

Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association



Rules and Regulations

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Hereinafter referred to as the "BMHA"

NOTE:

A copy of the Rules and Regulations must be available to all BMHA membership at the commencement of the hockey season. The Rules and Regulations will be available on the BMHA website (blackfaldsminorhockey.com).

All Hockey Alberta rules are to be adhered to. BMHA rules may add to Hockey Alberta rules providing these variations do not disregard any Hockey Alberta rules.

A. PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The BMHA is established to foster and develop organized amateur minor hockey within Blackfalds. The intent of the BMHA is to provide, for minor hockey players in Blackfalds, an opportunity to participate in a well-organized and structured hockey program. The qualities of sportsmanship and good citizenship will be promoted and the welfare, education and social development of the participants shall be the paramount objective of the BMHA.

The BMHA exists to provide a positive learning and maturing experience for young athletes in a minor hockey setting. In structuring these experiences the BMHA must lead by example, recognizing that these experiences may have a profound effect on the future attitudes, moral development and community involvement of these young people.

It is the obligation of any volunteer within the organization to set an example of honesty, integrity, fairness and trustworthiness for the young athlete.

It is the BMHA's duty to ensure the rights of the young athlete are met. It is imperative the Rules and Regulations of the BMHA be adhered to at all times by the volunteers and all participants. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the BMHA Discipline Committee.

Blackfalds Minor Hockey States:

1. That in keeping with the philosophy and mission statement of the BMHA, the BMHA reserves the right to alter, enforce, make, vary, refuse any player movement on the basis that the Executive, or the powers of authority within the Executive, have acted in a fair and consistent manner, and have not destroyed the fair and competitive balance that the BMHA strives to achieve
2. Minor Hockey programs are available for all the youth within the BMHA boundary. All youth eighteen years and younger should have an opportunity to participate (Some restrictions may apply)
3. The opportunity to participate in minor hockey should be available and accessible to all qualified persons in the BMHA boundary. (Some restrictions may apply)
4. All service area youth have the right and the freedom to develop their hockey ability in order to participate at the level relative to their developed category qualification and their division age qualifications
5. The physical and mental well-being of the participants, instructors, coaches and officials should be the central focus of the program development, services and policies

6. The delivery of the Minor Hockey program should be a co-operative effort, through the various levels of participation, under the guidance of BMHA
7. Minor Hockey is an integral part of recreation and the broader social system. It should not be developed in isolation from other sport delivery systems and economic concerns
8. The Executive should develop Minor Hockey programs in a manner which maximizes both the effectiveness and efficiency of long range planning resulting in programs and services truly meeting the needs of service area residents
9. The Executive should offer a Minor Hockey system that provides a high standard and quality of service to the participants
10. The BMHA should ensure that volunteers and volunteerism be maintained as the basis of the hockey program delivery system
11. Provide hockey as a spectator attraction for community entertainment and to develop community loyalties and community pride
12. To develop a hockey program that will bring honor and recognition to Blackfalds and will enhance the Town's image as a regional economic and social center
13. Work in conjunction with Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada in the promotion of Minor Hockey programs and leadership development opportunities
14. BMHA endorses the National Coaching Certification Program

B. Athlete's Rights & Principles

The right to fair and impartial treatment

The right to have fun

The right to play as a child and not as an adult

The right to be treated with dignity

The right to have their needs and not those of the adults fulfilled

The right to have a positive example set by adults in minor hockey

The right to participate at the category of their ability within their respective age group

Principles

1. The individual's welfare, rights and safety are of paramount importance to the BMHA
2. Attempt to ensure that spectators attendance at hockey games exemplifies appropriate behavior and is a good example for young people to follow
3. Develop and implement effective hockey programs that are dependent on close competition and various ages, skills and ability levels
4. Align with Hockey Alberta and Accredited League standards that specify the length of the games and season, number of games and practice requirements of players and team at all levels
5. Standards for equipment management policies should be established so that the cost to the participant and the community at large may be minimized, providing the safety of the participant is not jeopardized and performance is not impeded
6. The volunteer concept for leadership must be retained when possible in order to ensure that costs to the participant may be controlled and kept accessible to all
7. No player should be excluded from participation at the category of their age due to gender, race, religion, economic status, or educational pursuits

