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## A. GENERAL CONDUCT

A.01 Players, coaches and spectators must show respect for the game, their opponents, the officials and the fans. Those displaying unruly conduct or causing off ice altercations before, during or after games in or around the rinks or a violation of these Regulations may be suspended. Profane language by or around the players is strictly prohibited. Any Board of Director present at a HRI event may issue an indefinite suspension and, at first opportunity, shall refer the matter to the Division Director for a review and determination of any further suspension.

A.02 Parents' actions must be tempered towards good conduct and the welfare of the players. All parents/guardians must sign a HRI Parent's Conduct Agreement. The agreement is designed to help parents understand their role with their son/daughter's participation in hockey. HRI will not register players of parents/guardians refusing to sign the agreement. Verbal, physical or mental abuse of players, officials, coaches, parents and HRI volunteers will not be tolerated. Suspensions will be assessed for abusive offenses as specified on the Parent's Agreement. HRI reserves the right to increase the length of suspensions depending upon the severity of the incident(s). Team coaches/managers are responsible to notify the Division Director immediately of any parent offenses. HRI reserves the right to suspend the players of parents refusing to abide by suspensions assessed. Other spectators exhibiting abusive conduct will be required to leave the rink and will be subject to the same suspensions as indicated in the Parent's Agreement.

A.03 It is the expectation of HRI that referees and linesmen will demonstrate positive conduct towards the game of hockey. Mutual respect between officials and all players, coaches and parents is to be exhibited in all Divisions.

A.04 During team activities, no one associated with a team, including players, coaches, officials, managers, trainers or persons transporting players, shall be under the influence of, or use, alcohol or illegal drugs. HRI supports zero tolerance. Participants violating this rule are subject to indefinite suspensions.

A.05 A coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, parent or player of a team should not officiate in a league game that is in the same division that their child or siblings are playing unless necessary.

A.06 In situations where conflict arises at the team level between a parent/guardian, player and coach, the first form of resolution will be a meeting between the parent/guardian, player and team manager. Should there be no resolution to the issue, the parent/guardian or player can request a meeting with the team manager and a HRI representative. If no resolution is reached, the complainant has the right to request a meeting with the Division Director, and the coach. The request must be in writing, stating the nature of the complaint and signed by the

parent/guardian. At the conclusion of the meeting with the Division Director, the complainant will receive a written decision within 48 hours of the meeting, with the decision of the Division Director being deemed final. Any further action by the complainant which contradicts or in any way undermines the decision of the Division Director will be deemed to be in non-compliance of the Rules & Regulations and may cause their membership with HRI to be revoked.

**A.07**

1. In situations where there is a written complaint made to a Division Director or the HRI Office regarding hockey operations, a response will be provided from a representative of HRI.
2. Where the complaint involves parent/guardian/coach conduct, the Division Director/Director of Suspension /Director of Coaching Development may individually or collectively review and/or investigate and provide a response, which may include recommendations for further action, disciplinary or otherwise.
3. Those situations wherein the complaint is related to governance of HRI, including Board of Director conduct, an independent individual/committee as appointed/established by the Board of Directors will conduct a review and may make recommendations for further investigation.
4. Special situations of an emergent nature involving verbal complaints, which clearly demonstrate that the wellbeing of a player or member is at risk, may be investigated and acted upon immediately provided they are followed up in writing.
5. With respect to (1) – (4) above, a hearing may be held at the discretion of the Division Director where the parties are to be given an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing. Following the hearing/investigation, a decision relating to any suspensions or other disciplinary actions will be made and communicated, in writing, to the parties.

**A.08** HRI follows the Hockey Canada protocol for harassment/abuse situations. Upon receipt, written or verbal, of a harassment/abuse allegation, an individual/committee as designated by the President will review the situation and make recommendations for follow-up. The individual/committee reserves the right to forward allegations to the appropriate Police Service or Child Protection Agency. All allegations regarding discrimination and racism must be reported to the appropriate Division Director. Repeat offenses are subject to indefinite suspension until reviewed.

