

# **ALL PEACE HOCKEY LEAGUE**

## **RULES**

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# RULES

1.

- a) Associations will provide the number of teams in each division and which tiers declared as per the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model & Grid Information (May 2018) **one week after the** (Oct, 2011) the Kick Off meeting. At the same time the LMHA President or delegate must provide six (May 2018) ice slots per team for exhibition play. (May 2018)

Team Placement, Division Splits and length of schedule will be determined at the Tiering Meeting. (Oct, 2006)

The APHL will schedule a maximum of eight (May 2018) exhibition games for each team participating in the APHL. These games will be played over a four(May 2018) week period and will be posted on the APHL website.

Exhibition game sheets must be entered into the APHL website. Please follow Rule 10 a) through 10 g) in the Constitution. Gamesheets for said games must be present at the **Tiering** meeting. There will be a fine of \$ \$300.00 per game for each scheduled game not played and will result in ineligibility for the team to participate in the APHL in the upcoming season. (May 2017)

All Divisions in the APHL will be tiered based on the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model & Grid Information. (May 2018)

For the Scheduling meeting, each team must bring 30 % more ice slots than they need. Each team must have their own set of ice and their own scheduler. (Oct, 2011)

There will be a fine of \$ 100.00 per team for those who do not. (Apr 26, 2015) Ice schedulers must sign in at the scheduling meeting head table. (Apr 2016)

Coin tosses required will be done at a separate Coin toss session right after the Tiering Meeting. (Apr 26, 2015)

- b) The APHL will begin **after September 30<sup>th</sup>** (May 2018) and include twelve to twenty (12-20) (May 2017) APHL league games with a ten (10) day Christmas break. Within the APHL there will be a maximum of 6 Tiers; Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5 and Tier 6 with Tier 6 being the lowest tiered teams of associations. If any one Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 is deemed to be too large – smaller geographical groupings may be created with the same designation, (i.e. Atom Tier 1 – 2 divisions etc.) (May 2017)

- c) APHL will have a playoff season at the end of each regular season with the format as in the APHL Playoff Structure document. League champions will represent the APHL at the Provincial Championship tournament for Tiers 1, 2, 3 & 4 in the Pee Wee to Midget Divisions. (Aug 2019)

1. Rule # 13 a.) to o.) will be put into effect so that forfeits and fines can be enforced for all playoff games. It is recommended that if playoffs are agreed to, that the following rules be considered as options to assist with the completion of playoffs and the fairness in which teams are tiered:
2. There may be movement of teams upward for playoffs, and only if there is a written request through the LMHA's APHL Rep to the Commissioner by January 15 of the current season from one of the association's coaches who is involved in the tier the team is in.

The APHL President may also set up a committee to decide on any upward team movement for playoffs, without a request from any association. (Apr 2016)

The following process will apply:

- There will be an email vote by the executive to rule on the request for movement;
- The email votes are to be tabulated and recorded by the Secretary who will inform the President who will inform the teams in the affected tiers; (Apr 2016)
- If the team is moved up they will be placed at the bottom of the tier they are moving to. They are ineligible for a banner for the tier they are leaving. If a team or teams are moved up into a higher tier the APHL executive committee may alter the playoff format to ensure the team or teams continue in playoffs. (May 2017)
- Playoff format may be altered by the APHL executive when a team is moved up a tier to ensure they are not eliminated from playoff play, as a result of the movement. (May 2018)

The APHL will not allow downward movement for playoffs.