C. Protests and Appeals

1. Any person, player or team who disagrees with a decision of the Executive or any other representative of the BMHA, may lodge a written appeal (grievance letter) to the BMHA. Refer to section below
2. Grievance process simplified:

- a. Mandatory 24 hour 'cooling off' period
 - b. Contact Division Director to deal with grievance. If grievance cannot be solved at the Division Director level go to next step
 - c. Grievance letter submitted to BMHA Discipline lead (Vice President or designate)
 - d. BMHA Discipline lead will collect written statements from all parties involved
 - e. BMHA Discipline lead will assemble Grievance Committee to review the incident to determine if the grievance is valid and recommend discipline, as required
 - f. BMHA Discipline lead will review Grievance Committee decision with BMHA Executive. If BMHA Executive does not support the decision, the Grievance Committee will assemble again. If BMHA Executive supports the decision, go to next step
 - g. BMHA Discipline lead will contact parties involved in the grievance and apply disciplinary action when required
3. Any person, player or team will be required to submit a grievance fee of \$100, for submitting a grievance. If the grievance is valid and accepted, the fee will be refunded
 4. Players, Coaches, parents and members involved in a grievance will be suspended from participating in BMHA functions, including games, practices, meetings, etc. during the grievance process
 5. Members directly involved in a grievance will be excluded from participating in the grievance review

D. Discipline

1. The BMHA Executive will have the ability to impose discipline on any Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick boy, Referee, Linesman, Volunteer, Member, Parent or Spectator that is guilty of unacceptable conduct on or off the ice or violates or breaks a By-Law, Rule, Regulation or ruling of the BMHA Executive. Individuals will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA in accordance with BMHA By-Laws
2. The Grievance Committee, in conjunction with the BMHA Executive, has the power to impose appropriate discipline of unacceptable conduct
3. Any player, team or team official who knowingly supplies false information to a representative of the BMHA will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA and the matter referred to Hockey Alberta

E. Equipment

1. All coaches shall be responsible for ensuring that every player taking part in any game or practice is fully dressed in proper equipment
2. Proper Equipment is deemed to be the following:
 - CSA Approved Helmet and Face Mask
 - "BNQ" Certified Throat Protector
 - Athletic Support
 - Hockey Pant/Girdle

- Shoulder Pads
- Elbow Pads
- Shin Pads
- Jersey/socks
- Skates
- Hockey Gloves

**Note: BMHA uniforms and equipment are to be used for Team functions ONLY
*refer to Section O. Equipment Supplied by BMHA***

F. Ice Policy

1. Scheduled ice time not used and not cancelled seven (7) days prior will be charged to the team at the current BMHA rate plus applicable taxes and fees
2. All cancellations are to be done online

G. Player Eligibility

1. Age qualifications of players for Divisions shall be governed by Hockey Alberta as follows:
 - a) Midget – this Category is open to players who are under the age of 18 years and over the age of 14 years on December 31, in the season they wish to compete (15, 16 and 17 on December 31)
 - b) Bantam – this Division is open to players who are under the age of 15 years and over the age of 12 years on December 31, in the season they wish to compete (13 and 14 years on December 31)
 - c) Peewee – this Division is open to players who are under the age of 13 years and over the age of 11 years on December 31, in the season they wish to compete (11 and 12 years on December 31)
 - d) Atom - this Division is open to players who are under the age of 11 years and over the age of 8 years on December 31, in the season they wish to compete (9 and 10 years on December 31)
 - e) Novice - this Division is open to players who are under the age of 9 years and over the age of 6 years on December 31, in the season they wish to compete (7 and 8 years on December 31)
 - f) Initiation - this Division is open to players who are under the age of 7 years and over the age of 5 years on December 31, in the season they wish to compete (6 years old on December 31)
 - g) Pups – 4 years old on December 31, in the season they wish to participate
2. Exceptions must be approved by BMHA, the Accredited League and Hockey Alberta in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator

H. Zero Tolerance

Zero tolerance is a policy developed by the Canadian Hockey Association and endorsed by the BMHA. It deals with players and coaches who show disrespect to all on and off ice officials.