**A.09** The Division Directors are responsible for administering the Rules and Regulations of HRI in their respective Divisions. This includes specific and discretionary suspension in coordination with the Director of Suspensions.

**B. REGISTRATION**

**B.01** Age divisions

1. Players must play in the age division as specified by the Board of Directors. Years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. These divisions are:
  - U7 - 5 & 6 years
  - U9 - 7 & 8
  - U11 - 9 & 10
  - U13 - 11 & 12
  - U15 - 13 & 14
  - U18 - 15 to 17
2. Exceptions per the HRI Age Advancement Policy:
  - a) U7 to U9 - age advancement is not permitted.

- b) U9 to U11 – a second-year U9A player/goaltender (must have played U9A as a first-year U9 player) may be advanced to U11A tryouts with 3 letters of reference from objective hockey sources (non-family members) such as coaches, opposing coaches, etc. These letters will be taken into consideration by the HRI Board of Directors. If deemed satisfactory by the HRI Board, the player will be permitted to register to tryout in the HRI U11A Tryouts. In order to play U11A, a U9 skater must evaluate in the top 10% of skaters and a U9 goaltender must evaluate in the top 10% of goaltenders in U11A. For goalies, this requires goaltenders to evaluate as the #1 goalie unless there are more than 10 goalies evaluating. Assuming six (6) teams, a skater would need to rank in the top 8 skaters overall.
- c) U11A to U13AA – a second-year U11A player/goaltender (must have played U11A as a first-year U11 player) may be advanced to U13AA tryouts with 3 letters of reference from objective hockey sources (non-family members) such as own coaches, opposing coaches, etc. These letters will be taken into consideration by the HRI Board of Directors. If deemed satisfactory by the HRI Board, the player will be permitted to register to tryout in the HRI U13AA Tryouts. In order to play U13AA, a U11 skater must evaluate in the top 10% of skaters in U13AA and a U11 goaltender must evaluate in the top 10% of goaltenders in U13AA. For goalies, this requires goaltenders to evaluate as the #1 goalie unless there are more than 10 goalies evaluating. Assuming five (5) U13AA teams, a skater would need to rank in the top 7 skaters overall.
- d) U11A Female to U13AA Female - a second-year U11A Female player/goaltender (must have played U11A Female as a first-year U11 player) may be advanced to U13AA Female tryouts with 3 letters of reference from objective hockey sources (non-family members) such as own coaches, opposing coaches, etc. These letters will be taken into consideration by the HRI Board of Directors. If deemed satisfactory by the HRI Board, the player will be permitted to register to tryout in the HRI U13AA Female Tryouts. In order to play U13AA Female, a U11 skater must evaluate in the top 10% of skaters in U13AA Female and a U11 goaltender must evaluate in the top 10% of goaltenders in U13AA. For goalies, this requires goaltenders to evaluate as the #1 goalie unless there are more than 10 goalies evaluating. Assuming two (2) U13AA Female teams, a skater must rank in the top 3 skaters overall.
- e) U13AA to U15AA – a second-year U13AA player/goaltender (must have played U13AA as a first-year U13 player) may be advanced to U15AA tryouts with 3 letters of reference from objective hockey sources (non-family members) such as own coaches, opposing coaches, etc. These letters will be taken into consideration by the HRI Board of Directors. If deemed satisfactory by the HRI Board, the player will be permitted to register for and tryout in the U15AA Tryouts. In order to play U15AA, a U13 skater must evaluate in the top 10% of skaters in U15AA and a U13 goaltender must evaluate in the top 10% of goaltenders in U15AA. For goalies, this requires goaltenders to evaluate as the #1 goalie unless there are more than 10 goalies evaluating. Assuming three (3) U15AA teams, a skater must rank in the top 4 skaters overall.
- f) U13AA Female to U15AA Female - a second-year U13AA Female player/goaltender (must have played U13AA Female as a first-year U13 player) may be advanced to U15AA Female tryouts with 3 letters of reference from objective hockey sources (non-family members) such as own coaches, opposing coaches, etc. These letters will be taken into consideration by the HRI Board of Directors. If deemed satisfactory by the HRI Board, the player will be permitted to register to tryout in the HRI U15AA Female Tryouts. In order to play U15AA Female, a U13 skater must evaluate in the top 10% of skaters in U15AA Female and a U13 goaltender must evaluate in the top 10% of goaltenders in U15AA. For goalies, this requires goaltenders to evaluate as the #1 goalie unless there are more than 10 goalies evaluating. Assuming two (2) U15AA Female teams, a skater must rank in the top 3 skaters overall.

