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GAME PLAY RULES

Effective for the 2019-20 season, all Minor Hockey Associations are required to operate in compliance with the Hockey Canada Policy on Initiation and Novice hockey. In Alberta, that means ensuring that programs utilize the following rules for Intro to Hockey.

NON-NEGOTIABLES

PLAYING SURFACE FOR GAMES:

maximum 8,500 sq./ft (100' x 85')

HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULES:

must be followed

GOALTENDERS:

- Initiation: no goalie equipment except for a goalie stick
- Novice: full goalie equipment

GAME PLAY RULES:

- 4 on 4 with a goalie
- Continuous play (line changes and stoppages in play)
- Use buzzer for line changes
- Faceoff only to start halves
- No position specialization
- Blue puck is required for Initiation game play

GAME ADMINISTRATION RULES:


- No score is kept
- No standings or stats kept
- Game summary or game sheet is required for Novice

ON-ICE OFFICIALS:

- One (1) official per game for Novice
- Official game fee \$20 per official
- Officials Report required for major penalties

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION RULES:

- Travel Permits are required
- No Jamborees or Festivals prior to November 1
- Coach requirements (see Pg 16-19) need to be adhered to
- Players and team officials can be registered as a program or a team
- No affiliation required



PLEASE NOTE: NOT ADHERING TO NON-NEGOTIABLE ITEMS WILL PLACE AN MHA IN VIOLATION OF HOCKEY CANADA POLICY, AND SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.