Any verbal abuse or physical gestures designed to intimidate or embarrass officials will be penalized. To curb abuse, officials will penalize team officials and players who, through words or gestures, make an obvious attempt to:

- Intimidate an official
- Challenge the authority or competence of an official
- Incite or abuse or disrespect of an official by others

- Embarrass an official
- Direct personal comments or gestures at an official

The BMHA has endorsed a third component to this policy. It deals with any fan and/or parent who abuse on or off ice officials. Any abuse directed towards these officials will result in immediate stoppage of the game by the referee. The individual(s) will be ejected from the rink and failing to do so within 1 minute, may cause the forfeiture of the game by the team he/she is associated with. If it cannot be determined who he/she is associated with, the police will be called and charges may be laid.

Any destruction of BMHA property and/or equipment, or any facility will result in an automatic suspension of five (5) games for that player(s) and an automatic one (1) game suspension of head coach.

All damages will be the responsibility of the player or parent/guardian and must be paid in full before player will be allowed to return to the ice (practice or game) or participate in any BMHA or Team function.

I. Abuse & Harassment – Matter of Unacceptable Conduct and Behavior

1. Abuse and Neglect

- a) When any person has reasonable grounds, in the course of Hockey Alberta business activities or events, that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she shall report this belief to the child protection authorities and/or Police. The Hockey Alberta General Manager should also be advised of the intent to report
- b) Hockey Alberta shall take no further action until such time as the authorities and/or Police have concluded their investigation unless there is cause for an immediate suspension on an interim basis to protect the child from further harm
- c) The matter shall then be dealt with as a disciplinary matter pursuant to this policy and the report of the investigation carried out by authorities may be utilized as required by Hockey Alberta
- d) Within the bounds of BMHA influence, physical and/or verbal abuse of any kind from players, officials, coaches, parents or volunteers will result in the offending party being removed from BMHA pending an investigation

2. Harassment

Harassment is a form of discrimination. Harassment is prohibited by human rights legislation. In its most extreme forms, harassment can be an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Harassment is defined as conduct, which is disrespectful, insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive or physically harmful. Types of behavior which constitute harassment include, but are not limited to:

- a) Unwelcome jokes, innuendo or teasing about a person's looks, body, attire, age, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation
- b) Condescending, patronizing, threatening or punishing actions which undermine self-esteem or diminish performance
- c) Practical jokes that cause awkwardness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety or negatively affect performance

- d) Unwanted or unnecessary physical contact including touching, patting or pinching
- e) Any form of physical assault or abuse
- f) Any sexual offence
- g) Behavior such as those described above which are not directed towards individuals or groups, but which have the effect of creating a negative, hostile or uncomfortable environment

J. BMHA Codes of Conduct

1. Volunteer's Code

- a) Expect no special rights or privileges because you are a volunteer
- b) Understand that even though you may not agree with all BMHA policies or practices, as a representative of the organization, you have an obligation to publicly support them and at all times abide by them
- c) Accept that because you are a representative of the BMHA, your actions, either positive or negative, reflect back on all of the other volunteers in the organization
- d) Base your decisions and actions on what is best for the majority of hockey players while respecting the rights of the individual
- e) Be prepared to listen and respond to any concerns brought to you
- f) Be prepared to listen to ideas from other people even though they may differ from your own
- g) Judge ideas on their own merit, and the benefit they can bring the hockey players and don't fall back on "But they've always done it this way"
- h) Work patiently for improvement...do not expect too much too quickly
- i) Be slow to anger and hard to discourage
- j) Anticipate people's shortcomings and make allowances for them
- k) Be prepared to put in long, hard hour with little or no recognition except the self-satisfaction of knowing you have accepted a challenge many turn away from
- l) Be aware that the use of any type of social media (Facebook, twitter, etc.) to disseminate information about BMHA and its players, parents and coaches may be seen as a breach of the code of conduct
- m) Electronic devices should be used appropriately at Team functions and in dressing rooms. This includes but is not limited to: cell phones, cameras, tablets, etc.
- n) Permission should be granted before any online posting of other individuals photographs
- o) Use of illegal drugs and alcohol (at any time during the season) at a sanctioned Minor Hockey Function will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA

2. Parent's/Guardian's Code

- a) One parent from each family MUST complete the RESPECT IN SPORT – Parent Program PRIOR to players being allowed on the ice
- b) Do not force an unwilling player to participate in sports
- c) Remember that participants should be involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours
- d) Encourage your child to always play by the rules
- e) Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory and that if you give your best, then you have won, regardless of the score
- f) Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition

- g) Congratulate your child on honest effort and skill improvement, not just goals and assists
- h) Remember that child learn best by example. Applaud good plays by either team
- i) Do not publicly question the official's judgment and never their honesty. After all, have you offered to do the job?
- j) Abuse of players, coaches, officials or volunteers will not be tolerated
- k) Actively support all efforts to remove verbal and physical violence from hockey
- l) Recognize the value and importance of volunteers. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your son/daughter
- m) Attend practices and games
- n) Have players at the rink at coach's specified times before games and practices
- o) Parents will fulfill their contractual fundraising responsibilities or they may face disciplinary action from their respective Team and/or BMHA
- p) Use of social media (Facebook, twitter, etc.) to abuse or harass players, coaches, officials, or volunteers will not be tolerated
- q) Electronic devices should be used appropriately at Team functions and in dressing rooms. This includes but is not limited to: cell phones, cameras, tablets, etc.
- r) Permission should be granted before any online posting of other individuals photographs
- s) Use of illegal drugs and alcohol (at any time during the season) at a sanctioned Minor Hockey Function will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA

3. *Player's Code*

- a) Play for the "fun of it", not just to please your parents or coach
- b) Play by the rules
- c) Never argue with the official's decision. Let your captain or coach ask any necessary questions
- d) Control your temper...no "mouthing off", throwing tantrums, breaking or throwing sticks or other equipment
- e) Work equally hard for yourself and your team...your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- f) Be a good sport. Cheer all plays whether your team's or your opponent's. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player
- g) Remember that the goal of the game is to have fun, improve your skills and feel good
- h) Don't be a show off...always trying to get the most points or penalties. You are a part of a team.
- i) Co-operate with your coach, team mates, officials and opponents
- j) Use of illegal drugs and alcohol (at any time during the season) at a sanctioned Minor Hockey Function will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA
- k) Use of alcohol or tobacco products by minors will not be tolerated, and will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA
- l) Use of social media (Facebook, twitter etc.) to abuse or harass players, coaches, officials or volunteers will not be tolerated
- m) Electronic devices should be used appropriately at Team functions and in dressing rooms. This includes but is not limited to: cell phones, cameras, tablets, etc.
- n) Permission should be granted before any online posting of other individuals photographs

4. *Coach's Code*

- a) Understand that you have an obligation to abide by the policies of BMHA and that failure to do so could result in a loss of coaching privileges
- b) Make sure that your players understand and abide by the Player's Code
- c) Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm
- d) Remember that they have other interests and being able to pursue these interests, as well as hockey, will help them maintain their enthusiasm and make them better hockey players
- e) Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break. Without rules there would be no game
- f) Remember that participants play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the player for making a mistake or losing a competition
- g) Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents, as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches
- h) Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play. Player must obtain a letter from physician authorizing play following an injury when a doctor has provided treatment
- i) Remember that players need a coach they can respect and look up to...be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example
- j) Avoid the use of profanity
- k) Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development in children.
- l) Attend all required coaching clinics and maintain currency on all coaching certification applicable to the level you are coaching
- m) Treat the players as you would like to be treated
- n) Attend all applicable BMHA functions (coaches meetings, clinics, etc.)
- o) Coaches are responsible for the conduct of his players and team officials during practices, games and team functions
- p) Use of illegal drugs and alcohol (at any time during the season) at a sanctioned Minor Hockey function will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA
- q) The use of social media (Facebook, twitter etc.) to abuse or harass players, coaches, officials or volunteers will not be tolerated
- r) Electronic devices to be used appropriately at Team functions and in dressing rooms. This includes but is not limited to: cell phones, cameras, tablets, etc.
- s) Permission should be granted before any online posting of other individuals photographs

K. Guidelines for Coaches

1. Coaches will be accountable to the BMHA
2. Abide by BMHA rules and regulations
3. Select Assistant Coaches and Team Manager
4. Hold a parent meeting at the beginning of the season (with Team Manager):
 - a. Discuss team rules and expectations
 - b. Select parent volunteers, as required
 - i. Treasurer
 - ii. Safety parent
 - iii. Jersey parent
 - iv. Tournament Coordinator
 - v. Grievance Representative
 - vi. Fundraising Coordinator
5. No swearing on the ice, in the box or in the dressing room