- g) U15AA to U18AAA: All requests to age advance into U18AAA (male or female) will be required to be submitted to Hockey Sask to be reviewed by a provincial committee. Deadline is January 10th annually for the next season.
- h) HRI Age Advancement Application Deadline for all ages:  
For HRI requests, written applications including all necessary components noted above must be submitted to the HRI Office by August 15. Applications must include a \$200 non-refundable application fee plus the evaluation fee of that division. Note that players must already be registered in their appropriate age division. Example: a U11 applicant must be registered in U11A for the upcoming season.

All applications will be reviewed by the HRI Age Advancement Committee. The Age Advancement Committee will then make recommendations to the HRI Board of Directors.

B.02 HRI offers the following programs:

**U7 Program:** Programs for 5 and 6 year-old players. The primary focus is on fun and skill development.

**Tiered Hockey:** A developmental league with tryouts/evaluations (and possible cuts) for players who have a high level of commitment in terms of time and finances.

**Female Hockey:** A program for females to play on an all-female team in the U7 to U18 age-division.

B.03 In order to ensure HRI has accurate counts of players wishing to play hockey, a non-refundable evaluation/registration fee and deadline for registering for hockey may be established and set by the Board of Directors.

B.04 A player may register and play for only one league but may play for a school team when it does not conflict with HRI play.

B.05 Only those players who are properly registered with HRI and Hockey Sask may participate in league, tournament or exhibition games. Coaches who dress or play ineligible players, including players not approved, as affiliated players, will be subject to disciplinary action.

B.06 Players residing in Regina shall play in zones designated by the Board of Directors and shall not be allowed to transfer from one zone to another (excluding goaltenders). In order to complete or fill team rosters, the Board of Directors may move players to other zones.

B.07 For HRI registration purposes, the address for players shall be the address of the player's parent(s) and/or the address of the person who is in loco parentis of the player as of September 1 of the season in question. Residential qualifications are as per Hockey Sask Regulations.

B.09 HRI has the right to require proof of address and age as stated on the registration form. Additional proof of primary residence may be required.

B.10 U18 AAA

1. Male (Regina Pat Canadians) + Female (Regina Rebels):

- Registrations will be open to any Midget aged player in Saskatchewan using residential qualifications as per Hockey Sask regulations.

B.11 HRI Release Policy for U15 and U18

1. In HRI Male U15 and U18 and Female AA U15 and U18, rosters will not be finalized until January 9th of the playing year.
2. Players cannot be released if the coaching staff misjudged the player's ability at the start of the year. If a player comes to all practices and games, and does what is asked of him, this player cannot be released.
3. Players may be dropped from rosters for the following reasons:
  - missing practices
  - not following instructions when on the ice
  - not coming to games
  - no calls to the coach before missing games or practices
  - interference from parents
4. When contemplating dropping a player from a team, thorough documentation must be kept leading up to the player's release. The player and the parents must be given time to either correct the behavior of the player and/or parents or drop out of the existing program.
5. Before a player is released the coach must inform the manager, then the HRI Office. All documentation must be presented to the HRI office. At this point the request for release will be presented to the HRI Board of Directors
6. The HRI Board of Directors will either give permission to remove the player or outline the conditions that must be met in order for the player to stay in the program.

B.12 For non-U18AAA players, releases will only be granted to any U18 aged player upon making a U18 AAA or Junior A team. Releases will not be granted for a U18 aged player to play Junior B or C. A player does not require a release in order to attend an evaluation camp. All requests or inquiries in registering players, releases or their status must be dealt with by the HRI Office and not by coaches or managers.