3. **Playoff Game Scheduling:** a minimum of 2 game slots need to be offered for each game by the team with venue to get playoffs started. (Aug, 2019).
4. Notification of each playoff game must be given 72 hours prior to the game. (Oct, 2002)
5. All playoff series must be agreed to by both teams with a signed playoff agreement sent to the Commissioner prior to the game being played. (Oct, 2009)
6. The APHL PRESIDENT will be given the right to extend playoff series only. (Apr, 2016)
7. Whenever possible a three man referee system should be used for playoff games. (Oct, 2012)
8. Playoff games not scheduled due to tournaments will be forfeited by the team not available. Forfeit rules will apply. (Oct, 2012)
9. **Formula to break a tie in APHL standings:**
  - a) Who won the most games in the match ups between the two tied teams during the season. (Oct 2010)
  - b) In the event of a tie as per a), Team with the highest goals “for” in the match ups between the two tied teams during the season. (Oct 2010)
  - c) If still tied after a) and b), who has the highest total wins throughout the entire season against everyone in the division during APHL play. (Oct 2010)
  - d) If still tied after a), b), and c), take the total number of goals “for” divided by the total number of goals “for” and “against” in APHL play. (Oct 2010)
  - e) Straight up record versus team in highest standing not involving teams tied: The team with the best record receives higher standing in APHL play. If still tied proceed to next team in standings and so forth to the last place team;
  - f) Same as #5 except uses goals for and against instead of wins. (Oct, 1996)
  - g) If still tied after f), the APHL will revert back to the Hockey Canada tie-breaking rule. (May 2017)
10. **Formula for playoff overtime ties:** (Aug 2019)
  - a. Regular Season procedures a – c in item 9 (above) will apply.
  - b. If neither team scores in overtime, a shootout will take place as follows:
    - i. Each team will select 3 players and submit them to the referee
    - ii. The Home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout
    - iii. If at the conclusion of the 3 player shootout, and the game is still tied, a sudden victory alternating shoot out will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 and can be used multiple times
    - iv. Goaltenders can be switched out at any time during the Shootout.

2.
  - a. All teams must be registered with Hockey Alberta or Hockey BC.
  - b. All parents will have Respect in Sport Parent completed by December 1 of each year. (Oct 2012)
  - c. All divisions are to abide by the age group set down by Hockey Alberta.
  - d. Players may play in the next level higher, but not in a lower level. (Overage exceptions)
  
3. Players with special circumstances (i.e., handicapped, small for age, medical problems, very weak skills) should register with the proper category of play. However players may be allowed to participate in play at a lower level **IF** all of the Hockey Alberta and Hockey BC rules and guidelines for overage player movement are followed and approved by Hockey Alberta and the President of the APHL. This individual must not be in the top half of the players at the lower level. (Oct 2005)
  - a. Overage player applications: (Apr 2016)
    1. In order to apply for overage status the Hockey Alberta overage player application criteria and guideline form must be fully completed.
    2. Hockey Alberta views overage status as a privilege and not a right. Hockey Alberta guidelines of overage status is not a Hockey Alberta regulation.
    3. The APHL will review Overage application once only per season per player. Forms not completed correctly the first time will not be reviewed again and are automatically denied for the overage request.
  
4. Anyone moving into the area can be registered at any time prior to January 10. A new HCR roster must be filed with the Commissioner. The APHL will follow the Hockey Canada /Hockey Alberta rules regarding affiliation. A new HCR roster must be filed with the Commissioner prior to an affiliate player being added to the team. (Oct 2013)
  
5. **By the Wednesday BEFORE** the start of APHL play (Oct, 2013) of the playing year, each APHL team must email to the appropriate Commissioner for each division, the HCR (Hockey Canada Registration) roster which must include jersey numbers. A fine of \$ **250.00** will be levied for each team who is late. (Oct 2013) Team managers/representative must also have the website updated at the same time. A fine of \$250.00 will be levied for each roster posted late to the website. (May 2017)
 

The rosters sent to the APHL Commissioner must include all team players and personnel, their names, dates of birth, positions, HCR numbers, jersey numbers and HCR STATUS. (Oct, 2010) These rosters must include all affiliates and must be updated as affiliates are added. If you are using team to team affiliation then the lower team HCR roster must accompany the registered team HCR roster, (e.g., if your Peewee team is affiliated with your Bantam team then the Peewee registration must accompany the Bantam registration and be sent to the Bantam Commissioner). (Oct, 2008)
  
