

JUNIOR DIVISION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. NATIVE HOCKEY ALBERTA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (NHAJC) shall be played under the official HOCKEY CANADA rules, with the exception of the HOCKEY ALBERTA (HA) and NHAJC regulation and/or rules adopted by Native Hockey Alberta (NHA) and endorsed by HA.
2. The Championships will be sanctioned by Hockey Alberta.
3. Hockey Alberta certified Referees will be used throughout the NHAJC. All participants (players, coaches & supporters) must respect their decision. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE on abuse of referees.
4. 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 ANHPC

5. DIVISIONS

ELITE

- a. Allowed 4 Overage Players (Born in 1997)
- b. WSHL, Junior A, College, University, Senior, WHL
- c. Out of province players allowed (BC, Sask, Manitoba, NWT, Yukon)
- d. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- e. AAA, AA Midget players allowed to play
- f. Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)

COMMUNITY

- a. Community Player is a player that has played two consecutive years with the same team or is from that community
- b. Minimum 12 Community player must be on your roster
- c. Midget A, B, C players playing in the Junior Community Division will not be allowed to play in Midgets.
- d. No AAA, AA Midget Players allowed to play
- e. Players must have ALBERTA STATUS CARD (No Letters)
- f. Allowed 4 Overage Players (Born in 1997)
- g. Two Elite Players allowed (Junior A, College, University, Senior, WHL) on Roster (From your community)
- h. Overage Players must play for the team that they played with last year
- i. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- j. All players must be registered with Hockey Alberta including the Elite Players

FEMALE

- a. Considered an Elite Division
- b. Midget Female Players playing in Junior Female will not be allowed to play in Midget Female.
- c. Players must have STATUS CARD (No Letters)
- d. Allowed 4 Overage Players (Born in 1997)
- e. Allowed 2 Out of Province Players (Sask, Manitoba, BC, NWT, Yukon)
- f. Teams are allowed to register 19 players (17 skaters, 2 goalies).

Players coming from Midget to Junior will be considered Community Players for their respective Community. Will not be able to play for another Community unless their Community does not have a team entered. Players will be allowed to jump up to ELITE without any restriction.

Players are classified (ex: ELITE, Community) where they began the season.

Example: If a player started playing ELITE (Junior A, WHL, College, University, Senior, WSHL) caliber hockey at the beginning of the 2018-19 season and then go to Junior B, they still will be considered ELITE CALIBER.

6. REGISTRATIONS

- a. All Players on the Team Roster must be registered in RAMP by Dec. 31
- b. Team Roster deadline date is Dec. 31st.
- c. Players/Coaches/Mangers will not be added to the team until ENTRY FEE is paid.
- d. Rosters will be frozen after deadline and roster movement will not be allowed
- e. ONLY Players that have registered prior to Dec. 31 will be eligible to be put on a TEAM ROSTER.
- f. Color Proof of aboriginal descent, birth certificate, health care card & headshot must be uploaded to RAMP
- g. The NHAJC roster sheet will act as the master sheet for player registration.
- h. Prior to all games the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet.
- i. Any discrepancies found will result in forfeiture of the game and, further disciplinary action will result

7. PLAYER RELEASE

- a. Player release will be required when a player wants to participate for another community (COMMUNITY DIVISION ONLY)
- b. When the player lives in a community that is in good standing with NHAC
- c. When the player is HA registered during regular season play, with a community that is in good standing with NHAC.
- d. When the player has played with a community for two consecutive years, that player is deemed from that community (COMMUNITY DIVISION ONLY)
- e. All release forms must be signed by the community representative & player.
- f. The manager of the team is responsible for obtaining player release form when a player is in question.
- g. 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.
- h. Teams will be notified if players are on two rosters.
- i. Any player caught playing on two teams will jeopardize a team from further play at the ANHJC.
- j. Failure to obtain a properly completed release form could disqualify a player from playing in the ANHJC.
- k. **Teams found playing an ineligible player will be suspended from further play and disciplinary action will result.**

8. GAME REGULATIUN

- 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 warm ups, unless accompanied by a team official.
- f. A 10 goal differential exists after the second 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)

9. 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 three teams tie; plus/minus will determine placement of all three.
- c. If still tied fewest penalty minutes will determine placement.

10. FIGHTING

- a. One fight allowed per player
- b. Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct shall be assessed
- c. Fighting major assessed in the last 10 min of game will result suspension of next game and a review from ANHC (further discipline may be assessed)
- d. Instigator and/or Aggressor shall be assessed a minor penalty
- e. Rule 6.7 of the Hockey Canada Rule shall be enforced

11. 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. 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 scoredPenalty shot will be called for penalties incurred
Shootout 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.

13. 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. A player assessed two fighting majors will be suspended for the remainder of the NHAJC.
 - ii. Retaliator will be suspended for the next game.
 - iii. Checking from behind with intent to injure will result in suspension for remainder of NHAJC.
 - iv. A Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty assessed will result in suspension for remainder of NHAJC and further review from NHAJC & Hockey Alberta
 - v. Player may receive suspension beyond the HA minimum guidelines based on the severity of the infraction.

- d. Any player, coach, manager who receives a 9.6 (a) (b) or (c) penalty, will be suspended from remainder of NHAJC and will be reported to HA for further disciplinary action.
- e. NHAJC and Hockey Alberta will review all major infractions and discipline accordingly.
- f. NHA may continue a suspension to any NHA sanctioned event and may include the following year.
- g. It is the responsibility of coaches and managers to report and record any suspensions to NHA.
- h. Any coach and/or manger that does not disclose that a player is serving a suspension will be suspended for the remainder of the tourney
- i. It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure a player assessed a suspension does not participate in the next game.
- j. Please have someone from coaching staff pick up copied Score Sheet and Write-Up for your records

14. **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 Junior 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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