



**NATIVE HOCKEY COUNCIL ALBERTA**  
**Senior Division**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS 2022-2023**

**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 (NHA) and endorsed by HA.**

**2. Hockey Alberta certified Referees will be used throughout the NHASC.  
All participants (players, coaches & supporters) must respect their decision.  
There will be ZERO TOLERANCE on abuse of referees.**

**3. It is MANDATORY that the following certification be always on the bench:**

Coaching Certificate, Safety person and Coaches Respect in Sport Failure may result in team participation from NHASC.

4. Only teams paid in full will be out on draw and must have minimum of 12 registered players in ramp on April 10<sup>TH</sup> calendar year to be put on draw failure to do so will result in team being removed and replaced by waiting list in all divisions. No refunds.

5. Players can play on any day if they are registered online and approved in ramp master roster before deadline.

6. Players cannot play in two divisions, if caught team will be removed from tournament immediately and game will be a forfeit and, further review from board.

## **7. REGISTRATIONS**

- a) Daily gate fee for all players coaches and bench staff \$12.00
- b) Teams are allowed to register if in good standing with ANHC.
- c) Players not in good standing with ANHC: Players receiving suspensions at Minor Provincials will not be allowed to participate in tournament. Junior Director will forward any suspensions to NHASC.
- d) All players must pay a registration fee within RAMP:
  - a. Hockey Alberta Insurance \$15.00
- e) All Players/ Coaches on the Team Roster must be registered in RAMP **April 1 calendar year.**
- f) Team Roster deadline date is April 14,2023. Additions after date will be \$100.00 late fee.
- g) Players/Coaches/Managers will not be added to the team until ENTRY FEE is paid.
- h) Color Proof of aboriginal descent, must be uploaded to ramp to play in tournament.
- i) The NHASC roster sheet will act as the master sheet for player registration.
- j) Prior to all games the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
- k) Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game and, further disciplinary action will result.
- l) All teams must have 2 sets of jerseys, no taped numbers will be allowed on jerseys.
- m) All players must provide picture id and sign off on master roster before playing first game at registration table.

## **6. DIVISIONS (4)**

### **LADIES OPEN**

- a) MUST be 18 years old day of tournament.
- b) Teams can ice or combine teams from any Treaty Area or Metis Settlement within Alberta.
- c) Out of province players allowed (BC, Sask, Manitoba, NWT, Yukon)
- d) Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- e) Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)

### **MASTERS OPEN**

- a) MUST be 50 years old day of tournament. Goalie can be 48 years old.
- b) No Slap shots allowed.
- c) Teams can ice or combine teams from any Treaty Area or Metis Settlement within Alberta.
- d) Out of province players allowed (BC, Sask, Manitoba, NWT, Yukon)
- e) Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- f) Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)

### **MENS COMMUNITY**

- a) Must be 18 years old day of tourney.
- b) Teams must ice team within Treaty's or Metis Settlements.
- c) Teams aloud one import any position. Treaty to Treaty or Settlement to Settlement.
- d) Import cannot be on own community's roster; players must play for own community. No player releases will be given.
- e) Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)
- f) Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).

### **LEGENDS COMMUNITY**

- a) Must be 35 years old day of tourney.
- b) Teams must ice team within Treaty's or Metis Settlements.
- c) Teams aloud one import any position. Treaty to Treaty or Settlement to Settlement.
- d) Import cannot be on own community's roster; players must play for own community. No player releases will be given.
- e) Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)
- f) Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).

## **7. 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 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 warmups, unless accompanied by a team official.
- f) A 10-goal differential exists after the first 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) ANH 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 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 next game or team is removed from Championships.
- n) Top team is home team in bracket play.

## **8. FORMAT**

- a) 2/3 game guarantee- Bracket play.
- b) Pool Play.
- c) Modified Round Robin may be used.
- d) Double Knock out, Final single game.

## **9. FIGHTING**

- a) No fighting allowed. Automatic suspension from tournament and further review from ANHC.

## **10. 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.

## **12. 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:
  - (a) Five minutes 3 on 3 if no goal scoredShootout 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 all players from his team have shot.

## **13. TIE BREAKER**

### **1) 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 two teams are still tied; plus/minus differential will determine placement of the two.
- c. If three teams are tied; plus/minus differential will determine placement of all three.
- d. If, still tied fewest penalty minutes will determine placement.

Mercied games will only count as 10 goal differential regardless of the final score when determining plus/minus differential

#### 14. 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 ANHSC.
  - ii. A Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed will result in suspension for remainder of ANHSC and further review from ANHC & Hockey Alberta
  - iii.
  - iv. Any player, coach, manager who receives a 9.6 (a) (b) or (c) penalty, will be suspended from remainder of ANHSC and will be reported to HA for further disciplinary action.
  - v. ANHC and Hockey Alberta will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
  - vi. ANHC may continue a suspension to any ANHC sanctioned event and may include the following year.
  - vii. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to ANHC.
  - viii. 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
  - ix. Managers/Coaches are responsible to ensure the Scoresheet identifies suspensions properly (ex: 1 of 2, 2 of 2)
  - x. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.
  - xi. Please have someone from coaching staff pick up copied Score Sheet and Write-Up for your records
  - xii. **ANY TEAM CAUGHT WITH UNREGISTERED PLAYERS OR BENCH STAFF WILL BE REMOVED FROM TOURNAMENT UPON INVESTATION FROM DISPLINE COMMITTEE.**

## **15. 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 Director of the Senior Division 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**



### **OFFICIAL RULES**

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