



May 15th - 18th, 2025

TECHNICAL PACKAGE

RULES & REGULATIONS

Men's & Women's Division

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1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- Men's Division -First Nations Communities, teams can use alternate names; however, the team must be identified as a Registered First Nation or Community.
- Men's Division - Inuit Communities and predetermined northern communities will enter under a community name, however, they are permitted to draw from a regional area that must be approved by the committee. This is due to the isolation factor.
- Women's Division - There is no requirement to be community based. This Division is considered an open division.
- If a team does not show for a game, that team will be removed from the tournament immediately. If travel is the contributing factor to a no show, the committee will take that into consideration.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Who can Participate?

- First Nations
- Metis
- Inuit

It's the Team's responsibility to ensure each player and goalie has proof of ancestry. Documentation will be required! Make sure each participant has their proof of ancestry available.

Each player must present a **Metis Citizen Card - Inuit Card** for Nunavut /NWT/Quebec/Labrador/Alaska, **Status Card - Native American Tribal Card**. Please contact the committee for clarification prior to registration deadline if your player does not have any of the below. If a player is in the process of a Band Transfer, or applying for Metis Citizen, please contact the committee prior to registration deadline to determine eligibility.



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3. TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Men's Division;
 - Maximum 18 Players plus 2 Goalies = 20 person roster
 - A maximum of 4 Imports allowed.
 - A Team from your community is entered and playing, and if a player from that community is playing on another Team, the player will be an ineligible player, unless there has been a player release by the team manager. If no player release is authorized by team manager the Team will be removed from the competition for ineligible player.
 - All Imports must be of Indigenous ancestry and will be required to have proof of ancestry.
 - Midget aged players must wear full face mask and neck protector.
 - Men's Division age eligibility: born 2009 and older.
2. Women's Division
 - This division is open.
 - All players must have proof of ancestry.
 - Women's Age eligibility: born 2009 and older.

4. GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF

1. It is mandatory for each team to assign a General Manager. The National Hockey Championship committee will deal directly with the assigned manager on all aspects of the event and game details. Any issues raised with the event in all aspects will be dealt through the teams Manager.
2. The General manager will have the responsibility of submitting and signing off final rosters.
3. Each team will be allowed to list a Coach, two (2) assistant coaches, two (2) trainer/medical staff.
4. Event tags will be provided to the team staff. Only those listed individuals will be allowed on the team bench or considered team staff. Anyone without proper team identification will be removed from bench. **All teams will pay the daily gate admission.**

5. IMPORT ELIGIBILITY & GOALIE RULE

1. Men's Division - Each team is allowed a total of 4 imports. The 4 imports can be used as player or goalies. That is the teams discretion.
2. All Imports must be of Aboriginal descent and must be clearly identified on Game Sheets and players lists with an (I) or (Import).
3. The Women's Division is considered open and this rule does not apply.

6. REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE – Men's & Women's

1. The Registration Deadline Date for Managers to submit Final Rosters is:
 - a. Wednesday May 14th, 2025 - 1:00 pm.
 - b. Rosters can be emailed to chiefthunderstickreg@gmail.com or dropped off at Team Meeting location

Managers / Teams / Sponsors Social

1. Wednesday May 14th, 2025, 7:00 p.m at location TBD
2. Tournament rules and team packages will be distributed and any questions and answers.
3. Meet & Greet with sponsors, hosts and other teams and leadership.
4. Food will be provided.
5. Location; TBD

7. GOALIE & PLAYER RELEASE

1. The Team General Manager will have the sole discretion and authority to release a goalie/player from their First Nation/community to participate for another team in the Chief Thunderstick National Championship.
2. A Goalie/Player release form will have to be signed by the Team General manager from the releasing team and in addition, signed by the General Manager on the accepting team.
3. Goalie/Player releases will be accepted until Registration Deadline date Wednesday May 14th, 12 pm.
4. This rule does not apply to the Women's Division.

9. GAME INFORMATION

1. All Games will start on the scheduled time. A team must ice 5 players and a goalie to begin the game. If a team does not have the minimum number of players to start the game, a goal will be awarded every 5 minutes. At the end of 15 minutes of a game not starting, the game will be considered a default and the winning team will be awarded a 3 – 0 win.
2. All Games:
 - a. 1st period 15 minutes straight time.
 - b. 2nd period 15 minutes straight time.
 - c. 3rd Period 20 minutes Straight time with the last 5 stop time if 3 goals or less.
3. Final game will be 3 periods. 1st and 2nd periods will be 15-minute straight time and 3rd period will be 20-minute Stop time.
4. A 7 Goal “Mercy Rule” is in “effect” at any time during the start of the game. The maximum goal difference allowable will be 7.

10. TEAM UNIFORMS

1. Home and Away jerseys for teams are mandatory.
2. Home teams will wear Dark colours and visiting will wear Light.
3. It will be mandatory to have Matching uniforms, that include socks. A player will be asked to leave the ice if the jersey or socks do not match.

