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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Hockey Alberta is the governing body for amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta.
- Hockey Alberta encourages competition on both a competitive and recreational level for those who enjoy hockey for the sportsmanship, skill and enjoyment it can provide.
- Hockey Alberta operates under the democratic system whereby all members have a voice in the operation of the provincial body through their respective Committees.
- Hockey Alberta is a proud member of Hockey Canada and as such takes an active part in setting national policy.
- Hockey Alberta conducts regional and provincial championship competitions at most levels of Minor, Junior, Senior and Female hockey.
- Hockey Alberta's Officials Committee is part of the Operational committee structure. Official schools and clinics are held throughout the Province in order to certify officials. Membership in Hockey Alberta entitles teams to the use of registered officials.
- Certified Coaching Clinics are provided at nominal rates, facilitated by qualified instructors.
- Hockey Alberta is represented on the Hockey Development Council of Hockey Canada. This committee prepares the technical programs for coaches, officials and other areas of hockey and provides Alberta with access to instructional material compiled by Canada's most expert instructors.
- Rules and Regulations governing hockey are standard across Canada. As a member of Hockey Alberta you have an opportunity to recommend rule changes which are then reviewed by the National body.
- Hockey Alberta has an active Appeals process and any member, team, team official, official or player may have the ability to appeal a decision rendered against him/her, in accordance with the Bylaws and Regulations.
- Hockey Alberta issues permits for hosting and travelling to tournaments and exhibition games in order to ensure that participating teams meet the requirements of sanctioning and qualify for insurance coverage.
- All players and officials of member teams are required to register in the Hockey Canada Registry as outlined by the appropriate section of these By-laws and Regulations. This process provides insurance coverage, ensures equity on the basis of age and residential requirements and provides a historical record of a player's career.
- Rule books, training manuals, information bulletins and posters are available to members through the Hockey Alberta website. Regional Volunteers and/or office staff are available on request to assist any organization.
- Hockey Alberta, by representing amateur hockey throughout the province, serves as a unifying voice in dealing with governments and private agencies in promoting the cause of hockey.



**HOCKEY ALBERTA**

**BYLAWS**

**BYLAWS  
of the  
ALBERTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1  
INTERPRETATION**

**1.1 Headings**

The insertion of headings is for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

**1.2 Terms**

The terms "Bylaws", "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" and similar expressions refer to these Bylaws taken as a whole and not to any particular Bylaw or section and include any document or instrument which amends or is supplementary to these Bylaws.

**1.3 Singular, Plural, Gender**

Words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender include all genders.

**1.4 "Person"**

"Person" and other references to "persons" include any individual, firm, company, corporation, unincorporated body of persons or association.

**1.5 "In Writing"**

"In writing" or "written" include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visibly reproduced at a distant point of reception, including but not limited to email, telecopier (fax), telex or telegraph.

**1.6 Notice**

Whenever a period of notice is required under these Bylaws, the day on which notice is given shall not be counted as part of the notice period, but the day appointed by the notice for the event to which the notice relates shall be counted as part of the notice period.

**1.7 Definitions**

Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Bylaws, have the following meanings:

- (a) "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (b) "Annual Meeting" means the General Meeting of the Members as provided for in section 4.1;
- (c) "Associate Member" will have the meaning given to it in Section 2.2;
- (d) "Board" means the board of Directors of Hockey Alberta;

- (e) "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of Hockey Alberta as amended from time to time;
- (f) "Chair" means the individual elected by the Members to be the Chair of the Board for Hockey Alberta;
- (g) "Director(s)" means a director of Hockey Alberta;
- (h) "Division" or "Divisions" and any reference to "Junior", "Senior" or "Female" in connection therewith shall have the meaning given by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (i) "Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of Hockey Alberta appointed by the Board from time to time;
- (j) "Female Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (k) "Finance Director" shall mean the individual elected by the Members to be the Finance Director for the Board of Hockey Alberta;
- (l) "Financial Statements" means the financial statements of Hockey Alberta prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accounts from time to time, consistently applied;
- (m) "Fiscal Year" shall have that meaning as defined in section 9.1;
- (n) "General Meeting" means any general meeting of the Members;
- (o) "Hockey Alberta" shall mean The Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- (p) "Hockey Canada" means the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association;
- (q) "Hockey Team" will have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (r) "Junior "A" Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (s) "Junior "B/C" Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (t) "League" shall have that meaning defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (u) "Life Member" will have the meaning given to it in section 2.3;
- (v) "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and are approved by the Board and operates a program in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:
  - (i) Initiation;
  - (ii) Novice;
  - (iii) Atom;
  - (iv) Peewee;
  - (v) Bantam;
  - (vi) Midget;
- (w) "Member" shall mean a regular member as described in section 0;

- (x) "Member Team" shall have that meaning as set out in subsection 2.1(a)(i);
- (y) "Member's Representative" means the individual that is duly authorized by a Member to vote on behalf of the Member at a meeting of Members;
- (z) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- (aa) "Minor Hockey Zones" shall have that meaning set out in the Regulations;
- (bb) "Officer(s)" means an officer of Hockey Alberta as provided for in Article 7;
- (cc) "Past Chair" means the individual who was the Chair for the term immediately prior to the election of a new Chair;
- (dd) "Officials Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (ee) "Regulations" means those regulations of Hockey Alberta as made and amended from time to time;
- (ff) "Rules" means those rules of the game as made and amended from time to time, by Hockey Canada;
- (gg) "Senior Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (hh) "Special Meeting" shall mean a meeting of the Members as referred to in section 4.3;
- (ii) "Special Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the Members entitled to vote as are present in person at a meeting of Members of which notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution has duly been given; and
- (jj) "Vice-Chair" means the individual elected by the Members to be the Vice-Chair of the Board for Hockey Alberta.

## ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

### 2.1 Regular Membership

- (a) Subject to the conditions precedent set out herein and compliance with these Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations, regular membership in Hockey Alberta is open to the following:
- (i) an Amateur Hockey Team of Junior, Senior or Female Division that is not within or a part of a Local Minor Hockey Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Member Team") that satisfies the requirements of the Board from time to time for regular membership and whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta; and
  - (ii) any Local Minor Hockey Association whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta, provided that Hockey Alberta will only recognize one Local Minor Hockey Association for each city, town, village or hamlet.
- (b) As a condition precedent to membership in Hockey Alberta, each prospective Member shall agree that:
- (i) Hockey Alberta is the supreme authority concerning Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, subject only to the right of appeal to Hockey Canada;
  - (ii) it shall unconditionally obey and abide by:
    - (A) the Bylaws, Regulations and policies of Hockey Alberta; and
    - (B) the Rules and the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Canada;and any amendments thereto as are in force from time to time; and
  - (iii) it will abide by the interpretation of the Board with respect to such Bylaws, Regulations and policies of Hockey Alberta and the Rules and the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Canada, subject only to the rights of appeal as provided for by the bylaws of Hockey Canada.
- (c) Membership may be acquired by application to the Board, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Board together with the following:
- (i) the annual dues for Members as determined in section 3.1;
  - (ii) a copy of the applicant's constitution, objectives, bylaws and regulations;
  - (iii) a complete list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the applicant's officers, which shall consist of at least a president and secretary; and
  - (iv) the address of the applicant for notice, including, but not limited to, an email address if the applicant wishes to provide one.

- (d) The constitution, bylaws and regulations of the applicant may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive and, in the case of any conflict or inconsistency, must be subject to the Bylaws, Regulations and policies of Hockey Alberta.
- (e) The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for membership in Hockey Alberta.
- (f) Membership in Hockey Alberta shall take effect upon the acceptance of the application by the Board.
- (g) Each Member shall notify Hockey Alberta of any amendments to its bylaws and regulations and of any changes of its directors and officers, immediately following any such change.

## **2.2 Associate Memberships**

- (a) An Associate Membership may be acquired by application in writing to the Board and such membership shall take effect upon the approval by the Board.
- (b) The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for Associate Membership in Hockey Alberta.
- (c) Associate Members shall not be voting members, but shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Members.
- (d) Associate Members shall be entitled to the usual services provided to other Members, including the right to send representatives to clinics and schools conducted by Hockey Alberta.

## **2.3 Life Memberships**

- (a) Life membership is the highest honour which may be bestowed by Hockey Alberta. It is to be awarded to individuals only for very distinctive services those individuals have provided to Hockey Alberta. Nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded to the Board in writing thirty (30) days prior to the 1st day of June in each year, with the endorsement of at least four (4) Members on the nominating papers for each proposed Life Member. Life Members shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board, exercising all of the privileges of Directors (except where otherwise restricted in the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules) but shall not be eligible to vote on any issue.
- (b) The Board shall appoint Life Members as per Policy.
- (c) Expenses of the Life Members attending a General Meeting or a Special Meeting shall be paid by Hockey Alberta.

## **2.4 Ceasing to be Member**

### **(a) Resignation or Withdrawal**

Any Member, Associate Member or Life Member may resign or withdraw from membership in Hockey Alberta by submitting its resignation in writing to the Board. Upon such resignation becoming effective, such member shall forfeit its rights and privileges in Hockey Alberta, but will remain liable for any financial obligations that are outstanding at the time of resignation.

### **(b) Expulsion**

- (i) A Member, may be expelled from membership in Hockey Alberta by a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. No Member, Associate Member or Life Member shall be expelled without being notified of the complaint against it or without having first been given an opportunity to be heard by the Members at the aforesaid meeting.
- (ii) The Board may, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, expel any Member who has failed to pay any membership dues required by the Board to be paid in order to remain a member of Hockey Alberta.

### **(c) Loss of Membership**

A Member shall cease to be a Member by resignation, withdrawal or expulsion.

## **ARTICLE 3 DUES**

- 3.1** The annual dues for Members shall be determined annually by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting each year, subject to the approval of the Members.
- 3.2** All annual dues for Members as determined by the Board shall be due and payable with the Membership registration at the Annual Meeting.
- 3.3** A Member shall not be in good standing unless it has paid the annual dues as determined by the Board.
- 3.4** Associate Members and Life Members shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- 3.5** Upon payment of the required annual dues, a Member shall not be entitled to a refund, except in the case where the Members do not approve the annual dues determined by the Board, in which case the annual dues will remain as they were the last time they were approved by the Members, and any annual dues paid over and above that amount will be refunded to the Members.

## **ARTICLE 4 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND VOTING**

### **4.1 Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting shall be held within six (6) months after the conclusion of the fiscal year end (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Meeting").

### **4.2 Order of Business**

At every Annual Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the following business shall be conducted:

- (a) the election of two Directors, each for a term of three years, subject to Section 5.1;
- (b) the presentation of the audited financial statements and report of the auditor;
- (c) the appointment of the auditor for the ensuing fiscal year; and
- (d) the report of the Directors, if any.

### **4.3 Special Meetings and Semi Annual Meeting**

Other meetings of the Members (hereinafter called "Special Meetings") shall be convened for any time and place in Alberta by a majority vote of the Directors. The Board, upon receipt of a written request for a Special Meeting signed by twenty (20) Members in good standing, shall convene a Special Meeting within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the request. A Special Meeting may be called for any purpose for which a meeting of the Members may be called for under these Bylaws. A General Meeting referred to as a Semi-Annual Meeting will be held once every year between the beginning of November and the end of January.

### **4.4 Notice and Address for Notice**

- (a) Notice of the time and place of all General Meetings and Special Meetings, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and sufficient information for the Members to make an informed decision with respect to any decisions they are to make at the meeting shall be given to the auditor and each Director, Member, Associate Member and Life Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be given if sent by regular mail to the last known address of the auditor and each Director, Member, Associate Member and Life Member postmarked thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice and supporting material may be delivered by any other means, including personal delivery and delivery by electronic means that can be verified to any address that is provided by the auditor Director, Member, Associate Member or Life Member from time to time.
- (b) All Directors, Members, Associate Members, Life Members and the auditor shall notify Hockey Alberta in writing of any change in their address for notice. Until such notice has been received by Hockey Alberta, the address on the books and records of Hockey Alberta at the time will be considered the address for notice to such members for all purposes under these Bylaws.



#### 4.5 Quorum

Twenty (20) Members in good standing and present in person or by proxy shall form a quorum at any General Meeting or Special Meeting. In the event that twenty (20) Members are not present within one (1) hour of the hour given in the Notice of the said meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall adjourn the meeting to a date and time not less than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the original meeting. The Chief Executive Officer shall give seven (7) days written notice to the auditor and each Director, Member, Associate Member and Life Member of the date and place to which the meeting has been adjourned. The quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be those Members in attendance.

#### 4.6 Right to Vote at Member's Meetings

- (a) Subject to subsection 4.6(b), at each General Meeting or Special Meeting, each Member Team shall have one vote and each Local Minor Hockey Association shall have one vote for each Hockey Team registered with Hockey Alberta in the Midget Division, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) votes; provided that, if a Local Minor Hockey Association has not registered a Hockey Team in the Midget Division, but has registered with Hockey Alberta a Hockey Team in any one (1) of the Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee and Bantam Divisions, that Local Minor Hockey Association shall have one (1) vote;
- (b) In order for a Member to qualify for voting privileges at a General Meeting or Special Meeting, the Member must:
  - (i) have had a Hockey Team(s) registered with Hockey Alberta in the year immediately preceding the said meeting which were involved in active competition;
  - (ii) pay the required annual dues payable for the forthcoming year if the meeting is an Annual Meeting;
  - (iii) have appointed a Member's Representative and established the authority of the Member's Representative to represent the Member to the satisfaction of the Board; and
  - (iv) be otherwise in good standing with the Board.

#### 4.7 Voting

At all General Meetings and Special Meetings, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Member's Representatives present in person unless otherwise required by the Bylaws or by law. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands (having regard to the right of multiple votes of the Local Minor Hockey Association) unless a poll is demanded by a Member's Representative. Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn, but if a poll is demanded and not withdrawn, the question shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the Member's Representatives present in person, and such poll shall be taken in such manner as the chairman shall direct and the result of such poll shall be deemed the decision of the Members upon the matter in question.

## **ARTICLE 5 DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

### **5.1 Board**

- (a) The Board shall be comprised of seven (7) individuals being the Past Chair and six (6) Directors (including the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Finance Director and three (3) Directors at large). The Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Finance Director and the three (3) Directors at large are elected by the Members. Each Director will serve a term of three years from the date of election to the Board by the Members. The Chair may serve a maximum of two three year terms as Chair.
- (b) Reference to a year or a term in subsection 5.1(a) will mean the time between Annual Meetings.
- (c) The Board delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, subject always to the overriding authority of the Board, the authority to manage and direct the business and affairs of Hockey Alberta.

### **5.2 Nominations**

The Directors will appoint a nominating committee, which will be charged with the task of preparing a suggested slate of Directors and Officers who are to be nominated for election at the Annual General Meeting. The suggested slate will be submitted to the Directors together with the recommendation of the nominating committee, the written nomination of each individual by a Member in good standing and the qualifications and written consent of the suggested individual candidates. The Directors may approve a recommended slate of Directors and Officers, after considering the recommendation of the nominating committee and accompanying information, which will be delivered to the Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting each year.

Nominations received too late for the nominating committee to consider in their recommendation to the Directors, but which are received in time to be sent with the notice of the Annual General Meeting or the supplemental materials, as described below, will not be accompanied by the recommendation of the Directors.

Any Member in good standing may nominate an individual to stand for election as a Director or Officer, provided the individual is properly qualified and has provided their written consent to act as a Director or Officer. Such nomination, together with the qualifications of the individual and their written consent must be delivered to the head office of Hockey Alberta by midnight on the 14th day preceding the Annual General Meeting. Nominations after such date will not be allowed, including nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, unless there are not enough nominations to fill the positions that are up for election at that Annual General Meeting. All nominations received in sufficient time before delivering notice of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to the Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. All nominations received after notice of the Annual General Meeting has been sent, will be delivered to the Members by way of supplemental materials as soon as is reasonably practical following the expiry of 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. The supplemental materials will include the nomination and the nominee's qualifications and written consent.

If there are no nominees other than the slate recommended by the Directors, the slate will be declared elected at the meeting. If there is more than one nomination for any position to be filled, an election will be held for that position at the Annual General Meeting.

Directors and Officers elected or appointed pursuant to these bylaws will take office, and the prior Directors and Officers will cease to hold office, commencing at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected or appointed.

### 5.3 Qualifications

- (a) The following persons are disqualified from being a Director of Hockey Alberta:
- (i) anyone who is less than 18 years of age;
  - (ii) anyone who
    - (A) is a represented adult as defined in the *Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act* or is the subject of a certificate of incapacity that is in effect under the *Public Trustee Act*,
    - (B) is a formal patient as defined in the *Mental Health Act*,
    - (C) is the subject of an order under *The Mentally Incapacitated Persons Act*, RSA 1970 c.232, appointing a committee of the person or estate, or both, or
    - (D) has been found to be a person of unsound mind by a court elsewhere than in Alberta;
  - (iii) a person who is not an individual;
  - (iv) a person who has the status of bankrupt.
- (b) A person who is elected or appointed a Director is not a Director unless:
- (i) the person was present at the meeting when the person was elected or appointed and did not refuse to act as a Director, or
  - (ii) if the person was not present at the meeting when the person was elected or appointed:
    - (A) the person gave written consent to act as a Director before the person's election; or
    - (B) the person has acted as a Director pursuant to the election or appointment.
- (c) For the purpose of this subsection, a person who is elected or appointed to be a Director and refuses or fails to consent to or act as a Director is deemed not to have been elected or appointed a Director.

### 5.4 Resignation

A Director may resign from office upon giving notice thereof in writing to the Board and such resignation becomes effective in accordance with its terms or upon acceptance by the Board, whichever may be the earlier date.

## 5.5 Removal

- (a) The Members may, by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a General Meeting or Special Meeting duly called for that purpose, remove any Director before the expiration of his term of office and may, by a majority of votes cast at the meeting, elect any person in his stead for the remainder of the term of the Director so removed.
- (b) The Board may remove a Director for failing to carry out his or her duties or for conduct that, in the sole opinion of the Board, reflects poorly on the Board or Hockey Alberta. A Director who fails to attend Board Meetings on two (2) consecutive occasions, without just cause, which shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Board, will be considered to have failed to carry out his or her duties.

## 5.6 Vacation of Office

The office of a Director is vacated if he or she:

- (a) resigns from the Board;
- (b) is removed from the Board; or
- (c) ceases to have the necessary qualifications.

## 5.7 Vacancies

Where a vacancy occurs in the Board or, in the event that the Members fail to elect a Director, the Directors then in office may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If there are fewer than five Directors in office at any time, the Director or Directors then in office shall forthwith call a Special Meeting to fill the vacancies and, in default or if there are no Directors then in office, the meeting may be called by any Member.

## 5.8 Place of Meetings

Meetings of the Board may be held at the head office of Hockey Alberta or at any other place within Alberta as determined by the Board from time to time.

## 5.9 Meetings by Telephone or Teleconference

Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and a Director participating in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed for the purposes of these Bylaws to be present in person at the meeting.

## 5.10 Calling of Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and on such day as the Chair or any three (3) Directors may determine. The Chair shall call meetings when directed or authorized by any three (3) Directors. Notice of every meeting so called shall be given to each Director not less than forty eight (48) hours (excluding any part of a Sunday and of a holiday as defined by the *Interpretation Act*) before the time when the meeting is to be held, except that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all the Directors are present or if those absent have waived notice of or otherwise signified their consent. Notice of the meeting may, but unless otherwise required by these Bylaws, need not state the business which is to be conducted at the meeting.

### **5.11 Regular Meetings**

The Board may appoint a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings at a place and hour to be named. A copy of any resolution of the Board fixing the place and time of regular meetings of the Board shall be sent to each Director forthwith after being passed, but no other notice shall be required for any such regular meetings.

### **5.12 Quorum**

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

### **5.13 Votes to Govern**

Each Director present at a meeting of the Directors shall have one (1) vote. At all meetings of the Board, decisions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast in favour of the decision; and in case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second vote to break the tie.

### **5.14 Disclosure of Interests in Contracts**

Every Director who has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract or transaction to which Hockey Alberta is or is to be a party, other than a contract or transaction limited solely to his remuneration as a Director, officer or employee, shall declare his interest in such contract or transaction at a meeting of the Directors and shall at that time disclose the nature and extent of such interest.

### **5.15 Remuneration**

- (a) Directors shall be paid such sums in respect of their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board, Committee or Member meetings or otherwise in respect of the performance by them of their duties, as the Board may from time to time determine.
- (b) The Members shall, at the Annual Meeting, determine the honorarium that Hockey Alberta shall pay to the Directors.

### **5.16 Indemnity of Directors and Officers**

Except in respect of an action on behalf of Hockey Alberta to procure a judgment in its favour, Hockey Alberta shall indemnify a Director or Officer and his heirs and legal representatives against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him in respect of being or having been a Director or Officer of Hockey Alberta, if he acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of Hockey Alberta and, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful.

## **ARTICLE 6 POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

### **6.1 Powers of Board**

For the purpose of carrying out the objects of Hockey Alberta, the Board shall manage the business and affairs of Hockey Alberta and shall exercise all of the powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by Hockey Alberta and are not by these Bylaws expressly directed or required to be done at a meeting of the Members or otherwise. The powers and duties of the Board includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power to borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems fit and, in particular, by the issue of bonds, debentures, security agreements, mortgage, charge or other security on the whole or any part of the present and future property (both real and personal) of Hockey Alberta, subject to the approval of the Members by way of Special Resolution.

### **6.2 Committees**

The Board may create such committees with such mandate, authority and direction as it determines to be necessary or useful in the discharge of its duties and obligations.

### **6.3 Delegation of Authority**

The Board may delegate authority to individuals, committees and others as it determines is in the best interests of Hockey Alberta subject to these Bylaws and the laws of Alberta.

## **ARTICLE 7 OFFICERS**

### **7.1 Officers**

The Officers of Hockey Alberta shall be and consist of the following:

- (a) Chair;
- (b) Vice-Chair;
- (c) Finance Director;

### **7.2 Chair**

The Chair shall preside and chair all General Meetings and Special Meetings and meetings of the Board and shall represent Hockey Alberta at all Hockey Canada meetings.

### **7.3 Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence or inability of the Chair, assume the duties of the Chair and shall, in that event, have all the powers, authority and restrictions of the Chair.

### **7.4 Finance Director**

The Finance Director will be responsible for ensuring that proper books and records are kept and maintained and that audited financial statements for Hockey Alberta are prepared and available to the Members.

## **ARTICLE 8 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **8.1 Rules and Regulations**

The Board may from time to time create rules, regulations and policies, or delegate the authority to create rules, regulations or policies for the betterment of Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Amateur hockey as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion, may consider desirable.

## **ARTICLE 9 GENERAL**

### **9.1 Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal year end of Hockey Alberta shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

### **9.2 Books and Records**

The Chief Executive Officer will maintain a record of the decisions and proceedings of the Members and the Directors in the form of minutes and will maintain such minutes together with its financial statements, auditor's reports and other books and records at the head office of Hockey Alberta. To the extent to which Members are entitled to inspect the books and records of Hockey Alberta, they will be available for inspection by Members on reasonable notice during regular business hours at the head office of Hockey Alberta.

### **9.3 Audit and Auditors**

- (a) The Financial Statements of Hockey Alberta shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Members (the "Auditor") each year at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The Auditor shall report to the Members at the Annual Meeting regarding the Financial Statements of Hockey Alberta and shall state in his report whether in his opinion the Financial Statements presents fairly the financial position of Hockey Alberta and the results of its operations for the period under review, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.
- (c) The Auditor, in his report, shall also make appropriate statements in any instance that:
  - (i) the Financial Statements of Hockey Alberta are not in agreement with the accounting records, or
  - (ii) it has not received all the information and explanations that it had required, or
  - (iii) proper accounting records have not been kept, so far as appears from its examinations.

- (d) The Auditor shall have access at all times to all records, documents, books, accounts and vouchers of Hockey Alberta and is entitled to require from the Directors and Officers such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties as Auditor.

#### **9.4 Custody and Use of the Seal**

- (a) The Board shall adopt a corporate seal which shall be kept by the Chief Executive Officer at the head office of Hockey Alberta.
- (b) The Board shall determine the appropriate use of corporate seal from time to time.

#### **9.5 Amendments to Bylaws**

Subject to compliance with the requirements of the laws of the Province of Alberta, the Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution. The change or changes to the Bylaws that are approved by Special Resolution shall not take effect until they have been registered by the Registrar of Corporations in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta.

#### **9.6 Hockey Canada Membership**

Hockey Alberta is a member of Hockey Canada and subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada.



**HOCKEY ALBERTA**

**REGULATIONS**

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the Bylaws, shall (unless separately defined herein) have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the Bylaws.
- 1.2 That when the context so intends, words in the singular include the plural and words implying the masculine gender include the female.
- 1.3 Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Regulations, have the following meanings:
- a) "Affiliated Player" shall mean a Player, referred to and approved by Hockey Alberta, as eligible to play for a team in a higher Category/Division than the team in the Category/Division with whom the Player is registered;
  - b) "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
  - c) "Boundary" shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one member association from another, and defines that area from which each member association may register participants as "Resident" Players;
  - d) "Branch" means a provincial association which is a member of Hockey Canada and is recognized by Hockey Canada as the association responsible for the administration of hockey in a particular Province of Canada;
  - e) "Category" in the case of a Hockey Team means one of the following subdivisions of Divisions as follows:  
  
AAA, AA / Elite, A, B, C and/or D  
  
Or in the case of a Minor Hockey Team means its' Provincial Categorization.
  - f) "Chief Executive Officer" means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the CEO of HA;
  - g) "Coach" means a person registered with HA as a coach of a Hockey Team;
  - h) "Committee" means those groups of people as defined and set out by HA;
  - i) "Discipline" means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
  - j) "Division" means one of the following:  
  
Senior, Junior, Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, Initiation;
  - k) "Elite Hockey" means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Midget Elite, Minor Midget AAA, Bantam AAA and Bantam Elite) (see Appendix "III" and "IV");

- l) "Forms" means, without exception, any document created, approved and designated by the CEO for use by all members in meeting Hockey Alberta's requirements for the administration of the game;
- m) "Hockey Alberta" or "HA" means Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- n) "HC" means Hockey Canada;
- o) "Hockey Team" or "Team" means a group of persons comprised of:
  - (i) A maximum of nineteen (19) Players for Minor Hockey (See Minor Regulations for exceptions);
  - (ii) A maximum of twenty-five (25) Players for Junior and Senior Hockey (see Junior and Senior Team Registration Regulations for exceptions);
  - (iii) (A) For Teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of fifteen (15) Players (at least two of whom must be registered as a goaltender) (see HC Regulation E.1.a.);
    - (B) For all other Junior and Senior Teams, a minimum of twelve (12) players (at least one of whom must be a registered goaltender);
    - (C) For Teams competing in Minor Provincials, a minimum of ten (10) Players (at least one (1) of whom must be registered as a goaltender);
    - (D) For all other Minor Teams, a minimum of eight (8) Players;
    - (E) For Teams within the Division of Initiation, there is no minimum or maximum number of players;
  - (iv) Coaches who have completed course requirements in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA Regulations;
  - (v) A Team Official who has completed the course requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program;
  - (vi) Team Officials who have completed the course requirement for the Respect In Sport Program as required by Hockey Canada and HA regulations;
  - (vii) Adult Recreational Hockey Teams are comprised of players who are registered with CANLAN;

For further clarification on Coach Education Requirements see Section F.
- p) "Hockey Season" means the period commencing August 1 and ending April 30 of the following year;
- q) "IIHF" means the International Ice Hockey Federation;
- r) "Imports" means the designated status assigned to a Player who has obtained a transfer from one HC Branch to another (Inter-Branch Transfer) from a foreign Ice Hockey Federation to HA (USA/International Transfer);

- s) "Indefinite Suspension" means an immediate suspension issued by Hockey Alberta until dealt with by HA General Regulations 2. and 3.;
- t) An "Ineligible Player" includes, without limitation:
  - (i) A Player improperly registered with Hockey Alberta in contradiction of the Bylaws and/or Regulations of Hockey Alberta;
  - (ii) A suspended Player;
  - (iii) A Player not properly released in accordance with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations;
- u) "League" means a group of three or more Hockey Teams recognized by HA as a League;
- v) "League Game" means a scheduled game in a League recognized by HA (including tiering games but excluding pre-season games, exhibition games);
- w) "Legal Guardian" shall be defined as a person who is granted guardianship of a Player under the age of eighteen (18) years by the law courts of competent jurisdiction;
- x) "LMHA" or "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of HA, are approved by the Board of HA and operates in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:
 

Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, Initiation

The Bylaws and Regulations of LMHA may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than those of HA;
- y) "Manager" means a person registered with HA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
- z) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- aa) "Non-Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides outside of the boundaries of the LMHA that the Player is registered within any playing season;
- bb) "Off-Ice Officials" means those persons who work as time-keepers, goal judges. penalty-box attendants and other persons who may be required off the ice from time to time for the organized conduct of a game of hockey;
- cc) "On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;
- dd) "Parent Declaration Form" means the designated HA form used by Players whose parent(s) change residence in situations where the Player continues to reside with the parent;

- ee) "Permission to Try-Out" means the approval, by designated HA form, used by Players to try out or condition with teams in other than their resident LMHA;
- ff) "Physical Limits" means the area of a LMHA that has been defined by boundaries, mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that defines Player residency;
- gg) "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;
- hh) "Pre-Season Game" means any game which is not part of the regular season, including Tiering, Exhibition or Tournament Games that take place prior to the start of regular scheduled League play;
- ii) "Provincials" means the HA playoff competition;
- jj) "Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, that has submitted its' intent to participate in provincials;
- kk) "Registry" means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register players and coaches;
- ll) "Regulations" means those regulations of HA for the administration and advance of hockey;
- mm) "Release" means the unconditional discharge of a Player from a Team or Club registration;
- nn) "Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides within the boundaries of that particular LMHA;
- oo) "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- pp) "Suspension" means a temporary debarring of a person from the privileges of playing hockey games or association with a Hockey Team or Member provided that suspension must stipulate a length of time or number of hockey games, or type of hockey games or any combination of thereof;
- qq) "Team Official(s)" means all or any of the persons involved in the management of a Hockey Team including, without limitation, the Coach, Manager, Stickboy and Trainer; and
- rr) "Tiering Game" means those games used by a League prior to the start of the League's regular season that are used for the purpose of placing Hockey Teams in an appropriate tier or Category within a Division.

## **2. Rules and Regulations**

- 2.1 The Board may from time to time pass rules and regulations for the betterment of Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Amateur hockey, as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion may consider desirable.
- 2.2 Each Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Referee and Linesman shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta as published by Hockey Alberta from time to time.
- 2.3 Upon the Board approving and adopting a Rule and/or Regulation, the CEO (or designate) shall forthwith give notice in writing of the said rule and/or regulation to the Members and the Hockey Teams.
- 2.4 All Members, Players, Coaches, Managers, Stick-boys, Referees and Linesmen, as a condition precedent to registration with Hockey Alberta, unconditionally agree to obey and abide by the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada as the same may be amended or added to from time to time.

## **3. Violations of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations**

### **3.1 Violation and Discipline**

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that violates or breaches a Bylaw, Rule and/or a Regulation is subject to discipline as set out herein.

### **3.2 Report and Investigation**

Upon learning of an alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations, the CEO (or designate) shall forthwith:

- (a) report the same to the Division of Hockey Committee Chair and/or Discipline Committee Chair; or
- (b) investigate the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations as to the particulars thereof and report the findings to the respective Committee Chair.

### **3.3 Committee Chair's Authority**

The Division of Hockey and/or Discipline Committee Chair, upon receiving the report of the CEO (or designate) made pursuant to Regulation 3.2 above, shall:

- (a) refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to an Investigations Committee, or
- (b) without further investigation, determine whether there was a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose such disciplinary measures and sanctions as the Committee Chair may deem appropriate.

#### 3.4 Following Investigation

In the event that the Committee Chair should refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to an Investigations Committee as contemplated by Regulation 3.3(a), the Investigations Committee shall, within ten (10) days of receiving the Committee Chair's direction, investigate the circumstances of the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and report its findings in writing to the Committee Chair, at which time the Committee Chair shall determine whether there has been a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose or levy such discipline measures and sanctions as the Committee Chair may deem appropriate.

#### 3.5 Right of Appeal

The decisions of the Committee Chair, pursuant to Regulations 3.3(b) and 3.4, shall be subject to appeal only as provided for in Appendix "VI".

**SECTION A - MINOR HOCKEY****1. Critical Dates**

- 1.1 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation (Minor Regulation 4.).
- 1.2 **October 15:** LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season (see Minor Regulation 3.2).
- 1.3 **November 1:**
- (a) Midget aged Players registered in the division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate (see Regulation 6.2).
  - (b) Deadline to submit Provincial Championship Hosting Bids to Hockey Alberta.
- 1.4 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition (see Minor Regulation 3.3(a)).
  - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
  - (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification (see Section F) is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.5 **December 1:** LMHA's must submit a listing of all their teams that wish to declare their intent to participate in Provincial Play, to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, by December 1 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.6 **December 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than December 15 (see Minor Regulation 7.).
- 1.7 **January 10:**
- (a) The final date for Player registration is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
  - (b) A Player may be released to another LMHA for which he is eligible to play up to and including January 10.
- 1.8 **February 10:** Notwithstanding the above, Players may apply to HA through the HA CEO, or designate, for special permission to register with a LMHA if they or their family have been transferred to another locale by the employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to HA up to and including February 10 (see Minor Regulation 2.5 (d)).



## 2. Player Registration

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Registration regulations for players involved in participation of teams within the Elite Hockey stream (See Appendix "III" and "IV").

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Player Registration Regulations for players involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "II").