For U18AAA players, as per SFU18AAA and SMU18AAA league rules, releases will come directly from the U18AAA team. Should the player and team not agree on a release, the players may appeal to the HRI Board for their release. The HRI Board will have the final decision on granting a release.

**B.13 Registration Fees**

1. Payment of registration fees is done on a team registration basis (one cheque payment by the team to HRI for all players on the team).
2. A late registration fee may be established and assessed according to deadlines set by the Board of Directors.
3. A \$100.00 late charge may be assessed to teams if the equipment/uniforms are not turned in by the last return date.
4. A bond will be assessed every team in all divisions of HRI at the time of team registration. The bond will be refunded to each team at the end of the hockey season provided that the equipment/uniforms have been returned in good condition and all outstanding participant (player, coaches, managers, and trainers) fees and/or fines have been paid. HRI reserves the right to withhold all or part of the bond.
5. In the event that the bond does not cover all fees and/or fines payable, HRI reserves the right to have all outstanding fees and/or fines paid prior to registering players, coaches, managers, trainers for the next season. Thus players who have not returned all outstanding equipment and uniforms or have other outstanding fees will not be allowed to participate in HRI until the matter is resolved.

**B.14 No Pay-No Play Policy:**

1. Registration as a player in HRI involves more than just playing in league and playoff games. A player is expected to participate in the league games, playoff games, the minimum number of practices and tournaments as per HRI Regulations and is responsible for costs thereof.
2. Each team is required to establish a team budget at a parent's meeting early in the season. Team budgets cannot exceed HRI guidelines and are to be approved by the appropriate Division Director. The team budget will specify the dollar figure that each player is to contribute.
3. Player/parents that anticipate having difficulty being able to contribute the funds required for the team fees are to discuss the situation with the team manager and/or treasurer at the earliest possible time. Upon this notification, it is recommended that the team provide opportunities for an installment payment plan and/or fund-raising alternatives. If a player/parent is unable to fulfill their team fee obligations via installment payments or fund-raising alternatives, HRI has the option of suspending the player until the necessary funds are paid. It is the expectation of HRI that all possibilities be explored prior to the player being suspended.

**B.15 Refund Policy:** The effective date for all refunds shall be the date that the HRI office is informed in writing that the player has quit. Refunds are calculated as follows:

1. A refund of 75% of the HRI registration fee will be issued if the player quits after placement on a team and before November 15.
2. A refund of 50% of the HRI registration fee will be issued if the player quits after November 15 and before December 15.
3. A refund of 25% of the HRI registration fee will be issued if the player quits after December 15 and before January 15.
4. No refund will be issued if a player quits after January 15.
5. Long term Injury: Should a player receive a long term injury, during the season, that is not a season ending injury and it requires the player to miss two (2) consecutive months or more of the season, the player will be eligible for a rebate of their HRI registration fees based on the amount of regular season games missed. Medical documentation will need to be supplied to receive the rebate.

**C. TEAM SELECTION AND TRYOUTS**

C.01 Upon registering, a player will elect the tier that they will be evaluating for;

Player evaluations by an independent evaluation process will be the method followed for ranking players on teams in all age divisions except U7. Teams will be formed by a draft or Division Director to determine the final player placement on teams. All players must participate in the evaluation process as set out by HRI. Complete player evaluation and team selection processes for all divisions will be available on the HRI website.

There will be no formal player evaluations for U7. All U7 teams will be formed by HRI. Coaching selection and assignment will be decided following team formation.

**D. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

D.01 Teams may, but are not required to, purchase 3rd jerseys and socks. No coach, assistant coach or other team official shall purchase or order 3rd jerseys, socks or any other team wearing apparel unless and until such purchase has been approved by a majority of the players' parents at a parents' meeting held at the beginning of the season.

- D.02 3<sup>rd</sup> jerseys are not allowed to be worn in HRI league or playoff games.
- D.03 All equipment is subject to the general jurisdiction of the HRI Equipment Manager in accordance with existing regulations governing sponsorship, safety and care of equipment.
- D.04 Player's names are not to be put on HRI assigned jerseys.
- D.05 Jerseys will be considered purchased by the player if any damage occurs because of alterations.
- D.06 Captain/assistant captain crests are to be affixed to a patch that is to be sewed on the HRI assigned jersey and be removed prior to the jerseys being returned at the end of the season.