6. Any association with teams in the APHL will be charged a \$1000.00 bond. (Apr 2016) Any Association that loses part of, or all of, their bond will have five (5) days to replenish their bond or their Association will be suspended from APHL play until their bond is replenished. (Oct, 1995)
  
7. All Annual Dues: Constitution Article 13. Applicable performance bonds per Association must be paid prior to the commencement of APHL play. (Oct, 2003) Commissioners expenses, (i.e. telephone, fax, paper etc.) are to be covered by the association providing the Commissioner. (Oct,

2004) Honorariums will be paid for the following executive positions: (July 2019)

Commissioners \$ 1500.00 per season - re-evaluated yearly.  
Statistician/Website \$ 1500.00 per season - re-evaluated yearly.  
President \$ 4500.00 per season (May 2017) Accommodations and travel (\$ .54 km) for  
APHL Business. (Apr 2016)  
Vice Presidents, Secretary Treasurer, Past President \$1500.00 per season – re-evaluated yearly.

8. Game durations for the **Regular Season** (Aug 2019)

- 1) All games tied at the end of regulation time, shall have a 5 minute, 3 on 3, **STOP TIME**, sudden victory overtime period to immediately follow.
- 2) Goaltenders will change ends.
- 3) Penalties which have not expired at the end of regulation time shall carry over into Overtime. The non-penalized team will put an extra player on the ice for each penalty the offending team has.

Examples:

Team A was shorthanded at the conclusion of regulation time, Team B would start the overtime with 4 players and Team A with 3 players. If Team A was short two players then Team B would start with 5 players and team A with 3 players.

If Team A had two penalties and Team B had one penalty, Team B would start the Overtime 4 skaters to 3.

If both teams had the same number of penalized players at the end of regulation time the teams would start the Overtime 3 on 3.

Coincidental Penalties would **NOT** apply to the above scenarios.

At each stoppage of play, the number of players on the ice is to revert back to as close to 3 on 3 as the penalties will allow.

Once ALL penalties have been served, at the next stoppage of play, play will revert back to 3 on 3.

- 4) If neither team scores in Overtime the game remains tied and is entered into the standings as such.

9. APHL games must use certified officials. All games at all levels shall have a minimum of 2 officials. (Oct, 2004) For games with a two man system, one referee must be from at least two (2) divisions higher than the play they are officiating, whereas the other referee must be from at least (1) division higher. For all APHL games in BC, if a two man system is used, both must wear the red arm band. On games with a three man system, the referee must be from at least two (2) divisions higher than the play they are officiating, whereas the linesmen be from at least (1) division higher or the linesmen can be from the same level. (Oct 2009)

The home team shall attempt to provide three (3) on ice officials for Bantam and Midget games. (Oct, 2002) Teams not meeting these requirements will be fined \$ 250.00 by the APHL Commissioner and/or President. (Oct, 2009)