2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in various divisions, including:

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| (a) | Midget<br>Male/Female | For the <b>2017-18</b> season, open to Players born in <b>2000</b> and subsequent years |
| (b) | Bantam<br>Male/Female | For the <b>2017-18</b> season, open to Players born in <b>2003</b> and subsequent years |
| (c) | Peewee<br>Male/Female | For the <b>2017-18</b> season, open to Players born in <b>2005</b> and subsequent years |
| (d) | Atom<br>Male/Female   | For the <b>2017-18</b> season, open to Players born in <b>2007</b> and subsequent years |
| (e) | Novice                | For the <b>2017-18</b> season, open to Players born in <b>2009</b> and subsequent years |
| (f) | Initiation            | For the <b>2017-18</b> season, open to Players born in <b>2011</b> and subsequent years |

2.2 (a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its LMHAs shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry.

(b) In addition to the current information required for registration a Player Movement Form must be submitted to the Zone Minor Administration Coordinator for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.

2.3 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.

2.4 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.

(b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.

(c) In cases where it is Impossible to secure birth certificates, the CEO (or designate) may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.

- (d) A player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of completion of and qualification in the Respect-in-Sport – Parent course. Proof of Respect-in-Sport – Parent shall be indicated by a card number showing on the player's registration in the Registry.
- 2.5 (a) All Local Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Local Minor Hockey Association. A Player may only be registered on one Team.
- (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the LMHA he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.
- (c) Same as set out in Minor Regulation 2.5(d), below, no Player may be registered after January 10 in any Hockey Season with any Local Minor Hockey Association.
- (d) Players who move within the borders of the Province after January 10 and up to and including February 10 may apply to the CEO (or designate) for special permission to register with a local member if they or their family have been transferred by employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to Hockey Alberta. Such Players are not eligible for Provincials.
- 2.6 A Player may not register in another Local Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category as or a lower Category than the Local Minor Hockey Association in which the Player resides (Residency as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations).

### **Exceptions**

- (a) There is not a Hockey Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident Local Minor Hockey Association by October 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- (b) The Player does not have a place to play in his age division in his resident Local Minor Hockey Association in the current Hockey Season due to all positions being full at 19. For this exception to apply, the Hockey Team or Hockey Teams at the Player's age Division must be full (19 Player allotments occupied).
- (c) More than one LMHA must combine their registration numbers to attain the minimum number of Players required to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age Division for the current Hockey Season. The Hockey team formed will be eligible for the Provincials at the Category of the highest of the LMHAs forming the Hockey Team. Any player living within the boundaries of the LMHA's forming the hockey team that chooses to play outside of these combined LMHA's will be deemed a non-resident player and may be subject to player movement regulations.
- (d) Any Player may register with an "Elite" (AAA) member Team for which the Player is eligible, provided:
- (A) he/she has obtained a Notification to Try Out (NTO);
  - (B) the Team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.

- (e) In circumstances where in the discretion of the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator it is appropriate to allow a LMHA to acquire a Player from one or more LMHAs of an equal or higher Category, then upon application being made to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, an exception may be made. The application must be accompanied by:
- (i) A valid player release or movement form;
  - (ii) a letter from the president of the resident LMHA or his designate advising that it supports the Player in question registering with the LMHA of equal or lower category;
  - (iii) a letter from the Player requesting the granting of an exception; and
  - (iv) a letter from any closer LMHAs the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player.

Numbers will be carried in accordance with the appropriate procedure.

All exceptions: Must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator.

- 2.7 (a) Players wishing to register with a LMHA, other than their Resident LMHA, must first obtain a Player Movement Form or release from the LMHA in which the Player was last registered.
- (b) In the case of permission to try out, it must specify the LMHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Resident LMHA shall, on the Player meeting the prerequisites, grant permission to play. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to his/her Resident LMHA.
- 2.8 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit an Appeal to Transfer under Hockey Canada Bylaws and must pay any applicable fees charged by HC and HA.
- (a) total fee for an incoming International Transfer may be up to a maximum of \$2,400.

Contact the Hockey Alberta office for further details.

### 3. Team Registration

The Alberta Development Model determines Team Registration regulations for Teams involved in participation of the Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "III" and "IV").

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Team Registration Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "II").

- 3.1 (a) All LMHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the CEO, or designate.
- (b) Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" (see attached) are payable with application for Teams.
- (c) In addition to the current information required at the time of registration a Player Movement Form must accompany the registration for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 3.2 LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.
- 3.3 a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
- b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
- c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 3.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a LMHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.
- 3.6 Team Player allotments in the Registry shall be provided in the following numbers (except where pilot projects otherwise provide):
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| Midget | Not more than 25 allotments |
| Bantam | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Peewee | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Atom   | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Novice | Not more than 20 allotments |

### 3.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team

- (a) All Hockey Teams may register at one time a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Of those nineteen (19), 2 must be goaltenders.

Exception: Teams that are not eligible to compete for a Regional or National Championship may be permitted to register, at one time, a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players upon consideration of application to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, in consultation with the CEO; or designate.

Exception: Teams within the Division of Initiation do not have a maximum number of Players that can be registered at any one time.

Exception: Atom Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For Peewee, Bantam and Midget Divisions only, Players designated in the registry as goalkeepers may play only in goal.

For clarification, when eighteen (18) Players are registered, one (1) must be designated as goaltender. When seventeen (17) Players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender.

- (b) Member Teams being recognized as "AAA" Midget by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

### 3.8 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled Exhibition, League, Provincial or Tournament Game the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator.

- 3.9 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any duly registered Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.
- 3.10 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season shall be duly registered with each and every Team of which he/she is a member prior to participating with the respective team(s).
- 3.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

#### **4. Leagues**

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with a LMHA.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

#### **5. Player Movement**

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Movement regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "III" and "IV").

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Player Movement Regulations for players involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "II").

##### **5.1 Residency**

- (a) Except as hereinafter provided, no Player shall be registered as a member of or compete for a Hockey Team in any LMHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of the LMHA.
- (b) A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of his or her parents/legal guardians (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations).
- (c) Players must play in the LMHA within those Boundaries they reside where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
- (i) In all other cases, including those where there is no Hockey Team in a Player's resident LMHA at his age division, a Player shall play in the LMHA whose recognized physical limits are closest to their place of residence when measured along recognized, all weather government roadways.
- (d) A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practising hockey.
- (e) A Player who prior to the establishment of Boundaries was registered with a particular LMHA and who has played all of his minor hockey with that LMHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that LMHA.
- (f) Siblings of such Players registering in Minor Hockey for the first time shall have the one time choice of registering as a "Resident" Player with either the LMHA with which the older sibling is registered or the LMHA in which the Player resides.

- (g) No player of Midget age or under can be transferred from Branch to Branch to register and play other than Major Junior hockey unless such Player transfers with his parents or legal guardian and continues to live with his parents or legal guardian.

## 5.2 Permission for Player Movement

- (a) A Player must first obtain a Player Movement Form from his/her Resident LMHA prior to being transferred, in the Registry, to any other LMHA.
- (b) Prerequisites

In order to obtain permission for Player Movement, a Player must first:

- (i) obtain a Player Movement Form from their Resident LMHA;
- (ii) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Player Movement form;
- (iii) obtain permission from the LMHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player and accept the potential import numbers the Player brings with him/her;
- (iv) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the LMHA being asked for the permission;
- (v) provide written confirmation of the prerequisites being met to the LMHA being asked for the permission.

## 5.3 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the permission has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the proper form is completed and submitted at the time of registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.

- (a) failure to complete and submit the proper form at the time of registration will result in the Player being not registered and ineligible to play in any game;
- (b) in cases where a Player is found to have played in game without first having completed or submitted a required form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with Minor Regulation 12.

5.4 All player movement will result in players returning to their Resident LMHA at the end of the current Hockey Season.

## 5.5 Permission to Try Out Refusals

Permission to Try Out may be refused in situations where:

- (a) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the LMHA with insufficient numbers to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age division to participate in Provincials for the current Hockey Season. This applies to the first team and any other team in the Player's age Division proposed by the LMHA.

- (b) The Player requesting the permission intends on registering with a new LMHA that is at the same or lower Category as his resident Local Minor Hockey Association or, if applicable, the LMHA with which he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.
- (c) The Player is requesting the permission for reasons other than playing at the highest Category of which he is capable (i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.).

#### 5.6 Player Movement Exceptions

- (a) Player movement in the following cases only requires the written approval from the Hockey Alberta Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator:
  - (i) where two LMHAs by mutual agreement combine participants of the same age Division in order to be able to field one team at that age Division for the current Hockey Season;
  - (ii) where one LMHA, having no available player allotments in a Division, agrees to allow one or more players to participate in another association.
- (b) No Release will be issued to these Player(s).
- (c) In these circumstances, at the end of the current Hockey Season, these Players will return to their resident LMHA.

### 6. Releases

- 6.1 A Release (as defined in General Regulation 1. – Definitions) is available to be issued, via the Standard Release Form, as a method of permanent movement for special circumstances within Minor Hockey (ie – conduct).
- 6.2 Midget aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Officer or Executive Member of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

### 7. Affiliation

The Alberta Development Model determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "III" and "IV").

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Affiliation Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "II").

- 7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:
  - (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates";



- (b) the CEO, or designate, acknowledge receipt of and identify said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating in any game with the Hockey Team to which he/she is affiliated;
- (c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

- 7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with Minor Regulation 12.
- 7.4 A Hockey Team may affiliate up to nineteen (19) Specially Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA.
- 7.5 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing said affiliation through the Registry.

Note: A Player must obtain a "Named Player Affiliation Agreement" form when selected as a specially affiliated player to a team within the "AA" Hockey Model or Elite Hockey Stream (ADM).

- 7.6 (a) Affiliated players may participate in League, Exhibition, Tournament and Provincials;
- (b) Players registered within the Division of Initiation are not eligible to participate as an Affiliate Player in Provincial games.
- (c) Players participating on teams that involve two (2) or more LMHAs based on a need to create one (1) Team in a Division for the area (lack of Players) are permitted to affiliate with a team of a higher Division from their own Resident LMHA. Players are only eligible to affiliate to one (1) Team. This request must be made in writing from the LMHAs involved in the request to the Hockey Alberta Minor Administration Coordinator for approval or non-approval. Upon approval from Hockey Alberta, the requesting LMHAs would be given the allowance.

Example: Centre A has seven (7) Bantam Players, Centre B has six (6) Bantam Players so Centre A and B combine to field a Team of thirteen (13) Players that are registered out of Centre A. If there is a Midget team in Centre B, the six (6) Bantam Players from Centre B now registered in Centre A will be able to affiliate with the Midget Team from Centre B. This affiliation will be on a named player basis and Players are only eligible to affiliate to one team.

- 7.7 Female players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.

- 7.8 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- 7.9 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
- 7.10 Novice Affiliation

\* Novice to Novice and Initiation to Novice Affiliation Only

The principle of affiliation to the Novice Division is to provide for replacement players when regular team players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. The following rules will apply:

- (a) Affiliated players will only be allowed in situations where registered team players are unavailable to the team because of:
  - (i) sickness;
  - (ii) injuries;
  - (iii) inadequate number of registered team players to play a game.
- (b) When a Team has less than twelve (12) registered players Affiliated Players may be used to increase the number of players on a game sheet to a maximum of twelve (12) players (i.e. - when Affiliated Players are used in a game the maximum number of players allowed to be placed on a game sheet is twelve (12)). This maximum number of twelve (12) includes the total of both registered team players and Affiliated Players.
- (c) Prior to playing any Affiliated Players the use of such Players must be endorsed by the President (or his/her designate) of the LMHA. This shall be done by registering an "Affiliated Player" in the Registry and in compliance with Minor Regulation 7.10(e), below.
- (d) Affiliations must be from a lower tier or age group within the LMHA, except:
  - (i) in LMHA's where ALL Novice Hockey Teams are equal (balanced), the teams MAY affiliate players from another equal novice team(s);
- (e) Novice Affiliations must be added to the Teams in the Registry by the LMHA and identified as approved by the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate in any game with the hockey team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by the CEO, or designate, up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.

- (f) A Player Affiliated to, or within, the Division of Novice may not play more than five (5) games with the affiliated team in the current Hockey Season, excluding exhibition and tournament games. After five (5) games, such player will be an ineligible player and HA rules respecting playing an ineligible player will be enforced.
- (g) All Affiliation rules set out by Hockey Alberta must be followed for using affiliated players, subject to the exceptions listed above.

NOTE: There will be no affiliation allowed WITHIN the Division of Initiation.

## 8. Provincial Categorization

**PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY:** The philosophy of Minor Hockey Provincials in Alberta is that it is a competition for associations with like sized Divisions competing their programs against one another.

\*Note: Calgary and Edmonton Minor Hockey Associations are exempt from this process. Their participation in Hockey Alberta Provincials will be determined appropriately in conjunction with Hockey Alberta's Minor Regulation Committee.

- 8.1 Provincial Categorization is based on the number of Players registered in each LMHA, in each Division, based on actual registration (excluding; Players registered on Minor Female, AA and Elite Hockey teams in the current Hockey Season).

**Clarification:** Those associations with Minor Female, AA and Elite (AAA) Stream teams will not have the registration numbers from those teams count towards their Provincial Categorization as outlined below.

- 8.2 No LMHA may declare a Player "ineligible for Provincial Play" in order to avoid moving them up a category for Provincial Play. January 10 is the deadline to release Players.

- 8.3 Categorization for Provincials will be as follows:

### Number of Registered Players in an Association's Division

AA Major	115 + (Atom only)
AA Minor	58-114 (Atom only)
A	41-57 (41+ for Peewee, Bantam and Midget)
B	24-40
C	17-23
D	10-16

**Clarification:** The Categorization for Provincials for an LMHA's Division will be determined on, or prior to, January 10<sup>th</sup> of the current Hockey Season.

- 8.4 Atom AA Major - Minimum Team Registration Breakdown  
The following minimum team registration breakdown will be in effect for Associations with Atom Divisions containing 96 + (AA Major) registered players.

<u>Number of Registered Players:</u>	AA Major	250 + (3 Equal Teams)
	AA Major	151 – 250 (2 Equal Teams)
	AA Major	96 – 150 (1 Team)

- 8.5 Each Division within an LMHA will have the top Team placed in the appropriate Category according to the current Hockey Season's registration numbers. The remaining Teams within the Division will be automatically placed in the next lowest Category. There will be no movement down in Category for any reason.
- i.e. An association's Midget Division has a registration of 36 with a total of 2 teams. The top team will be provincially categorized 'B' and the second team will automatically be provincially categorized 'C'. Further, the same association's Atom Division has a registration of 65 with a total of 4 teams. The top team will be provincially categorized 'AA' Minor, second team automatically provincially categorized 'A', third team automatically provincially categorized 'B', and the fourth team automatically provincially categorized 'C'. These teams may only move up.
- 8.6 In the case where an LMHA creates multiple "equal" teams within the same Division of hockey, and enters them as so during Regular Season Play, the "equal" teams will all be placed at the same Provincial Categorization. Remaining team(s) within the Division will be placed in the next lowest Category.
- i.e. An association's Pee wee Division has a registration of 50 with a total of 4 teams. One team is created as the top team, the next two teams are created equal and play as equals in regular season, the 4<sup>th</sup> team is created as the lower team. The top team is categorized as "A", the next two equal teams are categorized as "B" and the fourth team is categorized as "C"

## 9. Minor Hockey Provincials

### 9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in minor hockey for the following Divisions and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship member in any category.
- (i) Midget "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 18 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
- (ii) Bantam "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 15 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
- (iii) Pee wee "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 13 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
- (iv) Atom "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" - open to Players who are under 11 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.

- (a.1) LMHA's must submit a listing of all their Teams that wish to declare their intent to participate in Provincial Play, to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, by December 1 of the current Hockey Season.
- (b) A Zone **Categorization** Meeting shall be held within **each Minor Hockey Zone prior to the** Minor Regulation Committee Draw Meeting for the purpose of potential reclassification of teams within the zone.
- (c) During the Annual Draw meeting, HA Minor Regulations Committee reserves the right to classify and place a Team in whatever Category and series it may deem is in the best interest of **the HA Provincial Championships (League play, tiering, Exhibition and tournament play may be used as determining factors)**. After midnight on **January 15**, no Team(s) will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification.

Note: Reclassification requests (upward only) shall be placed in the hand of the appropriate Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator.

- (d) All LMHAs with teams entered in Provincial Play shall participate in Provincial Playdowns, unless written notice is given to Hockey Alberta that their Team(s) will not be participating on or before January 10<sup>th</sup> of the current Hockey Season. Any LMHA, whose team(s) have been scheduled by the Minor Regulation Committee for Provincial Playdowns, but fail to fulfill its' commitment to participate shall be ineligible for Provincials in the subsequent season, unless a reinstatement fee of \$700.00 is paid to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its' commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor Regulation Committee Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the LMHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA's reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.
- (e) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (f) Registered referees must be used in all HA Playoff competitions and must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (g) All Provincial Playoffs in Minor Hockey shall be refereed by a three (3) man system where possible.
- (h) The official Scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name (see Definitions).
- (i) LMHAs wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by **November 1** of the current Hockey Season.
  - (1) Under special circumstances, LMHAs may apply for and make submissions **to host a Provincial tournament one year earlier than the current season's deadline.**

- (j) Any Team Official may be suspended by the Minor Discipline Committee Chair, or designate, for conduct or actions considered detrimental to hockey.
- (k) Each team shall be permitted to take one time out of thirty seconds during the course of regular play time or overtime (see Hockey Canada Rules).

## 9.2 Minor Zone Playoff Regulations

### FIRST NAMED TEAM HAS CHOICE OF VENUE FOR OPENING GAME SERIES

- (a) Members entering Provincials will be expected to complete playoff series' as directed. In the event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as it sees fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending Hockey Team.
- (b) Teams wishing to cancel a playoff game are required to give at least 48 hours notice, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. The Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (c) If a Team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or any unforeseen contingency, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing Team. The Team Officials and/or Players of the team which is responsible may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of the Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) No change in the game report or addition to the list shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except under the following conditions:
  - (i) Where a Player is late for the game because of unforeseen circumstances and his name has been included in the playing roster prior to the game, he will be permitted to participate.
  - (ii) When a Player has been inadvertently omitted from the Official Game Report, the Referee shall permit the name to be added to the Game Report before the game has ended; providing such Player was in uniform and on the ice or on his players' bench at the start of the game.

NOTE: Minor teams may dress 19 Players

- (f) Series shall be played on a home and home total goal (two games) with no overtime being played in the first game. If overtime is required in the second game, refer to "Tied Game" of the Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules as follows:

**Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule — Tied Game**

- a) If at the end of the three regulation twenty-minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place.
  - 1) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends
  - 2) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period.
  - 3) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play 20 minute sudden victory periods The teams will now change ends.
- b) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties still remain in force.
- c) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) Provincial Team rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported on the game sheet and communicated within 48 hours of the completion of the game to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by email.
- (h) Officials of Teams participating in playoffs are required to have approved Provincial Team rosters in their possession at all games played by the team. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
- (i) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. Extending a playoff series will not be allowed unless for special circumstances appealed by the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator. If an extension is given, the team requesting the above must be prepared to travel during the week or use another arena.
- (j) All LMHAs participating in Provincials shall be ready to proceed with the playoffs by January 25 or such earlier date as designated by HA and the Minor Regulation Committee will meet no later than January 22 to arrange said playoffs.
- (k) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time, whenever possible.
- (l) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series the winning Team shall be responsible for notifying, by phone or email, the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
- (m) The Teams that represent the Zone for all Categories and Divisions must be declared no less than 14 days prior to the end of Provincials.

- (n) If in the case of a home and home series, should one Team win the first game by a ten goal differential, the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator will cancel the second game.
- (o) Any Zone having only one Team of any Category shall have an automatic entry into the Provincials. Therefore this Team shall not be allowed to play in other Zone Playdowns.
- (p) The Team hosting a Provincial tournament shall be allowed to participate in the final series of their particular Category playdowns. If the hosting Team should win the Zone title, the runner-up shall also represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (q) Should the hosting community team lose in Zone playoffs, the winning team shall represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (r) A Zone having received a "Wild Card" selection prior to Provincial Playdowns shall be eligible to send two (2) teams to the Provincial Championship Tournament in the applicable Division/Category. The final series shall be played. At the conclusion of the final series in Zone Playdowns, the Team winning the series shall represent the Zone as Champion and the Team losing the final Series shall participate as the "Wild Card".
- (s) In all centers hosting Minor Zone Provincial Playoff Games, only Level 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 certified officials shall be eligible to referee all levels of Hockey.  
  
The home team will pay for all officials in the Minor Zone Provincial Playoffs.
- (t) Referees are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone or email to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Said Player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- (u) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (v) All Teams requiring referees must contact the closest Referees Zone Assignor at least 72 hours prior to the game.

### 9.3 Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincials will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their Association Affiliation and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-three (23) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of Players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.



- (c) Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator to determine "Home" and "Away" Teams for Provincial Tournament Draw (coin toss to be used for the Championship Game). Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time.
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period, whenever possible.
- (e) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (f) The disciplinary rulings in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.

- (g) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (h) In the event a Team wins a game by more than ten (10) goals, that team will only be granted a goal differential of ten (10) for that game and a maximum of a ten (10) goal differential will be recorded in the statistics.

Example: For = 14 goals          Against = 2 goals

Goal Differential = 10 goals

- (i) In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:
  - (i) If two (2) teams are tied:
    - (A) The team with the most wins in the round-robin gains the highest position.
    - (B) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulation 9.3(i)(i)(A) above, the winner of the round-robin game between the two tied teams gains the highest position.
    - (C) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A) and (B) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the follow manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: **All** round-robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals          Against = 4 goals

Percentage:           $\frac{10}{10+4}$           =           $\frac{10}{14}$           =          .714

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (D) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A), (B) and (C) have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games gains the highest position.
- (E) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A), (B), (C) and (D) have been applied, then the team that scored the first goal in the game between the two (2) tied teams gains the highest position.
- (F) If the two teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the highest position.
  - (I) For the coin toss for two (2) teams tied, a single coin will be tossed with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails". The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the first (1<sup>st</sup>) placed team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team places second (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- (ii) If three (3) teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) will advance.
  - (A) The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
  - (B) If teams are still tied after Regulation 9.3(i)(ii)(A) above has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: Games between the tied teams only will apply.

Example: For = 10 goals

Against = 4 goals

$$\text{Percentage: } \frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$$

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (I) If all three percentages are different for the three (3) teams that are tied, then first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place is decided with the highest percentage gaining first (1<sup>st</sup>) place and the lowest percentage gaining third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place. The tie-breaking procedure will not go back to two teams tied.
- (C) If two teams or more are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(ii)(A) and (B) have been applied, the team(s) to qualify would be the team(s) that receive the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games.

- (D) If three teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(ii)(A), (B) and (C) have been applied, a coin toss will determine the highest positions.
- (I) For the coin toss involving three (3) teams tied, all three teams will each toss a coin. The team that tosses the first odd coin is declared the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place position of the three tied teams.
  - (II) The two (2) remaining teams will now toss a single coin with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team. If the team that declared the loss is unsuccessful, that team is placed third (3<sup>rd</sup>).
- (iii) All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. In the case of tied games in a Semi-Final, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules.

#### **Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule – Tied Game**

- (A) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
    - (I) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
    - (II) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
    - (III) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden play periods. The teams will now change ends.
  - (B) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
  - (C) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (j) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game.
- (k) HA will award up to twenty-four (24) medallions to winners of Provincial Championships and the runners up in a final series, namely gold and silver. Medallions will not be awarded when a series is not held. The CEO, or designate, shall determine how many medallions will be required from season to season and will approve accordingly.
- (l) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.

- (m) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as a part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

## **10. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from Hockey Alberta for all out of province exhibition games or exhibition games with U.S. based Teams. Permission must be granted by the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 10.2 Application for permission will only be considered from LMHAs for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.3 Permission may not be given to any LMHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 10.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission must be granted by the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 10.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.7 Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

## **11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules**

- 11.1 Tournaments within Alberta
  - (a) No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has been given the written permission of Hockey Alberta or its LMHA. In granting such permission, Hockey Alberta and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.
  - (b) No LMHA, Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by HA. For tournaments within Alberta involving two (2) or more Hockey Canada Branches, HA shall notify the Hockey Canada office sixty (60) days in advance of any sanction being issued for a tournament.
  - (c) All Minor Hockey Players registered with HA will be charged a \$1 surcharge at registration to cover the cost of Tournament Sanctions. All tournaments must still be approved by the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.

- (d) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any LMHA which has been found to have conducted a sanction tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or HA regulations which apply.
- (e) All Inter-Branch tournaments involving four (4) or more Branches and all International tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada and HA. An application form must first be submitted by the LMHA requesting the tournament to HA for approval. All applications must be made sixty (60) or more days in advance to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- (f) No LMHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- (g) LMHA tournaments shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the event.
- (h) Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered, in the Registry, with that Team or be affiliated to that team. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments.
- (i) The host LMHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (j) All Teams must fulfill all prior commitments (i.e. league play, provincial play) or seek readjustment of same. Failing this, the Teams concerned must be prepared to forfeit any further privileges they currently hold.
- (k) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator, the LMHA, Player(s) and/or Team Official(s) involved.
- (l) All LMHAs hosting sanctioned tournaments will be responsible for keeping a copy of the tournament's official game reports for a period of one year.
- (m) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linesmen registered with Hockey Alberta.
- (n) All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
- (o) No Team or Players may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one (1) day. Where tournaments do require Teams or Players to play three (3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three (3) periods of 15 minutes, the first two (2) of which must be straight time. When a Team is required to play three (3) games in one (1) day, there shall be an interval of one and a half (1-1/2) hours between the second and third games.

No games in any tournament shall start before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:15 p.m.

## 11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside HA unless it has been given written permission by its LMHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) The Branch in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose a suspension pending action by HA against the Team, Player(s) or Team Officials involved.
- (c) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (d) No Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by HA.

## 12. Discipline

### 12.1 Fines – Minor Hockey

Under no circumstances will a LMHA, League or Team be allowed to assess cash fines to Minor Players for rule or regulation infractions. Violation of this policy will result in discipline as set out in General Regulations 2 and 3.

### 12.2 Minor Hockey Suspension Procedures

#### ***Hockey Alberta Responsibilities***

- (a) The Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and the Team Alberta Program).
- (b) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (c) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulation 3.

- (d) When a suspension is incurred in exhibition play, Provincials, tournament play and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (league, tournament, Provincial Play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.

When a suspension occurs during Provincials, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (Provincial, league, tournament play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Event).

Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for no more than one (1) game, the official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for more than one (1) game, the official will be permitted to officiate assigned games during the day immediately following the suspension. At the conclusion of that day, the On-Ice Official will be required to serve his suspension as outlined here within.

- (e) If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator must notify the LMHA President or their designate and the League Governor.
- (f) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition Games while serving a suspension.
- (g) The Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator will issue a suspension notice. A suspension must specify the following:
  - (i) Number of games.
  - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events)
  - (iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
  - (iv) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

### ***League Responsibilities***

- (h) The league is responsible for issuing/monitoring suspensions for league play only.
- (i) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate League representative by the specified time given by the League.
- (j) When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events.
- (k) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the league representative must notify the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- (l) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition games while serving a suspension.

- (m) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during League play, the League representative must notify the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulation 3.
- (n) The League representative will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify:
- (i) Number of Games.
  - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. league play, provincial play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
  - (iii) The League Appeal process.
  - (iv) The Player / team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.
- (o) If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate is responsible for notifying the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.

***General Responsibilities***

- (p) Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach on a referee or linesman (Rule 9.6 or 9.7) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Officer(s).
- (q) No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room or within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.
- (r) Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered team or affiliated Team is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team. The Player and the suspension must be listed on game sheets.
- (s) Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team who incurs a suspension is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.
- (t) Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.



## **Hockey Canada Regulation O.6**

*Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official who is under suspension by a Hockey Canada Branch, league or Minor, Junior, Senior or Female Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada sanctioned games. The suspension may, pursuant to Branch regulations, include suspensions up to and including all Hockey Canada activities for the duration of that suspension. Any individual who violates the terms of any suspension will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada or the member Branch, league or Minor, Junior, Senior or Female Hockey Association.*

(u) Early Seasons End Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the current playing season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator to have that suspension served in an exhibition game(s) if it cannot be served in league, tournament or provincial play at seasons end.

(v) Carry-Over Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator to have that suspension deferred for any Exhibition, Pre-Season, Tiering, or Tournament game that is sanctioned to take place prior to October 15 of the current hockey season (Note: these deferred games will not count as games served for the incurred suspension).

(w) Pre-Season Suspensions

Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator to have the suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s). The Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator may approve or deny such requests.

12.3 Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII")

12.4 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

12.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate or having been party to or having any knowledge of such shall be suspended until dealt with by HA.

- 12.6 Any Team Official who is party to or had knowledge of or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game:
- (a) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the Committee, from playing or holding office with any team, club or association;
  - (b) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 12.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name or having knowledge that same had been falsified or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension.
- 12.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the Team may forfeit any games using an Ineligible Player or official.

### **13. Coach Education Requirements**

See Section F for Details.

**SECTION B - MINOR FEMALE****1. Critical Dates**

- 1.1 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation (Regulation 4.).
- 1.2 **October 15:** LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season (see Regulation 2.2).
- 1.3 **November 1:**
- (a) Midget aged Players registered in the division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate (see Regulation 6.2).
  - (b) Deadline to submit Provincial Championship Hosting Bids to Hockey Alberta.
- 1.4 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition (see Regulation 2.3(a)).
  - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
  - (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification (see Section F) is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.5 **December 1:** LMHA's must submit a listing of all their teams that wish to declare their intent to participate in Provincial Play, to the respective Minor Female Regulation Coordinator, by December 1 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.6 **December 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than December 15 (see Regulation 7.).
- 1.7 **January 10:**
- (a) The final date for Player registration is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
  - (b) A Player may be released to another LMHA for which he is eligible to play up to and including January 10.
- 1.8 **February 10:** Notwithstanding the above, Players may apply to HA through the HA CEO, or designate, for special permission to register with a LMHA if they or their family have been transferred to another locale by the employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to HA up to and including February 10 (see Regulation 3.6 (d)).

## 2. Team Registration

The Female Hockey ADM determines Team Registration regulations for Teams involved in participation within the AAA and Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

- 2.1 (a) All LMHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the CEO, or designate.
- (b) Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" (see attached) are payable with application for Teams.
- 2.2 LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.
- 2.3 a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
- b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
- c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 2.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 2.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a LMHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.
- 2.6 Team Player allotments in the Registry shall be provided in the following numbers (except where pilot projects otherwise provide):
- |        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Midget | Not more than 25 allotments |
| Bantam | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Peewee | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Atom   | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Novice | Not more than 20 allotments |
- 2.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team
- (a) All Hockey Teams may register at one time a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Of those nineteen (19), 2 must be goaltenders.
- Exception: Teams that are not eligible to compete for a Regional or National Championship may be permitted to register, at one time, a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players upon consideration of application to the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator, in consultation with the CEO, or designate.

Exception: Teams within the Division of Initiation do not have a maximum number of Players that can be registered at any one time.

Exception: Atom Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For Peewee, Bantam and Midget Divisions only, Players designated in the registry as goalkeepers may play only in goal.

For clarification, when eighteen (18) Players are registered, one (1) must be designated as goaltender. When seventeen (17) Players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender.

- (b) Member Teams being recognized as "AAA" Midget by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

## 2.8 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled Exhibition, League, Provincial or Tournament Game the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.

- 2.9 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any duly registered Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.
- 2.10 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season shall be duly registered with each and every Team of which he/she is a member prior to participating with the respective team(s).
- 2.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

### 3. Player Registration

The Female Hockey ADM determines Player Registration regulations for players participating on teams within the “AAA” and “Elite” Hockey stream (See Appendix "III").

3.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in various divisions, including:

- (a) Midget Female For the **2017-18** season, open to Players born in **2000** and subsequent years
- (b) Bantam Female For the **2017-18** season, open to Players born in **2003** and subsequent years
- (c) Peewee Female For the **2017-18** season, open to Players born in **2005** and subsequent years
- (d) Atom Female For the **2017-18** season, open to Players born in **2007** and subsequent years
- (e) Novice For the **2017-18** season, open to Players born in **2009** and subsequent years
- (f) Initiation For the **2017-18** season, open to Players born in **2011** and subsequent years

3.2 Residency

- (a) A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of her parents/legal guardians (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations).
- (b) Players must first register in the LMHA within whose Boundaries they reside where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
- (c) If a Player chooses to play in another LMHA other than the closest LMHA, she may be subject to Player Movement regulations.
- (d) A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practising hockey.
- (e) A Player who, prior to the establishment of Boundaries, was registered with a particular LMHA and who has played all of her minor female hockey with that LMHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that LMHA.
- (f) Siblings of such Players will be required to register in their “resident” LMHA and not that of the (grand fathered) sibling.
- (g) No player of Midget age or under can be transferred from Branch to Branch to register and play hockey unless such Player transfers with her parents or legal guardian and continues to live with her parents or legal guardian.

3.3 (a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its LMHAs shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry.

- (b) In addition to the current information required for registration a Player Movement Form must be submitted to the Zone Minor Administration Coordinator for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 3.4 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 3.5
- (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
  - (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
  - (c) In cases where it is Impossible to secure birth certificates, the CEO (or designate) may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
  - (d) A player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of completion of and qualification in the Respect-in-Sport – Parent course. Proof of Respect-in-Sport – Parent shall be indicated by a card number showing on the player's registration in the Registry.
- 3.6
- (a) All Local Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Local Minor Hockey Association. A Player may only be registered on one Team.
  - (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the LMHA he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.
  - (c) Same as set out in Regulation 3.6(d), below, no Player may be registered after January 10 in any Hockey Season with any Local Minor Hockey Association.
  - (d) Players who move within the borders of the Province after January 10 and up to and including February 10 may apply to the CEO, or designate, for special permission to register with a local member if they or their family have been transferred by employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to Hockey Alberta. Such Players are not eligible for Provincials.
- 3.7 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit an Appeal to Transfer under Hockey Canada Bylaws and must pay any applicable fees charged by HC and HA.
- (a) total fee for an incoming International Transfer may be up to a maximum of \$2,400.

Contact the Hockey Alberta office for further details.