6. Alcohol consumption by minors will not be tolerated at any league or team function and will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA
7. Use of illegal drugs and alcohol (at any time during the season) at a sanctioned Minor Hockey function will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA
8. Responsible for enforcing rules, discipline and behavior of team
9. Attend all required coaching clinics and maintain currency on all coaching certification applicable to the level you are coaching
10. A Coach may only suspend a player for a maximum of two (2) games per incident. In the event a Coach believes a player's behavior or conduct merits a suspension of more than two(2) games, he must refer it to the BMHA
11. Become thoroughly acquainted with league and association rules and regulations
12. Attend all meetings with team and parents when required
13. Attend all applicable BMHA functions (coaches meetings, clinics, etc.)
14. Attend all practices and games. If not able to attend, arrange for someone to take charge.
15. Assume responsibility of conduct of players and team officials during practices, games and team functions
16. Goaltenders and players not playing, but are on the bench **must wear** their helmet and face mask during the game or practice.
17. Set a good example for the team in action and dress
18. See that each of your players has proper equipment and ensure it is worn correctly
19. Be aware of any medical problems with players
20. Encourage medical treatment, to the extent possible
21. Compile a directory of player's names, telephone numbers and parent's names.
22. May only 'Head Coach' one team in any given year
23. One coach must be in the dressing room with players at all times
24. Electronic devices to be used appropriately at Team functions and in dressing rooms. This includes but is not limited to: cell phones, cameras, tablets, etc.
25. The Head Coach is responsible for retuning any and all equipment belonging to BMHA at the completion of the season (game jerseys, practice jerseys, goal equipment, pucks, etc.)
26. Before players are allowed on the ice, the ice cleaner must be off of the ice surface and the access gates closed, a member of the coaching staff must be present on the ice
27. A Criminal Records Check must be completed and submitted to the BMHA Registrar by November 15th of the hockey season

L. Guidelines for Managers

1. On commencement of season, obtain game schedule and practice times from BMHA website or Accredited League's website
2. Become thoroughly acquainted with league and BMHA rules and regulations
3. Learn proper procedures for filling out game reports etc.
4. Make transportation arrangements as required
5. Compile a directory of players' names, addresses, telephone numbers and parents' names. Note any special medical problems.
6. Notify players of practice time and location. Give players as much notice as possible
7. Arrange for exhibition games both home and away.
8. Obtain travel permit(s), as per League requirements, from BMHA Registrar prior to the event
9. When playing any out of zone teams, you must ensure that they are properly approved (carded or team sheeted) by Hockey Alberta, for insurance purposes

10. An electronic copy of all game sheets for all HOME league games must be sent to the appropriate League Governor within 24hrs of completion of the game Failure to do so could result in a fine and a home team game LOSS. An electronic copy of all exhibition/tournament game sheets must be sent to the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator within 24hrs of completion of the game
11. Arrange for referees for all games, with at least three (3) days prior notice to scheduling or cancelling
12. Arrange for timekeeper and scorekeeper for Home games
13. Make sure all players, including affiliate players, and coaches are carded and on the approved team roster by the Hockey Alberta and League deadline
14. Ensure the Hockey Alberta approved team roster with you at all times
15. Utilize all ice time and report to BMHA office immediately if team is unable to use, so there is sufficient time to give ice to another team. If ice (practice or game) is not cancelled 7 days prior, the team will be charged for the ice time not used.
16. Teams are responsible to league first
17. Provide fun atmosphere for the players, as our first priority is that the players enjoy hockey. Winning is secondary
18. Advise parents and players that under no circumstances is BMHA equipment to be used outside of approved BMHA functions
19. Use of illegal drugs and alcohol (at any time during the season) at a sanctioned Minor Hockey function will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and removal from BMHA

M. Financing of Team

1. All fund-raising to be approved by the BMHA
2. All expenses accrued during the playing year are the responsibility of the parents of the participants involved.
3. Team funds:
 - a. Must not be used for personal gain
 - b. Must be used according to Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission licensing rules, where applicable
 - c. Remaining at the end of the season may be donated to BMHA. BMHA will determine the appropriate use of the funds ie. replacement jerseys/ equipment, ice fees, 'Jumpstart', etc.

