

# SENIOR DIVISIONS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ALBERTA NATIVE HOCKEY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (ANHSC) shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA rules, with the exception of the HOCKEY ALBERTA (HA) and ANHSC regulation and/or rules adopted by Alberta Native Hockey (ANH) and endorsed by HA.
2. Hockey Alberta certified Referees will be used throughout the ANHSC. 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 on the bench at all times:  
Coaching Certificate, Safety person and Coach's Respect in Sport  
Failure may result in team participation from ANHSC
4. Teams paid in full will be put on draw.
5. First paid 46 teams will be entered.
6. Players are only allowed to play in one division.
7. Slap Shots not allowed in Masters.

### 8. DIVISIONS:

#### **MENS 16 Teams:**

- a. Must be 18 years old day of tournament.
- b. Teams must ice team within community, Metis settlement or Nation.
- c. Teams aloud one import per team. Treaty to Treaty or Settlement to Settlement.
- d. Players cannot be on another roster.

#### **LEGENDS 16 Teams:**

- a. Must be 35 years old day of tournament.
- b. Teams must ice team within community Metis settlement or Nation.
- c. Teams aloud one import per team. Treaty to Treaty or Settlement to Settlement.
- d. Players cannot be on another roster.

#### **MASTERS 8 Teams:**

- a. Must be 45 years old day of tournament.
- b. Teams can ice a team or combine anywhere within your community, settlement or nation.
  - Treaty 6 – 2 teams
  - Treaty 7- 2 teams.
  - Treaty 8- 2 teams.
  - Metis Settlements- 2 teams

#### **FEMALE 6 Teams:**

- a. Must be 16 years old day of tournament.
- b. Teams can ice or combine teams from any community or Metis Settlement with in Alberta.
- c. ANHC has the right to combine Female and ladies' division.

#### **LADIES 6 Teams:**

- a. Must be 30 years old day of tournament.
- b. Teams can ice or combine teams from any community or Metis Settlement with in Alberta.
- c. ANHC has the right to combine Female and ladies 'division.

## 9. Format

- a. 3 game guarantee- Bracket play/ Pool Play or Modified Round Robin may be used.

## 10. REGISTRATIONS

- a. Teams are allowed to register if in good standing with ANHC.
- b. 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 ANHC.
- c. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- d. ANHSC team roster registration deadline date is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- e. Color Proof of aboriginal descent, birth certificate, & health care card must be shown at registration table and at any time a ANHC board member requests.
- f. The ANHJC roster sheet will act 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 automatic suspension from Tournament.

## 11. PLAYER RELEASE

- a. Player release will be required when a player wants to participate for another community
- b. When the player lives in a community that is in good standing with ANHC.
- c. When the player has played with a community for two consecutive years, that player is deemed from that community.
- d. All release forms must be signed by the community representative & player.
- e. The manager of the team is responsible for obtaining player release form when a player is in question.
- f. 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 ANHC board.
- g. Teams will be notified if players are on two rosters.
- h. Any player caught playing on two teams will jeopardize a team from further play at the ANHSC.
- i. Teams found playing an ineligible player will be immediately removed from tournament.

## 12. GAME REGULATION

- a. All teams must be at the arena at least 45 minutes prior to game time.
- b. All games will start on scheduled time. Warm up before scheduled games times.
- c. All games are 2-25 min periods.
- d. A 7 goal spread exists after the first period; the game shall be called.
- e. Stop time only within 2 goals, last 3 minutes of 2 periods.
- f. Time out allowed during stop play only.
- g. ANHC has the right to not flood to get back on track with schedule.
- h. No flood in between periods. Two-minute break.
- i. Teams must start the game once 6 players or 5 players and goalie are on the ice. One goal will be every 2 minutes. Any team unable to commence play 10 minutes after game start will forfeit game. Forfeit game will be a 7-0 score
- j. Teams will not be allowed in dressing room and warm ups, unless accompanied by a team official.
- k. ANHC reserves the right to match the game times with ice availability.
- 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.

13. FIGHTING

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

14. 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.

15. 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 scored                      Penalty shot will be called for penalties incurredShootout 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.

16. 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
- d. 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.
- e. ANHC and Hockey Alberta will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
- f. ANHC may continue a suspension to any ANHC sanctioned event and may include the following year.
- g. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to ANHC.
- 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 tourney
- i. Managers/Coaches are responsible to ensure the Scoresheet identifies suspensions properly (ex: 1 of 2, 2 of 2)
- j. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.
- k. Please have someone from coaching staff pick up copied Score Sheet and Write-Up for your records
- l. ANY TEAM CAUGHT WITH UNREGISTERED BENCH STAFF WILL FORFEIT THAT SCHEDULED GAME!!!**

**17. 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.