#### **4. Leagues**

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with a LMHA.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

#### **5. Player Movement**

The Female Hockey ADM determines Player Movement regulations for players interested in registering on Teams within the “Elite” (AAA and Elite) Hockey stream (see Appendix “III”).

##### **5.1 Permission for Player Movement**

- (a) A Player must first obtain a Player Movement Form from her Resident LMHA prior to being transferred, in the Registry, to any other LMHA.
- (b) Prerequisites

In order to obtain permission for Player Movement, a Player must first:

- (i) obtain a Player Movement Form from their Resident LMHA and submit it along with a letter from the Player requesting the desired Player Movement;
- (ii) obtain a letter from any closer LMHAs the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player;
- (iii) obtain permission from the LMHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player;
- (iv) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Player Movement form;
- (v) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the LMHA being asked for the permission;
- (vi) provide written confirmation of the prerequisites being met to the LMHA being asked for the permission;



## (c) Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the permission has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the proper form is completed and submitted at the time of registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.

- (i) failure to complete and submit the proper form at the time of registration will result in the Player being not registered and ineligible to play in any game;
- (ii) in cases where a Player is found to have played in a game without first having completed or submitted a required form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with Regulation 12.
- (iii) No Release will be issued to these Player(s).

## 5.2 Player Movement Exceptions

Players will be permitted to register in the LMHA whose recognized physical limits are closest to her place of residence (when measured along recognized, all weather government roadways) if:

- (a) There is no Female Hockey Team in a Player's resident LMHA, at her age division;
- (b) The Player does not have a place to play in her age division in her resident LMHA in the current Hockey Season due to all positions being full. For this exception to apply, the Hockey Team(s) at the Player's age Division must be completely full with 19 Player allotments occupied;
- (c) More than one LMHA must combine their registration numbers to attain a sufficient number of Players to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age Division for the current Hockey Season. Any player living within the boundaries of the LMHA's forming the hockey team that chooses to play outside of these combined LMHA's will be deemed a non-resident player and may be subject to player movement regulations.

All exceptions must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.

## 5.3 Player Movement may be refused in situations where:

- (a) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the LMHA with insufficient numbers (less than 12) to field a Female Hockey Team at the Player's age division in the current Hockey Season.
- (b) The Player is requesting the permission for reasons other than playing at the highest Category of which she is capable (i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.).

#### 5.4 Permission to Try Out

- (a) Any Player may register with an "Elite" (AAA or Elite) member Team for which the Player is eligible, provided:
  - (i) she has obtained a Notification to Try Out (NTO);
  - (ii) the Team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.
- (b) In the case of permission to try out, it must specify the LMHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Resident LMHA shall grant permission to play. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to her Resident LMHA.

### 6. Releases

- 6.1 A Release (as defined in General Regulation 1. – Definitions) is available to be issued, via the Standard Release Form, as a method of permanent movement for special circumstances within Minor Hockey (ie – conduct).
- 6.2 Midget aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Officer or Executive Member of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

### 7. Affiliation

The Female Hockey ADM determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the AAA and Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

- 7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:
  - (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates";
  - (b) the CEO, or designate, acknowledges receipt and identifies said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated;
  - (c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

- 7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with Regulation 12.

- 7.4 A Hockey Team may affiliate up to nineteen (19) specially Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA.

**Exception: When an LMHA does not have a Minor Female team at the next lowest division or category, the MHA may place a request to the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator asking to be permitted to affiliate a player(s) from a lower Division or Category Minor Female team from a nearby MHA.**

- 7.5 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically, without properly filing said affiliation through the Registry.

NOTE: A Player must obtain a "Named Player Affiliation Agreement" form when selected as a specially affiliated player to a team within the Elite Hockey system ("AAA" and/or "Elite").

- 7.6 (a) Affiliated players may participate in League, Exhibition, Tournament and Provincials;
- (b) Players registered on teams within the Division of Initiation are not eligible to participate as an Affiliate Player in Provincial games.
- (c) Players participating on teams that involve two (2) or more LMHAs based on a need to create one (1) Team in a Division for the area (lack of Players) are permitted to affiliate with a team of a higher Division from their own Resident LMHA. Players are only eligible to affiliate to one (1) Team. This request must be made in writing from the LMHAs involved in the request to the Hockey Alberta Minor Administration Coordinator for approval or non-approval. Upon approval from Hockey Alberta, the requesting LMHAs would be given the allowance.

Example: Centre A has seven (7) Bantam Players, Centre B has six (6) Bantam Players so Centre A and B combine to field a Team of thirteen (13) Players that are registered out of Centre A. If there is a Midget team in Centre B, the six (6) Bantam Players from Centre B now registered in Centre A will be able to affiliate with the Midget Team from Centre B. This affiliation will be on a named player basis and Players are only eligible to affiliate to one team.

- 7.7 Female players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.
- 7.8 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, she shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- 7.9 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

## 7.10 Novice Affiliation

### \* Novice to Novice and Initiation to Novice Affiliation Only

The principle of affiliation to the Novice Division is to provide for replacement players when regular team players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. The following rules will apply:

- (a) Affiliated players will only be allowed in situations where registered team players are unavailable to the team because of:
  - (i) sickness;
  - (ii) injuries;
  - (iii) inadequate number of registered team players to play a game.
- (b) When a Team has less than twelve (12) registered players Affiliated Players may be used to increase the number of players on a game sheet to a maximum of twelve (12) players (i.e. - when Affiliated Players are used in a game the maximum number of players allowed to be placed on a game sheet is twelve (12)). This maximum number of twelve (12) includes the total of both registered team players and Affiliated Players.
- (c) Prior to playing any Affiliated Players the use of such Players must be endorsed by the President (or his/her designate) of the LMHA. This shall be done by registering an "Affiliated Player" in the Registry and in compliance with Regulation 7.10(e), below.
- (d) Affiliations must be from a lower tier or age group within the LMHA, except:
  - (i) in LMHAs where ALL Novice Hockey Teams are equal (balanced) the teams MAY affiliate players from another equal novice team(s);
- (e) Novice Affiliations must be added to the Teams in the Registry by the LMHA and identified as approved by the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate in any game with the hockey team to which she is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by the CEO, or designate, up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- (f) A Player Affiliated to or within the Division of Novice may not play more than five (5) games with the affiliated team in the current Hockey Season, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Note: after five (5) games, such player will be an ineligible player and HA rules respecting playing an ineligible player will be enforced.
- (g) All Affiliation rules set out by Hockey Alberta must be followed for using affiliated players, subject to the exceptions listed above.

NOTE: There will be no affiliation allowed WITHIN the Division of Initiation.

## 8. Provincial Categorization

The Female Hockey ADM determines regulations regarding the participation of Teams in Provincial Championships within the AAA and Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in Minor Female hockey for the following Divisions and Categories and recognizes that all provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship Team in any category. Only Teams approved to participate in sanctioned Minor Female Leagues / organizations will be eligible to play in the Provincial Championship.

- Atom Female – Teams that have participated within a Minor Female League / organization at the Atom Female level will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.
- Peewee Female "A" and "B" – Teams that have participated within a Minor Female League / organization at the Peewee Female levels noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.
- Bantam Female "A" and "B" – Teams that have participated within a Minor Female League / organization at the Bantam Female levels noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.
- Midget Female "A" and "B" – Teams that have participated within a Minor Female League / organization at the Midget Female levels noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.

Note: Exceptions may be made for teams that do not have a viable league within close proximity to participate within. Applications can be made to the Minor Female Committee.

## 9. Minor Female Provincials

- 9.1 (a) LMHA's must submit a listing of all their Teams that wish to declare their intent to participate in Provincial Play, to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, by December 1 of the current Hockey Season.
- (b) A Minor Female Committee meeting shall be held for the purpose of confirming all eligible Teams and potential reclassification of teams. During the meeting, the HA Minor Female Committee reserves the right to classify and place a Team in whatever Category and series it may deem is in the best interest of HA. After midnight on January 15, no Team(s) will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification.
- (c) All LMHAs with teams declaring their intent to participate in Provincial Play, if eligible, shall participate in Provincials unless written notice is given to Hockey Alberta that their Team(s) will not be participating on or before January 10<sup>th</sup> of the current Hockey Season. Any LMHA, whose team(s) have been scheduled by the Minor Female Committee for Provincials, but fail to fulfill its' commitment to participate shall be ineligible for Provincials in the subsequent season, unless a reinstatement fee of \$700.00 is paid to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its' commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor

Female Committee Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the LMHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA's reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.

- 9.2 (a) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (b) LMHAs wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 1 of the current Hockey Season.
- (i) Under special circumstances, LMHAs may apply for and make submissions to the HA office by November 1 of the previous hockey season (one year earlier than the current season) to host a Provincial tournament which may be awarded at that time.

### 9.3 Minor Zone Playoff Regulations

#### FIRST NAMED TEAM HAS CHOICE OF VENUE FOR OPENING GAME SERIES

- (a) Members entering Provincials will be expected to complete playoff series' as directed. In the event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as it sees fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending Hockey Team.
- (b) Teams wishing to cancel a playoff game are required to give at least 48 hours notice, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. The Minor Female Regulation Coordinator must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (c) If a Team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or any unforeseen contingency, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing Team. The Team Officials and/or Players of the team which is responsible may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of the Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) No change in the game report or addition to the list shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except under the following conditions:
- (i) Where a Player is late for the game because of unforeseen circumstances and his name has been included in the playing roster prior to the game, he will be permitted to participate.
- (ii) When a Player has been inadvertently omitted from the Official Game Report, the Referee shall permit the name to be added to the Game Report before the game has ended; providing such Player was in uniform and on the ice or on his players' bench at the start of the game.

NOTE: Minor teams may dress 19 Players

- (f) Series shall be played on a home and home total goal (two games) with no overtime being played in the first game. If overtime is required in the second game, refer to "Tied Game" of the Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules as follows:

**Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule — Tied Game**

- a) If at the end of the three regulation twenty-minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place.
- 1) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends
  - 2) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period.
  - 3) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play 20 minute sudden victory periods The teams will now change ends.
- b) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties still remain in force.
- c) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) Provincial Team rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported on the game sheet and communicated within 48 hours of the completion of the game to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by email.
- (h) Officials of Teams participating in playoffs are required to have approved Provincial Team rosters in their possession at all games played by the team. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
- (i) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. Extending a playoff series will not be allowed unless for special circumstances appealed by the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator. If an extension is given, the team requesting the above must be prepared to travel during the week or use another arena.
- (j) All LMHAs participating in Provincials shall be ready to proceed with the playoffs by January 25 or such earlier date as designated by HA and the Minor Female Committee will meet no later than January 22 to arrange said playoffs.
- (k) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time, where possible.

- (l) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series the winning Team shall be responsible for notifying, by phone or email, the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
- (m) The Teams that represent the Zone for all Categories and Divisions must be declared no less than 14 days prior to the end of Provincials.
- (n) If in the case of a home and home series, should one Team win the first game by a ten goal differential, the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator will cancel the second game.
- (o) Any Zone having only one Team of any Category shall have an automatic entry into the Provincials. Therefore this Team shall not be allowed to play in other Zone Playdowns.
- (p) The Team hosting a Provincial tournament shall be allowed to participate in the final series of their particular Category playdowns. If the hosting Team should win the Zone title, the runner-up shall also represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (q) Should the hosting community team lose in Zone playoffs, the winning team shall represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (r) A Zone having received a "Wild Card" selection prior to Provincial Playdowns shall be eligible to send two (2) teams to the Provincial Championship Tournament in the applicable Division/Category. The final series shall be played. At the conclusion of the final series in Zone Playdowns, the Team winning the series shall represent the Zone as Champion and the Team losing the final Series shall participate as the "Wild Card".
- (s) In all centers hosting Minor Zone Provincial Playoff Games, only Level 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 certified officials shall be eligible to referee all levels of Hockey.  
  
The home team will pay for all officials in the Minor Zone Provincial Playoffs.
- (t) Referees are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone or email to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Said Player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- (u) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (v) All Teams requiring referees must contact the closest Referees Zone Assignor at least 72 hours prior to the game.



#### 9.4 Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincials will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their Association Affiliation and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-three (23) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of Players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Minor Female Regulation Coordinator will determine "Home" and "Away" Teams for Provincial Tournament Draw (coin toss to be used for the Championship Game). Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time.
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period, whenever possible.
- (e) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (f) The disciplinary rulings in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.

- (g) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (h) In the event a Team wins a game by more than ten (10) goals, that team will only be granted a goal differential of ten (10) for that game and a maximum of a ten (10) goal differential will be recorded in the statistics.

Example:      For = 14 goals      Against = 2 goals

Goal Differential = 10 goals

- (i) In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:
  - (i) If two (2) teams are tied:
    - (A) The team with the most wins in the round-robin gains the highest position.
    - (B) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulation 9.4(i)(i)(A) above, the winner of the round-robin game between the two tied teams gains the highest position.

- (C) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.4(i)(i)(A) and (B) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the follow manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: **All** round-robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals                      Against = 4 goals

Percentage:                       $\frac{10}{10+4}$                       =                       $\frac{10}{14}$                       =                      .714

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (D) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.4(i)(i)(A), (B) and (C) have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games gains the highest position.
- (E) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.4(i)(i)(A), (B), (C) and (D) have been applied, then the team that scored the first goal in the game between the two (2) tied teams gains the highest position.
- (F) If the two teams are still tied after Regulations 9.4(i)(i)(A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the highest position.
- (I) For the coin toss for two (2) teams tied, a single coin will be tossed with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails". The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the first (1<sup>st</sup>) placed team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team places second (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- (ii) If three (3) teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games **AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY** will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) will advance.

(A) The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.

(B) If teams are still tied after Regulation 9.4(i)(ii)(A) above has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: Games between the tied teams only will apply.

Example: For = 10 goals                      Against = 4 goals

$$\text{Percentage: } \frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$$

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (I) If all three percentages are different for the three (3) teams that are tied, then first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place is decided with the highest percentage gaining first (1<sup>st</sup>) place and the lowest percentage gaining third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place. The tie-breaking procedure will not go back to two teams tied.
- (C) If two teams or more are still tied after Regulations 9.4(i)(ii)(A) and (B) have been applied, the team(s) to qualify would be the team(s) that receive the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games.
- (D) If three teams are still tied after Regulations 9.4(i)(ii)(A), (B) and (C) have been applied, a coin toss will determine the highest positions.
  - (I) For the coin toss involving three (3) teams tied, all three teams will each toss a coin. The team that tosses the first odd coin is declared the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place position of the three tied teams.
  - (II) The two (2) remaining teams will now toss a single coin with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team. If the team that declared the loss is unsuccessful, that team is placed third (3<sup>rd</sup>).
- (iii) All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. In the case of tied games in a Semi-Final, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules.

#### **Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule – Tied Game**

- (A) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
  - (I) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
  - (II) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
  - (III) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden play periods. The teams will now change ends.
- (B) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.

- (C) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (j) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game.
- (k) HA will award up to twenty-four (24) medallions to winners of Provincial Championships and the runners up in a final series, namely gold and silver. Medallions will not be awarded when a series is not held. The CEO, or designate, shall determine how many medallions will be required from season to season and will approve accordingly.
- (l) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
- (m) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as a part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

## **10. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from Hockey Alberta for all out of province exhibition games or exhibition games with U.S. based Teams. Permission must be granted by the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 10.2 Application for permission will only be considered from LMHAs for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.3 Permission may not be given to any LMHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 10.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission must be granted by the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 10.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.7 Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

## 11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules

### 11.1 Tournaments within Alberta

- (a) No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has been given the written permission of Hockey Alberta or its LMHA. In granting such permission, Hockey Alberta and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.
- (b) No LMHA, Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by HA. For tournaments within Alberta involving two (2) or more Hockey Canada Branches, HA shall notify the Hockey Canada office sixty (60) days in advance of any sanction being issued for a tournament.
- (c) All Minor Hockey Players registered with HA will be charged a \$1 surcharge at registration to cover the cost of Tournament Sanctions. All tournaments must still be approved by the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.
- (d) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any LMHA which has been found to have conducted a sanction tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or HA regulations which apply.
- (e) All Inter-Branch tournaments involving four (4) or more Branches and all International tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada and HA. An application form must first be submitted by the LMHA requesting the tournament to HA for approval. All applications must be made sixty (60) or more days in advance to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- (f) No LMHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- (g) LMHA tournaments shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the event.
- (h) Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered, in the Registry, with that Team or be affiliated to that team. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments.
- (i) The host LMHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (j) All Teams must fulfill all prior commitments (i.e. league play, provincial play) or seek readjustment of same. Failing this, the Teams concerned must be prepared to forfeit any further privileges they currently hold.
- (k) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator, the LMHA, Player(s) and/or Team Official(s) involved.
- (l) All LMHAs hosting sanctioned tournaments will be responsible for keeping a copy of the tournament's official game reports for a period of one year.

- (m) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linesmen registered with Hockey Alberta.
- (n) All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
- (o) No Team or Players may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one (1) day. Where tournaments do require Teams or Players to play three (3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three (3) periods of 15 minutes, the first two (2) of which must be straight time. When a Team is required to play three (3) games in one (1) day, there shall be an interval of one and a half (1-1/2) hours between the second and third games.

No games in any tournament shall start before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:15 p.m.

#### 11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside HA unless it has been given written permission by its LMHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) The Branch in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose a suspension pending action by HA against the Team, Player(s) or Team Officials involved.
- (c) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (d) No Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by HA.

## 12. Discipline

### 12.1 Fines – Minor Hockey

Under no circumstances will a LMHA, League or Team be allowed to assess cash fines to Minor Players for rule or regulation infractions. Violation of this policy will result in discipline as set out in General Regulations 2 and 3.

### 12.2 Minor Hockey Suspension Procedures

#### ***Hockey Alberta Responsibilities***

- (a) The Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and the Team Alberta Program).
- (b) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

- (c) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulation 3.

- (d) When a suspension is incurred in exhibition play, Provincials, tournament play and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (league, tournament, Provincial Play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.

When a suspension occurs during Provincials, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (Provincial, league, tournament play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Event).

Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for no more than one (1) game, the official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for more than one (1) game, the official will be permitted to officiate assigned games during the day immediately following the suspension. At the conclusion of that day, the On-Ice Official will be required to serve his suspension as outlined here within.

- (e) If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator must notify the LMHA President or their designate and the League Governor.
- (f) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition Games while serving a suspension.
- (g) The Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator will issue a suspension notice. A suspension must specify the following:
  - (i) Number of games.
  - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events)
  - (iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
  - (iv) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

### ***League Responsibilities***

- (h) The league is responsible for issuing/monitoring suspensions for league play only.
- (i) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate League representative by the specified time given by the League.

- (j) When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events.
- (k) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the league representative must notify the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- (l) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition games while serving a suspension.
- (m) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during League play, the League representative must notify the appropriate Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.  
  
All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulation 3.
- (n) The League representative will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify:
  - (i) Number of Games.
  - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. league play, provincial play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
  - (iii) The League Appeal process.
  - (iv) The Player / team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.
- (o) If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate is responsible for notifying the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.

### **General Responsibilities**

- (p) Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach on a referee or linesman (Rule 9.6 or 9.7) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Officer(s).
- (q) No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room or within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.
- (r) Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered team or affiliated Team is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team. The Player and the suspension must be listed on game sheets.
- (s) Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team who incurs a suspension is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.



- (t) Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.

### **Hockey Canada Regulation O.6**

*Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official who is under suspension by a Hockey Canada Branch, league or Minor, Junior, Senior or Female Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada sanctioned games. The suspension may, pursuant to Branch regulations, include suspensions up to and including all Hockey Canada activities for the duration of that suspension. Any individual who violates the terms of any suspension will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada or the member Branch, league or Minor, Junior, Senior or Female Hockey Association.*

- (u) Early Seasons End Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the current playing season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator to have that suspension served in an exhibition game(s) if it cannot be served in league, tournament or provincial play at seasons end.

- (v) Carry-Over Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator to have that suspension deferred for any Exhibition, Pre-Season, Tiering, or Tournament game that is sanctioned to take place prior to October 15 of the current hockey season (Note: these deferred games will not count as games served for the incurred suspension).

- (w) Pre-Season Suspensions

Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator to have the suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s). The Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator may approve or deny such requests.

12.3 Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII")

12.4 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

12.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate or having been party to or having any knowledge of such shall be suspended until dealt with by HA.

- 12.6 Any Team Official who is party to or had knowledge of or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game:
- (a) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the Committee, from playing or holding office with any team, club or association;
  - (b) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 12.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name or having knowledge that same had been falsified or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension.
- 12.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the Team may forfeit any games using an Ineligible Player or official.

### **13. Coach Education Requirements**

See Section F for Details.

**SECTION C - JUNIOR MALE HOCKEY****1. Critical Dates**

- 1.1 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and address of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations or any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 1.2 **October 15:** Junior Teams must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 **November 1:** Midget aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director (see Minor Regulation 6.2).
- 1.4 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their First League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
  - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or Designate.
  - (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.5 **December 1:** All Junior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than twenty-five (25) of the following (the number of registered players on their active list and number of unused allotments in the Registry).
- 1.6 **January 10:**
- (a) All Junior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than twenty-three (23) the total of the following (the number of registered players on their active list and number of unused allotments in the Registry).
  - (b) The final date to release a player is January 10.
- 1.7 **January 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team per HC Regulations. It should be noted however that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than January 15.
- 1.8 **February 10:**
- (a) is the final date for teams to register players and submit final roster list of not more than twenty-three (23);
  - (b) is the final date for the completion of player transfers; and
  - (c) the final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA.

## 2. Player Registration

- 2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions.
- 2.2 Every Player participating in the games sanctioned by HA shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season.
- (a) Junior Hockey is open to players twenty (20) years of age and younger in the current playing season.
    - (i) Overage players may be permitted to register on Junior B/C Teams, provided they are approved in accordance with the Junior B/C Overage Policy.
  - (b) A first year eligible Midget player fifteen (15) years old) shall only register and compete in Minor Hockey.
  - (c) A second year eligible Midget player sixteen (16) years old) registering and participating in Junior hockey shall do so under the following guidelines:
    - (i) Junior A: Each Team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
    - (ii) Junior B: Each Team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
    - (iii) Junior C: Each Team is allowed to register one (1) local player.
- 2.3 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players, the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 2.4
- (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
  - (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
  - (c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the CEO (or designate) may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- 2.5
- (a) Player may only register on one (1) Team per season (unless released by the team he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.
  - (b) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Junior Hockey Team.

- 2.6 Players wishing to register with another Junior Team other than the Junior Team which they registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release form the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 2.7 Inter-Branch Transfer
- (a) A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application to the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
  - (b) The Inter-Branch Transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA CEO, or designate, before the first game in which the Player is to participate.
  - (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees are set annually by Hockey Canada (approx. \$100 plus GST).
- 2.8 USA/International Transfer (for more details please contact the HA office)
- (a) A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation wishing to register with a member Team of HA must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which he was registered.
  - (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and HC shall be governed by the HC/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in the HC Regulations.
  - (c) All transfers between other registered members of the IIHF and HC shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF and HC Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in the HC Regulations.
  - (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fees are set annually by Hockey Canada (approx. \$150 plus GST).
  - (e) Incoming International Transfer Fees are set annually by the IIHF (may be up to a maximum of \$2,400 plus GST).
  - (f) For Canadian players returning from an IIHF member, please contact the Hockey Alberta Office.
- 2.9 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Junior Regulation 3.8.

### 3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Junior Hockey. A Hockey Team may only register as a Provincial Team.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable upon application for Teams.
- 3.3 Junior Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4 (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players/Team Officials participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
- (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
- (c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official, who is not properly registered to that Team, to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with HC and HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.6 Junior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and HC.
- 3.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team:
- (a) Junior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. Teams will be provided 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 allotments if required. Junior Teams may not register at any one time more than Twenty-five (25) eligible players.
- (b) On December 1, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:
- (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
  - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments. If twenty-five (25) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.
- All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
- (c) On January 10, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-three (23) the total of the following:
- (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
  - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments. If twenty-three (23) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.

All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.

- (d) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.

### 3.8 Imports

Junior Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed at any one time during the current Hockey Season a total of six (6) imported Players.

### 3.9 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Playoff or any Provincial Tournament the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Division of Junior Hockey Chairperson, or designate.

- 3.10 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

## 4. Leagues

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries must get permission from the CEO, or designate.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

## 5. Player Movement

Players shall be allowed to move to different teams provided they acquire a release from the Team they were previously registered with (see Junior Regulation 6.).

## 6. Releases

6.1 A Player whose last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Junior Team and in the case of a minor aged player, registered with a LMHA must first obtain a release from that Team/LMHA prior to registering for the current Hockey Season with any other Junior Team (see HC Regulations).

6.2 Requirements

A release as required Hockey Alberta must be obtained prior to registering for the current Hockey Season by all Players:

- (a) who previously were registered on a team; and
- (b) who wish to register with a team other than the one they were registered with previously.

## 7. Affiliation

7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.

7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

- (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates";
- (b) the CEO, or designate, acknowledges receipt and identifies the players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated;
- (c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA or Team Official representative in the case of other Junior Teams.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and Team Officials subject to discipline in accordance with Junior Regulation 12.

7.4 A Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one or the other of:

- (a) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category;
- (b) up to nineteen (19) Specially Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category.

7.5 Affiliation will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing said affiliation with the CEO, or designate.



- 7.6 Providing Affiliation has been properly filed prior to January 15 in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team or teams, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- 7.7 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

## 8. Categorization

- Junior A Comprised of Member Teams of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL)
- Junior B & C Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Junior categories of Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

## 9. Junior Provincials

### 9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of the HC Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (b) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name (see Definitions).

### 9.2 Junior Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official HC Playing Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by the Association.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) players. Affiliated players may be used provided their affiliations were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta Representative will determine "Home" and "Away" teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (see Hockey Canada Playing Rules).
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- (e) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (f) In the case of tied games, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules.

- (i) if at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods, the score is tied, the following shall take place:
  - (A) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
  - (B) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
  - (C) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden victory Periods. The teams will not change ends;
- (ii) any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force;
- (iii) if either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures, shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.
 

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate.
- (h) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (i) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game. Only procedural items are considered eligible for protest. Referees' decisions are final.

## **10. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Junior Division of Hockey Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-Province exhibition games.
- 10.2 For exhibition games with U.S. or International based Teams, permission must be granted by the CEO, or designate, and proof of registration with the appropriate International Federation must be provided.
- 10.3 Application for permission will only be considered for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of HC or appropriate International Federation.
- 10.5 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from both HC and Hockey Alberta.

- 10.6 For exhibition games within Alberta, permission must be granted by the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate.
- 10.7 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.8 All game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, by the Team.
- 10.9 Leagues are responsible for sanctioning and disciplinary action for all exhibition games played among the member teams of their respective league. For teams playing exhibition games against teams from outside their league, sanctions and discipline will be issued through Hockey Alberta (Office of the CEO and Junior Division of Hockey Chair).

## **11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules**

- 11.1 Tournaments within Alberta: all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.1). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (a) All Tournaments must be approved by Hockey Alberta and any applicable Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
  - (b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament;
  - (c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
  - (d) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the applicable Division of hockey Chair or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.
- 11.2 Tournaments outside Alberta: all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.2). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside the defined Boundaries of HA unless it has been given written permission by the CEO, or designate. In granting such permission, HA will enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or the Team Officials of the Team.

## 12. Discipline

### 12.1 Junior Hockey Suspension Procedures

#### ***Hockey Alberta Responsibilities***

- (a) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) The Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and Team Alberta Programs).
  - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be submitted within 24 hours to the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, by the Team.
  - (iii) The Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify the following:
    - (A) Number of games.
    - (B) Which games are to be served, e.g. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
      - (l) The Senior or Junior Chairs, in consultation with the Minor Discipline Chair, may allow for the deferral of a participant's suspension which would allow them to continue participation as a Team Official in a lower Division while they serve their suspension with their registered team.
    - (C) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
    - (D) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.
    - (E) Players with carry over suspensions from the prior Hockey Season will only be allowed to serve them in regular season league games, not exhibition games. Players may request approval from the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, in consultation with the President of the Player's respective League, to defer serving the suspension until the first regular season league game.
    - (F) Players cannot serve a suspension in a pre-season, tournament or exhibition game.

#### ***League Responsibilities***

- (b) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12). In addition the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President, or designate, must notify the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate.

- (ii) Leagues are responsible for sanctioning and disciplinary action for all exhibition games played among the member teams of their respective league. For teams playing exhibition games against teams from outside their league, sanctions and discipline will be issued through Hockey Alberta (Office of the CEO and Junior Division of Hockey Chair).

12.2 Junior Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII")

12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension.

### 13. Certification Requirements

#### **NCCP Coaching Certification**

All Junior A teams must ensure that their Head Coaches have completed the NCCP High Performance I level. All Head Coaches will have to be "Trained" in the High Performance I course by November 15 of that season and will have to have completed full "Certification" in the program by November 15 of the following season.

#### **Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)**

All Hockey Alberta teams must have one (1) Team Official registered to their team who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

#### **Respect In Sport - Coach**

Junior teams are exempt from Respect in Sport (RIS), UNLESS they have a Minor aged player or Minor aged Affiliate registered on their team. If they have a Minor aged player or Affiliate, then the Respect In Sport program must be taken as outlined below.

By November 15 of the current Hockey Season, each Hockey Team in the province of Alberta must have all registered Team Officials complete the Respect in Sport "Activity Leader/Coach" program.

***See Section F for further details.***

**SECTION D – JUNIOR / SENIOR FEMALE HOCKEY****1. Critical Dates**

- 1.1 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta Office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 1.2 **October 15:** Junior and Senior Female Teams must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first.
  - (b) All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
  - (c) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
  - (d) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.4 **December 1:** Last day to file a Junior or Senior Female Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Junior or Senior Female Provincial play.
- 1.5 **December 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than December 15.
- 1.6 **January 10:** The final date to release a Hockey Player is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.7 **February 10:** The final date for Junior and Senior Female Teams to register a Player is February 10 of the current Hockey Season.

## 2. Player Registration

- 2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions, including Senior Female which is open to Players of any age. Female Junior Hockey is open to players twenty-one (21) years of age and younger in the current playing season (as of December 31).
- 2.2 Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season.
- 2.3 A player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified in the primary address field of the Registry. In the case of urban Players, the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 2.4 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
- (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
- (c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the CEO (or designate) may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- 2.5 (a) A Player may only be registered on one Team.
- (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the team she first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.
- (c) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Junior or Senior Female Hockey Team.
- 2.6 Players wishing to register with another Junior or Senior Female Team (age graduating Juniors are exempt) other than the Team which they were registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a Permission to Try Out form or release from the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 2.7 In the case of Permission to Try Out form, it must specify the Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the LMHA and/or Hockey team which the Player was last registered with shall, upon the Player meeting the prerequisites, grant an unconditional release. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to the Team which the Player was last registered with.

## 2.8 Inter-Branch Transfer

- (a) A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application in the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
- (b) The Inter-Branch transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA CEO, or designate, before the first game in which the Player is to participate.
- (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees are set annually by Hockey Canada (approx. \$100 plus GST) (\* Senior AAA, AA and A only).

## 2.9 USA/International Transfer (For more details please contact the HA Office)

- (a) A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation wishing to register with a member Team of HA must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which she was registered.
- (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and Hockey Canada shall be governed by the Hockey Canada/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in the Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (c) All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and Hockey Canada shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in the Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fees are set annually by Hockey Canada (approx. \$150 plus GST).
- (e) Incoming International Transfer Fees are set annually by the IIHF (may be up to a maximum of \$900 plus GST).

2.10 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Junior/Senior Female Regulation 3.9.

## 3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Junior and Senior Female hockey Teams.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable with application for Teams.
- 3.3 Junior and Senior Female Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4
  - (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game on November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
  - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.



- (c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.6 Junior and Senior Female Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.
- 3.7 Junior and Senior Female Teams will be provided with not more than 25 allotments in the Registry.
- 3.8 Number of Players on a Hockey Team
- (a) Junior and Senior Female Hockey Teams will be provided with not more than 35 Player allotments. Teams will be provided and charged 25 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required.
- (b) On January 10, all Junior and Senior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:
- (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
  - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments
- All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
- (c) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.
- 3.9 Imports
- (a) Junior and Senior Female Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed, at any one time during the current Season, the numbers prescribed below:
- (i) Senior Female "AAA" - Six
  - (ii) Senior Female "AA" - Six
  - (iii) Junior Female - Six
  - (iv) Senior Female "A" and "B" - Four
- (b) In the case of Senior Female AAA, no Player having Canadian citizenship shall be considered an Import, and a maximum of four (4) Imports may be USA Hockey transfer Players. Senior Female AA, A and B Teams are permitted to register, among their Imports, a maximum of two (2) non-North American Players.
- Non-North American and USA Female Import players retain their Import status when registering with HA or HC for subsequent Hockey Seasons.

### 3.10 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Playoff or Provincial Tournament, the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Junior/Senior Female Chair.

- 3.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

## 4. Leagues

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the Officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be duly registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries must get permission from the CEO, or designate.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

## 5. Player Movement

- 5.1 Players shall be allowed to move to different teams provided they acquire a release.
- 5.2 A Minor Aged Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of her parents (as defined by Hockey Canada Regulations).

## 6. Releases

- 6.1 A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Junior or Senior Female Team, and in the case of a female minor age player registered with a LMHA, must first obtain a release from that Team and/or LMHA prior to registering for the current Hockey Season with any other Junior or Senior Female Team.

### 6.2 Requirements

A release as required by Hockey Alberta must be obtained prior to registering for the current Hockey Season by all Players who:

- (a) were previously registered on a team; and

- (b) wish to register with a team other than the one they were registered with previously.

### 6.3 Prerequisites

In the absence of an outright release, a Player must first:

- (a) obtain a Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form from the team with which she was previously registered;
- (b) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form;
- (c) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the team or Association being asked for the release; and
- (d) provide written confirmation of Junior/Senior Female Regulations 6.3(a), 6.3(b) and 6.3(c) to the team being asked for the release.