N. Coaching Certification

Canadian Hockey Safety Program Certification (CHSP)

1. All Hockey Alberta teams must have one(1) Team Official registered to their team that has completed the Canadian Hockey Safety Program (CHSP) and be at all games. Initiation level requires one(1) Team Official per ten(10) players.
2. Teams must have a registered, eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15th of the current hockey season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs. Teams will be ineligible to play after November 15th until certification is completed.
3. An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for certification in the Canadian Hockey Safety Program. The certification for this program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1st of the third hockey season

Respect In Sport Coach Certification (RIS)

1. All Hockey Alberta teams must have all coaches registered to their team completed the RIS Coach program to be on the bench at all games

2. Teams must have all registered, eligible RIS certified coaches by November 15th of the current hockey season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs. Teams will be ineligible to play after November 15th until certification is completed

Mandatory Coaching levels for coaching in the BMHA system:

Midget	Coach 2
Bantam	Coach 2
Pee Wee	Coach 2
Atom	Coach 2
Novice	Coach 1
Initiation/Pups	Coach 1

All on ice leaders must have the appropriate Coaching Certification for that level.

NOTE: A coach and assistant coach registering in the Coaches Certification program will be reimbursed the registration fee (not including manuals) if they coach in the BMHA during that playing year (maximum: 2 per team). You will only be reimbursed the money for the course you require (i.e. If you Coach an Atom Competitive team you will not be reimbursed for taking the intermediate level). Coach level dictated by Hockey Alberta.

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches MUST be approved by the BMHA

O. Equipment Supplied by BMHA

- a) Jerseys and goal equipment may be supplied to BMHA teams as available
- b) Equipment belonging to the BMHA will be placed in the care and custody of the Coach only at the beginning of the year. The Coach shall be held responsible for this equipment and will be asked to account for it at the end of the year.
- c) Game Jerseys supplied by BMHA are to be used for games only (not practice)
- d) When equipment supplied by the BMHA is lost or damaged team management MUST report the incident to the Equipment Coordinator immediately
- e) At the end of the year, team management is expected to return ALL equipment to storage
- f) immediately following the last game of the year and supply an inventory to the Equipment Coordinator
- g) Major repairs to goal tending equipment should be made through the BMHA Equipment Coordinator
- h) BMHA equipment shall be used only for BMHA functions
- i) All teams are required to have first aid kits (supplied by BMHA)
- j) A deposit of \$150 per jersey is required to be submitted to BMHA in the case of a single jersey being separated from the rest of the jerseys. BMHA approval is required prior to jersey separation

P. Affiliation of Players

1. A team may use affiliated players **ONLY** if the following rules are complied with:
 - a) The player is registered to the team and on the Hockey Alberta approved roster
 - b) The player is to be used only for replacement of sick, injured or suspended players
 - c) The coach wishing to use an "affiliated player" must then speak to the player's regular Coach and obtain permission to speak to the player and his/her parents
 - d) If permission is granted, the Coach must speak to the player's parents and obtain the parents' consent
 - e) The Coach may then approach the player and inquire whether the player wishes to play the proposed game.
 - f) Hockey Alberta and BMHA Hockey Rules and Regulations concerning affiliated players must be strictly observed

Q. Travel Permits and Scheduling

Every individual tournament, tournament committee and participating team(s) are responsible to the BMHA. A tournament sanction number and applicable travel permits must be obtained from the BMHA registrar (or Designate). Failure to obtain the required permits may result in a fine to the team(s) involved.

R. Player Mentors

A player from a higher level team, for example – Pee Wee, in the same association, can be asked to volunteer his/her time to assist a lower level team, for example – Novice, in practice if:

- a) The volunteering player has permission from both his coach and the coach of the team that is requesting his assistance.
- b) The volunteering player is of an appropriate age and ability to be considered a help to the players of the lower level team.
- c) The volunteering player is dressed in full hockey gear at all times on the ice.
- d) The volunteering player is not on the bench during games and is only with the team during practices.