10. a.) It is mandatory for all teams to use APHL Scorebooks. (Oct, 2006)
- b) Game sheets to be entered into the APHL website by the **home team** within 24 hours of completion of the game. This includes game scores and all statistics (goals, assists, penalties). (May 2017)
- c) The home team is responsible for sending the game sheet and any incident reports to their APHL Commissioner and to Hockey Alberta as required. Late game sheets entered into the APHL website or sent to APHL Commissioner will be fined \$250.00 per occurrence. All score sheets with 5 minute, match, gross, 10 minute, game misconducts, etc. must be emailed within 24 hours to the Commissioner. Match and Gross Misconducts must also be emailed within 24 hours to the Hockey Alberta Zone 1 Discipline /Sanction Coordinator. The game number must appear on the game sheet! Commissioners must issue suspension notices no later than Thursday morning of each week to the Association Representative. (May 2017)
- d) Score sheets and referee reports be uploaded to the APHL website. (Aug, 2019)
- e) Scorekeepers and timekeepers are game officials. Associations must provide competent volunteers. Ineligible or incomplete game sheets will also be subject to a \$250.00 fine per occurrence. The APHL encourages each association to train 2 to 4 members per team to properly and correctly complete game sheets. (May 2017)
11. All score sheets must signed by the on ice and off ice officials and their names must be printed as well. This is to be verified by coaches or managers. (Oct, 2008) The Game Number, Date, Game Level, and Team names must be clearly marked on the game sheet. (i.e.: Atom Tier 1 - Game # 12 - December 9, 1992 - Peace River vs. Manning or Peewee Tier 4 - Game #5 etc.) Game sheets received with inadequate information will not be processed for points. Commissioners will not phone associations involved. The teams must call the Commissioner to supply the missing information. All associations need to put a system in place whereby the referee gives the white copy of the score sheet to the winning team - this ensures that the Commissioner can read what is emailed to them. (Oct, 2004)
12. League standings will be kept on the APHL Website and overseen by the Commissioner with 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. (Oct, 2003)  
**If overtime is required the following points will be awarded:**  
**2 points for overtime win      1 point for overtime tie      1 point for overtime loss**
13. POSTPONED, CANCELLED and FORFEITED GAMES and APHL FINES (Oct, 2005)
- a) The performance bond posted by each Association will reinforce this position: (Oct, 1995)
- b) Changes to regularly scheduled games when agreed upon by both parties: (Oct, 2011). All date changes to regularly scheduled games must be faxed or emailed to the APHL Commissioners as soon as the alternate date has been set by the teams involved. (Oct, 2003)
- c) When both teams cannot agree to postpone a game, there shall be seven (7) days application for postponement indicating reasons given to the APHL Commissioner. The APHL Commissioner in consultation with the VP and/or President shall then rule on the postponement and advise both teams. (Oct, 2011) If both teams are present at an APHL scheduled game and for some unforeseen reason the game cannot be played, the home team manager or designate must contact the VP of the APHL to give the reason the game cannot be played. The VP will make the decision not to play the game or discuss options. All games must be re-scheduled in unless written consent is given by the APHL. If the VP is not available, contact the President.

- d) A minimum of 72 hour's notice is required to postpone a game due to extenuating circumstances such as: extreme weather conditions (in the case of weather less than 72 hours may be the only option), family emergency, serious illness etc. or the team in default forfeits the points AND Rule 13 j) may be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner. (Teams agreeing to reschedule the game would nullify the need for the forfeit and fine.)
- e) If the visiting team is a "No show" at a regularly scheduled game an automatic minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$1000.00 shall be assessed by the APHL President and/or Commissioner. Points will be forfeited to the host team. (Teams agreeing to reschedule the game would nullify the need for the forfeit and fine.)
- f) If the host team cancels a game due to no referees at a regularly scheduled game an automatic minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$1000.00 shall be assessed by the APHL President and/or Commissioner. Points will be forfeited to the visiting team. (Teams agreeing to reschedule the game would nullify the need for the forfeit and fine.) Prior to game cancellation, a call must be made to the Vice President of the Division (or the President if the VP is unavailable) by the manager or coach to determine if the game can be played.
- g) League games delayed due to tournament or exhibition games are to be made up before the end of the regular season. Failure to do so will result in the offending team forfeiting two (2) points to the other team AND Rule 13 j) will be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner.
- h) If the host team postpones a scheduled game, the host team must try to reschedule and play this game prior to the end of the regular season. If after offering three different times without agreeing to an acceptable date for a rematch within the above time frame, the host team will forfeit the game; AND Rule 13 j) will be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner.
- i) If the visiting team postpones a regular scheduled game, the host team must offer a minimum of two (2) dates for a rematch to be played prior to the end of the regular season. The visiting team must accept one of the alternate dates or forfeit the game; AND Rule 13 j) will be enforced by the APHL President and/or Commissioner.
- j) A APHL Fine will be issued with a minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$1000.00 against an Association which has a team cancel or forfeit a game, unless for valid reasons (i.e. extreme weather conditions, family emergency, serious illness etc.).
- k) The APHL President will (Apr 2016) be notified of all forfeited games by the Commissioner. The APHL President through the APHL Secretary (Oct, 2010) will then issue a letter to the offending Association's Executive and the APHL Commissioner (for statistical purposes) notifying them of the forfeiture and the deduction of the money from their performance bond. Upon the 3rd forfeiture the remaining bond money will be deducted and the team will be ejected from the APHL for the remaining regular season and playoff games.
- l) The non-offending team may make formal application in writing with full details to the APHL for the recovery of any receipted expenses by the Annual General Meeting (Oct, 2011). If the non-offending team does not make formal application for funds the money will be retained in the APHL Bank Account Fine Pool. The APHL will not exceed the fine pool, in terms of payouts. All APHL fines will be reported in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting. (Oct 2013)