### 6.4 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the Release has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the Release is submitted with their registration for the current Hockey Season in the Registry:

- (a) failure to submit a release, if required, at the time of registration will result in the Player being not registered and ineligible to play in any game.
- (b) in cases where a Player is found to have played in a game without first having provided a required Release or Permission to Try Out Form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with Junior/Senior Female Regulation 12.

### 6.5 Permission to Try Out Form

- (a) In the case of a Junior/Senior Female Player, a Permission to Try Out form may be refused in situations where:
  - (i) the Player requesting the release has outstanding fees or other financial obligations with the team or Association which she was registered with previously.
  - (ii) in the case of a Minor Aged Player, Minor Female Regulation 5 will apply.

## 7. Affiliation

7.1 Senior and Junior Female teams must declare their Division and Category to the Junior/Senior Female Representative prior to the filing of any affiliations with Hockey Alberta in the Registry.

7.2 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.

7.3 Minor Players may not affiliate outside of the Minor Zone in which they reside. For this purpose, the Senior or Junior Female team's Minor affiliation Zone will be determined by where the majority of the players on the team reside.

Exception: In the case of Senior Female "AAA" and Junior Female, minor zone boundaries will be removed, allowing these teams to access affiliated Players within the boundaries of the Province.

Note: Junior and Senior Female teams' affiliations that involve Minor aged players must adhere to the Respect In Sport requirements outlined in Section F.

7.4 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

- (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates".
- (b) The CEO, or designate, has acknowledged receipt of and approved the affiliation prior to an affiliate Player participating in any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated.
- (c) The affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA or Senior Team Representative and the League.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

Note: Registered Minor "AAA" Players are not eligible to affiliate to Senior "B" Categorized Teams.

7.5 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and Team Officials subject to discipline in accordance with Junior/Senior Female Regulation 12.

7.6 A Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one or the other of:

- (a) One (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category.
- (b) Up to 19 named Players from a lower Division or Category.

7.7 Affiliation will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing said affiliation with the CEO, or designate.

7.8 Hockey Teams may affiliate Players from a Hockey Team in a lower Division or Category. These Players may participate in League, Exhibition, Tournament and Provincial games.

7.9 Providing Affiliation has been properly filed prior to December 15 in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, she shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if her registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before her affiliated team or teams, she may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

7.10 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

7.11 Affiliation shall not be used to strengthen a team.

## **8. Categorization**

Senior AAA Open to all teams wishing to compete for the National Championship.

Senior AA Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior AA Female Category of Provincials.

Senior A Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior A Female Category of Provincials.

Senior B Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Provincial Senior B Female Category of Provincials.

Junior Open to all Junior teams wishing to compete for the Provincial Female Junior Championship.

## **9. Senior/Junior Female Provincials**

### **9.1 General Regulations**

(a) Rules of play shall be those of the Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.

(b) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name. (See Definitions).

(c) Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

### **9.2 Provincial Play Procedure**

(a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior Female and Junior Female Divisions for the following Categories and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship Team in any category:

(i) Senior Female "AA": Teams that have registered as "AA", have participated within a League and have paid the Provincial Fee will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.

(ii) Senior Female "A": Teams that have registered as "A", have participated within a League and have paid the Provincial Fee will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.

- (iii) Senior Female "B": Teams that have registered as "B", have participated within a League and have paid the Provincial Fee will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.

Note: Exceptions may be made for teams that do not have a viable league within close proximity to participate within.

- (iv) Junior Female: Teams that are registered members of the AJFHL will have the ability to compete for the Provincial Championship through the League Playoff structure.

- (b) Sanctioned Senior Female Leagues shall provide a listing of Teams and their corresponding Category, as well as submit a Bond payment of \$1,000 by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. The Categorization and Bond indicate the intent of the Teams within the League to Participate in Provincials in each respective Category. Leagues that do not fulfill their commitment to participate in Provincials will forfeit their Bond.

Bond payments will be refunded in April should League(s) / team(s) meet the obligations of participation as directed.

- (c) A Provincial Tournament Fee may be charged to teams that are identified to participate in the Championship Tournament. This fee will assist in covering the costs associated with hosting the Tournament (ice, officials) and will be determined annually by the Jr./Sr. Female Committee.

### 9.3 Junior/Senior Female Provincial Playoff Regulations

- (a) A Draw Meeting shall be held by December each year to determine the playdown format required for Senior Female "AA", "A", and "B" competitions.
- (b) Members entering provincial playoffs will be expected to complete the playoff series as directed. In the event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as it sees fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending member or members.
- (c) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. No games shall be cancelled without prior consultation with the Junior/Senior Female Chair; extreme weather conditions are to be exempt from this rule. Junior/Senior Female Chair must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (d) If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstance, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Manager, Coach or Official and/or players of the Team which is responsible may be suspended for one year or more.
- (e) Rules of play shall be the Hockey Canada hockey rules for the current season with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (f) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time) with a flood between every period, whenever possible.

- (g) Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone or email to the Junior/Senior Female Chair the same day or the day after the game. The player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- (h) Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Junior/Senior Female Chair within 24 hours of the conclusion of each game.
- (i) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, the winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone or email) the Junior/Senior Female Chair of the results.

#### 9.4 Senior Female Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players. Affiliated players may only be used provided their Affiliations and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-five (25) players is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament. *Hockey Canada Regulation F51 – Notwithstanding the preceding provisions in Regulation E, teams shall not be permitted to dress more than nineteen (19) players except for Senior teams (Male and Female), Junior teams and the highest registered level of Midget (Male and Female) hockey teams who may dress twenty (20) players for any game or pre-game warm up in accordance with the playing rules. The number of players must include two (2) goalkeepers.*
- (c) Hockey Alberta Provincial Team rosters will be checked by the Hockey Alberta Representative. If a player is late, she must sign prior to playing. Affiliates must be designated with "AP" on the game sheet.
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) twenty (20) minute stop-time periods with a flood between every period, whenever possible.
- (e) There will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team during round-robin play. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (see *Hockey Canada Playing Rules*). Home team during play downs will also be determined by a coin toss.
- (f) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (g) Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Hockey Alberta Junior/Senior Female Chair.
- (h) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.

- (i) In the event teams are tied for a playoff position, the procedure in Regulation 9.4 - Provincial Tournament Regulations of Section B – Minor Female Regulations will apply.
- (j) All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must declare a winner. Upon completion of three (3) periods where the score is tied, there shall be a 2 minute intermission followed by a 10 minute sudden victory overtime period. Should the score still be tied, the Game Winning Shoot-Out procedures will take effect.

## **10. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Hockey Alberta Junior/Senior Female Chair for all exhibition games with Hockey Canada or US based Teams.
- 10.2 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey. Proof of registration from Hockey USA or Hockey Canada must be provided.
- 10.3 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.5 All game sheets must be faxed within 24 hours to the Junior/Senior Female Chair by the Team.

## **11. Non-Provincial Tournament Regulations**

- 11.1 Tournaments Within Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Female Regulation 11.1).

In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) All Tournaments must be approved by Hockey Alberta and any applicable Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
- (b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament;
- (c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (d) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the applicable Division of hockey Chair or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.



11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Female Regulation 11.2).

In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside the defined Boundaries of HA unless it has been given written permission by the Junior/Senior Female Chair. In granting such permission, HA will enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) All game sheets of the HA team must be submitted within 24 hours of the tournament's last game to the Junior/Senior Female Chair by the Team.

## **12. Discipline**

12.1 Senior/Junior Female Hockey Suspension Procedures

### ***Hockey Alberta Responsibilities***

- (a) All Minor Female Regulations apply (see Minor Female Regulation 12). The following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) The Junior/Senior Female Chair is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
  - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be submitted within 24 hours to the Junior/Senior Female Chair by the HOME Team.
  - (iii) The Junior/Senior Female Chair will issue a Suspension Notice Form. The Suspension Notice Form must specify the following:
    - (A) Number of games.
    - (B) Which games are to be served (i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
    - (C) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
    - (D) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

### ***League Responsibilities***

- (b) All Minor Female Regulations apply (see Minor Female Regulation 12). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate must notify the Junior/Senior Female Chair.

- 12.2 Junior/Senior Female Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII")
- 12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincials Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Senior/Junior Female Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

### 13. **Coach Education Requirements**

#### Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

All Hockey Alberta teams must have one (1) Team Official registered to their team who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

#### Respect In Sport - Coach

Senior/Junior Female teams are exempt from Respect in Sport (RIS), UNLESS they have a Minor aged player or Minor aged Affiliate registered on their team. If they have a Minor aged player or Affiliate, then the Respect In Sport program must be taken as outlined below.

By November 15 of the current Hockey Season, each Hockey Team in the province of Alberta must have all registered Team Officials complete the Respect in Sport - "Activity Leader/Coach" program.

**See Section F for further details.**

## SECTION E – SENIOR MALE HOCKEY

### 1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **June 1 \*** (Previous to current season): The Final date for Senior "AAA" teams to file their Senior "AAA" Provincial Notice of Intent for participation in Allan Cup Playdowns, along with the appropriate bond payment.
- 1.2 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta Office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 1.3 **October 15:** Senior Teams must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.4 **October 31:** Last day to file a Senior "AA" and "A" Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Senior Provincial play, is October 31 of the current playing season.
- 1.5 **November 15**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
  - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
  - (c) Hockey Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA Office by November 15 of the current I-hockey Season,
  - (d) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.6 **January 10**
- (a) Deadline for all Senior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than twenty-eight (28), (see regulation 3.7).
  - (b) The final date to release a player is January 10.
  - (c) Players participating with a professional hockey Team after January 10 of the current Hockey Season shall be ineligible for participation with a Hockey Alberta Team during the current Hockey Season.
- 1.7 **January 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per HC Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than January 15.

## 1.8 February 10

- (a) February 10 is the final date for teams to register players.
- (b) February 10 is the final date for the completion of player transfers.
- (c) The final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA is February 10.

## 2. Player Registration

2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions, including Senior which is open to Players of any age.

2.2 Every Player participating in the games sanctioned by HA shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season.

2.3 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.

2.4 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.

(b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.

(c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the CEO (or designate) may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.

2.5 (a) A Player may only register on one (1) Team per season (unless released by the team he first signed with prior to January 10th). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

(b) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Senior Hockey Team.

2.6 Players wishing to register with another Team other than the Senior Team which they were registered with during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release from the Team which the Player was last registered with.

## 2.7 Inter-Branch Transfer

(a) A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application in the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.

- (b) The Inter-Branch Transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA CEO, or designate, before the first game in which the Player is to participate.
- (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees are set by Hockey Canada annually (approx. \$100 plus GST).

## 2.8 USA/International Transfer (For more details please contact the HA Office)

- (a) A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation wishing to register with a member Team of HA must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which he was registered.
- (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and HC shall be governed by the HC/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in the HC Regulations.
- (c) All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and HC shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in the HC Regulations.
- (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fees are set by Hockey Canada annually (approx. \$150 plus GST).
- (e) Incoming International Transfer Fees are set by the IIHF annually (may be up to a maximum of \$2,400 plus GST).
- (f) For Canadian players returning from an IIHF member, please contact the Hockey Alberta Office.

For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Senior Male Regulation 3.9.

## 3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Senior Hockey. A Hockey Team may only register as a Provincial Team.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable upon application for Teams.
- 3.3 Senior Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4
  - (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Player/ Team Officials participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
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  - (c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official, who is not properly registered to that team, to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.

- 3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with HC and HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.6 Senior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements except with HA and HC.
- 3.7 Number of Players on a Team:
- (a) Senior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. Teams will be provided and charged 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required.
  - (b) On January 10 all Senior teams must reduce to **not more than twenty-eight (28)**, the total of the following:
    - (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
    - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments.All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
  - (c) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.
- 3.8 Player allotments by which goaltenders are registered shall be designated as "goaltenders". Players so designated as goaltenders shall not be permitted to play any other position (Ineligible Player). **The final twenty-eight (28)** registered players shall include at least two (2) goaltenders.
- 3.9 Imports
- (a) Senior Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed at any one time during the current Hockey Season a total of six (6) imported Players.
  - (b) Senior Teams are permitted to register among their Imports a maximum of one (1) non-North American player in the current Hockey Season. Such Players retain their Import status when registering with HA or HC for subsequent Hockey Seasons.
- 3.10 Substitute Goalkeeper
- Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Playoff or Provincial Tournament the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Senior Male Chair.
- 3.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

#### **4. Leagues**

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names, phone numbers, fax numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
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- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

#### **5. Player Movement**

- 5.1 Players shall be allowed to move to different teams, provided they acquire a release from the Team they were previously registered with (See Senior Male Regulation 6.).

#### **6. Releases**

- 6.1 A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Team, in the case of a minor aged player registered with a LMHA, must first obtain a release from that Team/LMHA prior to registering for the current Hockey Season with any other Senior Team (see HC Regulations).

#### **6.2 Requirements**

A release as required by Hockey Alberta must be obtained prior to registering for the current Hockey Season by all Players who:

- (a) were previously were registered on a team; and.
- (b) wish to register with a team other than one they were registered with previously.

#### **7. Affiliation**

- 7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.

#### **7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:**

- (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates".
- (b) The CEO, or designate, acknowledges receipt of and identifies said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated.

- (c) The affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA or Team Official representative in the case of other Senior or Junior Teams.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

- 7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and Team Officials subject to discipline in accordance with Senior Male Regulation 12.
- 7.4 All Senior Hockey Teams may have affiliated with it one or the other of (see Hockey Canada Regulations):
- (a) In Male Senior AAA, ten (10) specially affiliated players, from a lower Division or Category, at least one (1) of whom must be a goaltender; and
- In all other Categories, nineteen (19) specially affiliated players, from a lower Division or Category, of whom at least two (2) must be goaltenders; or
- (b) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category;
- 7.5 Affiliation will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing said affiliation with the CEO, or designate.
- 7.6 Providing Affiliation has been properly filed prior to January 15 in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- 7.7 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

## 8. Categorization

Senior AAA	Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior AAA category of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships and the Allan Cup (Senior AAA National Championship)
Senior AA	Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Senior AA category of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships
Senior A	Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Senior A category of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

## 9. Senior Male Provincials

### 9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada's Official Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.



- (b) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Players name (see Definitions).
- (c) Teams wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

## 9.2 Provincial Play Procedure

- (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior Male Division for the following Categories and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the Championship Team in any category.
  - (i) Senior Male "AAA" – Teams that have registered as "AAA" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,500.00 by June 1 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.
 

Teams wishing to participate in Senior Male "AAA" competition must have participated in Senior "AAA", "AA", or "A" hockey in the previous year prior to being eligible for Senior Male "AAA" Competition in the current season.
  - (ii) Senior Male "AA" – Teams that have registered as "AA" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,000.00 by October 31 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.
  - (iii) Senior Male "A" – Teams that have registered as "A" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,000.00 by October 31 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.

Note: Exceptions may be made for teams that do not have a viable League within close proximity to participate within.

- (b) Sanctioned Senior Male Leagues shall provide a listing of Teams and their corresponding Category, along with the Bond Payment, by the identified deadline of the current Hockey Season. The Categorization and Bond indicate the intent of the Teams within the League to participate in Provincials in each respective Category. Leagues that do not fulfill their commitment to participate in Provincials will forfeit their Bond.
- (c) A Draw Meeting shall be held in the month of December each year to determine the playdown format required for the Senior "AAA", "AA" and "A" competitions.

Note: Bond payments will be refunded in April should League(s) / Team(s) meet the obligations of participation as directed.

## 9.3 Senior Playoff Regulations

- (a) Members entering provincial playoffs will be expected to complete the playoff series as directed. In event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as they see fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending member or members.

- (b) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. No games shall be cancelled without prior consultation with the Senior Male Chair, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Senior Male Chair must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (c) If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstance, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Manager, Coach or Official and/or players of the Team who is responsible, may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of Hockey Canada's Official Playing Rules for the current season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) Series shall be played as determined by the Senior Male Committee during the respective draw meeting held in December. Special Permission is required from the Senior Male Chair for any specific method used in determining League Rep team for the purpose of Playdowns.
- (f) If overtime is required during a playdown, refer to "Tied Game" of the HC Official Playing Rules.
- (g) Provincial Team Rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported the same day or the day after the game to the Senior Male Chair by telephone.
- (h) The home team will pay for both ice requirements and all on-ice officials in the Zone Playoffs.
- (i) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time) with a flood between every period.
- (j) Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone to the Senior Male Chair the same day or the day after the game. The player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta,
- (k) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone) the Senior Male Chair as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Senior Male Chair within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.

#### 9.4 Senior Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by the Association.

- (b) Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players made up of a combination of properly registered and Affiliated Players. Affiliated players may only be used provided their affiliations were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-five (25) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta Representative to determine "Home" and "Away" teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. There will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team for the first round. Coin tosses will also be used for subsequent rounds. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (see Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules) (home team will wear "light" coloured jerseys).
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- (e) In the case of tied games: Use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules.
  - (i) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
    - (A) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
    - (B) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
    - (C) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden victory periods. The teams will now change ends.
  - (ii) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
  - (iii) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (f) The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures, shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Senior Male Chair.
- (g) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

- (h) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game. Only procedural items are considered eligible for protest. Referees' decisions are final.
- (i) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
- (j) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

## **10. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Senior Male Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-province exhibition games.
- 10.2 For exhibition games with USA or International based Teams, permission must be granted by the CEO, or designate, and proof of registration with the appropriate International Federation must be provided.
- 10.3 Application for permission will only be considered from Teams for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of HC or appropriate International Federation.
- 10.5 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from both HC and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.6 For exhibition games within Alberta, permission must be granted by the Senior Male Chair.
- 10.7 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.8 All game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.

## **11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules**

- 11.1 Tournaments Within Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.1)

In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) All Tournaments must be approved by Hockey Alberta and any applicable Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
- (b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament;

- (c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (d) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the applicable Division of Hockey Alberta or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.

11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.2)

In addition, the following regulation will also apply:

No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside the defined Boundaries of HA unless it has been given written permission by Hockey Alberta. In granting such permission, HA will enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.

11.3 All game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours of the tournament's last game to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.

## 12. Discipline

### 12.1 Senior Hockey Suspension Procedures

#### ***Hockey Alberta Responsibilities***

- (a) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) The Senior Male Chair is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
  - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be submitted within 24 hours to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.
  - (iii) The Senior Male Chair will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify the following:
    - (A) Number of games.
    - (B) Which games are to be served, e.g. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events,
      - (I) The Senior/Junior Chairs, in consultation with the Minor Chair, may allow for the deferral of a participant's suspension which would allow them to continue participation as a Team Official in a lower Division while they serve their suspension with their registered team.
    - (C) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
    - (D) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any Hockey Games until a written suspension notice is received.

### ***League Responsibilities***

- (b) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate must notify the Senior Male Chair.

12.2 Senior Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII").

12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to suspensions directed by HA Senior Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

### **13. Coach Education Requirements**

#### **Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)**

All Hockey Alberta teams must have one (1) Team Official registered to their team who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

#### **Respect In Sport - Coach**

Senior Male teams are exempt from Respect in Sport (RIS), UNLESS they have a Minor aged player or Minor aged Affiliate registered on their team. If they have a Minor aged player or Affiliate, then the Respect In Sport program must be taken as outlined below.

By November 15 of the current Hockey Season, each Hockey Team in the province of Alberta must have all registered Team Officials complete the Respect in Sport - "Activity Leader/Coach" program.

***See Section F for further details.***

## SECTION F – GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

LMHA's/Club Teams must ensure by November 15 that all Teams meet the requirements outlined in the chart below. Any Team that does not meet the requirements outlined within the Hockey Alberta Regulations is not an eligible team and therefore is not able to participate in sanctioned games.

Once the certification deadline passes, any team that does not meet the required certifications for their Team Officials will be notified that they are ineligible to participate until they have obtained the proper certifications.

	<u>COACH 1 - INTRO TO COACH</u>	<u>COACH 2 - COACH LEVEL</u>	<u>DEV. I</u>	<u>H.P. I</u>	<u>CHECKING SKILLS</u>	<u>RESPECT IN SPORT</u>	<u>SAFETY</u>
<b>INITIATION</b>	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL PER TEN PLAYERS					ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL PER TEN PLAYERS
<b>NOVICE</b>	HEAD COACH					ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>ATOM, ATOM FEMALE</b>		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>PEEWEE A, B, C, D, FEMALE</b>		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>PEEWEE AA</b>			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>BANTAM ALL LEVELS, EXCLUDING AA &amp; ELITE FEMALE</b>		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>BANTAM AA, ELITE FEMALE</b>			* HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>BANTAM AAA</b>				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>MIDGET ALL LEVELS, EXCLUDING AA &amp; ELITE FEMALE</b>		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>MIDGET AA, ELITE FEMALE</b>			* HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>MINOR MIDGET AAA</b>				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>MIDGET AAA, AAA FEMALE</b>				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL

- \* For Bantam AA, Bantam Elite Female, Midget AA, and Midget Elite Female, where Development I is required, any Head Coach that possesses the High Performance I Certification will also be deemed eligible.

	<u>COACH 1 - INTRO TO COACH</u>	<u>COACH 2 - COACH LEVEL</u>	<u>DEV. I</u>	<u>H.P. I</u>	<u>CHECKING SKILLS</u>	<u>RESPECT IN SPORT</u>	<u>SAFETY</u>
JUNIOR B, C, FEMALE						*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
JUNIOR A MALE				HEAD COACH		*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
SENIOR FEMALE						*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
SENIOR MALE						*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL

\*\*\* The Respect In Sport requirement excludes Senior / Junior Teams, unless a Minor aged player is registered to and / or affiliated to the Team.

### COACHING PROGRAMS

The requirements outlined above are based on a Team's categorization prior to November 15 of the current playing season.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure Assistant Coaches have completed the same course(s) as noted above.

Development I and High Performance I courses require a Coach to be "Certified" in order to meet the requirements. Head Coaches will have to be "Trained" in the course by November 15 of the current season and will have to have completed full "Certification" in the program by November 15 of the following season in order to remain eligible.

### RESPECT IN SPORT

All Registered Team Officials must have completed the Respect In Sport - Activity Leader Program. **All Team Officials applying for the first time with HA shall provide proof of completion of and certification in the Respect in Sport – Activity Leader program. Proof of Respect in Sport – Activity Leader shall be indicated by a card number showing on the Team Official's registration in the Registry.** This requirement excludes Senior / Junior Teams, unless a Minor aged player is registered to and / or affiliated to the Team.

### HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM

All Registered Teams (including Junior and Senior Teams) must have a minimum of one (1) registered Team Official who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).



## 2. OFFICIALS RATES (2017-2018 SEASON)

Category	Maximum Rate	Rate Split
CIS (Male)	TBD	
CIS (Female)	TBD	
CWHL (Female)	320	90-90-70-70
ACAC (Male)	300	120-90-90
ACAC (Female)	200	80-60-60
AJHL	265	111-77-77
Senior Male AAA	220	90-65-65
Senior Male	200	84-58-58
Senior Female	155	63-46-46
Junior B	200	84-58-58
Junior C	170	70-50-50
Junior Female	145	59-43-43
Midget AAA	185	77-54-54
Minor Midget AAA (15 yr.)	165	67-49-49
Midget AA	150	62-44-44
Midget AAA Female	145	59-43-43
Midget A, B, C, D	135	55-40-40
Midget Female Elite, A, B	135	55-40-40
Bantam AAA	140	56-42-42
Bantam AA	130	52-39-39
Bantam Female Elite	130	52-39-39
Bantam A	125	51-37-37
Bantam B, C, D	110	44-33-33
Bantam Female A, B	110	44-33-33
Peewee	100	42-29-29
Atom	80	34-23-23
Novice	60	26-17-17
Adult Recreational (2 officials)	150	

- Mileage Rate: - As per Hockey Alberta Regulations @ 0.36/km
- Travel time: - Negotiable to a maximum of \$10.00/100km/Traveller (return trip)  
 - First 50 km are free  
 - Travel Rate = ((Total km - 50)/100) x \$10.00 (rate per traveller)  
 - Travel time applies to all travelling officials including the driver
- Late or Early Games: - Games scheduled to conclude after 11:00 p.m., start before 7:00 a.m., or start prior to 5:00 p.m. on a weekday (excluding Provincials) are negotiable to an additional \$10.00 per official.
- Tournaments: - Rates for all tournaments, except Provincial tournaments, are to be negotiated with applicable Referee Zone Chairperson or their designate.  
 - Maximum rates are not to be exceeded.  
 - Assigning fee may be charged to a maximum of \$6.00 per game (fees not charged for Provincial Tournaments).
- Assigning Fee: - \$100.00/team/season (excluding tournaments) for Exhibition, Regular Season & Playoffs.
- Warm-Ups: - \$10.00/official (maximum of \$20.00/game) for officials to monitor warm-ups.

These rates apply to the two (2) or three (3) official system. The rate for a one (1) official game is 70% of the rate listed in the applicable category above.

The rates above are for games that are 1.5 hours in length or longer. Games that are shorter in duration may have a lower negotiated rate between the LMHA and applicable Referee Zone Chairperson (or delegate).

**THESE RATES ARE NOT TO BE EXCEEDED**

### 3. INTERNATIONAL TRIPS / TOURS

NOTE: The organization of international matches and International Tours is governed by International Ice Hockey Federation By-Laws and Regulations. Minor Hockey Associations, Teams, and officials, involved in such matches or tours are advised to make reference to IIHF By-Laws in order to have a full understanding of what is required with respect to such competition. For International Tours in Canada, invitations must be issued by Hockey Canada, and the IIHF must be notified at least two (2) months before the first game of the International Tour and of the dates and conditions under which the proposed International Tour is organized.

- 3.1 No Hockey Canada Team shall be permitted to play exhibition or Tournament games, Inter-Branch games of any kind, or games against Teams from any other IIHF Member Federation, without the written permission of their Branch and Hockey Canada. Upon receipt of a request, the Branch shall submit the request to Hockey Canada for consideration and approval. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension of the Team Officials and/or Players involved.
- 3.2 In the case of Inter-Branch games and exhibition or Tournament games against Teams Affiliated with USA Hockey, permission and travel permits shall be granted at the discretion of the Hockey Alberta through the Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 3.3 Minor hockey associations, Clubs or Teams, and Partner Teams requesting an International Tour, whether incoming or outgoing, shall pay the following fees:
  - a. Application made 60 or more days prior to the event ..... \$150
  - b. Application made 30-59 days prior to the event ..... \$300
  - c. Application made 15-29 days prior to the event ..... \$500
  - d. Application made less than fifteen (15) days prior to the event is subject to a fee at the discretion of Hockey Canada. .... maximum of \$5,000
  - e. The above noted fees are set by Hockey Canada and are subject to change.  
Submitted fees shall be divided equally between Hockey Canada and the respective Branch.

NOTE: Please note that due to processing and administrative requirements, any International Tour application made less than sixty (60) days prior to the event cannot be assured of approval. If an application is unable to be approved, there may be a partial refund of the application fee, at the sole discretion of Hockey Canada.

- 3.4 Application for permission to make an International Tour will only be considered if application is made by an association, Club or Team whose Players are properly registered with Hockey Alberta. The application for an International Tour must be filed with Hockey Alberta and, in the case of an outgoing International Tour, shall include a written invitation from the hosting IIHF Member Federation(s).
- 3.5 Failure to comply with these Regulations will result in the suspension of the said Player(s) or Team(s) and/or Team Officials for a period decided by Hockey Alberta.
- 3.6 Submissions for sanctioning of an International Tour must include the following:
  - a. A detailed schedule outlining dates and locations of proposed games; and
  - b. Written approvals of the MHA(s)/Team(s) involved.

- 3.7 Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may refuse application for sanctioning of International Tours for any reason it deems detrimental to Hockey Canada, its Branches or the participants involved, and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- 3.8 Hockey Canada Branches, Clubs, Teams, Players, Coaches and officials who participate in the activities of International Tours not sanctioned by Hockey Canada, do so independent of Hockey Canada and its Branches and without access to benefits of the Hockey Canada National Insurance Program and could be subject to suspension or other disciplinary measures as determined by Hockey Alberta.
- 3.9 Minor Hockey Associations, Clubs or Teams contacted by organizers of International Tours involving Teams from IIHF Member Federations, must immediately contact Hockey Alberta before proceeding with or confirming arrangements for an International Tour. Likewise, any hockey association, Club or Team interested in hosting a Team or organizing an International Tour involving a Team from other IIHF Member Federations, must contact Hockey Alberta to initiate the process of official sanctioning.

### **INCOMING INTERNATIONAL TOURS**

- 3.10 Arrangements of touring Teams must be made by Hockey Canada through its Branches, and the Branch only shall designate the rink and Team that provide the best opposition and revenues.
- 3.11 International Tours or exhibition games involving Teams from IIHF Member Federations, other than USA Hockey, must be approved by Hockey Alberta and sanctioned by Hockey Canada. It is understood that Hockey Alberta will first approve the International Tour and then submit a proposal to Hockey Canada for official sanctioning. The incoming Team(s) must be given a written invitation from the MHA and Branch and obtain written approval through their Federation and the IIHF before traveling to Canada.
- 3.12 In the case of International Tours which involve Hockey Alberta and one (1), or more other Branches, all Branches must approve the International Tour and its conditions and then submit a proposal to Hockey Canada for official sanctioning. Branches may work together to submit one (1) proposal.
- 3.13 The Minor Hockey Association, Club or Team making the application for sanctioning of an International Tour is responsible for any damages, unpaid debts or other liabilities arising out of the operation of that International Tour. Hockey Alberta may, at their discretion, require with the application a letter of credit or other satisfactory security to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to be held as security toward any such damages, unpaid debts or other liabilities. The Minor Hockey Association, Club or Team is also responsible for obtaining, from the visiting Team(s), documented proof of insurance satisfactory to Hockey Canada and coordinating in-country transportation, accommodations and meals. The aforementioned must be submitted as part of the sanctioning submission.

- 3.14 Hockey Canada sanctioning of an International Tour is conditional upon the written approval of the IIHF Member Federation of which the traveling Team is a member. Hockey Canada will not sanction any International Tour involving a Team which does not have the approval of its Federation or which is not a member of its Federation. The visiting Team must also submit proof of primary medical coverage and liability insurance, which will be approved at the sole discretion of Hockey Canada. A Federation representative must also travel with the visiting Team at all times and act as its official spokesperson, Team leader and Team contact. The other Federation must submit the name of this representative to Hockey Canada prior to the commencement of the International Tour.
- 3.15 Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, Minor Hockey Associations, Clubs and Teams will not be responsible for remitting any fees, gate receipts or other funds to visiting IIHF Member Federation Teams and its organizers.

### **OUTGOING INTERNATIONAL TOURS**

- 3.16 To obtain permission to take a Hockey Alberta team for an International trip, the following procedures must be followed:
- a. A team must obtain written invitations from the out-of-country or overseas team(s), showing that the team(s) are a member(s) of their respective national ice hockey federation and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). The letter of invitation MUST include the full details of where and when the competition will be played.
  - b. Through their LMHA, the team must then submit to Hockey Alberta a formal application to travel. This application must include the following:
    - i. a completed Hockey Canada "Sanction Application for Team Tour in IIHF";
    - ii. A detailed schedule of dates and locations of all proposed games and team activities;

This application should be completed and submitted no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the day of the event. If the application is not received within the minimum seventy-five (75) days, Hockey Alberta may not be able to support the request.
- 3.17 When a request for an outgoing International Tour is not approved, the applicant shall have its fee refunded.
- 3.18 Any Team granted permission for an outgoing International Tour must include, at the Team's expense, a member appointed by Hockey Alberta, and approved by Hockey Canada, as the International Tour leader.
- a. The costs for this Representative must be borne by the traveling team / organization.
  - b. This Representative is to act as the "OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON" for the team.
  - c. LMHAs may recommend to the CEO (or designate) any individual(s) they feel should be considered as the Representative. Letters of reference must be provided stating this person's involvement in the community and reasons why he/she should be considered.
  - d. The Board of Directors reserves the right to make the final decision on this Representative.

- e. This individual represents Hockey Alberta and/or Hockey Canada; some of his/her responsibilities include:
  - i. initiates and/or responds to gift exchanges, toasts, welcomes, introduction of the official party, itinerary, etc.;
  - ii. control and discipline of the Players, coaches and managers;
  - iii. attends all meetings of the Team/Organization planning the trip;
  - iv. provides a written report to Hockey Alberta within 30 days of arriving back in Alberta.

3.19 No Minor Team shall be allowed more than one (1) outgoing International Tour during the same Season.

#### **4. TAMPERING**

NOTE: Tampering is defined under the Hockey Canada Regulations.

- 4.1 Team Officials shall not encourage indirectly, or invite in a direct manner, a Registered Participant of another Team from the previous season in the same or higher Category or from the current Season in any Division or Category, to be allowed to participate in training camp activities or in any games without first having secured permission in writing in the manner set forth below from the Team or Club with which such Player is registered. For failure to comply with the above regulation, the responsible Team and/or Team Official shall be sanctioned in any one or combination of the following means:
  - (a) a fine up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the offending Team, payable to the Team which files the tampering charge within 30 days of notification;
  - (b) The deduction of two (2) unused Player allotments for that season;
  - (c) Compensation to the Club that may lose a Player to the offending Team through subsequent appeal. The level of compensation shall be determined through the Appeals process;
  - (d) A minimum ten (10) game suspension (regular season or playoffs) to the head Coach of the offending Team;
  - (e) A suspension for a period up to one (1) year to the responsible Team Officials of the offending Team.
- 4.2 The written permission referred to in Regulation 4.1 shall be a statement filed with Hockey Alberta, which statement shall be signed by the President and Secretary or by the designated signing Officers of the Team with which the Player is registered.
- 4.3 The charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the Hockey Alberta procedures as established by General Regulation 3. – Violations of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

## 5. ALTERNATE SEASON PROGRAMMING

### **INTRODUCTION**

Hockey Canada and its branches support the Long Term Player Development model (LTPD) and the need for athletes to participate in other sports. However, there are some families that do make hockey their choice for physical activity during the typical off-season. Hockey Canada's Branches are committed to improving the experience for those who wish to participate during the off-season and we are focused on making the experience as valuable, safe and fair for the participants as possible. The Western Branches, with the support of Hockey Canada, have established the Alternate Season as a window of time for those that wish to continue hockey outside of the traditional model. Developing skills should always remain the focus of the program. Any organization seeking sanctioning within this Alternate Season will need to outline their philosophy and clearly articulate their approach to ensuring the focus on player development remains.