11. TOURNAMENT DRAW

POOL DRAW: ROUND ROBIN - Men's & Women's Division

1. Four (4) or Five (5) Teams per Pool.
2. Teams will have a Three or Four Game Guarantee.
3. Points will be awarded in the Round Robin as follows:

Win	2 Points
Tie	1 Points
Loss	0 Points

4. In the case of a tie in a pool at the end of the Round Robin play, the pool standings will be determined as follows:
 - a) the winner of the game between the two tied teams, or
 - b) if that game ended in a tie, the team with the better record of goals for and against (goals for minus goals against, divided by goals for plus goals against - highest fraction/% wins) or

- c) if again there is a tie, the team that scores the first goal in a game between the two tied teams.
- d) In the event of a tie between three (or more) teams for first place, pool standings will be determined by:
 - i. The best records of goals for and against as per sections (4b) above, and if a tie still exists than sections (4A) and (4C) will apply, in that order.

SINGLE ELIMINATION CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

1. Top Two Teams from each pool qualify for Single Elimination Championship Draw.
 - a. First place in a Pool will play a 2nd place team in a different pool.
 - b. Seeding will be determined on the completion of the pool plays.
2. Women's Playoff Bracket
 - a. 1st Pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 - b. 1st Pool
3. Teams tied at completion of games. The following will determine the winner of games:
 - a. Three on Three, straight time overtime game, first goal wins. Break at 10 minutes minutes and switch ends.
 - b. Penalty rule, the non penalized team will be allowed to add a fourth player.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All games will have minimum three (3) officials, all certified by Hockey Canada.
2. Hockey Canada official's rules will apply with the exceptions as stated within this technical package.
3. There will not be changes to rosters after the **Wednesday May 14th, 2025, 1 pm CST Registration Deadline.**
4. Minor Penalty will be 3 minutes in Straight time and 2 minutes in Stop Time.
5. Misconduct will be 10 minutes.
6. Major Penalty will be 6 minutes in Straight Time and 5 Minutes in Stop Time.
7. Player who receives Gross or Match Penalty will be ejected from Tournament.
8. Any abuse of Officials on or off ice will be ejected from Tournament.
9. Fight Rule: 1st Fight, player will be ejected from Game. 2nd Fight, player will be ejected from Tournament.
10. Men's Division - Visors are optional and will be the sole discretion and decision of each player, the committee recommends visors. Women's Division - Full Face Mask is

required. Midget aged players will require Full Face mask and neck protector.

11. Officials decisions in game are Final.
12. No Drugs or Alcohol allowed in arena or Dressing Room. Players under the influence will be ejected from the game.
13. In the event of an Import listed on two or more rosters. Once the player steps on the ice before or during a game for the first team, the Player will be considered iced and will be considered ineligible for another team.
14. Men's Division is Contact and Women's is Non-Contact.
15. Teams will be able to register and dress a maximum of 20 players.
 - a. 18 Skaters
 - b. 2 Goalies

12. PROTEST RULE

1. Officials in game decisions (calls) will not be protested as they are deemed final.
2. Player Eligibility, Team Eligibility, Import Rule and Final Team roster will be the only areas that can be protested. The committee can check rosters at anytime.
3. 10 Minutes after the completion of a game, a team representative will provide a \$500.00 non-refundable protest Fee. The protest committee will meet immediately to determine final ruling.

13. PRIZE PAYOUT

All Prize Money is Guaranteed.

- First Place TBD
- Second Place TBD
- Third Place TBD

14. TEAM DEPOSIT

Teams may be required to submit a \$500.00 deposit to hold their team spot. If required, this \$500.00 deposit will be given back to each team in cash, upon the completion of their First Game.

15. SANCTIONING

This event is a non sanctioned event. Each team should consider a teams insurance package for travel and liabilities. The tournament committee will use the Hockey Canada Handbook as a guideline for on ice decisions. The committee purchases building event liability insurance in addition, we carry a special PLAYER / REFEREE insurance policy for some coverages for each registered player and referee.

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16. USE OF TEAM LOGOS

Teams agree that Chief Thunderstick National Championship will have the use of Team Logos for media, digital & promotional use. Each team is required to provide a high quality digital logo.

17. CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

Concussion symptoms may occur quickly after a blow to the head or body or may evolve over time (hours or even days). Consequently, players diagnosed with a concussion, and those who are suspected of having a concussion, should be removed from play, monitored and evaluated over time. Any player (including goaltenders) or on-ice official who displays one or more of the concussion signs, or who exhibits/reports one or more of the concussion symptoms, either on the ice or at any subsequent time after direct or indirect contact, shall be removed as soon as possible from the playing environment by the team.

Team personnel observing the signs and symptoms shall report their observations to a medical facility for diagnosis. The Team will notify the host of any actions the team determines with the player.

18. CONTACT LIST

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