii. Third place in each pool go to B division
 - iv. Forth place in each pool got regulation pool
 - v. Top four return to Men's bottom four goes to Nakehko Lamothe division next year.
- f. Legends Community (20 TEAMS MAX)
 - i. Must be 35 years old on the day the tournament commences.
- g. Nakehho Lamothe
 - i. Top four teams return to Men's Draw; remaining teams stay in NL division.

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 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 dressing room and warmups, unless accompanied by a team official.
- f. If a 7 or more-goal differential exists by the end of the first period, the game shall be called.
- g. Finalized ice schedule will be posted at each arena. Match program schedule with arena postings.
- h. NAHC reserves the right to match the game times with ice availability.
- i. STOP TIME: 2 Goals or less within the last 5 mins of the Game (All Games)
- j. 30 sec Timeout each team (STOP TIME ONLY)
- k. All teams will require a \$100.00 deposit for rooms keys. Inspection will be done before deposit in returned.
- l. 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, and additionally the community, settlement or nation will be billed directly for damages.
- m. Top team is home team in bracket play.
- n. Only teams paid in full will be out on draw.
- o. Teams must have minimum of twelve registered players on ramp at deadline (MARCH 23) 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.
- b. Three points for a win
- c. Two points for Overtime win
- d. One point for Overtime loss.

8. FIGHTING

- a. Any player assessed as a 7.10 fighting major will be suspended for rest of the tournament.
- b. Any player assessed as a 7.10 fighting major in their last game will be suspended for an additional three games.
- c. Any Player deemed to be the 7.11 Aggressor and / or Instigator of a Fight will be assessed an additional four game suspension.

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 two 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 is 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 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/fans.
- c. The NHAC minimum suspension guidelines will be used for suspensions, except for the following.
 - i. A Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed will result in suspension for remainder of NHASPC and further review from NHAC.
 - ii. Any player, coach, manager who receives a 11.2 (e) (f) penalty will be suspended from remainder of NHASPC and will be reported on further disciplinary action.
 - iii. Any player assessed as a 7.10 fighting major will be suspended for rest of the tournament.
 - iv. Any player assessed as a 7.10 fighting major in their last game will be suspended for an additional three games.
 - v. Any Player deemed to be the 7.11 Aggressor and / or Instigator of a Fight will be assessed as an additional four game suspension.
 - vi. NHAC will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
 - vii. NHAC may continue a suspension to any NHAC sanctioned event and may include the following year.
 - viii. All **FINES** must be paid by the TEAM prior to next game, prior to do so will result in forfeit of games until the **FINES** are paid.
 - ix. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to NHAC.
 - x. 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.
 - xi. Managers/Coaches are responsible to ensure the Scoresheet identifies suspensions properly (ex: 1 of 2, 2 of 2)
 - xii. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.
 - xiii. Please have someone from coaching staff pick up copied Score Sheet and Write-Up for your records.
 - xiv. 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 Senior 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 is.

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