Some of the features of the Alternate Season include:

- Registration options for Team Programs, Development Programs and/or Hockey Schools;
- Team Programs are defined as hockey programs operating between April 1 and July 15;
- Development Programs and Hockey Schools could operate at any time throughout the year;
- Registration will take place through the Branch and insurance will be provided through the Hockey Canada program;
- Participants that were registered with a sanctioned, member MHA during the traditional season will not have to pay the insurance fees again for the Alternate Season;
- All coaching requirements as set out by the Branch for minor hockey will apply to the Alternate Season;
- The Branch and/or Hockey Canada Minimum Suspensions and Discipline guidelines are in place for all players and coaches for conduct on and off the ice;

### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

Any organization (MHA or otherwise) wishing to register their program with Hockey Alberta may inquire about eligibility by submitting a completed Alternate Season Program Sanction Request to the Hockey Alberta office. Programs will be considered for sanctioning and registration if they:

- Are willing to adhere to all Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada rules, regulations and policies;
- Have an established player development plan specific to the target age group(s);
- Are operating a Team(s), Development Program / Camp or Hockey School;
- Have a process in place to screen potential team officials and program operators.

**APPENDIX "I"**  
**REGISTRATION & INSURANCE FEES**  
**2017-2018**

Division / Category	HA Team Fee	HC Team Liability Fee	Total Team Fees	HA Participant Fee	HC Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
<b>Senior Male</b>							
AAA	\$450.00		\$450.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
CIS	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$18.85	\$7.00		\$25.85
ACAC, AA, A	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$37.50
<b>Senior Female</b>							
AAA, AA, A, B	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
CIS, ACAC	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
<b>Junior</b>							
A	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
B	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
C	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$10.00	\$47.50
<b>Junior Female</b>							
Female	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
<b>Minor</b>							
AAA	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
AA, A, B, C, D, Female	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Sport Schools	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Division / Category	Level	HA Officials Admin Fee	HC Level Fee	HA Participant Fee	HC Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
<b>Officials</b>							
	Level 1	\$3.00	\$1.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.70	\$44.20
	Level 2	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.70	\$45.20
	Level 3	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.70	\$46.20
	Level 4	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.70	\$47.20
	Level 5	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.70	\$48.20
	Level 6	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.70	\$49.20
Division / Category		HA Program Fee	HA Participant Fee	National Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees	
<b>Other</b>							
	Pond Hockey		N/A	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$37.50
	Sledge Hockey		N/A	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$37.50
	Hockey Canada Skills Academy		\$20.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$57.50

\* Due to the additional level of risk associated with playing at the Junior and Senior Male divisions, Teams are required to pay additional Medical / Dental Insurance fees at the following rates:

- Half Shield at \$35.00 / Player
- Facemask / Cage at \$10.00 / Player

**NOTE:** Junior and Senior Teams not having used all the player allotments received will be eligible for a refund. Some Divisions will be eligible to purchase additional player allotments up to the maximum eligible for that Division, as per Hockey Canada Regulations.

**NOTE:** The Hockey Alberta Sanction Fee of an additional \$1.00 will be assessed for all registered minor hockey players.

APPENDIX "II"

# ALBERTA "AA" HOCKEY MODEL







## **“AA” HOCKEY MODEL**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In 2014, at the direction of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors, a committee was formed with the intent of reviewing Minor Hockey, below the Elite level, and developing a process that would enable Alberta’s hockey athletes to compete at a level that is fair and equitable for the specific skill level of each athlete. The focus of the process deals with the “competitive” system within Hockey Alberta and provides for the development of athletes at a Regional level, acting as a “feeder system” for Elite hockey.

This “AA” Hockey Model provides guidance and direction so that player opportunity and movement is done in recognition of the needs of the player and the MHA’s involved. The philosophy behind this model is the agreement that responsible decisions would be made in order to act in the best interest of the athlete. This model further recognizes and supports that each athlete has the right to consider his/her options and should be provided the opportunity to access a level of hockey that is consistent with the skill level of each player.

This document is based on five (5) principles that support the philosophy in order to create a system that better meets the needs of the athletes as they progress through the system of development. This document creates a development system targeted to providing a positive experience for all participants through improved communications and a better understanding of the principles.

### **PRINCIPLES OF THE “AA” HOCKEY MODEL**

The principles of the “AA” Hockey Model are as follows:

1. The best philosophy for developing players is to create an environment where similarly skilled players are able to compete together and against each other. This “AA” Hockey Model provides a structure where players are provided the opportunity to access the level of hockey they are capable of playing at.
2. A standardized Province wide system of hockey that creates a competitive balance at the Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels. It provides players with a “developmental” system that focuses on skill development and acts as a “feeder” system bridging the gap between grassroots hockey and Elite (AAA) hockey.
3. A Regionalized Hockey System that provides opportunities for players to access the “AA” level of hockey within a reasonable distance of travel from their Resident LMHA. The “AA” Hockey Model is designed to balance the needs of the player with that of the LMHA and family.
4. The “AA” Model uses established criteria to determine the appropriate number of Teams within the Province as well as the terms and conditions under which these Teams operate. Identified “AA” Teams provide opportunities for all the players within their “Recruitment Area”.
5. The “AA” Hockey Model is the only system of hockey at this particular level within Alberta and is designed to provide an option for players without negatively impacting the local Minor Hockey Associations with respect to player movement or Provincial Categorization.



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

This document provides specific rules and regulations that apply to the MHA’s and Teams operating within the “AA” Hockey Model. All Minor Hockey Regulations apply, unless regulations within this model alter the meaning of said Regulations for the purpose of “AA” Hockey.

### CRITICAL DATES

<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Deadline for “AA” Player Movement Applications;</b>
<b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	“AA” Recruitment Area Evaluation Camps start;
<b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	All First Try-Outs must be completed;
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	All approved Second Try-Outs must be completed; Regular Season schedule can begin;
<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Deadline for MHA’s to file Affiliation.
<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Final date to Register a Player to or Release a Player from a Team;
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Regular Season complete;</b>
<b>March</b>	Provincial Championship Tournaments.

### RECRUITMENT AREAS

In order to make it fair and equitable for all teams within the “AA” Hockey Model, Recruitment Areas have been established. These Recruitment Areas ensure there is an opportunity for all players that want to play, and have the skill to play, within the “AA” Hockey Model the ability to do so. The Recruitment Areas establish a consistent development system for players of all levels throughout the Province.

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Hockey Alberta has established Recruitment Areas that allow for the progression of players from Minor Hockey Association programs, through to the “AA” Hockey Model and up to the Alberta Development Model (ADM).

- Recruitment Areas for each Division/Category within the “AA” Hockey Model do not overlap.
- Entire Minor Hockey Associations are within specific Recruitment Areas and not split.
- Hockey Edmonton and Hockey Calgary, as MHA’s, have structured smaller Recruitment Areas within their boundaries.
- Each Recruitment Area has had a Host Minor Hockey Association identified within it and this Host MHA is responsible for operating the “AA” Team(s) as identified for the area, in accordance with this “AA” Hockey Model.
- Recruitment Areas are based on registration numbers, geographic location and travel time to the Host Minor Hockey Association.
- Taking the age of the players into consideration, the Recruitment Areas and Host Minor Hockey Association’s for the Peewee AA Division vary from the Bantam and Midget AA Divisions based on registration numbers, geographic location and time of travel.



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### “AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

#### MIDGET “AA”

<b>Grande Prairie</b>	<b>Peace River</b>	<b>Wainwright</b>	<b>Fort Saskatchewan</b>
Grande Prairie Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Grande Cache Grovedale Horse Lake Hythe La Glace Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Spirit River Valleyview Wembley	Peace River Fairview Fort Vermilion Grimshaw High Level High Prairie Hines Creek La Crete <b>Loon River</b> Manning Nampa Rainbow Lake Smoky River	Wainwright 3C's Chauvin Edgerton Hardisty Hughenden Irma Mannville Provost Vermilion Viking	Fort Saskatchewan Andrew Boyle Bruderheim Josephburg Lamont Mundare Redwater Smoky Lake Thorhild Two Hills Vegreville
<b>Bonnyville</b>	<b>Spruce Grove</b>	<b>Camrose</b>	<b>Whitecourt</b>
Bonnyville Cold Lake Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Goodfish Lake Kikino Lac La Biche Mallaig Plamondon Saddle Lake St. Paul	Spruce Grove Enoch Onoway Pembina Stony Plain	Camrose Bashaw Battle River Holden Maskwacis Rosalind Thunderstars Wetaskiwin	Whitecourt Edson Fox Creek Hinton Jasper Mayerthorpe Sangudo Slave Lake Swan Hills
<b>Sturgeon</b>	<b>Lloydminster</b>	<b>Leduc</b>	<b>Beaumont</b>
Sturgeon Athabasca Barrhead CR Knights CNN Wabasca Westlock	Lloydminster Dewberry Kitscoty Marwayne <b>Onion Lake</b> Paradise Valley	Leduc Calmar Drayton Valley Millet Thorsby Warburg Winfield	Beaumont Devon New Sarepta
<b>Strathcona</b>	<b>Fort McMurray</b>	<b>St. Albert</b>	<b>Sherwood Park</b>
Strathcona Tofield	Fort McMurray	St. Albert  **Two Teams**	Sherwood Park
<b>Edmonton</b>			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### “AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

#### MIDGET “AA”

<b>Strathmore</b>	<b>Olds</b>	<b>Lacombe</b>	<b>Taber</b>
Strathmore Bassano Chestermere Drumheller Hanna Hussar Indus Morrin Rockyford Siksika <b>Standard</b>	Olds Bowden Carstairs Didsbury Innisfail Kneehill Sundre	Lacombe Alix Big Valley Blackfalds Clive Delburne Endmoor Ponoka Stettler	Taber Bow Island Coaldale Foremost Lomond Picture Butte Raymond Vauxhall Warner
<b>Lethbridge</b>	<b>Medicine Hat</b>	<b>Foothills</b>	<b>Sylvan Lake</b>
Lethbridge Cardston Crowsnest Pass Fort MacLeod Kainai Magrath <b>Piikani Nation</b> Pincher Creek	Medicine Hat Brooks Duchess Irvine Oyen Redcliff	Foothills Blackie Claresholm High Country Nanton Vulcan	Sylvan Lake Bentley Caroline Eckville Rimbey Rocky Mountain House Spruce View
<b>Cochrane</b>	<b>Airdrie</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>Okotoks</b>
Cochrane Banff Canmore Cremona Mini Thni	Airdrie Beiseker Crossfield	Red Deer  **Two Teams**	Okotoks
<b>Calgary</b>			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### “AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

#### BANTAM “AA”

<b>Grande Prairie</b> Grande Prairie Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Grande Cache Grovedale Horse Lake Hythe La Glace Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Spirit River Valleyview Wembley	<b>Peace River</b> Peace River Fairview Fort Vermilion Grimshaw High Level High Prairie Hines Creek La Crete <b>Loon River</b> Manning Nampa Rainbow Lake Smoky River	<b>Wainwright</b> Wainwright 3C's Chauvin Edgerton Hardisty Hughenden Irma Mannville Provost Vermilion Viking	<b>Fort Saskatchewan</b> Fort Saskatchewan Andrew Boyle Bruderheim Josephburg Lamont Mundare Redwater Smoky Lake Thorhild Two Hills Vegreville
<b>Bonnyville</b> Bonnyville Cold Lake Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Goodfish Lake Kikino Lac La Biche Mallaig Plamondon Saddle Lake St. Paul	<b>Spruce Grove</b> Spruce Grove Enoch Onoway Pembina Stony Plain   **Two Teams**	<b>Camrose</b> Camrose Bashaw Battle River Holden Maskwacis Rosalind Thunderstars Wetaskiwin	<b>Whitecourt</b> Whitecourt Edson Fox Creek Hinton Jasper Mayerthorpe Sangudo Slave Lake Swan Hills
<b>Sturgeon</b> Sturgeon Athabasca Barrhead CR Knights CNN Wabasca Westlock	<b>Lloydminster</b> Lloydminster Dewberry Kitscoty Marwayne <b>Onion Lake</b> Paradise Valley	<b>Leduc</b> Leduc Calmar Drayton Valley Millet Thorsby Warburg Winfield	<b>Beaumont</b> Beaumont Devon New Sarepta
<b>Strathcona</b> Strathcona Tofield	<b>Fort McMurray</b> Fort McMurray	<b>St. Albert</b> St. Albert  **Three Teams**	<b>Sherwood Park</b> Sherwood Park  **Two Teams**
<b>Edmonton</b> ** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### “AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

#### BANTAM “AA”

<b>Strathmore</b>	<b>Olds</b>	<b>Lacombe</b>	<b>Taber</b>
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<b>Lethbridge</b>	<b>Medicine Hat</b>	<b>Foothills</b>	<b>Sylvan Lake</b>
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<b>Cochrane</b>	<b>Airdrie</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>Okotoks</b>
Cochrane Banff Canmore Cremona Mini Thni	Airdrie Beiseker Crossfield	Red Deer  **Two Teams**	Okotoks
<b>Calgary</b>			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### “AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

#### PEEWEE “AA”

<b>Grande Prairie</b>	<b>Peace River</b>	<b>Wainwright</b>	<b>Fort Saskatchewan</b>
Grande Prairie Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Grande Cache Grovedale Horse Lake Hythe La Glace Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Spirit River Valleyview Wembley  **Two Teams**	Peace River Fairview Fort Vermilion Grimshaw High Level High Prairie Hines Creek La Crete <b>Loon River</b> Manning Nampa Rainbow Lake Smoky River	Wainwright 3C's Chauvin Edgerton Hardisty Hughenden Irma Mannville Provost Vermilion Viking	Fort Saskatchewan Andrew Boyle Bruderheim Josephburg Lamont Mundare Redwater Smoky Lake Thorhild Two Hills Vegreville
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<b>Strathcona</b>	<b>Fort McMurray</b>	<b>St. Albert</b>	<b>Sherwood Park</b>
Strathcona Tofield	Fort McMurray	St. Albert  **Three Teams**	Sherwood Park  **Two Teams**
<b>Edmonton</b>			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### “AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

#### PEEWEE “AA”

<b>Strathmore</b>	<b>Olds</b>	<b>Lacombe</b>	<b>Taber</b>
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<b>Cochrane</b>	<b>Airdrie</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>Okotoks</b>
Cochrane Banff Canmore Cremona Mini Thni	Airdrie Beiseker Crossfield  **Two Teams**	Red Deer  **Two Teams**	Okotoks  **Two Teams**
<b>Chestermere</b>	<b>Calgary</b>		
Chestermere	** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **		





## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### EXPANSION / REDUCTION OF RECRUITMENT AREAS

The “AA” Hockey Model has defined the maximum number of “AA” Teams that are permitted at each Division within Alberta. Teams have been allotted within each Recruitment Area based on registration statistics and historical data. The annual review process provides an opportunity to identify any need to expand or contract the number of teams within this model.

By **March 1**, a Recruitment Area has the ability to apply to the “AA” Hockey Committee for expansion or reduction of the number of teams within their area for the upcoming season. The application must be based on the following criteria:

1. Registration numbers have been reviewed to determine the appropriate number of players available for the Division.
2. Each Recruitment Area must include a minimum of one team for each Division (Peewee, Bantam and Midget).
3. Historical statistics have been reviewed to determine how competitive the teams have been within the Province.
4. Player development is the most important factor in the rationale.

### LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Hockey Alberta has identified Leagues / organizations to operate the “AA” Hockey Model across the Province. The identified Leagues / organizations have agreed to the philosophy and principles of the Model and agree to govern and operate “AA” Hockey at each included level of Minor Hockey (Peewee AA, Bantam AA, Midget AA). The Leagues / organizations are:

- **Northern Alberta Hockey League (NAHL)**
- **South Central Alberta Hockey League (SCAHL)**
- **Hockey Edmonton**
- **Hockey Calgary**

Each League / Organization must be a sanctioned League or member MHA of Hockey Alberta and must be registered under the “Societies Act”. League / Organization membership will consist of the MHA’s identified as Host MHA’s within the “AA” Hockey Model and they will operate under the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.

The Leagues / Organizations identified above will be the only groups sanctioned to operate “AA” Hockey under the governance of Hockey Alberta.

In an attempt to lower costs, the Leagues / Organizations have established Conferences / Divisions to minimize the amount of travel required throughout the season. These Conferences / Divisions are outlined in the League Regulations and Policies and vary amongst the Divisions of hockey.

- Maximum travel distances for game play have been established for each Division of hockey.
- Restricted amounts of game play will occur outside of each conference prior to playoffs.



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The Leagues / Organizations will each follow their own Bylaws, Regulations and Policies to govern and manage hockey within the “AA” Hockey Model. They will also abide by and follow Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations, including this “AA” Hockey Model. The member MHA’s and/or Teams that have been assigned to each specific League / Organization will have voting rights assigned to them within those specific Bylaws.

Each approved “AA” League / Organization shall have a Board of Directors, which will conduct the day-to-day operations of the League / Organization in accordance with the established Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures. Each League / Organization may have slight variations of rules with regard to how they operate day to day (i.e. – game times). As an approved partner in the “AA” Hockey Model, each approved “AA” League / Organization will:

- (a) Ensure the identified “AA” Host LMHA’s are recognized members of the League / Organization;
- (b) Set and operate a Regular Season League schedule based on guidelines as outlined in the “AA” Hockey Model;
- (c) Coordinate Playoffs to determine a Champion that will attend Provincials;
- (d) Administer Discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Regulations for conduct and rule violations;
- (e) Host League / Organization meetings for the members to discuss the game and make decisions related to the game;

### “AA” PLAYER MOVEMENT

Players are expected to try out for the Recruitment Area Team that recruits from the Local Minor Hockey Association the player is resident in.

- Players will obtain the necessary permission from their Resident LMHA, via the **AA Notification of Tryout Form**, to try out for the “AA” Hockey Team that operates in the area in which they reside.
- Players will not be considered “Import” Players to the Recruitment Area Team in which their Resident Local Minor Hockey Association is located.
- The Players’ Resident Minor Hockey Association may not refuse to give permission to a player that wishes to try out for his/her Resident Recruitment Area Team.

Players are only permitted to try out within a Recruitment Area that is not their Resident LMHA’s Recruitment Area with special permission from the Player Movement Review Committee.

- Players should only request this movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. Considerably closer for travel, move without parent transfers).
- Players file an application, using the **AA Player Movement Form** and supporting documentation, through the Hockey Alberta office prior to **August 1** if they wish to request this “special permission” to move.
- The Committee reviews the application and renders a decision on or prior to September 15.

Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON



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### NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE

Any Player may try out for the team for which the Player is eligible within his/her Recruitment Area, provided:

- a) the player has filed a completed **AA Notification of Tryout Form**;
- b) the team has been approved to participate, by Hockey Alberta, in the “AA” Hockey Model.

“AA” Teams must allow Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA’s boundaries, but within the teams Recruitment Area, to have the opportunity of registering with the team. The top players should be selected for each team, regardless of where they reside within the Recruitment Area.

Players wishing to try out with a “AA” Team (as defined) must first complete a **AA Notification of Tryout Form** and submit to their Resident LMHA (the LMHA within whose boundaries the player resides) and the applicable host LMHA of the “AA” Team to which the player wishes to try-out for.

Residency of the player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications.

Players will be given the opportunity to try out for the Team identified within the “AA” Hockey Model as their “Resident Recruitment Area Team”. If the player does not make their Resident Recruitment Area Team, they must return to their Resident LMHA.

A second try-out *may* be granted by the League based on the needs of the teams in surrounding recruitment areas. Second try-outs are only permitted in cases where specific circumstances dictate the need for movement in order to improve the competitiveness of another Recruitment Area team and are not intended to permit players the opportunity for multiple try-outs. A second try-out will only be entertained if:

- a) Prior to September 1, a Recruitment Area has declared to the League that they are in need of players due to a low turn-out of eligible players registering for try-outs; or  
Prior to September 15, a Recruitment Area has declared a low number of players attending try-outs that are capable of playing at the “AA” level;
- b) The Recruitment Area must have gained support in accepting “Import” Players from its participating LMHA partners prior to being able to request players for a second try-out;
- c) The player’s Resident LMHA has a sufficient number of players in order to be able to offer a Team at the specific Division without said player;
- d) The player has been cut and has obtained a Letter from his/her Resident Recruitment Area team;
- e) **The player has submitted their original AA Notification of Tryout Form, along with the Letter from the Resident Recruitment Area, and the appropriate signatures to the League;**



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The League will notify the player whether or not the request will be granted and which nearby Recruitment Area the try-out has been granted for.

If approved, a player on a second try-out must be evaluated by independent evaluators for a minimum of two (2) ice times and it must be determined as to whether or not the player has made the team within seven (7) days;

A player making the designated “AA” Team will receive permission to play for the season and will be returned to his/her Resident LMHA at the end of the season.

### PLAYER ACCELERATION

The objective of the “AA” Hockey Model is to develop players within their specific age group, and not to displace the players from their age Division by facilitating the movement of underage players. All underage players will only be considered as an exception.

- (a) Underage players will only be considered if they are one year younger than the age Division they are applying to participate in;
- (b) A formal application must be submitted prior to the Evaluation Camp beginning. The player’s Resident LMHA must support the request for an Underage Player Exception by providing the necessary **AA Notification of Tryout Form**;
- (c) Along with the **AA Notification of Tryout Form**, the Player must submit a letter outlining the rationale for being considered as an Underage Player;
- (d) No underage players will be granted a second try-out;
- (e) An underage player approved for participation in the Evaluation Camp, must evaluate in the top third of skaters by position;  
  
i.e. The player must evaluate as a top three forward, top two defenseman, or the top goaltender, to make the “AA” team in question.
- (f) The underage player’s participation with the “AA” team must be determined within the first seven days of the Evaluation Camp, through a minimum of two ice times.



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### TEAM REGISTRATION

All Regional “AA” Teams will be registered in the Registry by the MHA that has been identified as the Recruitment Area Host LMHA. The Recruitment Area Host LMHA will register the team(s) in accordance with the Hockey Alberta Minor Hockey Regulations.

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players and Team Officials participating with a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before participating in their first League game. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible to compete in Provincial Play.

In order to support the ADM and to align the system of player development within Alberta, Regional “AA” Teams are not permitted to begin the player evaluation and selection process for the current season until **September 1**. Each Regional “AA” Team is provided the opportunity to utilize Exhibition and Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration. Provided that these Exhibition and Pre-Season games take place prior to the first scheduled League Game and prior to November 15, Teams will not be required to have all players identified on the roster in the Registry when playing these games.

Each Regional “AA” Team must register a minimum of 13 skaters and 2 goaltenders and will be permitted to register a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season.

*Upon receiving permission from their Branch, Team(s) from a Branch other than Hockey Alberta may apply to Hockey Alberta to be permitted to participate within the “AA” Hockey Model for league play. If approved, these inter-branch Teams will not be eligible to represent the League or Branch at a Provincial, Regional or National Championship.*

### COACH AND PLAYER SELECTION

Coach and Player selection is the responsibility of the Recruitment Area’s Host MHA.

One principle of the “AA” Hockey Model is for each Recruitment Area to consider all eligible coaches and players from the MHA’s within their Recruitment Area when selecting their team(s). Regardless of where a coach or player resides within the Recruitment Area, they should all be treated equally during the evaluation and selection process.

There are no “quotas” permitted to be exercised within the “AA” Hockey Model and there shall be no restrictions, based on place of residence, placed on the coaches or players. It is the expectation that Recruitment Areas build Teams with the best possible players and coaches available to them.



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### AFFILIATION POLICY

The Affiliation Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the “AA” Hockey Model. To allow for Affiliation within each Recruitment Area, the Regional “AA” Teams are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Recruitment Area. All players to be registered for affiliation within the “AA” Hockey Model must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Recruitment Area Host LMHA is located within.

- An “AA” minor hockey team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team’s designated geographic region (Team to Team Affiliation is not permitted).
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, Hockey Alberta’s “AA” and “AAA” Player Affiliation Agreement must be signed by all parties, and the player’s name must appear on the team’s affiliation list filed within the Branch.
- Once a player’s affiliation is approved, the player’s name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- A player, registered with a team which has a “team to team” affiliation with a higher Division/Category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.
- Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a “team to team” affiliation agreement with a higher Division /category team.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.

NOTE: All Affiliated players must reside in the Recruitment Area of the team they will be Affiliated with, in the “AA” Hockey Model.

All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the “AA” Hockey Model from any LMHA in the Recruitment Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the “AA” Hockey Model within their Recruitment Area.



## “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

### REGIONAL TEAM MANAGEMENT

The following model guides the management of the regional teams within each Recruitment Area and establishes the communication protocol that will be used in order to ensure the success of the “AA” Hockey Model.

Each Recruitment Area Host LMHA is responsible for identifying a representative that will attend regular League Meetings throughout the season in order to ensure proper communication between the League and their Regional Team(s).

Seasonal reviews have been established in order to highlight how the model is operating within the Province as well as within each Recruitment Area. Utilizing the feedback from these reviews will provide the opportunity to make amendments as necessary and ensure parity within the “AA” Hockey Model.

#### Communication with Regional “AA” Teams

- Each Recruitment Area will host meetings a minimum of two (2) times per year to discuss “AA” hockey within their area. These meetings will be chaired by a representative from the Host LMHA of the Recruitment Area. The Host LMHA will be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting to all Teams within the Recruitment Area as well as reporting feedback from the meeting back to the Hockey Alberta “AA” Hockey Committee.
- These meetings will occur at the start of the season and end of the season, with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback would be gathered and reviewed by the “AA” Hockey Committee prior to the end of the season so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, these meetings would be hosted by the member Minor Hockey Association.
- Some agenda items for these meetings will be submitted by the “AA” Hockey Committee so that there is consistency throughout the Province in the information that is being provided to / gathered from the stakeholders.

#### Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- The “AA” Hockey Model encourages MHA’s to work together to provide the best possible developmental experience for the players. The model supports moving practices and games around within the Recruitment Area in order to include the MHA’s in hosting the Regional “AA” Team and to promote the program within each community.
- Each Recruitment Area will meet a minimum of one (1) time per year with all of the MHA’s within their area to discuss “AA” hockey. This meeting would occur at the end of the season so that the feedback could be gathered and reviewed by the “AA” Hockey Committee and adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.



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- This Recruitment Area Meeting will be chaired by the Recruitment Area Host LMHA and they would be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting as well as reporting any feedback that is received to the Hockey Alberta “AA” Hockey Committee.
- Feedback will also be gathered from the LMHA’s every so often through the use of an on-line survey. The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the Hockey Alberta “AA” Hockey Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the next season.

In each of the cases above, information will be gathered through the means listed above, reviewed by the “AA” Hockey Committee, with recommendations then being sent to the CEO (or designate) of Hockey Alberta.

### PROVINCIALS

Provincial Championships for each Division within the “AA” Hockey Model will be operated by Hockey Alberta in the same manner as other Minor Hockey Provincials. Only Hockey Alberta Teams approved to participate within the “AA” Hockey Model’s Leagues / Organizations will be eligible to play in the Provincial Championship. League play will determine which Team(s) earn the right to represent their League / Organization at Provincials. **“AA” Hockey Model Leagues / Organizations must declare their representative Teams for all of the “AA” Provincial Championships at least 10 days prior to the Provincial Tournament.**

The “AA” Hockey Model will use a “AA” Provincial Championship Host Site Rotation to determine which League, and subsequently which MHA and Teams, are eligible to host the Pee wee AA, Bantam AA and Midget AA Provincial Championships.

### ARBITRATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The “AA” Hockey Model requires issues by arbitration and/or conflict resolution to be reviewed and remedied within a timely manner. The Host MHA can refer to the Hockey Alberta Game and Conduct Management Guidelines if they do not have their own clearly defined steps for an arbitration and/or conflict resolution process.

Any requests for arbitration or conflict resolution that are submitted to the MHA, in writing, need to be dealt with accordingly. Due process is required to complete a review of the situation, and upon completion of the review a written response shall be sent to the complainant.

If, after all process is exhausted at the level of the MHA, further review is required, a second level of arbitration and/or conflict resolution can be accessed at the League level. The first level of review, within the MHA, may not be bypassed in favor of League review.

In the event both levels of review were not completed to the satisfaction of the complainant, the matter may be able to be turned over to Hockey Alberta.





## **“AA” HOCKEY MODEL**

### **“AA” HOCKEY COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the “AA” Hockey Committee will be to encourage communication and development between the Regional Teams, MHA’s and Leagues and communicate those concerns and ideas to Hockey Alberta.

It shall be the responsibility of the “AA” Hockey Committee to monitor, formulate and recommend changes and improvements to the “AA” Hockey Model. Upon Hockey Alberta approving a recommendation from the Committee, they shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the implementation of that decision.

The “AA” Hockey Committee shall consist of a representative from each “AA” Hockey League / Organization as well as two representatives from Hockey Alberta’s Minor Regulation Committee. The Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times per year to discuss the “AA” Hockey Model and any topics that have been brought forth through the Recruitment Area meetings.

The Terms of Reference of the “AA” Hockey Committee are:

- Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Players, Teams and Leagues related to the “AA” Hockey Model;
- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) on the Recruitment Areas based on recommendations and statistics;
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance amongst the leagues involved;
- Make recommendations in areas of expanding and/or reducing of Recruitment Areas to ensure that they fit within the established criteria;
- Make recommendations in areas of reduction and additions of Teams within the Recruitment Areas with input from the Teams ensuring that they fit within the established criteria;
- Develop a mechanism to encourage communication between Leagues on matters related to the development of players.

# FEMALE HOCKEY A.D.M.





## FEMALE HOCKEY ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL

### INTRODUCTION

After a thorough review of Female Hockey within Alberta, Hockey Alberta implemented an entirely new Female Hockey Model beginning in the 2016-2017 season. The new model focuses on player development and provides players a system of hockey to develop their skills within. Over the course of the review the feedback that was gathered stated very clearly that the players and stakeholders within the female game were not satisfied with the female hockey system in Alberta and it needed to change. Two items that were highlighted from that process were that the number of teams at the highest level of Midget hockey had to decrease and that a developmental system had to be built to help players develop skills and progress to the next level of hockey.

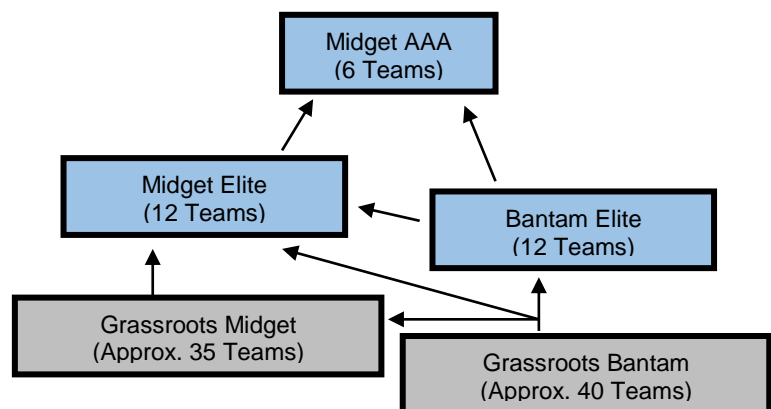
In the past Alberta has seen more than 20% of all Midget and bantam female players playing under the “AAA” title. This, along with the lack of a developmental level of hockey to provide support, was identified as a large part of the problem. There were players being moved up to a level that their skills were not capable of placing them at and, on the contrary, players were being forced to play on teams with beginners when their own skill set exceeded that level. This new model provides structure for the top two levels of Midget (AAA and Elite) as well as the top level of Bantam (Elite) hockey. The Elite level provides the players with an opportunity to play at a level that enables skill development and focuses on helping them get to the next level, bridging the gap between grassroots programs and AAA.

### PRINCIPLES

1. A standardized Province wide system of hockey that provides the opportunity for female players to develop and progress from Grassroots hockey through to Elite hockey and up into Team Alberta’s High Performance programs.
2. Defined criteria determining the appropriate number of Teams within each Category as well as the terms and conditions under which the teams operate. Establishes an environment that provides players with the opportunity to access the level of hockey they are capable of playing at; from grassroots programs progressing up to elite level opportunities for “Elite” players.
3. Foster development by providing an opportunity for players to access Grassroots teams within close proximity to their home town, to access the Elite Developmental program Regionally within a reasonable distance of travel and to access the “AAA” program within the Province with no defined boundaries.

### STRUCTURE

This document provides specific rules and regulations that apply to the MHA’s and Teams operating within the Alberta Development Model – Female Hockey. All Minor Hockey Regulations apply, unless regulations within this model alter the meaning of said Regulations for the purpose of “AAA” and “Elite” Hockey.





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### CRITICAL DATES

<b>June 15</b>	Commitments can start being made via the “Player Agreement”
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Deadline for Elite Player Movement Applications; Deadline for Exceptional Player Status Applications;
<b>August 15<sup>th</sup></b>	“AAA” Try-Outs can start;
<b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	“Elite” Midget and Bantam Try-Outs can start;
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	All Second Try-Outs for “AAA” must be completed; “AAA” Regular Season schedule can begin;
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	All Second Try-Outs for “Elite” must be completed; “Elite” Regular Season schedules can begin;
<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Deadline for MHA’s to file Affiliation;
<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Final date to Register a Player to or Release a Player from a Team;
<b>March</b>	Provincial Championships;
<b>April</b>	Pacific Regional Championship (“Midget AAA”) Esso Cup (“Midget AAA”)

### DRAW ZONES / RECRUITMENT AREAS

There are no established Draw Zones or Recruitment Areas for teams categorized as “AAA” Midget. All players are eligible to try out for any of the teams within this category.

In order to make it fair and equitable for all “Elite” Midget and Bantam Teams, Recruitment Areas have been established. These Recruitment Areas ensure there is an opportunity for all players that want to, and have the skill to, play within the “Elite” category the ability to do so. The Recruitment Areas establish a consistent development system for players of all levels throughout the Province.