- m) The APHL Commissioner and/or APHL Vice (Oct, 2010) President for that level will rule on all disputes and his/her decision will be final. (Oct5, 1992)
- n) All fines levied by the APHL Commissioner and/or President will be issued and invoiced by the APHL secretary within 10 days of the date that the infraction occurred.(Oct, 2008)
- o) On games that are forfeited, a score of 3 to 0 will be given to the non offending team for statistical purposes. (Oct 2009)
14. APHL Banners are to be presented at the deciding game in all playoffs. (Oct, 2002)
15. Suspensions shall be administered by the Commissioners at the respective level in accordance with these APHL Rules and/or those set out by Hockey Canada, and Hockey Alberta (Apr 26, 2015) as minimum standards whichever is greater. The Commissioners shall notify the APHL Vice (Oct, 2010) President of any suspensions. The Commissioner may increase the number of game suspensions for repeat offenders or depending on the particulars of any specific incident. Suspensions are to be served as per Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta rules. (Apr 26, 2015)
16. Any member association in arrears with dues/bonds after regular APHL play begins, will lose all rights to discuss or vote in the association until such fees are paid in full. (Oct, 1991)
17. It is the responsibility of the APHL representatives to familiarize all the coaches and managers in their communities of these rules. (Oct, 1991)
18. Failure to comply with any of the above rules cause forfeiture of performance bond money by that Association. (Oct, 1991)
19. a) Any APHL Association not attending two (2) out of three (3) (Oct, 2012) APHL meetings during the year, will be deemed no longer part of the APHL and their bond will be refunded. This rule may also apply to any Association not fulfilling other obligations as required by the APHL. (Associations who have requested in-active status are not included in this rule) (Oct, 2004)
- b) All Associations will ensure that a team representative attend the ice schedule meeting held prior to the start of APHL play for that season. Each association will also ensure that an ice scheduler is present at the scheduling meeting for each team (Oct, 2009) and each team must have 30% more ice slots than they need for their home games. Any association, which does not have a member in attendance, will not be scheduled for that season. (Oct, 2008)
- c) Any Association that remains inactive for (2) two seasons will have their bond refunded and will no longer be considered part of the APHL. (Oct, 2011)
20. a) APHL Expansion or re-instatement of membership. No team shall be allowed to join the APHL without the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the Associations members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. (Oct, 1994) Associations applying for a probationary spot in the APHL will NOT be present for discussion and voting. Application will be made by the association in question and they will then be asked to leave the meeting.
- b) The first three (3) years of membership are to be probationary years, which will be voted on for each season at the Annual General Meeting. (Oct, 2008) The following options may occur: The probationary association will be granted another year of probation OR the probationary association will be denied further involvement with the APHL.