- Recruitment Areas for each Team do not overlap;
- Entire Minor Hockey Associations are within specific Recruitment Areas and not split;
- Each Recruitment Area has had a Host Minor Hockey Association identified within it and this Host MHA is responsible for operating the “Elite” Team(s) as identified for the area, in accordance with this Female Hockey ADM.
- Recruitment Areas are based on registration numbers, geographic location and travel time to the Host Minor Hockey Association.



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### "ELITE" MIDGET AND BANTAM RECRUITMENT AREAS

North West		West Capital		Edmonton		East Capital	
Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Fairview Ft. Vermilion Fox Creek Grande Cache <b>Grande Prairie</b> Grimshaw Grovedale High Level High Prairie Hines Creek Horse Lake Hythe	La Crete La Glace Manning Loon River Nampa Peace River Rainbow Lake Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Slave Lake Smoky River Spirit River Valleyview Wembley	Athabasca Barrhead Boyle CNN CR Fort McMurray Lac La Biche Mayerthorpe Onoway Plamondon Sangudo <b>St. Albert</b> Sturgeon Swan Hills Thorhild	Wabasca Westlock Whitecourt	<b>Hockey Edmonton</b>		Andrew Bruderheim Fort Saskatchewan Holden Josephburg Lamont Mundare Redwater <b>Sherwood Park</b> Smoky Lake Strathcona Tofield	
North East		North Central		Central		South Central	
Battle River Bonnyville Chauvin Cold Lake Dewberry Edgerton Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Goodfish Lake Hardisty Hughenden Irma Kikino Kitscoty	<b>Lloydminster</b> Mallaig Mannville Marwayne Onion Lake Paradise Valley Provost Saddle Lake St. Paul Two Hills Vegreville Vermilion Viking Wainwright	Beaumont Calmar Camrose Devon Drayton Valley Edson Enoch Hinton Jasper <b>Leduc</b> Maskwacis Millet New Sarepta Pembina	Rosalind Spruce Grove Stony Plain Thorsby Warburg Wetaskiwin Winfield	3C's Alix Bashaw Bentley Big Valley Blackfalds Caroline Clive Delburne Eckville Endmoor Innisfail Lacombe	Ponoka <b>Red Deer</b> Rimbey Rocky Spruce View Stettler Sylvan Lake Thunderstars	<b>Airdrie</b> Banff Beiseker Bowden Canmore Carstairs Cochrane Cremona Crossfield Didsbury Drumheller Hanna	Kneehill Mini Thni Morrin <b>Olds</b> Oyen Sundre
Calgary		Foothills		South			
* 2 Teams *		Blackie Chestermere Foothills High Country Hussar Indus Nanton <b>Okotoks</b> Rockyford Siksika Strathmore Standard		Bassano Bow Island Brooks Cardston Claresholm Coaldale Crowsnest Pass Duchess Foremost Fort MacLeod Irvine Kainai <b>Lethbridge</b>	Lomond Magrath Medicine Hat Picture Butte Piikani Nation Pincher Creek Raymond Redcliff Taber Vauxhall Vulcan Warner		

- MHA's Hosting Midget and Bantam "Elite" programs are listed in **bold**



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### EXPANSION / REDUCTION OF TEAMS

The Female Hockey ADM has defined the maximum number of Teams that are permitted at each Division and Category within Alberta. Teams have been allotted based on registration statistics and historical data. The annual review process provides an opportunity to identify any need to expand or contract the number of teams within this model.

By **March 1**, an MHA has the ability to apply to Hockey Alberta for expansion or reduction of the number of teams within their area for the upcoming season. The application must be based on the following criteria:

1. Registration numbers have been reviewed to determine the appropriate number of players available for the Division.
2. Each Recruitment Area must include a minimum of one team for each Division (Bantam and Midget).
3. Historical statistics have been reviewed to determine how competitive the teams have been within the Province.
4. Player development is the most important factor in the rationale.

### FEMALE HOCKEY ADM COMMITTEE / LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Hockey Alberta has established the Female Hockey ADM Committee to operate League play, under the banner of the **Alberta Female Hockey League**, for the “AAA” and “Elite” levels of Female hockey in Alberta. The committee will conduct the day-to-day operations of League play in accordance with the established Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures. The Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL), is the only sanctioned league to operate “AAA” and “Elite” Female Hockey in Alberta.

The Female Hockey ADM Committee will be appointed in accordance with Hockey Alberta operating procedures and shall consist of the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Midget AAA Director
- Midget Elite Director
- Bantam Elite Director

The Committee will meet with the member MHA’s a minimum of two (2) times per year to discuss the model and any topics that have been brought forth through the Recruitment Area meetings. The member MHA’s that have been assigned as hosts within the ADM will have voting rights assigned to them during these regular meetings.

The Female Hockey ADM Committee’s duties include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Encourage communication between the Teams, MHA’s and the committee in order to develop and grow female hockey in Alberta;
- (b) Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Players, Teams and MHA’s related to the Female Hockey ADM;
- (c) Review and recommend changes (if necessary) with respect to the reduction and addition of Teams, as well as on the assignment of MHA’s within the Recruitment Areas;



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- (d) Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance;
- (e) Set and operate a Regular Season League schedule based on guidelines as outlined in the Female Hockey ADM;
- (f) Coordinate Playoffs to determine a Provincial Champion;
- (g) Administer Discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Regulations for conduct and rule violations;
- (h) Host League meetings for the members to discuss the game and make recommendations for change to the ADM;
- (i) Implement rules with regard to how the league operates day to day (i.e. - game times, tie-breaking procedures);

### PLAYER MOVEMENT

Midget “AAA” - As there are no defined boundaries for Midget “AAA” teams, players are eligible to move to access their first try out with any team that is defined and approved to operate within this Female Hockey ADM.

- Players will obtain the necessary permission from their Resident LMHA (if required), in accordance with the Notification of Try Out Procedures.
- Once a player has declared a Midget “AAA” team they wish to play for, upon being selected and registered to that team, the player is not permitted to move onto another Midget “AAA” team without first obtaining an Elite Waiver form and permission from their last registered team (this includes movement from one season to another).

Midget and Bantam “Elite” - Players are expected to try out for the Recruitment Area Team that draws from the Local Minor Hockey Association the player is resident in.

- Players will obtain the necessary permission from their Resident LMHA (if required), in accordance with the Notification of Try Out Procedures.
- Players will not be considered “Import” Players to the Recruitment Area Team in which their Resident Local Minor Hockey Association is located.
- The Players’ Resident Minor Hockey Association may not refuse to give permission to a player that wishes to try out for his/her Resident Recruitment Area Team.

Players are only permitted to try out within a Recruitment Area that is not their Resident LMHA’s Recruitment Area with special permission from the Female Hockey ADM Committee.

- Players should only request this movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. Considerably closer for travel, move without parent transfers).
- Players file an application, using the Elite Player Movement Form and supporting documentation, through the Hockey Alberta office prior to **July 1** if they wish to request this “special permission” to move.
- The Committee reviews the application and renders a decision on or prior to August 15.

**Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON**



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### NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE

Any Player may try out for the team(s) for which the Player is eligible, based on the Player Movement section outlined above, provided that:

- a) the player has filed a completed Notification of Try Out (NTO) form with the host LMHA;
- b) the team has been approved to participate, by Hockey Alberta, in the Female Hockey ADM.

**“AAA” Teams must allow all Non-Resident Players the opportunity to try out and register with the team. “Elite” Teams must allow all Non-Resident Player from outside the host LMHA’s boundaries, but within the teams Recruitment Area, to have the opportunity to try out and register with the team. The top, eligible, players should be selected for each team, regardless of where they reside.**

It is incumbent upon the Host LMHA to ensure they have a plan for accommodating non-resident players. This would include preparing information related to the following:

- Living arrangements for players that need/want to be billeted if they make the team
- Schooling so the player can maintain their academics
- Tryouts scheduled appropriately to ensure out of town players can properly participate

Players wishing to try out with a Midget “AAA” or Midget / Bantam “Elite” Team must first complete a Notification to Try Out Form and submit it to their Resident LMHA (the LMHA within whose boundaries the player resides), and the applicable host LMHA of the Team that the player wishes to try-out for. ***Note – If the team the player is wishing to try out for is hosted within the Player’s Resident LMHA they are not required to submit this form.***

**“AAA”** – A player may choose a maximum of two (2) Midget “AAA” teams to try out for by naming both teams on their Notification to Try Out form. If the player does not make the first team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- move onto the second Midget “AAA” team they requested to try out for by obtaining an Elite Waiver form;
- return to their Resident LMHA in order to obtain permission to try out for an “Elite” program;
- return to their Resident LMHA to access other minor hockey programs.

**“Elite”** - A player must try out for the team in the Recruitment Area where the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process). If the player does not make their Resident Recruitment Area team they have the following options:

- request that the Female Hockey ADM Committee direct them to move onto a second “Elite” try out by attaching an Elite Waiver form to their original NTO;
- return to their Resident LMHA to access other minor hockey programs.

*Players will not be afforded the opportunity to access more than two (2) try outs within a specific category of hockey. A player making any designated “AAA” or “Elite” Team will receive permission to play for the season and will be returned to her Resident LMHA at the end of the season.*





## FEMALE HOCKEY ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL

### PLAYER ACCELERATION

One objective of the Female Hockey ADM is to develop players within their specific age group, and not to displace the players from their age Division by facilitating the movement of underage players. Underage players will only be considered as an exception if they are deemed to be an *“Exceptional Player”*.

**Only second year bantam aged players will be considered for acceleration to Midget “AAA”; there will be no acceleration for Peewee to Bantam, or Bantam to Midget Elite under the Female ADM.**

In order to be considered for “Exceptional Player” status, applications must be submitted to the Female Hockey ADM Committee on or before **July 1**.

- a) **Applicants must fill out, in its entirety, the Female ADM Player Acceleration Application package and provide all the necessary documentation requested;**
- b) Applications will be evaluated by the ADM Committee, in consultation with Team Alberta program staff;
- c) No underage players will be granted a second try-out **at the accelerated division;**
- d) Decisions will be communicated to the player and applicable Host MHA(s) in writing on or before **August 1**.

### TEAM REGISTRATION

All “AAA” and “Elite” Teams will be registered in the Registry by the MHA that has been identified as the Host LMHA. The Host LMHA will register the team(s) in accordance with the Hockey Alberta Regulations.

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players and Team Officials participating with a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before participating in their first League game. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible to compete in Provincial Play.

In order to support the Female Hockey ADM and to align the system of player development within Alberta, “AAA” Teams are not permitted to begin the player evaluation and selection process for the current season until **August 15** and “Elite” Teams until **September 1**.

- **Exception: Midget “AAA” teams are permitted to commit to a maximum of five (5) skaters and one (1) goaltender prior to August 15. This will be completed through the “Player Agreement” process.**

Each “AAA” and “Elite” Team will be required to obtain a commitment, in writing, from all players prior to registering them in the Registry (refer to the “Player Agreement” process).

Each Team is provided the opportunity to utilize Exhibition and Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration. Provided that Exhibition and Pre-Season games take place prior to the first scheduled League Game and prior to November 15, Teams will not be required to have all players identified on the roster in the Registry when playing these games.



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Each Midget AAA Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season.

Each Bantam Elite and Midget Elite Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season. Additionally, each Bantam Elite and Midget Elite Team is required to register a minimum of 15 skaters and 1 goaltender at any one time during the season.

### PLAYER AGREEMENTS

In order to be eligible to play during the regular season and playoffs / provincials, all players must sign a "Player Agreement" form with the team that wishes to register them. **Between June 15 and August 15**, each Midget "AAA" team has the ability to formally commit to a maximum of five (5) skaters and one (1) goaltender. All commitments must be made formally by using the "Player Agreement" form.

Please note that underage players are not eligible to sign a "Player Agreement" prior to try outs as their participation must be approved in accordance with the Player Acceleration process.

### COACH AND PLAYER SELECTION

Coach and Player selection is the responsibility of the Host MHA. One principle of the Female Hockey ADM is for each Team to consider all eligible coaches and players when selecting their team(s). Regardless of where a coach or player resides, provided they are eligible to try out and/or be selected, they should all be treated equally during the evaluation and selection process.

There are no "quotas" permitted to be exercised within the Female Hockey ADM and there shall be no restrictions, based on place of residence, placed on the coaches or players. It is the expectation that Teams are built with the best possible players and coaches available to them.

### AFFILIATION POLICY

The Affiliation Policy within the Female Hockey ADM is used to accommodate athlete development and provide an opportunity for players to experience the higher level of hockey.

- Midget "AAA" Teams are permitted to affiliate ***Midget Elite, Midget A and Midget B*** registered players regardless of the player's home MHA in relation to the AAA host center.
- **Midget Elite Teams are permitted to affiliate Midget aged players that are registered on a lower category team ("A" or "B") provided they reside within the Elite Team's regional recruitment area.**

**Exception: Midget Elite teams can apply to the Female ADM Committee to have a maximum of four (4) players affiliated to their team provided they are registered to the Recruitment Area's Bantam Elite Team.**



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- **Bantam Elite Teams are permitted to affiliate Bantam aged players that are registered on a lower category team (“A” or “B”) provided they reside within the Elite Team’s regional recruitment area.**

**Exception: Midget Elite teams can apply to the Female ADM Committee to have a maximum of four (4) Peewee aged players affiliated to their team provided they reside within the Elite Team’s regional Recruitment Area.**

All players to be registered for affiliation within the Female Hockey ADM must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Host LMHA is located within.

- A team may affiliate a maximum of nineteen (19) players from within the team’s designated geographic region (Team to Team Affiliation is not permitted).
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player’s name must appear on the team’s affiliation list filed within the Branch.
- Once a player’s affiliation is approved, the player’s name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- A player, registered with a team which has a “team to team” affiliation with a higher Division/Category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.
- Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a “team to team” affiliation agreement with a higher Division /category team.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.
- All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

### TEAM MANAGEMENT

The following model guides the management of the teams within the Female Hockey ADM and establishes the communication protocol that will be used in order to ensure the success of the model.

Each Host LMHA is responsible for identifying a representative that will attend regular League Meetings throughout the season in order to ensure proper communication between the Female Hockey ADM Committee and their Host MHA / Team(s).

Seasonal reviews have been established in order to highlight how the model is operating within the Province as well as within each area. Utilizing the feedback from these reviews will provide the opportunity to make amendments as necessary and ensure parity within the Female Hockey ADM.



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### Communication with Female Hockey ADM Teams

- Each Host LMHA will host meetings a minimum of two (2) times per year to discuss hockey within their area. These meetings will be chaired by a representative from the Host LMHA. The Host LMHA will be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting to all Teams as well as reporting feedback from the meeting back to the Female Hockey ADM Committee.
- These meetings will occur at the start of the season and end of the season, with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback could be gathered and reviewed by the ADM Committee prior to the end of the season so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, these meetings would be hosted by the member Minor Hockey Association.
- Some agenda items for these meetings will be submitted by the ADM Committee so that there is consistency throughout the Province in the information that is being provided to / gathered from the stakeholders.

### Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- The Female Hockey ADM encourages MHA's to work together to provide the best possible developmental experience for the players. The model supports moving practices and games around in order to include the MHA's in the model and to promote the program within each community.
- Each "Elite" Team Host LMHA will host a meeting a minimum of one (1) time per year with all of the MHA's within their Recruitment Area. This meeting would occur at the end of the season so that the feedback could be gathered and reviewed by the ADM Committee and adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- This Recruitment Area Meeting will be chaired by the Recruitment Area Host LMHA and they would be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting as well as reporting any feedback that is received to the ADM Committee.
- Feedback will also be gathered from the LMHA's every so often through the use of an on-line survey. The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the ADM Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the next season.

In each of the cases, information will be gathered through the means listed above, reviewed by the ADM Committee, with recommendations then being sent to the CEO (or designate) of Hockey Alberta.

### **PROVINCIALS**

Provincial Championships for each Category within the Female Hockey ADM will be operated by Hockey Alberta and teams participating in the Championship will be determined through League play.

Only Hockey Alberta Teams approved to participate within the Female Hockey ADM will be eligible to play in the Provincial Championship.



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### **ARBITRATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

The Female Hockey ADM requires issues by arbitration and/or conflict resolution to be reviewed and remedied within a timely manner. The Host MHA can refer to the Hockey Alberta Conduct Management Guidelines if they do not have their own clearly defined steps for an arbitration and/or conflict resolution process.

Any requests for arbitration or conflict resolution that are submitted to the MHA, in writing, need to be dealt with accordingly. Due process is required to complete a review of the situation, and upon completion of the review a written response shall be sent to the complainant.

If, after all process is exhausted at the level of the MHA, further review is required, a second level of arbitration and/or conflict resolution can be accessed through the Female Hockey ADM Committee. The first level of review, within the MHA, may not be bypassed in favor of an ADM review.

APPENDIX "IV"



# MALE HOCKEY A.D.M.





## **MALE HOCKEY ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In 2007, at the direction of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors a committee was formed to develop a process to enable Alberta's top hockey athletes to compete at the highest level in a fair and equitable manner. The focus of the process deals with the elite system within Hockey Alberta and provides for the development of the elite athlete reflecting an "Alberta Made Development Model".

The idea is to provide guidance and direction so that player opportunity and movement is done in recognition of the needs of the player and the teams involved. The guiding principle that has unanimous consensus is the agreement at all times for making responsible decisions and everyone will act in the best interest of the athlete's ability to play at an elite level. It further recognizes and supports that each athlete has the right to consider all options.

The document is based on four (4) principles and uses these principles to create a system that better meet the needs of the athlete as they progress through the system of development. This document creates an improved development system providing a positive experience for all participants through improved communications and a better understanding of the principles.

### **PHILOSOPHY OF LEAGUES WITHIN THE ELITE STREAM OF HOCKEY**

#### PRINCIPLES

The four (4) agreed upon principles of the Alberta Development Model are as follows

1.
  - a) Accept a "Made and Played in Alberta" philosophy.
  - b) Hockey Alberta establishes an outlined system of development that starts at Bantam AAA and concludes at Major Junior (Bantam AAA, Minor Midget AAA, Midget AAA, Junior A, and Major Junior).
  - c) All Elite Leagues and Local Minor Hockey Associations are to focus on moving players through the system to the next level.
2. A mechanism is developed to encourage communication between Elite Level Leagues on matters related to the Development Model.
3. The Alberta Development Model will include criteria to determine an appropriate number of Teams within each League and the terms and conditions under which these Teams will operate. Elite Level Teams will provide elite level opportunities for the top players within their Boundaries.
4. Establish an Affiliation structure that accommodates athlete development under the development model.
  - Leagues and Teams within the development system shall be known as the "Elite Stream" of hockey.
  - Leagues, Conferences and Teams within the Elite Stream are not allowed to have Bylaws and Regulations that impact the development system. All Bylaw and Regulation changes are to be approved by Hockey Alberta.
  - Sanctions will be imposed for any non-compliance to the principles established within the Alberta Development Model and is to be enforced by Hockey Alberta.



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### DEFINITIONS

The following definitions for words and phrases are to be applied solely for the purposes of the Alberta Development Model and may or may not be the same as those definitions as outlined in the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Bylaws and Regulations.

1. “Alberta Development Model” or “ADM” means the document established by Hockey Alberta that was developed to provide Alberta players with a program that focuses on the development of the elite athlete;
2. “Affiliation” means the process that provides the opportunity for higher Division/Category teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the Hockey Canada Playing Rules;
3. “Affiliated Player” shall mean a Player, referred to and approved by Hockey Alberta, as eligible to play for a team in a higher Category/Division than the team in the Category/Division with whom the Player is registered;
4. “Board” means the Board of Directors of Hockey Alberta;
5. “Boundaries” shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one LMHA from another, and defines that area from which each LMHA may register participants as Resident Players;
6. “Bylaws” mean the Bylaws of the League(s) as approved by Hockey Alberta;
7. “Category(ies)” means the sub-divisions of Divisions as follows “AAA, AA, A, B, C, D, Minor, Major”;
8. “Conferences” means those sub-divisions of a League used to separate areas of a League as follows “North, South, Central, etc.”;
9. “Division” means one of the following: Junior, Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, and Initiation;
10. “Elite Draw Zone Area” or EDZA shall mean that line, in accordance with recognized Boundaries and determined by Hockey Alberta, that separates one draw area of the Elite Stream from another, and defines the area by which Teams in the Elite Stream can access Players from. In the instance of more than one (1) team in a specific division/category within the recognized EDZA, the area that they will be able to draw players from shall be agreed to between themselves and approved by HA. In the event of the teams being unable to agree, Hockey Alberta shall set the boundaries.
11. “Elite Hockey” means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA, and Bantam AAA);
12. Geographical Sub Division – may include a city, town, municipality, rural area or zone as established from time to time by a Branch within its own jurisdiction.





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13. "Import Player" shall be defined in elite hockey as a non-resident / import / resident player who resides in one Elite Draw Zone Area and registers with a team in another Elite Draw Zone Area. Note: All import players will be automatically released back to their resident LMHA's at the end of the hockey season.
14. "League" means those groups of teams (Bantam AAA, Midget AAA and Minor Midget AAA) forming province wide leagues as recognized by Hockey Alberta for the purpose of participating in the elite stream, which has adopted Bylaws and Regulations that are consistent with the Alberta Development Model and Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and are approved by the Board of Hockey Alberta;
15. "Local Minor Hockey Association" or "LMHA" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Alberta, are approved by the Board of Hockey Alberta;
16. "Non Resident Player" shall be defined in elite hockey as a Player who resides outside of the Boundaries of the host LMHA of the Elite Team but within the boundaries of the Elite Draw Zone Area that the Player is registered with in any playing season;
 

**NOTE:** All non-resident / import players registering on Elite teams will be automatically released back to their resident LMHA's at the end of the hockey season.
17. "Notification of Try-Out Form" shall be defined as the designated Hockey Alberta form used by Players to try-out with teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey.
18. "Provincials" means the Hockey Alberta playoff competition;
19. "Regulations" means those regulations of League(s), approved by Hockey Alberta, used for the administration and advancement of Hockey;
20. Registry – means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register all players and coaches
21. "Release" means the unconditional discharge of a Player from a LMHA;
22. "Resident Player" shall be defined in elite hockey as a Player who resides within the Boundaries of the host LMHA of the Elite Team that the Player is registered with in any Playing Season;
23. "Stakeholders" means those Leagues, LMHA's, Clubs, and Teams involved in the Elite Stream;



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### **ELITE DRAW ZONE AREAS**

In order to make it fair and equitable for all teams within the Elite Stream, “Elite Draw Zone Areas” have been established. These Elite Draw Zone Areas are to be used to establish a feeder system throughout the Minor Elite Stream.

Hockey Alberta has limited the number of Leagues at each of the Divisions of the development system to one (1) league (Bantam AAA, Midget AAA, and Minor Midget AAA) and established Conferences that focus on minimized travel requirements and lower costs for regular season play.

Hockey Alberta has established consistent Elite Draw Zone Areas that allow for a feeder system under Midget AAA.

- Elite Draw Zone Areas for each Division/Category within the elite structure do not overlap.
- Entire Minor Hockey Associations are within specific Draw Zones and not split.

Provincial Championships at each level of the Elite Stream are to be determined via League Play. Only Elite League teams will be eligible to play in the Championships.

The winner of the AMHL will be the sole representative to the HC Midget National Championship.

The winner of the AMBHL will be the sole representative to the Western Canada Bantam Regional Championship.

### **EXPANSION & REDUCTION OF LEAGUES**

Expansion and reduction of teams in the Leagues within the Elite Stream will be based on the following criteria:

1. Hockey Alberta registration numbers are to be used, in conjunction with other factors, in determining an appropriate draw ratio of available players per Division.
2. Each Elite Draw Zone Area will include a minimum of one Midget “AAA” team, one Minor Midget AAA team and one Bantam AAA team.
3. Historical statistics will be reviewed to determine how competitive the Teams within that Draw Zone have been within the Province.
4. Player Development is the most important factor in the rationale for expansion or reduction.
5. Teams must still allow Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA Boundaries but within the Team’s Draw Zone. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best players from within a Team’s Draw Zone.
6. Expansion requests will consider the possible effects to existing teams / programs and the existing number of teams within the same Category.
7. All changes to the draw zones, expansion and contraction of teams, will be the responsibility of the Male ADM Committee to review. All submissions for changes must be submitted in writing prior to January 30 in order to be considered for the next season.



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### MIDGET AAA DRAW AREAS & FEEDER SYSTEM

Lethbridge Midget AAA		Okotoks Midget AAA	
Bassano Bow Island Brooks Cardston Claresholm Coaldale Crowsnest Pass Duchess Foremost Fort MacLeod Irvine Kainai	Lethbridge Lomond Magrath Medicine Hat Oyen Picture Butte Piikani Nation Pincher Creek Raymond Redcliff Taber Vauxhall Warner	Blackie Chestermere Foothills High Country Hussar Indus	Nanton Okotoks Rockyford Siksika Standard Strathmore Vulcan
Medicine Hat Minor Midget AAA	Lethbridge Minor Midget AAA	Okotoks Minor Midget AAA	
Bassano Bow Island Brooks Duchess Foremost Irvine Medicine Hat Oyen Redcliff	Cardston Claresholm Coaldale Crowsnest Pass Fort MacLeod Kainai Lethbridge Lomond Magrath Picture Butte Piikani Nation Pincher Creek Raymond Taber Vauxhall Warner	Blackie Chestermere Foothills High Country Hussar Indus	Nanton Okotoks Rockyford Siksika Standard Strathmore Vulcan
Medicine Hat Bantam AAA	Lethbridge Bantam AAA	Okotoks Bantam AAA	
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Airdrie Midget AAA		Red Deer Midget AAA	
Airdrie Banff Beiseker Canmore Carstairs Cochrane Cremona	Crossfield Didsbury Drumheller Hanna Kneehill Mini Thni Morrin	Alix Bentley Big Valley Blackfalds Bowden Caroline Clive Delburne Eckville Endmoor Innisfail	Lacombe Olds Red Deer Rimbey Rocky Mountain House Spruce View Stettler Sundre Sylvan Lake
Airdrie Minor Midget AAA		Red Deer Minor Midget AAA	
Airdrie Banff Beiseker Canmore Carstairs Cochrane Cremona	Crossfield Didsbury Drumheller Hanna Kneehill Mini Thni Morrin	Alix Bentley Big Valley Blackfalds Bowden Caroline Clive Delburne Eckville Endmoor Innisfail	Lacombe Olds Red Deer Rimbey Rocky Mountain House Spruce View Stettler Sundre Sylvan Lake
Airdrie Bantam AAA		Red Deer Bantam AAA	
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Leduc Midget AAA		Fort Saskatchewan Midget AAA	
Beaumont	Millet	Andrew	Mundare
Calmar	New Sarepta	Athabasca	Plamondon
Devon	Pembina	Boyle	Redwater
Drayton Valley	Ponoka	Bruderheim	Saddle Lake
Edson	Thorsby	CNN	Smoky Lake
Hinton	Warburg	Fort McMurray	St. Paul
Jasper	Wetaskiwin	Fort Saskatchewan	Sturgeon Hockey
Leduc	Winfield	Goodfish Lake	Thorhild
Maskwacis		Josephburg	Two Hills
		Kikino	Vegreville
		La La Biche	Wabasca
		Lamont	Westlock
Leduc Minor Midget AAA		Fort Saskatchewan Minor Midget AAA	
Beaumont	Millet	Andrew	Mundare
Calmar	New Sarepta	Athabasca	Plamondon
Devon	Pembina	Boyle	Redwater
Drayton Valley	Ponoka	Bruderheim	Saddle Lake
Edson	Thorsby	CNN	Smoky Lake
Hinton	Warburg	Fort McMurray	St. Paul
Jasper	Wetaskiwin	Fort Saskatchewan	Sturgeon Hockey
Leduc	Winfield	Goodfish Lake	Thorhild
Maskwacis		Josephburg	Two Hills
		Kikino	Vegreville
		La La Biche	Wabasca
		Lamont	Westlock
Leduc Bantam AAA		Fort Saskatchewan Bantam AAA	
Beaumont	Millet	Andrew	Mundare
Calmar	New Sarepta	Athabasca	Plamondon
Devon	Pembina	Boyle	Redwater
Drayton Valley	Ponoka	Bruderheim	Saddle Lake
Edson	Thorsby	CNN	Smoky Lake
Hinton	Warburg	Fort McMurray	St. Paul
Jasper	Wetaskiwin	Fort Saskatchewan	Sturgeon Hockey
Leduc	Winfield	Goodfish Lake	Thorhild
Maskwacis		Josephburg	Two Hills
		Kikino	Vegreville
		La La Biche	Wabasca
		Lamont	Westlock



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Sherwood Park Midget AAA		St. Albert Midget AAA	
<p>Bashaw Battle River Camrose Holden Rosalind</p>		<p>Sherwood Park Strathcona Thunderstars Tofield Viking</p>	
<p>Barrhead CR Knights Enoch Fox Creek Mayerthorpe Onoway</p>		<p>Sangudo Spruce Grove Stony Plain St. Albert Swan Hills Whitecourt</p>	
Sherwood Park Minor Midget AAA	Camrose Minor Midget AAA	St. Albert Minor Midget AAA	Spruce Grove Minor Midget AAA
<p>Sherwood Park Strathcona</p>	<p>Bashaw Battle River Camrose Holden Rosalind Sedgewick Thunderstars Tofield Viking</p>	<p>Barrhead CR Knights St Albert</p>	<p>Enoch Fox Creek Mayerthorpe Onoway Sangudo Spruce Grove Stony Plain Swan Hills Whitecourt</p>
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<p>Sherwood Park Strathcona</p>	<p>Bashaw Battle River Camrose Holden Rosalind Sedgewick Thunderstars Tofield Viking</p>	<p>Barrhead CR Knights St Albert</p>	<p>Enoch Fox Creek Mayerthorpe Onoway Sangudo Spruce Grove Stony Plain Swan Hills Whitecourt</p>



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<b>Lloydminster Midget AAA</b>	<b>Grande Prairie Midget AAA</b>
<p>3Cs Bonnyville Chauvin Cold Lake Dewberry Edgerton Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Hardisty Hughenden</p> <p>Irma Kitscoty Lloydminster Mallaig Mannville Marwayne Onion Lake Paradise Valley Provost Vermilion Wainwright</p>	<p>Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Fairview Fort Vermilion Grande Cache Grande Prairie Grimshaw Grovedale High Level High Prairie Hines Creek Horse Lake Hythe La Crete</p> <p>La Glace Loon River Manning Nampa Peace River Rainbow Lake Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Slave Lake Smoky River Spirit River Valleyview Wembley</p>
<b>Lloydminster Minor Midget AAA</b>	<b>Grande Prairie Minor Midget AAA</b>
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<b>Lloydminster Bantam AAA</b>	<b>Grande Prairie Bantam AAA</b>
<p>3Cs Bonnyville Chauvin Cold Lake Dewberry Edgerton Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Hardisty Hughenden</p> <p>Irma Kitscoty Lloydminster Mallaig Mannville Marwayne Onion Lake Paradise Valley Provost Vermilion Wainwright</p>	<p>Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Fairview Fort Vermilion Grande Cache Grande Prairie Grimshaw Grovedale High Level High Prairie Hines Creek Horse Lake Hythe La Crete</p> <p>La Glace Loon River Manning Nampa Peace River Rainbow Lake Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Slave Lake Smoky River Spirit River Valleyview Wembley</p>



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Calgary Midget AAA	Edmonton Midget AAA
4 Midget AAA	4 Midget AAA
Minor Midget AAA	Minor Midget AAA
8 Minor Midget AAA	4 Minor Midget AAA
Bantam AAA	Bantam AAA
4 Bantam AAA	4 Bantam AAA





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### **ELITE PLAYER MOVEMENT**

The following are Elite Player Movement Procedures for any player who wishes to move from his permanent residence to access his first try out with an Elite team outside his resident draw zone.

- Players are expected to play for the Elite Draw Zone Team that draws from the Team/Local Minor Hockey Association the player is resident in. If, however, a player wishes to move the following application process must be followed:
  - The player should only request movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. considerably closer for travel).
  - The player completes a Player Movement Application Form and has it signed by all necessary parties (as outlined on the form).
  - Player submits the Player Movement Application and supporting documents by July 1st (no exceptions) to the Hockey Alberta office.
  - Hockey Alberta Office notifies the players resident Elite Draw Zone Team and Local Minor Hockey Association that the player has submitted an application to move.
  - The resident Elite Draw Zone Team / Local Minor Hockey Association is asked to respond within Five (5) days with their comments on the application.
  - The HA office ensures documentation is complete and submits the request to the Male ADM Committee in July (a decision will be rendered prior to August 1).
  - The committee reviews the application which includes the Local Minor Hockey Association and Elite Draw Zone Team's comments.
  - The committee approves or denies movement.
  - Notification of decision will be sent out from the Hockey Alberta Office to the Player, LMHA, Elite Draw Zone Teams involved, and the appropriate League(s).
  - If approved, the Player MUST access their first try out within the Elite Draw Zone they have been approved to attend. Players will not be permitted to try out for another Elite Team unless this newly approved first try out is exhausted first.
  - In the case that an affected member is dissatisfied with the decision, the Hockey Alberta Appeals process may be accessed.

Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON

### **ADM COMMUNICATION MODEL**

The following communication model will be used for communications with LMHA's and elite teams as outlined by the ADM.

#### Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- Feedback is to be gathered from the LMHA's every year.
- This feedback will be done through a on-line survey that will be used to gather feedback from the general membership in regards to how the ADM is doing with their LMHA and the draw area of which they are apart of.
- The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the Male ADM Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season. This feedback survey will be similar to the agenda for the Elite Draw Zone team meetings



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### Communication with Elite Draw Areas and Elite Teams

- Each Draw Zone Area will meet two (2) times per year to discuss elite hockey within their area and the ADM in general. These meetings would occur at the start and end of the season with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback would be gathered and reviewed by the Male ADM Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- The purpose of the meetings is to ensure that the development of the players within their Elite Draw Zone Area is being handled in the most efficient and productive manner. Each of the Elite Draw Zones will be permitted to make recommendations and suggestions with respect to Draw Zone Areas, formation of teams, locations of teams and development opportunities within their Elite Draw Zone Area.
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, this would be done through their respective committee structure, internally.
- The meeting would be chaired by the AMHL team director/governor and he/she would be responsible to communicate the date and time of the meeting and report any feedback that is received to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- The meetings would be made up of one representative from each of the assigned elite teams within the Draw Zone Area.
- The agenda for these meetings would be built as templates by the Male ADM Committee so that there is consistency relative to the information that is being brought forward from the stakeholders.

In each of the cases above, information will be gathered through the two means listed above, reviewed by the Male ADM Committee, with recommendations then being sent to Hockey Alberta.

### **NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE**

Any Player may try-out for the team for which the Player is eligible of the: AMHL (Alberta "AAA" Midget Hockey League, AMMHL (Alberta Minor Midget AAA Hockey League), or AMBHL (Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League) provided;

- a) the player has filed a completed Notification of Try-Out form;
- b) the team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the Elite Development stream.

Elite Teams must allow for Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA's boundaries, but within the teams Elite Draw Zone area, to have the opportunity to try out with the team. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best players from within a Team's Draw Zone.

*LMHA's hosting Elite Draw Zone Teams must ensure that there are no restrictions on the number of Non-Resident Players that are eligible to make and register with the Elite Draw Zone Team. The top 19 or 20 players, by position, should be selected, regardless of where they reside.*



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It is incumbent upon the Host LMHA to insure they have a plan for accommodating non-resident players in their Elite Draw Zone. This would include information on the following:

- Living arrangements for players that need to be billeted if they make the team
- Schooling so the player can maintain their academics
- Tryouts scheduled on weekends to insure it is convenient for the out of town player to properly participate?

Players wishing to try-out with an Elite Team (as defined) must first complete a Notification of Try-Out Form and submit to their resident LMHA (the LMHA of which the player resides), and the Team to which the player wishes to try-out for.

Residency of the player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications.

A player must first try-out for the team in the Elite Draw Zone Area where the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained via Elite Player Movement Application).

If the player does not make the team they are trying out for, they may have the option to try-out for the next closest Elite Team as defined by the Elite Draw Zone Areas. (If there is any dispute with the next closest Elite Team, the dispute shall be settled by Hockey Alberta upon application).

1. The player must first obtain a **Waiver** from the team of which he did not make.
2. The player would then submit the amended Notification of Try-out form for the next closest Elite team. This Notification of Try-out form is required in order to try-out as a non-resident / Import player for the next team. His previous waiver(s) must accompany the request.

Note: 15 Year Old Midget Players are permitted to try out with the Midget AAA (AMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area only. If the player does not make the Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area they have the ability to try out for the Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area. A 15 Year Old Player may travel to the next closest Draw Zone Area to try out for an additional Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Team only.

A player making the designated Elite Team will receive Permission to Play from the LMHA of which the player was registered in the previous season and/or their resident LMHA. The player must pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the previous registered Team.

Once an Import Player (by definition) has made the Elite Team of which he was trying out for, the Player must ensure that his Notification of Try-out Forms and all applicable Waivers are submitted together at the time of registration to Hockey Alberta.

Failure to submit the Notification of Try Out form and applicable waivers (as required for an Import Player), at the time of registration, will result in that player being not registered.

In cases where an Import Player is found to have played in a game, without first having submitted his Notification of Try Out form and applicable waiver(s) at the time of registration, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played, will be subject to discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation A. 12 – Discipline.



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*Please Note: Players trying out for any of the Elite Teams, should also be cognizant of the fact that IF they don't make these Elite Teams, they should ensure that they determine which team and apprise them of their possibility of playing for the team at the next level of which they are eligible for. The worst situation for a player to be in is to Try-Out for the Elite Teams, not make one of them, and then not have an appropriate team of their skill level to try-out for within the appropriate time frame. Timely and informed decisions must always be kept in consideration.*

### TEAM REGISTRATION

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry with Hockey Alberta, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before their first league game. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincials.

#### MAJOR MIDGET AAA (AMHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register a maximum of a *"40 man roster"* in the HCR. All players playing in exhibition games and preseason tournaments will be listed as tryout players on this roster. This is not applicable to those players skating at tryout sessions, only those players in exhibition games.

- The transfers will be entered into HCR with the NTO uploaded to the transfer and the transfer will be approved using "Approve (Share)" so that both the Resident MHA and the MHA in which the AAA Team is hosted can view the player's profile.
- Once the player makes the AAA team, the primary association of the player will be changed to the MHA of the AAA team he is now registered with.
- All players that don't make the AAA team will be released off the team in the Registry and will return to their resident LMHA.

The AMHL has declared 5 games at the beginning of the season as being Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration. This structure was developed to better reflect the current Hockey Alberta Regulations and to address the dates by which players are released from higher divisions. To follow is the structure by which Teams in the AMHL will register:

- The first 5 games of the AMHL scheduled season have been declared as Pre-Season games for the purposes of Team roster declaration.
- AMHL Teams will register a minimum of 15 players in the Registry by their first Pre-Season game.
- Beyond the minimum 15 players registered in the Registry, teams will have access to a floating 10 player auxiliary list during the course of the 5 scheduled Pre-Season games.
- Upon the commencement of the scheduled 6<sup>th</sup> league game all players will be registered in the Registry.
- All Discipline matters will be administered by the AMHL with all notifications of suspensions during the AMHL Pre-Season to be forwarded to the respective Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator for review.



## MALE HOCKEY ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL

### MINOR MIDGET AAA (AMMHL Teams) and BANTAM AAA (AMBHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register a maximum of a “30 man roster” in the HCR. All players playing in exhibition games and preseason tournaments will be listed as tryout players on this roster. This is not applicable to those players skating at tryout sessions, only those players in exhibition games.

- The transfers will be entered into HCR with the NTO uploaded to the transfer and the transfer will be approved using “Approve (Share)” so that both the Resident MHA and the MHA in which the AAA Team is hosted can view the player’s profile.
- Once the player makes the AAA team, the primary association of the player will be changed to the MHA of the AAA team he is now registered with.
- All players that don’t make the AAA team will be released off the team in the Registry and will return to their resident LMHA.

### **AFFILIATION POLICY**

The Affiliation Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the “Alberta Development Model” (ADM). To allow for Affiliation within each Elite Draw Zone Area for the Teams currently playing in the Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL), the Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League (AMMHL) and the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL). The Teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Elite Draw Zone Area. All players to be registered for affiliation within the ADM must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Elite Draw Zone Area Host LMHA is located within.

- An Elite team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team’s designated geographic region.
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player’s name must appear on the team’s affiliation list filed within the Branch.
- Once a player’s affiliation is approved, the player’s name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.

**NOTE:** All Affiliated players must reside in the Elite Draw Zone Area of the team they will be Affiliated with, in either the AMHL, AMMHL or AMBHL.

All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the Elite Stream from any LMHA in the Elite Draw Zone Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the Elite Stream within their Elite Draw Zone Area as per this ADM.



## **MALE HOCKEY ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL**

### **MALE ADM COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Male ADM Committee will be to encourage communication and development between the Elite Level Leagues and communicate those concerns and ideas to Hockey Alberta. It shall be the responsibility of the Male ADM Committee to monitor, formulate and recommend changes and improvements in the Elite Stream of Hockey.

The Male ADM Committee will report to the CEO, or designate. Upon making a decision regarding recommendations, the committee shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the decisions. The committee shall be an Operational Standing Committee of Hockey Alberta and shall have a Terms of Reference in place that stipulates the purpose, goals and objectives and composition of the committee.

Some items the Male ADM Committee is tasked with are:

- Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Elite Level Players, Teams and Leagues related to the Elite Stream of Hockey.
- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) on the Draw Zones of Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas from recommendations and statistics from the Elite Draw Zone Teams.
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance amongst the leagues involved.
- Make recommendations in areas of expanding and/or reducing of Elite Draw Zone Areas to ensuring that they fit within the established criteria.
- Make recommendations in areas of reduction and additions of Elite Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas with input from the Elite Draw Zone teams ensuring that they fit within the established criteria.
- Make recommendations to deal with areas of player movement from the different levels of the Elite Stream throughout the hockey season.
- Develop a mechanism to encourage communication between Elite Level Leagues on matters related to the Development Model.

## APPENDIX “V” ZONES

To assist in the administration of Hockey Alberta, and to assist in carrying out the objectives of Hockey Alberta, the Province of Alberta will be divided into Zones, the number and jurisdiction of which shall be determined or revised from time to time by the Board.

### 1. Minor Hockey Zones

The Minor Hockey Zones shall be as follows:

#### (a) Zone 1

##### North Boundary

Commencing at the north west corner of the province, (B.C.-N.W.T. and Alberta), then east along the north boundary of the province to the 5th meridian.

##### East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 5th meridian, from the north boundary of the province to the south boundary of township 74.

##### South Boundary

Proceeding south west diagonally from the south boundary of township 74 and the 5th meridian to the north boundary of township 52, range 13, west of the 6th meridian (Alberta-B.C. border).

##### West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border, to the point of commencement.

#### (b) Zone 2

##### North Boundary

Commencing at the 5th meridian and the north boundary of the province (Alberta-N.W.T.), then east to the 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

##### East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the north boundary of township 126 to the south boundary of township 44.

##### South Boundary

Proceeding diagonally north west from the south boundary of township 44 and the 4th meridian, to the north boundary of the north west corner of township 53, range 20, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west along the north boundary of township 53 until it intersects with the east boundary limits of the City of Edmonton.

West Boundary

Proceeding north from a point of the north boundary of the City of Edmonton and Highway 28 (97 Street) until it intersects with Highway 18 (5 miles east of Clyde) between sections 34 and 35, township 59, range 24, west of the 4th meridian then east along Highway 18 for 13 miles to the road allowance between sections 2 and 1, township 60, range 22, west of the 4th meridian (2 miles west of Thorhild) then north to the south boundary of township 74 between sections 3 and 4, range 21, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west to the 5th meridian. The remaining west boundary is the same as the east boundary of Zone 1.

## (c) Zone 3

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 1.

East Boundary

Same as the west boundary of Zone 2 until it intersects with Zone 1.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west from the west boundary of the City of Edmonton between sections 13 and 24, township 51, range 26, west of the 4th meridian, to a point on the Alberta-B.C. border and the 6th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west from the 6th meridian along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects the south boundary of Zone 1.

## (d) Zone 4

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 3.

East Boundary

Commencing at the south east corner of the City of Edmonton boundary, south east 1/4 section 17, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian and proceeding east for one mile to the north/south road allowance between the north east 1/4 section 9 and the north west 1/4 section 10, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding south to the south boundary of township 34, range 24, west of the 4th meridian.

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the south boundary of township 34, range 19, west of the 5th meridian, then projected in a straight line until it intersects with the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 3.



## (e) Zone 5

North Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta-B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23 until it intersects with the west boundary of the City of Calgary, section 4, township 23, range 2, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east from the south boundary of the City of Calgary and the west road allowance of section 3, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 9 to the south boundary of township 1 (Alberta-U.S. border).

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the Alberta-U.S. border until it intersects the B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the north boundary.

## (f) Zone 6

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 4, then proceeding east along the south boundary of township 34, until it intersects with 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9.

South Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta –B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23, west of the 5th meridian until it intersects the east road allowance of section 1, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding north in a straight line to the south east corner of section 24, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then west in a straight line to the south east corner section 22, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then north in a straight line until it intersects Highway #1, (TransCanada Highway) between sections 2 and 3, township 25, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along Highway #1, until it intersects the east road allowance of section 36, township 24, range 4, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed north in a straight line until it intersects the Bow River between section 25, township 25, range 4 and section 30, township 25, range 3, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along the Bow River to the west boundary of the City of Calgary, then proceed north along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary, east and south along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary to the west road allowance of section 12, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east until it intersects the Alberta – Saskatchewan border, south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 4.

## (g) Zone 7

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 2.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 44 to the south boundary of township 34.

South Boundary

Same as the north boundary of Zone 6 until it intersects the east boundary of Zone 4.

West Boundary

Same as the east boundary of Zone 4.

## (h) Zone 8

All of that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Edmonton, which area may be subject to change from time to time.

## (i) Zone 9

All that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Calgary, which area may be subject to change from time to time and including areas outside the boundaries of the City of Calgary as described as follows:

North Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary corporate limits proceed west along south bank of the Bow River to the East boundary 13 of the SE ¼ Section 25, township 25, Range 4 W5W; then proceed south along Range Road 40 W5M to the point in Section 26, Township 24, Range 4 W5M which intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway); then proceed west along Highway #1 to the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5W.

West Boundary:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 22, Township 23, Range W5M proceed north to the point where the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5M intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway).

South Boundary

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M proceed west along the boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145 to the south-east corner of Section 1, Township 24, Range 5 W5M; then south to the southeast corner Section 24, Township 23 Range 5 W5M; then west to the southeast corner Section 22, Township 23, Range 5 W5M.

East Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits proceed south along west boundary of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits to the southeast corner Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M (north boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145).

## 2. Officiating Zones

The Officiating Zones shall be as follows:

- |                        |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| (a) Peace Zone         | } |   |
| (b) North Zone         | } |   |
| (c) North East Zone    | } | - All Zones as depicted in the online Map |
| (d) North Central Zone | } |   |
| (e) Central Zone       | } |   |
| (f) South Zone         | } |   |

## 3. Management of Zone Business

The affairs and business of each Zone shall be completed by a group of individuals (said group being hereafter referred to as the "Zone Team"). The Zone Team shall consist of the following persons (collectively, the "Zone Team Members").

- (a) The Operations Advisory Committee (OAC) Representative, to be elected in accordance with HA Policy;
- (b) A Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (c) A Zone Minor Administration Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (d) A Zone Minor Discipline Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (e) An Officials Representative, to be appointed by the Officials Committee;

## 4. The Zone Team Shall:

- (a) Assist in the administration of Hockey in the respective Zone as may be required from time to time;
- (b) Establish a work plan for the respective Zone that meets with the approval of the CEO (or designate); and
- (c) Perform any tasks or functions for the respective Zone as may be required of it by the CEO (or designate) from time to time.

## 5. Operations Advisory Committee Representative

Each OAC Representative shall be elected by those Members that are located within the respective Zone in accordance with HA Policy.

Each of the OAC Representatives shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall reside in the Zone for which he/she was elected during his/her term of office. In the event that during his/her term, a Zone Representative ceases to reside in the Zone which he/she represents, the said Zone Representative shall be deemed to have resigned the office of Representative, effective on the 30th day following the date on which he/she ceased to reside within the Zone.

**6. Minor Regulation Coordinator**

Each Minor Regulation Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Regulation Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

**7. Minor Administration Coordinator**

Each Minor Administration Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Administration Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

**8. Minor Discipline Coordinator**

Each Minor Discipline Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Discipline Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

**9. Officials Representative**

Each Officials Representative shall be assigned, by the Officials Committee, to liaise with the Zone Team on a yearly basis.

## **APPENDIX “VI” APPEALS**

Hockey Alberta provides the opportunity for any Member MHA, Member Hockey Team, Player, Team Official, or Official that is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling, in whole or in part, made pursuant to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, to have the right of appeal.

### **1. FIRST STAGE APPEALS**

The Appeals Committee shall hear appeals as outlined below and adjudicate on the issues arising from the appeals, which are heard. Appeals can be filed when:

- (a) the Appellant is dissatisfied with a formal decision or ruling, in whole or in part, of Hockey Alberta (Operational Committee, Volunteer or Staff), made pursuant to the Rules and Regulations;
- (b) the Appellant is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling made by a Local Minor Hockey Association or League, provided that:
  - i. the decision or ruling arises from the Rules and Regulations; and
  - ii. all Appeals as provided or allowed by the Local Minor Hockey Association and/or League have been exhausted.

### **2. SECOND STAGE APPEALS**

The Board shall hear appeals as outlined below and adjudicate on the issues arising from the appeals, which are heard. Appeals can be filed when an Appellant believes:

- (a) the ruling or decision, in whole or in part (made pursuant to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations), was in conflict with Hockey Alberta’s Bylaws or Regulations;
- (b) there was a procedural error or that the aggrieved party was not provided a fair hearing;
- (c) there was no authority or jurisdiction to make the decision.

### **3. EFFECT OF APPEAL**

An Appeal to the Appeals Committee and/or the Board does not operate as a stay of the decision or ruling appeals from, except so far as the authority appealed from may direct.

### **4. NOTICE OF APPEAL**

All Appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing ("Notice of Appeal") addressed to the CEO, or designate, and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision or ruling being appealed. The Notice of Appeal may be filed by ordinary mail, courier or email provided it is received by the CEO or designate within the timeline noted above.

The Notice of Appeal shall include and contain the following:

- (a) the Hockey Alberta “Notice of Appeal” form must be completed in its entirety and submitted as part of the Notice of Appeal file;
- (b) the applicable Appeal Fee (refer to regulation 6) must accompany the Notice of Appeal file, the fee is not considered received if “en route”;
- (c) a written copy of the decision which is being appealed, which would also serve to prove the exhaustion of all appeals at the local level, if any;

- (d) concise statements of the grounds for appeal and the facts that support the appeal in numbered paragraphs;
- (e) a summary of the evidence and proposed witness statements (whether by document or viva voce), which the Appellant wishes to present.

Note: The Appeals Committee, or Board, have the discretion to determine whether the Notice of Appeal file is sufficient relative to the requirements above. Should the file be determined to be insufficient they may request further clarification from the Appellant prior to proceeding. Should this determination be made and the seven (7) day limit has expired, the Appeals Committee, or Board, may refuse to hear the appeal based on the filing of the Notice of Appeal not being completed in accordance with the Regulations.

## 5. APPEAL DUTIES OF CEO

The CEO, or designate, upon receiving a Notice of Appeal, shall:

- (a) notify the Appeals Committee and serve a copy of the same on the party whose decision is being appealed (the "Respondent"). Further, the CEO (or designate) shall serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on such persons as the Appeals Committee shall reasonably direct;
- (b) in the case of a Second Stage Appeal, notify the Board and serve a copy of the same on the Appeals Committee and the party whose original decision is being appealed. Further, the CEO (or designate) shall serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on such other persons as the Board shall reasonably direct.

## 6. APPEAL FEES

Appellants shall be required to pay to Hockey Alberta a fee of an Appeal, which fee shall be payable with the filing of the Notice of Appeal, in the following amounts:

- (a) First Stage Appeal Fee - shall be Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars + GST;
- (b) Second Stage Appeal Fee - shall be Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars + GST;

## 7. APPEAL PROCEDURE

Upon determining the validity of an Appeal in accordance with these Regulations, Appeals to Hockey Alberta shall be conducted in the following manner:

- (a) First Stage Appeals shall be conducted by an informal hearing via conference call;
- (b) Second Stage Appeals can be conducted by review of submitted documentation, informal hearing via conference call or, if the Board determines, an informal in-person meeting. The Board shall have the sole authority in determining the method used to review / hear each second stage appeal.
- (c) In the case of a hearing, the Appeals Committee, or Board, will determine the necessary parties that are required to participate in the Appeal.
  - The Appellant and Respondent should provide a listing of all witnesses they plan on utilizing to present evidence. Given appeals are informal in nature, it is at the discretion of the Appeals Committee, or Board, to determine the realistic and reasonable relevance witnesses will have to the situation at hand. The Appeals Committee, or Board, may refuse to allow witnesses to participate in the hearing and suggest they provide written statements instead.

- (d) In the case of a hearing, the Appeals Committee, or Board, shall conduct an impartial, orderly and efficient hearing in which both the Appellant and Respondent will have the opportunity to present their case and respond to comments as necessary.

## **8. DATES FOR APPEAL HEARING**

- (a) First Stage: Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal, the CEO (or designate), in consultation with the Appeals Committee, shall set a date for the Hearing which date shall be no later than the 10th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.
- (b) Second Stage: Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal, the CEO (or designate), in consultation with the Chair of the Board, shall set a date for the review / hearing of the Appeal, which date shall be no later than the 15th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal (Note: If an in-person hearing is deemed necessary by the Board, the date for the Hearing of the Appeal shall be set for no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal).
- (c) Notice of the date for the review / hearing of the Appeal shall be given by the CEO, or designate, to Parties to the Appeal either in writing (letter or email) or by telephone.

## **9. DECISION OF ADJUDICATOR(S)**

The adjudicator(s) of the Appeals provided for in this Regulation shall give the decision in writing within ten (10) days from the date the review / hearing concluded and may:

- (a) allow the Appeal;
- (b) dismiss the Appeal;
- (c) give any decision or ruling which ought to have been made and make such further or other decision and/or ruling as the circumstances require;
- (d) make such order as to costs as it seems just, and unless otherwise specified, the costs shall follow the event of the Appeal.

## **10. BOARD DECISIONS - FINAL AND BINDING**

All Member MHA's, Member Hockey Teams, Players, Team Officials, or Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, shall accept as final and binding the decisions of the Board, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board's interpretation or construction of the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws subject only to a right of Appeal to Hockey Canada as provided for in the Bylaws of Hockey Canada.

## **11. COURT ACTIONS**

All Member MHA's, Member Hockey Teams, Players, Team Officials, or Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, agree that any recourse to the law courts of any jurisdiction before all rights and remedies as provided by these Bylaws and the Bylaws of Hockey Canada have been availed and utilized, shall be prohibited. Further, any such recourse to the law courts as aforesaid shall be deemed by Hockey Alberta to be unsportsmanlike conduct enabling the Board to suspend and/or disqualify the said persons.

**APPENDIX "VII"**  
**MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
<b><i>Minimum Suspensions for Players</i></b>					
Any Player or Team Official who, in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct, a Major and a Game Misconduct, or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League / Playoff / Pre-Season / Tournament / Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minimum Suspensions.					
3.6	<b><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></b> Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Game Misconduct is assessed.  If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two minute minor penalty and a Game Misconduct.  If the player removes his/her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight. Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game  1 Game  1 Game	1 Game  1 Game  1 Game	1 Game  1 Game  1 Game	1 Game  1 Game  1 Game
4.1	<b><i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i></b> Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.  Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	2 Games  Indefinite	1 Game  Indefinite	2 Games  Indefinite	1 Game (Max 5/Team)  Indefinite
4.6	<b><i>Game Ejection/Game Misconduct</i></b> A Player assessed two (2) Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.  A player assessed three (3) or more Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.	N/A  N/A	N/A  N/A	N/A  N/A	1 Game  Indefinite
4.7	<b><i>Gross Misconduct</i></b>	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
6.1	<b><i>Attempt to Injure (Match)</i></b>				
(a)	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
(b)	Head Butting	2 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
(c)	Kicking	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
(d)	Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
(e)	Using Facial Protector as a Weapon	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
	Kneeing	3 Games	N/A	3 Games	N/A
	Use of Blocker	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
6.2	<b><i>Boarding and Body Checking</i></b> Boarding or Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.  Boarding or Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.	1 Game  3 Games	N/A  N/A	1 Game  3 Games	N/A  N/A



RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
6.3	<b>Charging</b> Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	N/A	3 Games	N/A
6.4	<b>Checking from Behind</b> Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.	4 Games	4 Games	4 Games	2 Games
6.5	<b>Head Contact</b> Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.	4 Games	4 Games	4 Games	2 Games
6.6	<b>Elbowing and Kneeing</b> Elbowing or Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
6.7	<b>Fighting</b> Any player who engages in their 1 <sup>st</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Any player who engages in their 2 <sup>nd</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games	N/A	2 Games	N/A
	Any player who engages in their 3 <sup>rd</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	Indefinite	1 Game	Indefinite	1 Game
	Any player who engages in their 4 <sup>th</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	N/A	2 Games	N/A	2 Games
	Any player who engages in their 5 <sup>th</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	N/A	3 Games	N/A	3 Games
	Any player who engages in their 6 <sup>th</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	N/A	Indefinite	N/A	Indefinite
	Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight. First Offence Second Offence Third Offence Fourth Offence	1 Game 2 Games 3 Games Indefinite	Game Misc. 1 Game 3 Games Indefinite	Game Misc. 1 Game 3 Games Indefinite	Game Misc. 1 Game 3 Games Indefinite
	Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury shall be assessed a Match Penalty in addition to any other penalties he/she may incur.	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
	Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game
	Any Player receiving a fighting major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 Game	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
7.4	<b>Tripping</b>				
(a)	Tripping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
(b)	Slew Footing where a Match Penalty is assessed.	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.1	<b>Butt Ending</b> Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.2	<b>Cross Checking</b> Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.3	<b>High Sticking</b> High Sticking where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.4	<b>Slashing</b> Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.5	<b>Spearing</b> Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
9.2	<b>Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b>				
	Verbal Abuse of Officials or Unsportsmanlike Conduct when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game
	Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
9.5	<b>Leaving a bench for the Purpose of Fighting</b>				
	Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
	Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	4 Games	3 Games	4 Games	3 Games
9.6	<b>Physical Harassment of Official (Match)</b>				
	Threaten or attempt to strike	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*
	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*
	Intentionally strike, trip or body check	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*
		* Length of suspension may be within the identified range.			
9.7	<b>Spitting (Match)</b>				
	Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	Spitting on or at an Opponent	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games

### **Accumulation Sanctions for Minor and Female Hockey Players**

**Players that are assessed multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will also be assessed additional suspensions in accordance with the following listing.**

**Any player accumulating 2 Major penalties in the same season for a violation any of the following:**

6.2 Boarding or Body Checking	6.6 Elbowing or Kneeing	<b>2 Games</b>
6.3 Charging	7.4 Tripping	
6.4 Checking from Behind	8.2 Cross-Checking	
6.5 Head Contact	8.4 Slashing	

**Any player accumulating 3 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:**

6.2 Boarding or Body Checking	6.6 Elbowing or Kneeing	<b>4 Games</b>
6.3 Charging	7.4 Tripping	
6.4 Checking from Behind	8.2 Cross-Checking	
6.5 Head Contact	8.4 Slashing	

**Any player accumulating 4 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:**

6.2 Boarding or Body Checking	6.6 Elbowing or Kneeing	<b>Indefinite</b>
6.3 Charging	7.4 Tripping	
6.4 Checking from Behind	8.2 Cross-Checking	
6.5 Head Contact	8.4 Slashing	

**Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:**

6.1 Deliberate Injury	<b>4 Games</b>
6.2 Boarding or Body Checking	
6.3 Charging	

**Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:**

6.4 Checking from Behind	<b>5 Games</b>
6.5 Head Contact	

**Any player accumulating 3 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:**

6.1 Deliberate Injury	6.4 Checking from Behind	<b>Indefinite</b>
6.2 Boarding or Body Checking	6.5 Head Contact	
6.3 Charging		

**Any player who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.**

**4 Games**

**Any player who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.**

**Indefinite**

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
<b><i>Minimum Suspensions for Coaches</i></b>					
Any Player or Team Official who, in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct, a Major and a Game Misconduct, or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League / Playoff / Pre-Season / Tournament / Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minimum Suspensions.					
1.9	<b><i>Ineligible Players/Team Officials</i></b>				
2.2	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team and/or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench who is under suspension.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
4.1	<b><i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i></b> Coach of the Team whose Player(s) are assessed Majors, Game Misconducts or Match Penalties during an altercation prior to or after the game.	Indefinite	3 Games	Indefinite	3 Games
	Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
6.7	The coach of the Team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 Games
9.2	<b><i>Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct</i></b> Verbal Abuse of Officials or Unsportsmanlike Conduct when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game
	Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
9.5	The Coach of the team whose player is penalized for leaving the players bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games	2 Games
	The Coach of the team whose player left the players bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting but was not identified as the first to leave during the altercation.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
9.6	<b><i>Physical Harassment of Official (Match)</i></b> Threaten or attempt to strike an Official	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*
	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes an Official	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*
	Intentionally strike, trip or body check an Official	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*
* Length of suspension may be within the identified range.					
9.7	<b><i>Spitting (Match)</i></b> Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	Spitting on or at an Opponent	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
10.14	<b><i>Refusing to Start Play</i></b>	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite

**Accumulation Sanctions for Minor and Female Hockey Coaches**

*Coaches that are assessed multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will also be assessed additional suspensions in accordance with the following listing.*

The Coach of any Team that receives a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	1 Game
The Coach of any Team that commits a second violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	3 Games
The Coach of any Team that commits a third violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	Indefinite
Any Coach who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.	4 Games
Any Coach who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.	Indefinite

**APPENDIX "VIII"**  
**OFFICIALS COMMITTEE BYLAWS & REGULATIONS**

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## 1.0 **INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 Index and Headings. The insertion of headings and the provision of an Index, are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.
- 1.2 Singular, Plural, Gender. Words importing the singular number only include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender include all genders.
- 1.3 "In Writing". "In writing" or "written" include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visibly reproduced at a distant point of reception, including telecopier (fax), telex or telegraph.
- 1.4 Notice. Whenever a period of notice is required under these Bylaws, the day on which notice is given shall not be counted as part of the notice period, but the day appointed by the notice for the event to which the notice relates shall be counted as part of the notice period.
- 1.5 Definitions
- 1.5.1 "AAHA" means the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- 1.5.2 "AAHA Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the AAHA;
- 1.5.3 "AAHA President" means the President of the AAHA;
- 1.5.4 "Annual General Meeting" means the general meeting of Members of Officials Committee as contemplated in Section 6.1.1;
- 1.5.5 "Arbitration Board" means the body hearing a grievance in accordance with Section 9.2;
- 1.5.6 "Associate Membership" shall have the meaning set out in Section 3.3;
- 1.5.7 "Board" means the board of directors of the AAHA;
- 1.5.8 "Board's Representatives" means the two (2) people appointed by the President to Officials Committee Executive;
- 1.5.9 "CHA" means Canadian Hockey Association;
- 1.5.10 "CHOP" means the Canadian Hockey Officiating Program as developed and operated by the CHA;
- 1.5.11 "CHOP Levels" means those levels of efficiency and competency as provided for in CHOP;
- 1.5.12 "Committee Bylaws" or "hereof", "hereto", "herein", "hereunder" and similar expressions when used in this document refer to this document, and reference to "Section", unless the context otherwise requires, shall refer to the appropriate Section of this document;

- 1.5.13 "Committee Rules and Regulations" means those rules of conduct and game procedures as may be determined from time to time by Officials Committee Executive taking into consideration the requirements of the AAHA and CHA;
- 1.5.14 "Disciplinary Committee" means that Special Committee as provided for in Section 4.9;
- 1.5.15 "Extraordinary Resolution" means a resolution which requires a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the persons present at the meeting;
- 1.5.16 "Good Standing" means a state in which any particular Member is not being disciplined under the Council's Bylaws, Committee's Rules and Regulations, the AAHA Bylaws, the AAHA Rules and Regulations or the CHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.17 "Grievance Hearing" shall be the hearing of the matter under grievance where the Griever, the Respondent and all other persons having an interest in the proceedings may attend for the purpose of presenting evidence and information relevant to the matter under grievance to the Arbitration Board;
- 1.5.18 "Grievance Notice" means a notice in writing setting out the circumstances of the grievance, the decision which is being grieved and such other information as may be relevant to the grievance;
- 1.5.19 "Griever" means a Member proceeding with a grievance under Section 9;
- 1.5.20 "Honorary Membership" shall have that meaning set out in Section 3.4;
- 1.5.21 "Life Membership" shall have the meaning set out in Section 3.4;
- 1.5.22 "Linesman" shall have the same meaning as that provided for in the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.23 "Member" shall mean those persons as provided for in Section 3.1;
- 1.5.24 "President" means the President of the AAHA;
- 1.5.25 "Referee" shall have the same meaning as that provided for in the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.26 "Officials Zones" shall have same meaning as defined in Bylaw 5.01.2 of the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.27 "Officials Committee" means the Officials Committee as authorized and defined by the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.28 "Officials Committee Executive" means those persons elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of the AAHA Bylaws from time to time;
- 1.5.29 "Respondent" is the person or persons which made the initial decision being grieved pursuant to Section 9;
- 1.5.30 "Satellite Zone Committee" shall have that meaning set out in Section 4.10.1;



- 1.5.31 "Special General Meeting" shall mean the meeting of Members as contemplated in Section 6.1.3;
- 1.5.32 "Zone" shall mean a Officials Zone;
- 1.5.33 "Zone Committee" means that committee provided for in Section 4.2 and 4.3 hereof;
- 1.5.34 "Zone Committee Executive" shall mean those persons as contemplated in Section 4.6.1.

## 2.0 **OBJECTIVES AND BUSINESS OF OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

- 2.1 The objectives of Officials Committee shall be as follows:
  - 2.1.1 to recruit and train Referees and Linesmen to officiate hockey games within the jurisdiction of the AAHA;
  - 2.1.2 to select and appoint Referees and Linesmen for hockey games in consultation with the authority(ies) scheduling hockey games;
  - 2.1.3 to classify Referees and Linesmen under the CHOP Levels;
  - 2.1.4 to conduct all Officials Committee business with Leagues, Local Minor Hockey Associations and other persons;
  - 2.1.5 to conduct all matters with the object of improving the game of hockey;
  - 2.1.6 to supply Officials for all AAHA championship games.
- 2.2 Committee Bylaws and Rules and Regulations shall be maintained and enforced by the AAHA through the Officials Committee and/or Officials Committee Executive.

## 3.0 **MEMBERSHIP IN OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 Except as provided for in Section 3.2 below, membership in the Officials Committee shall be available to all persons that apply for membership and that:
  - 3.1.1 are ordinarily resident in that area of land under the jurisdiction of AAHA;
  - 3.1.2 in the current hockey season have attended a minimum of one (1) Officials school sanctioned by a Zone Committee or the Officials Committee;
  - 3.1.3 have paid all dues and assessments of the Officials Committee and relevant Zone Committee;
  - 3.1.4 have registered with the Officials Committee on or before the date in each year established for registration by Officials's Committee Executive;
  - 3.1.5 are in good standing.

3.2 A person applying for membership in the Officials Committee is not eligible for membership if:

3.2.1 the Zone Committee of the Zone in which the applicant resides or the Officials Committee Executive has passed a resolution by two-thirds (2/3) majority that the applicant should not be a member of Officials Committee.