When the probationary association finishes their 3rd year of probation a vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting for permanent status. (Oct, 2008)

- c) Application for expansion or re-instatement to the APHL must include the following:
    - i) Written request to the APHL President by March 1 of the current season, which the APHL President will forward to the APHL Association Reps by April 1.
    - ii) A \$500.00 application fee to be sent into the APHL Treasurer within 3 weeks of the APHL AGM. The application fee will be applied to the APHL bond if the association is accepted into the APHL. If the application is denied the application fee is nonrefundable.
    - iii) Minutes from association's board meeting showing a passed motion to apply to the APHL.
    - iv) Applicants must include the following information:
      - 1) Number of teams within the association that are applying to play in the APHL.
      - 2) Number of members in the association in the past two years and expected members for the upcoming season.
      - 3) Include information regarding association's facility including; how old, any renovations, ice surface (size), number of dressing rooms, showers, concession, ice times that are available to the association for APHL games, skate sharpening etc.
      - 4) Town overview including; restaurants, hotels sport stores, hospitals, ambulance service, RCMP, etc.
      - 5) Overview on why the association wants to apply to the APHL.
    - v) Representative must be in attendance at the APHL AGM to present the application and answer questions from the APHL membership.
  - d) All associations requesting in-active status in any given season will automatically be placed on probation and Rule 20 b will be enforced. During in-active status, the association in question must still honor all executive requirements for their association as in President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scheduling Director (Oct, 2010) and Commissioners. This rule shall be retro-active to the 2003 – 2004 season and shall apply to all associations who became in-active on or before that season. (Oct, 2006)
21. Commissioners: At the Kick Off Meeting five (5) member associations will be expected to put forth names for Commissioners for that year and the levels they request.

The following table is to be kept intact for future reference and proper rotation of teams. If an Association no longer belongs to / or forfeits their obligation to provide a Commissioner for the APHL their name will be removed and all others will move up one slot accordingly. Associations who forfeit their obligation will be added to the bottom of the list again. All new teams will be added above Smoky River as they are accepted into the APHL on probation. (Oct, 2006)

**THIS LIST TO BE KEPT UPDATED YEARLY BY THE APHL PRESIDENT. (updated August 25, 2019)**

\* means another association served for them

Association	Year served	Year served
Wembley	Atom 2014 - 2015	<b>Atom 2019 - 2020</b>
LaCrete	PeeWee 2014 - 2015	<b>PeeWee 2019 - 2020</b>
Dawson Creek	Bantam 2014 - 2015	<b>Bantam 2019 - 2020</b>
Grande Cache	Female 2015 – 2016	Bantam 2009 – 2010
Hythe	Bantam 2015 – 2016	Bantam 2010 - 2011
Spirit River	Pee Wee 2015 – 2016	PeeWee 2010 – 2011
Sexsmith	Atom 2015 – 2016	Midget 2010 – 2011
Valleyview	Midget 2015 – 2016	Female 2010 – 2011
Grande Prairie	Female 2016-2017	Atom 2010 - 2011
Peace River	Atom 2016-2017	Bantam 2011 – 2012
Chetwynd	Midget 2016-2017	Female 2011 – 2012
Manning	Bantam 2016-2017	Atom 2011 – 2012
Fairview	Pee Wee 2016-2017	Midget 2011 - 2012
Grimshaw	Atom 2017-2018	Atom 2012 – 2013
Beaverlodge	Female 2017-2018	PeeWee 2012 – 2013
Clairmont (06-07)	Midget 2017-2018	Midget 2012 – 2013
East Smoky (07-08)	Pee Wee 2017-2018	Bantam 2012 – 2013
Horse Lake (07-08)	Bantam 2017-2018	Female 2012 - 2013
Clearview (11-12)	Midget 2018-2019	Female 2013 - 2014
LaGlance (11-12)	Bantam 2018-2019	PeeWee 2013 – 2014
Hines Creek (13-14)	inactive	Bantam *2014 – 2015
Taylor (14-15)	Female 2018-2019	
Smoky River	Atom 2018-2019	Bantam 2013 - 2014
High Level	Pee Wee 2018-2019	Midget 2013 - 2014
Fort St. John	<b>Midget 2019 - 2020</b>	Atom 2013 - 2014
High Prairie	<b>Female 2019 - 2020</b>	Female 2014 - 2015

**22. League Scheduling**

a) Scheduling Rotation: (Apr 2016) 1<sup>st</sup> Bantam division 2<sup>nd</sup> Midget division 3<sup>rd</sup> Female division  
4<sup>th</sup> Pee Wee division 5<sup>th</sup> Atom division (Apr 2016)

b) Scheduling Rules:

- i. A draw will be held for seat placement at the scheduling table. One member from each association will draw a number. The lowest number will take the first spot at the table and will be the first to schedule two games. The highest number will be the last to schedule two games at the table. After the last person has scheduled their two games the format then reverts back to the first person who then schedules their next two games.
- ii. Each division will be allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes to schedule games. The APHL President will announce 30 minute, 20 minute and 15 minute warnings. At the 15 minute warning the President or Scheduling Director will take control of the table and assist in scheduling the final games to be scheduled.
- iii) Each team is required to have only one person to schedule games and sit at the table. A maximum of two members may be in attendance. The second member must sit behind the scheduler and not at the table.
- iv) One member from the scheduling table must step forward to record all games on the master scheduling sheet. (preferably one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> members for an association)
- v) Each team is required to review the master schedule once printed off by the APHL’s representative. Any errors or mistakes should be noted and changed.
- vi) The APHL President or Scheduling Director has the authority to remove anyone from the meeting who exhibits unprofessional manners and/is abusive towards any APHL representative or any member at meeting.(Apr 2016)
- vii) The APHL mandates a maximum of two blackout weekends per team, scheduled prior to the scheduling meeting. (May 2017)

24. The APHL has established a six tiered system in each division. Tier six is a non-body checking tier.

## **Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model & Grid Information**

### **1.0 Application**

1.1 The Alberta One Tiering Model applies to the following minor hockey leagues operating at the Atom, Pee wee, Bantam and Midget divisions:

Hockey Calgary	Hockey Edmonton	Central Alberta Hockey League
Northern Alberta Interlock	All Peace Hockey League	North Eastern Alberta Hockey League

1.2 Any regulation covered in the Alberta One Tiering Model supersedes any regulation made by an individual league, when dealing with any issues that are covered by this document.

### **2.0 Season Timeline**

2.1 Each league shall determine its season timeline for pre-season, regular season, and playoffs, as long as the timeline is in accordance with *Hockey Canada's Seasonal Structure Guidelines*.

### **3.0 Tiering**

3.1 Each League shall not operate more than six tiers at a division.

3.1.1 Each League shall operate the following number of tiers per division based on the total number of teams at that division.

<b>Teams per Division</b>	<b>Tiers per Division</b>	<b>* Tiers Operated</b>
40 + Teams	6	Tiers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
32 – 50 Teams	5	Tiers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
24 – 40 Teams	4	Tiers 1, 2, 4 and 5
16 – 30 Teams	3	Tier 2, 3 and 4
8 – 20 Teams	2	Tier 2 and 4
0 – 10 Teams	1	Tier 3 or 4

\* Should a League look to operate different tiers than those listed above, approval from Hockey Alberta's Minor Leagues Committee must be given prior to the start of regular season play.

3.2 Each league shall determine its own process for tiering rounds (pre-season play).

3.3 Each league shall tier teams in accordance with the Alberta One Tiering Grid (Appendix A), which includes:

3.3.1 The tiering grid is to be the starting point for all teams;

3.3.2 The number of teams within an association at a division must include all teams registered in the association at that division, not including internal association house league teams or teams in the Elite or AA streams;

3.3.3 When an association is required, or requests, to have more than one team at a particular tier, these teams shall be equally blended and balanced;

3.3.4 An individual team may move, or be moved, upwards or downwards during the tiering process, with the final placement of all teams to be determined by the individual league and in accordance with the minimums established by the grid;

3.3.5 When an association chooses to have two or more equal teams at the same tier instead of utilizing top down tiering and having teams ranked strongest to weakest, these teams will be placed on the tiering grid at the median tier that any of these teams would have been placed had they not chosen to be divided equally.