3.3 Associate Membership: Officials Committee Executive may by ordinary resolution appoint persons as associate members of Officials Committee. Associate Membership is open to individuals who have previously been Members and no longer wish to participate as Referees and/or Linesmen. Associate Members shall be required to annually meet the requirements (including, without limitation, the payment of fees) as determined from time to time by resolution of the Officials Committee Executive. Associate Members shall have the same rights at meetings of Officials Committee excepting out the following:

3.3.1 they shall not act as Referees or Linesmen.

3.4 Honorary and Life Membership: The members of Officials Committee may by ordinary resolution appoint persons as:

3.4.1 Honorary Members of Officials Committee; or

3.4.2 Life Members of Officials Committee.

Persons that have made outstanding contributions to Officials Committee or persons who, in the opinion of the members of Officials Committee, would be beneficial to the operation and well-being of Officials Committee, are eligible to be appointed as Honorary Members or Life Members.

The appointment of an Honorary Member shall be for a term of one (1) year.

The appointment of a Life Member may only be rescinded by extraordinary resolution of the Members at an Annual General Meeting.

#### 4.0 **OFFICIALS ZONES AND ZONE COMMITTEES**

4.1 The Officials Zones shall be those as may be determined from time to time by the AAHA Bylaws;

4.2 To assist in the administration of the Officials Committee and the operation of the business of Officials Committee, each Officials Zone shall have a committee (herein referred to as the "Zone Committee").

4.3 Each Zone Committee shall consist of all Members of Officials Committee residing within the relevant Officials Zone.

4.4 Each Zone Committee shall hold meetings as follows:

4.4.1 an annual general meeting (herein called the "Zone Committee Annual Meeting") in March, April or May of each calendar year;

- 4.4.2 in addition to the Zone Committee Annual Meeting, five (5) general meetings in each calendar year (herein referred to as the "Zone Committee General Meeting"), said Zone Committee General Meeting to be held during the months of September to May in each calendar year;
  - 4.4.3 such special meetings as may be called from time to time (herein referred to as "Zone Committee Special Meetings");
  - 4.4.4 Each Zone Committee Annual Meeting, Zone Committee General Meeting and Zone Committee Special Meeting shall be called upon seven clear days prior written notice;
  - 4.4.5 In the event that neither the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson are present at a properly called meeting, those persons present and entitled to vote shall elect a Zone Committee Director to chair the meeting, provided that in the event that there is not a Zone Committee Director present, those persons present and entitled to vote shall elect a chairperson of the meeting from those persons present;
  - 4.4.6 A quorum at Zone Committee meetings shall be those number of persons as may be the lesser of:
    - (a) Fifty (50) Members; or
    - (b) Members of the Zone equal to three (3%) per cent of the Members of that Zone.
- 4.5 At the Zone Committee Annual Meeting, the order of business shall be as follows:
- 4.5.1 Reading of the Minutes;
  - 4.5.2 Business arising from the Minutes;
  - 4.5.3 Chairperson's Report;
  - 4.5.4 Financial Report and Approval;
  - 4.5.5 Report of Zone Committee Directors;
  - 4.5.6 Election of Zone Committee Executive;
  - 4.5.7 Appointment of Persons to Audit Special Committee;
  - 4.5.8 New Business;
  - 4.5.9 Adjournment.

#### 4.6 Zone Committee Executive

- 4.6.1 The Zone Committee shall, at each Zone Committee Annual Meeting, elect a Zone Committee Executive. Subject to Bylaw 4.6.2 below, the Zone Committee Executive shall consist of a minimum of eight (8) persons. Each person nominated for election to the Zone Committee Executive must be a Member of the Officials Committee residing in the relevant Officials Zone and be in good standing with the Officials Committee. Nominations for the Zone Committee Chairmen must be signed by two members of the Officials Committee who are in good standing and submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. The person nominated for Zone Committee Chairman shall have served a minimum of one year on a Zone Committee Executive. The Zone Committee Executive shall be composed of the following:
- (a) Zone Committee Chairman;
  - (b) Zone Committee Secretary;
  - (c) Zone Committee Treasurer;
  - (d) Zone Committee Vice-Chairman;
  - (e) three (or more) elected Zone Committee Directors;
  - (f) Zone Committee Past Chairman;
  - (g) appointed Zone Committee Directors as contemplated in Section 4.6.2.
- 4.6.2 The Zone Committee Executive may appoint individuals to the Zone Committee Executive as they may deem appropriate.
- 4.6.3 The term for each individual elected to the Zone Committee Executive shall be as follows:
- (a) Zone Committee Chairman - 2 years;
  - (b) Zone Committee Secretary - 2 years;
  - (c) Zone Committee Treasurer - shall be initially elected for a one (1) year term and thereafter for two (2) year terms;
  - (d) Zone Committee Vice-Chairman - shall be initially elected for a one (1) year term and thereafter for two (2) year terms;
  - (e) elected Zone Committee Directors - shall be for a term of one (1) year, provided that the Members at the Zone Committee annual meeting may by extraordinary resolution increase the term of elected Zone Committee Directors to a term of two (2) years and in that event:

- (i) in the year that the said extraordinary resolution is passed, one-half (1/2) [or where there is an odd number of elected Zone Committee Directors, then one (1) less than half] of the Zone Committee Directors shall have a term of two (2) years and the other half a term of one (1) year;
- (ii) in each subsequent year, the elected Zone Committee Directors shall have terms of two (2) years.

The aforesaid extraordinary resolution may be rescinded by the Members at the Zone Committee annual meeting by a further extraordinary resolution;

- (f) appointed Zone Committee Directors shall have a term expiring on the day following the next Zone Committee Annual Meeting.

The term of each shall commence on the day following the Zone Committee Annual Meeting at which the individual is elected.

- 4.6.4 Each person elected (or appointed) to the Zone Committee Executive, excepting thereout the Zone Committee Chairman, shall have one (1) vote at all Zone Committee Executive meetings. In the event of a tie vote on a resolution before the Zone Committee Executive, the Zone Committee Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 4.6.5 In the event that any person elected (or appointed) as a Zone Committee Executive vacates his position on the Zone Committee Executive, for any reason whatsoever, the remaining Zone Committee Executive at their next meeting or within thirty (30) days, whichever is the sooner, may appoint by resolution a person to complete the term of the vacated seat on the Zone Committee Executive. Notwithstanding the power to appoint as aforesaid, the remaining Zone Committee Executive may resolve to call a bi-election at the following Zone Committee Annual Meeting to fill the vacated position for the unexpired term. The elected or appointed member (including Chairman) who resigns shall cease to be part of the Officials's Committee Executive or Zone Committee Executive in any manner effective immediately.
- 4.6.6 If any person on the Zone Committee Executive fails to attend at two (2) consecutive meetings of the said Executive and in the opinion of the other Executive the said person does not have a good and sufficient reason for his absence, the said person shall be deemed to have resigned from the Zone Committee Executive.
- 4.6.7 In the event that the number of individuals forming the Zone Executive Committee should not be sufficient to form a quorum (taking into consideration the maximum number of individuals that are to form that particular Zone Executive Committee) those individuals then remaining on the Zone Executive Committee may appoint individuals to the Zone Executive Committee and said appointments shall be for a term expiring at the conclusion of the next Zone Committee Annual Meeting.

#### 4.7 Duties of the Zone Committee Executive and Officers

- 4.7.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Zone Committee Executive shall be as follows:
- 4.7.1.1 to conduct the business of the Zone Committee;
  - 4.7.1.2 to present to the Zone Committee at a Zone Committee General Meeting prior to the commencement of a hockey season, a proposed policy to be in effect for the then current hockey season regarding the following:
    - (a) Game fees which shall include:
      - (i) Officials showing up for games which were cancelled and they were not notified by the League or Team;
      - (ii) Officials showing up for games which were cancelled and were not notified by the assignor;
    - (b) Travel arrangements for Referees and Linesmen;
    - (c) Assignment of Referees and Linesmen;
    - (d) Clinics;
    - (e) Match Penalties on Referees and Linesmen;
    - (f) Missed assignments and late arrivals by Referees and Linesmen to games which they were assigned;
    - (g) Such other policy matters as the Zone Executive deems pertinent.
  - 4.7.1.3 act as the Zone finance committee;
  - 4.7.1.4 set and establish a fee to be paid by the Members of the Zone (the "Zone Fee") which the Zone Committee Executive believes is necessary to effectively conduct the business of the Zone Committee;
  - 4.7.1.5 call an extraordinary general meeting of the Members of the Zone for the purpose of passing an extraordinary resolution authorizing an assessment of money to be levied on the Members of the Zone for the purpose of paying for operations of the Zone Committee;
  - 4.7.1.6 approve expenditures for the benefit of the Zone Committee to a maximum amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars on any single occasion;

- 4.7.1.7 in the event that the Zone Committee collects fees on behalf of its Members, the Zone Committee Executive shall pay the fees collected to the appropriate Members, by cheque, at:
- (a) regular meetings of the Members of the Zone Committee;
  - (b) the conclusion of the hockey season by regular mail;
- 4.7.1.8 carry out all negotiations with hockey leagues and hockey teams within the Zone regarding:
- (a) fees payable for Referees and Linesmen that work at the relevant hockey games;
  - (b) working conditions within the Zone;
- 4.7.1.9 report to Members of the Zone as to the agreements and arrangements made with hockey leagues and teams within the Zone;
- 4.7.1.10 designate an individual(s) that shall be responsible for all appointments of Referees and Linesmen to work hockey games;
- 4.7.1.11 subject always to the authority of the AAHA to discipline Referees and Linesmen pursuant to the AAHA Bylaws and the right of appeal under the AAHA Bylaws, to impose and enforce appropriate penalties (including, without limitation, suspension for a period not to exceed three [3] years) upon Referees, Linesmen and Members for violations or breaches of Committee Bylaws, Committee Rules and Regulations, CHA Bylaws, CHA Rules and Regulations, AAHA Bylaws and AAHA Rules and Regulations;
- 4.7.1.12 to select and appoint the Officials Zone Representatives on Officials Committee Executive as contemplated in Section 5.1.1(f) of these Bylaws and the AAHA Bylaws. The appointment of the Officials Zone Representatives shall be made prior to the Officials Committee Annual General Meeting and in the event that the Zone Committee Chairman has been recently elected, the outgoing Zone Committee Chairman shall (subject to his consent) be appointed as one of the Officials Zone Representatives.
- 4.7.2 The duties and responsibilities of the officers of the Zone Committee Executive shall be as follows:
- 4.7.2.1 Zone Committee Chairperson:
- (a) to preside and chair all meetings of the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive;
  - (b) except as otherwise provided for herein, to chair all committees struck or appointed by the Zone Committee Executive;

- (c) shall be the chief executive officer of the Zone Committee Executive, subject to the authority of the Zone Committee Executive;

4.7.2.2 Zone Committee Vice-Chairperson:

- (a) shall perform the duties of the Zone Committee Chairperson in the absence, resignation or death of the Zone Committee Chairperson;

4.7.2.3 Zone Committee Secretary:

- (a) shall attend all meetings of the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive and act as secretary of the said meetings, and shall enter or cause to be entered in records kept for that purpose minutes of all proceedings thereat;
- (b) shall give or cause to be given, as and when required, all notices to those entitled to receive notice;
- (c) act as custodian of all minute books and records, documents, books and papers of the Zone Committee and the Zone Committee Executive;

4.7.2.4 Zone Committee Treasurer:

- (a) shall keep proper accounting records;
- (b) be responsible for deposit and disbursement of money of the Zone Committee;
- (c) shall render to the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive, whenever required, an account of all his financial transactions on behalf of the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive;

4.8 Meetings of the Zone Committee Executive

- 4.8.1 The Zone Committee Executive shall meet at least once a month during the months of September to March in each calendar year and these meetings should be scheduled to be held prior to the Zone Committee General Meetings.
- 4.8.2 The Zone Committee Chairperson or the Zone Committee Secretary at the request of three (3) of the Zone Committee Executive, may call other Zone Committee Executive meetings as he may from time to time believe necessary upon three (3) days prior written notice.
- 4.8.3 A quorum at each Zone Committee Executive meeting shall be a majority of persons entitled to vote at Zone Committee Executive meetings.



#### 4.9 Zone Committee Special Committees

4.9.1 Each Officials Zone may have the following Special Committees:

- 4.9.1.1 Senior Hockey;
- 4.9.1.2 Minor Hockey;
- 4.9.1.3 Commercial Hockey;
- 4.9.1.4 Classification;
- 4.9.1.5 Grievance;
- 4.9.1.6 Discipline;
- 4.9.1.7 Social;
- 4.9.1.8 Clinics;
- 4.9.1.9 Nominating;
- 4.9.1.10 Audit;
- 4.9.1.11 Assignments.

4.9.2 The Zone Committee Executive may appoint Standing Committees as they may deem necessary from time to time to carry out the business and activities of the Zone Committee.

#### 4.10 Satellite Zone Committees

4.10.1 Subject to the written approval of the AAHA Board of Directors, a Zone Committee may by resolution passed at a Zone Committee General Meeting allow for a standing committee called a Satellite Zone Committee, which standing committee shall be in existence until cancelled. The Satellite Zone Committee is struck for the purpose of providing administration to those Referees and Linesmen within a specific area of a Officials Zone, said area to be defined by the creating resolution.

4.10.2 Subject to the limitations set out herein, a Satellite Zone Committee shall operate its business in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4 as though it were a Zone Committee.

4.10.3 Satellite Zone Committees shall allow an individual from the Zone Committee Executive to attend its meetings.

4.10.4 Satellite Zone Committees shall keep minutes and records of its meetings and shall, within twenty-one (21) days of each meeting send copies of the said minutes to the Secretary of the Zone Committee Executive.

## 5.0 **OFFICIALS COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE**

- 5.1 5.1.1 The business and affairs of Officials Committee shall be managed and conducted by Officials Committee Executive which shall consist of the following:
- (a) Committee Chairperson;
  - (b) Secretary-Treasurer;
  - (c) Two (2) people appointed by the President to represent the Board ("Board's Representatives");
  - (d) Officials Zone Chairperson for each Officials Zone;
  - (e) Immediate past Committee Chairperson;
  - (f) Officials Zone Representatives, the number of which will vary depending upon the number of Referees and Linesmen registered in each Officials Zone as follows:
    - (i) 100 to 649 Referees and Linesmen in a Officials Zone shall entitle that Officials Zone to two (2) Representatives;
    - (ii) 650 to 799 Referees and Linesmen in a Officials Zone shall entitle that Officials Zone to three (3) Representatives;
    - (iii) 800 to 999 Referees and Linesmen in a Officials Zone shall entitle that Officials Zone to four (4) Representatives;
    - (iv) for each 200 Referees and Linesmen in excess of 800 in a Officials Zone, the Officials Zone shall be entitled to one (1) additional Representative.
- 5.1.2 The persons forming the Officials Committee Executive shall be those persons provided for by the AAHA Bylaws as may be amended from time to time.
- 5.1.3 The term of appointment or election of each person forming the Officials Committee Executive shall be as provided for by the AAHA Bylaws, as may be amended from time to time.
- 5.1.4 The Officials Committee shall elect the Committee Chairman for a term of two (2) years. In the event that the individual elected should resign, die, or become incapacitated during his/her term, the Officials Committee Executive shall appoint by resolution an individual which is then on the Officials Committee Executive to serve as Committee Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term of the original Committee Chairman. Nominations for Committee Chairman must be signed by two members of the Officials Committee who are in good standing and submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. The person nominated for Committee Chairman shall have served a minimum of one year on a Zone Committee Executive or Officials Committee Executive.
- 5.1.5 Annually the Officials Committee shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer. The person elected shall be a Member of Officials Committee.
- 5.2 Officials Committee Executive shall, subject always to the AAHA Bylaws, have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 5.2.1 those duties and responsibilities as may be specified by the Bylaws of the AAHA, as may be amended from time to time;
  - 5.2.2 to foster the aims and objectives of Officials Committee;

- 5.2.3 to supervise the operations of the Zone Committees and Zone Committee Executives in an effort to ensure that all matters are conducted in accordance with the Officials Committee Bylaws and the Officials Rules and Regulations, and policies as may be established by Officials Committee Executive from time to time;
- 5.2.4 to manage the finances and financial affairs of Officials Committee and in so doing shall always ensure that:
  - (a) at the fiscal year end of Officials Committee, the equity on the balance sheet shall not decrease more than twenty (20%) per cent of the equity in the previous year provided that the Members at the annual meeting of Officials Committee may pre-approve a decrease in excess of twenty (20%) per cent.
- 5.3 In order to carry out its duties and responsibilities, the Officials Committee Executive shall have the following powers:
  - 5.3.1 from time to time to suspend the operations of a Zone Committee which has not complied or is not complying with and abiding by the Bylaws of the AAHA, the AAHA Rules and Regulations or Committee Bylaws. Any suspension of a Zone Committee shall be subject to the approval and/or ratification of the AAHA Board;
  - 5.3.2 to manage and direct the affairs of a Zone Committee which has been suspended or discontinued including, without limitation, management of money held by the Zone Committee;
  - 5.3.3 to establish and set fees to be paid by Referees and Linesmen, said fees to be collected by the Zone Committee and remitted to Officials Committee;
  - 5.3.4 to cause Officials Committee to purchase goods that are required to conduct the business of Officials Committee, including, without limitation, crests, arm bands, case books, rule books, and level books;
  - 5.3.5 provided that the Officials Committee Executive obtains the prior written consent of the AAHA Board, to borrow money from time to time;
  - 5.3.6 to appoint standing committees as is deemed necessary and the persons appointed to these committees shall be appointed for a term ending on the earlier of:
    - (a) one (1) year; or
    - (b) replacement by the Officials Committee Executive;
  - 5.3.7 to pass, amend, or delete rules and regulations for the conduct and decorum of Referees and Linesmen, subject always to the approval of the AAHA Board of Directors;
  - 5.3.8 subject to the provisions of the AAHA Bylaws, to discipline Members including, without limitation, suspensions for periods of time not to exceed twenty (20) years.

5.4 The duties of the officers of the Officials Committee Executive are as follows:

5.4.1 Committee Chairman shall:

- (a) chair all annual and special meetings of Officials Committee and meetings of Officials Committee Executive;
- (b) present the Chairman's Report at Annual Meetings of Officials Committee;
- (c) shall cause to be called all meetings of Officials Committee and Officials Committee Executive;
- (d) subject to the overall management and supervision of Officials Committee Executive, provide general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of Officials Committee;
- (e) be an ex-officio member of all standing committees of Officials Committee;
- (f) assign Referees and/or Linesmen to officiate at those hockey games specified by Officials Committee Executive.

5.4.2 Committee Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- (a) attend all meetings of Officials Committee and Officials Committee Executive and record the proceedings and matters dealt with at those meetings, keeping the records in a minute book;
- (b) keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and payments of Officials Committee;
- (c) deposit or cause to be deposited in a bank account in the name of Officials Committee (ie., "AAHA Officials Committee"), all revenue including, without limitation, all fees, dues, assessments, and fines;
- (d) pay, in a timely fashion, all debts and liabilities of Officials Committee;
- (e) prepare or cause to be prepared annual financial statements and such other financial statements, budgets, and other financial data as Officials Committee Executive may require from time to time;
- (f) keep all receipts, vouchers and other documents at such place or places as may be approved by Officials Committee Executive from time to time, and shall not destroy these financial records until approval is obtained from Officials Committee Executive;
- (g) deliver the books, records and all financial records to the auditors of the AAHA or Officials Committee Executive forthwith upon their request;
- (h) deliver a copy of the audited financial statement for the year to the AAHA following approval of the statement at the Annual General Meeting;

- (i) deal with and obtain from Zone Committee Treasurers financial information and statements of the Zone Committees and prepare or cause to be prepared by September 1 of each year a statement of the same for delivery to the AAHA Board;
  - (j) deliver or cause to be delivered audited financial statements at each Annual General Meeting with the report of Officials Committee Executive as to the state and condition of the financial affairs of Officials Committee.
- 5.5 An individual that has been elected or appointed to the Officials Committee Executive shall cease to be part of the Officials Committee Executive forthwith upon any one or more of the following events:
  - 5.5.1 if the individual is adjudged bankrupt or should make an assignment in bankruptcy;
  - 5.5.2 if the individual becomes of unsound mind;
  - 5.5.3 if the individual is convicted of an indictable criminal offence;
  - 5.5.4 if the individual resigns by notice;
  - 5.5.5 except for the appointees of the AAHA Board, if the individual ceases to be a Member in good standing;
  - 5.5.6 upon the expiration of his term.
- 5.6 In the event that the number of individuals forming the Officials Committee Executive should not be sufficient to form a quorum (taking into consideration the maximum number of individuals that should form the Officials Committee Executive) those individuals then remaining on the Officials Committee Executive may, with the exception of those individuals to be appointed by the AAHA Board, appoint individuals to the Officials Committee Executive and said appointments shall be for a term expiring at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.7 All acts of the Officials Committee Executive shall be valid and binding notwithstanding that it may later be discovered that there may be some defect in any one or more of the appointments or election of an individual to the Officials Committee Executive.
- 5.8 In the event that the Committee Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Officials Committee Executive at the time appointed for commencement of the meeting, those individuals then present shall elect from their midst an individual to act as Chairman of that meeting until such time as the Committee Chairman shall be in attendance.
- 5.9 Excepting those individuals appointed by the AAHA Board, Members may at a Special General Meeting by Extraordinary Resolution, remove one or more individuals from Officials Committee Executive and by ordinary resolution elect an individual(s) to replace the individual(s) so removed, and the individual(s) so elected shall be elected for a term expiring at the same date that the term of the individual that was removed would have expired.

5.10 Officials Committee shall indemnify an individual, his heirs and legal representatives from and against all costs, charges, expenses, judgments, claims, and damages reasonably incurred by him in respect of all acts and decisions made by an individual when acting in his/her capacity of Committee Executive, provided that the aforesaid indemnity shall not apply or be effective if the individual did not act honestly and in good faith.

## 6.0 **MEETINGS**

### 6.1 General Meeting of Officials Committee:

- 6.1.1 The annual meeting of Officials Committee shall normally be held annually on the first Sunday in June of each year at a location determined by the Officials Committee Executive upon 21 days notice in writing to all Members.
- 6.1.2 In the event circumstances warrant holding the Annual General Meeting on a day other than the first Sunday of June in each year, Officials Committee Executive may specify another day of the relevant year upon 30 days notice in writing to the Members.
- 6.1.3 Special General Meetings shall be all meetings of the Members other than the Annual General Meeting and all resolutions considered at a Special General Meeting shall, other than as is specifically provided otherwise herein, require an Extraordinary Resolution.
- 6.1.4 A quorum at an Annual General Meeting or at Special General Meetings shall be thirty-five (35) Members. In the event that a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour following the time appointed for the commencement of a meeting, and provided that the Special General Meeting was not convened under Article 6.1.9 below, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day of the following week at the same time and place, and at the adjourned meeting a quorum shall be twenty-five (25) Members. If the Special General Meeting was convened pursuant to Article 6.1.9 below, and a quorum is not present, the Special General Meeting shall be deemed to be dissolved.
- 6.1.5 At each Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting each Member present in person shall be entitled to one (1) vote. There shall be no proxies allowed. Unless a Member requests voting by secret ballot, every resolution shall be decided by a show of hands. A Member may request a poll on any question. If a poll is requested it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman of the meeting may direct. A request for a poll may be withdrawn by the individual initially requesting the poll.
- 6.1.6 In the event of any issue as to the admission or rejection of any particular ballot, the chairperson of the meeting shall resolve the same, and such resolution shall be final and conclusive.
- 6.1.7 In the event of an equality of votes on any question, the chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 6.1.8 The chairperson of an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting may, with the consent of the Members present, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an

adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished from the meeting which was adjourned.

6.1.9 A Special General Meeting shall be convened upon the request in writing of the greater of the following:

6.1.9.1 a number of Members which is equal to three (3%) per cent of the total Members; or

6.1.9.2 thirty-five (35) Members;

and the request shall specify the business to be conducted at the Special General Meeting.

6.1.10 The order of business at Annual General Meetings shall be as follows:

- (i) Call to order
- (ii) Roll Call of Members
- (iii) Minutes of Previous Meeting
- (iv) Correspondence
- (v) Chairman's Report
- (vi) Treasurer's Report
- (vii) Zone Reports
- (viii) Other Reports
- (ix) Unfinished Business
- (x) New Business
- (xi) Elections
- (xii) Good and Welfare
- (xiii) Announcement of Next Meeting
- (xiv) Adjournment

## 6.2 Meetings of Officials Committee Executive

6.2.1 The Officials Committee Executive shall meet as follows:

- (a) on the day prior to the Annual General Meeting;
- (b) such other meetings as Officials Committee Executive or Committee Chairperson may determine to be necessary or upon the written request of three persons of Officials Committee Executive and notice of such a meeting shall be given in writing seven (7) days in advance of the meeting date.

6.2.2 On a day in January of each year to be determined by the Committee Chairman, there shall be a meeting of Officials Committee Executive with a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the following individuals present in person:

- (a) Committee Chairman;
- (b) Committee Secretary Treasurer;
- (c) Past Committee Chairman;
- (d) The Zone Chairmen; and
- (e) those individuals on the Officials's Committee Executive who have been appointed by the AAHA.

- 6.2.3 Those people entitled to attend a meeting of Officials Committee Executive are as follows:
- (a) those persons elected or appointed to Officials Committee Executive;
  - (b) any person authorized by resolution of Officials Committee Executive;
  - (c) any person authorized by resolution of Members at a meeting of Officials Committee;
- 6.2.4 Except as is provided for in Section 6.2.2 of these Bylaws, a quorum of Officials Committee Executive shall be a majority of those persons elected or appointed to Officials Committee Executive.
- 6.2.5 At all meetings of Officials Committee Executive, unless otherwise specifically provided in these Council Procedures and Regulations, majority vote of the persons present in person shall be sufficient to pass a resolution.
- 6.2.6 A resolution in writing executed by a majority of the persons on Officials Committee Executive shall be good and binding.
- 6.2.7 A meeting of Officials Committee Executive may be held by conference phone provided that each individual present by phone may hear the others. All resolutions passed at a meeting by conference phone call shall be ratified by resolution in writing executed by those individuals present at the meeting.

### 6.3 Notices of Meetings

- 6.3.1 Notices of all Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and meetings of the Officials Committee Executive, shall be mailed by prepaid mail, delivered personally, telegraphed or telefaxed to the address last recorded in the records of Officials Committee, or if no address is recorded therein, to the last address known to the Secretary-Treasurer of Officials Committee Executive;
- 6.3.2 Any notice sent by prepaid mail shall be deemed to have been received on the date on which the notice is posted;
- 6.3.3 Accidental omission to give notice to a Member or an individual of the Officials Committee Executive shall not invalidate any Meeting.

### 7.0 **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

- 7.1 Officials Committee Executive shall maintain or cause to be maintained books and records which shall contain a record of all business of Officials Committee and Officials Committee Executive including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:
- 7.1.1 Minutes of all meetings of Officials Committee and Officials Committee Executive and Committees (Special and Standing);
  - 7.1.2 names and addresses of all Members;
  - 7.1.3 the annual Classification of each Member;



- 7.1.4 of all appointments made by the Officials Committee Executive;
  - 7.1.5 the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all individuals appointed and elected to Officials Committee Executive and Zone Committee Executive of each Officials Zone;
  - 7.1.6 the Committee Bylaws, as amended from time to time;
  - 7.1.7 the Committee Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time;
  - 7.1.8 all disciplinary steps undertaken by Officials Committee Executive and Zone Committee Executive;
  - 7.1.9 all financial transactions including, without limitation, receipts, expenditures, accounts payable, and accounts receivable.
- 7.2 The books and records of Officials Committee and each Zone Committee shall at reasonable times be made available to each Member upon receipt of a written request for inspection. The books and records of Officials Committee and each Zone Committee shall be made available for inspection by Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.3 The books and records of Officials Committee shall be stored at the home of the Secretary-Treasurer or at such other place as Officials Committee Executive may determine from time to time.
- 8.0 **FINANCIAL AND AUDIT**
- 8.1 The fiscal year of Officials Committee shall be from May 1 to April 30 of each year.
- 8.2 The fiscal year end of each Zone Committee shall be set by a resolution of the Zone Committee to a date between March 31 and June 30. *{Amended June 3, 2001}*
- 8.3 Following the 30th day of April in each year, the financial transactions and records of Officials Committee for the preceding fiscal year shall be audited by an independent accountant or audit committee consisting of 3 people as directed by Officials Committee Executive. The audit report shall be delivered to the Officials Committee Executive prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.4 All monies belonging to Officials Committee or Zone Committees shall be deposited in banks approved by Officials Committee Executive.
- 8.5 All cheques drawn upon Officials Committee bank account shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 8.6 All cheques drawn upon the bank account of a Zone Committee shall be signed by any two (2) of the following:
- (a) Zone Chairman;
  - (b) Zone Treasurer;
  - (c) the Vice-Zone Chairman or another Zone Executive person which is designated by the Zone Executive.
- 8.7 In the event that Officials Committee has borrowed money and Officials Committee is not in a financial position to pay the debt obligations as they become due, Officials

Committee Executive may assess each person who was a Member at the date the loan was authorized and drawn, in a pro-rata amount as may be necessary to pay the debt obligation.

## 9.0 **GRIEVANCE**

9.1 A Member (in this Section referred to as the "Griever") that is dissatisfied with a decision directly affecting that Member has a right to grieve that decision in strict accordance with the procedures set out in this Section 9.

9.2 There are four (4) levels of grievance as follows:

9.2.1 Level I - grievance is made to the Zone Committee Executive in which the Griever resides;

9.2.2 Level II - grievance is made to the Zone Committee (general body) in which the Griever resides;

9.2.3 Level III - grievance is made to the Officials Committee Executive;

9.2.4 Level IV - grievance is made to the AAHA President (or his designate) with the rights of appeal as set out in the AAHA Bylaws.

9.3 The Griever must grieve the matter progressively from Level I to Level IV. At Levels I through Level III, the body responsible for hearing the grievance (the "Arbitration Board") may, prior to hearing the grievance, direct the Griever to proceed to the next Level.

9.4 Upon Application in writing to the Griever, the AAHA President may, following consultation with Officials Committee Chairman, direct the grievance to be heard at a Level which the AAHA President deems to be proper.

9.5 The procedure for grievance is as follows:

9.5.1 the Griever must attempt to discuss and resolve the subject matter of the grievance with the body that made the decision which is being grieved;

9.5.2 to proceed to grieve the matter at each Level, the Griever must within fourteen (14) days after becoming aware of the decision which is being grieved or the decision of the Arbitration Board (whichever is relevant), serve a Grievance Notice directed to the following:

- (a) Level I - Zone Chairman or his designate at the home address; or
- (b) Level II - Zone Chairman at his home address; or
- (c) Level III - Committee Chairman at his home address; or
- (d) Level IV - AAHA President c/o the AAHA business office; and
- (e) the Respondent.

9.5.3 The Respondent, upon receipt of a Grievance Notice shall serve a reply in writing (the "Reply") upon the relevant Arbitration Board as aforesaid and the Griever within 7 days of receipt of the Grievance Notice;

- 9.5.4 Except in the case of a Level IV Grievance (which Grievance is dealt with under the AAHA Bylaws, a grievance shall be concluded within the following time limitations:
- (a) if a Level I grievance, on or before the twenty-first (21st) day following receipt of the Grievance Notice as contemplated in Bylaw 9.5.2 above;
  - (b) if a Level II grievance, on or before the sixtieth (60th) day following receipt of the Grievance Notice as contemplated in Bylaw 9.5.2 above;
  - (c) if a Level III grievance, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day following receipt of the Grievance Notice as contemplated in Bylaw 9.5.2 above;
- 9.5.5 Upon the AAHA President receiving a Grievance Notice, the provisions of the AAHA Bylaws shall be effective in the same manner as though there were a violation under Bylaw XII of the AAHA Bylaws;
- 9.5.6 Upon the Arbitration Board receiving the Reply or if an Arbitration Hearing is held, the Arbitration Board shall, within 21 days, render a decision in writing with reasons for the decision.
- 9.6 A Grievance Notice shall not be deemed to be invalid if it did not contain all of the relevant facts.
- 9.7 When a Griever fails to file a Grievance Notice or fails to proceed with a grievance, within the time limits set out in this Section 9, he shall be deemed to have abandoned the grievance.
- 9.8 When an Arbitration Board fails to proceed as required by this Section 9, the Griever shall be entitled to proceed with the grievance to the next consecutive Level.
- 9.9 All Grievance Notices, Replies and notices, and decisions sent by the Arbitration Board shall be sent by registered mail or delivered by hand and where mailed it shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the date the envelope is postmarked.
- 9.10 All time limitations may be extended if consented to in writing by the Griever, the Respondent, and the Arbitration Board.
- 10.0 **GENERAL**
- 10.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, all correspondence directed to Officials Committee shall be directed to the Chairman with a copy to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 10.2 All Members shall sign an attendance record upon entering meetings of Officials Committee.
- 10.3 Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all meetings of Officials Committee except where those rules may conflict with the rules and procedures set out herein.

#### 10.4 Honoraria

- 10.4.1 Honoraria may be paid to Members and other persons. In each fiscal year, the aggregate amount of the Honoraria is to be determined by the Members at the Annual General Meeting and then allocated to individuals in amounts to be determined by Officials Committee Executive.
- 10.4.2 Notwithstanding the passing of a resolution to pay honoraria, no honoraria shall be paid unless there is sufficient money in the bank to cover all known liabilities and having a least One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to start the following year's operation.

#### 10.5 Amendment of Committee Bylaws

- 10.5.1 Committee Bylaws shall become effective and in force upon their adoption by the Officials Committee at Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and ratification by the AAHA Board and such adoption and ratification shall rescind any previous Rules, Regulations or any other documents whatsoever to this effect.
- 10.5.2 Committee Bylaws may be amended or changed by Extraordinary Resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been included with the written notice calling the meeting.



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