*3.3.5.1 Example: An association has 6 teams to be placed according to the Alberta One Tiering Grid. The association chooses to have three ranked teams and three equally divided teams. According to the Tiering Grid, the 3 equally divided teams should have been placed at Tier 4, 5, and 6 if they had been ranked. Consequently, those three equal teams will be classified as Tier 5 teams, which is the median tier that any of these three teams would have been placed at, had they been ranked.*

3.3.6 The leagues will have the ability to move the equally divided teams to different tiers should it become apparent that they are either too strong or too weak for the tier that they have been placed in. This may include splitting the teams into different tiers.

3.4 In the event of an error in placement that results in a team being far too strong for a particular tier, the league has the ability to move the team upward, disqualify the team from eligibility for the Provincial Championships, or disqualify the team from further league play including playoffs.

#### **4.0 Disputes**

4.1 Any clarification or dispute from an individual team related to this Model shall be dealt with by that team's home league.

4.2 Any clarification or dispute from a league relating to this Model shall be dealt with by the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee and/or the Hockey Alberta Minor Regulations Committee.

Appendix A

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Total
One Team			1				1
Two Teams		1		1			2
Three Teams	1		1		1		3
Four Teams	1	1		1		1	4
Five Teams	1	1	1		1	1	5
Six Teams	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Seven Teams	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
			1				
Eight Teams	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
		1		1			
Nine Teams	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
	1		1		1		
Ten Teams	2	1	1	1	1	2	10
		1		1			
Eleven Teams	2	2	1	1	2	2	11
			1				
Twelve Teams	2	2	2	2	2	2	12
Thirteen Teams	2	2	2	2	2	2	13
			1				
Fourteen Teams	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
		1		1			
Fifteen Teams	2	2	2	2	2	2	15
	1		1		1		
Sixteen Teams	3	2	2	2	2	3	16
		1		1			
Seventeen Teams	3	2	2	2	2	3	17
	1		1		1		
Eighteen Teams	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
Nineteen Teams	3	3	3	3	3	3	19
			1				
Twenty Teams	3	3	3	3	3	3	20
		1		1			
Twenty-One Teams	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
	1		1		1		
Twenty-Two Teams	4	3	3	3	3	4	22
		1		1			
Twenty-Three Teams	4	3	3	3	3	4	23
	1		1		1		
Twenty-Four Teams	4	4	4	4	4	4	24
Twenty-Five Teams	4	4	4	4	4	4	25
			1				

## 25. APHL BOUNDARIES AS AT OCTOBER 2003

Keep record of all associations since 2003

ASSOCIATION NAME	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	
Beaverlodge	Active	
Berwyn	Inactive (2004-2005)	Bond refunded
Chetwynd	Active	
Clairmont	Active	
Clearview	Inactive (2018-2019)	
Dawson Creek	Active	
Eaglesham (West Smoky)	Inactive (2003-2004)	Bond refunded
East Smoky	Active	
Fairview	Active	
Fort St. John	Active	
Grande Cache	Active	
Grande Prairie	Active	
Grimshaw	Active	
Grovedale	Inactive (2004-2005)	Bond refunded
High Level	Active	
High Prairie	Active	
Hines Creek	Inactive (2016-2017)	
Hines Creek	Inactive (2003-2004)	Bond refunded
Horse Lake	Active	
Hythe	Inactive (2017-2018)	
LaCrete	Active	
LaGlace	Active	
Loon River	Active	
Manning	Active	
McLennan	Inactive (2007-2008)	Bond refunded
Nampa	Inactive (2001-2002)	Bond refunded
Peace River	Active	
Rycroft	Inactive (2011-2012)	Bond refunded
Savanna	Inactive (2011-2012)	Bond refunded
Sexsmith	Active	
Slave Lake	Active	
Smoky River	Active	
Spirit River	Active	
Sturgeon Lake	Inactive (2009-2010)	Bond refunded
Taylor	Inactive (2018-2019)	
Tumbler Ridge	Active	
Valleyview	Active	
Wembley	Active	

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