## **E. TEAM REGULATIONS**

- E.01 HRI shall advertise and receive applications for coaches for all teams, in all divisions, except U18AAA, every year. The Division Directors will oversee the selection process. When coaches are not in place at the start of division evaluations, coaches shall be appointed to these positions. All team officials are subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. All information collected during the evaluation of a coach, including parent evaluations, will be protected by the HRI Privacy policy.
- E.02 As per Hockey Sask Regulations, team officials (Coaches, Volunteer, Trainer) are required to have obtained the necessary training. This includes obtaining the proper coaching certification levels, attending the required courses that include, but may not be limited to, Respect in Sport and Safety and providing an original current Criminal Record Check and being registered on the Hockey Sask certification form. Teams will be assessed a fine from Hockey Sask for each and every instance of missing a Hockey Sask requirement for their team officials as at the deadline prescribed by the Hockey Sask. As per Hockey Sask, failure to obtain the proper coaching certification by the Hockey Sask deadline, may result in the coach being removed from the team.
- E.03 Coaches are to meet with the player's parents at the start of the season. The Division Director or Commissioner must be invited to attend the initial parent meeting where the team approves the manager, treasurer and the team budget. Teams cannot appoint a person as manager or treasurer that is in the same family (spouse/partner, etc.) as the Head Coach.
- E.04 A financial statement is to be provided by each team prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> and a mid-season statement filed by February 15<sup>th</sup> or as requested. The final financial statement and return of unused funds to parents is to be completed as soon as possible after the conclusion of the current hockey season.
- E.05 Maximum team budgets will be posted on the HRI website. Items in the team's budget will include, but are not limited to, the following: registration fees, tournament fees, practice ice costs, gym rentals, team apparel, team outings or meals, coach accommodation and meals where applicable, and any other costs associated with the operation of the team. Transportation costs such as bus rental are not included but must be agreed to by the participating parents. Note that team apparel purchases are strictly voluntary and a family may wish to not participate. Teams or team officials not conforming to HRI budget guidelines, or exceeding team maximums, will be subject to disciplinary action (suspension or dismissal).
- E.06 Teams are expected to pay for out of pocket expenses for registered coaches who do not have a child on the team. These expenses will include, but may not be limited to, out of town travel costs and over-night tournament accommodation (based on shared accommodation) and meals. In the event this regulation is used, these expenses must be factored into the overall team budget and the entire team is responsible for these expenses. Maximum number of non-parent coaches covered will be 3.



E.07 HRI and Associate Member teams are accountable for payment of all clean up and repairs to arena equipment and facility damages for which their players/team are responsible. Damages are to be reported to the HRI office immediately. HRI may also levy a minimum \$250.00 fine (depending on severity) against teams identified as responsible for damage and/or clean up by the arena staff.

E.08 Coaches or other team officials shall attend any and all meetings called by the Division Director or other Board members, or face disciplinary action (suspension or dismissal).

E.09 A coach is responsible for the discipline and conduct of his/her players and may impose reasonable sanctions. Any disciplinary measure may be appealed to the Division Director.

E.10 U7

- a) Each team shall have a maximum of 15 skaters, no goalies.
- b) Ice session length will be 60 minutes.
- c) Each team may attend a maximum of 3 (parent-approved) tournaments (one day), not including their division tournament.
- d) The Season model will follow the directive established by Hockey Canada for U7 and look like this:
  - First set of four shared ice times would be used solely for individual player development
    1. Teams may use this ice time as individual teams but are encouraged to work together through station work.
    2. HRI will attempt to schedule 2 teams for each of these 1<sup>st</sup> 4 ice times
  - After the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 shared ice times each team will be assigned specific game and practice ice times. The goal is to provide 2 hours of practice ice for every 1 hour of game time. When your game time has 3 teams scheduled teams will share the ice as follows:
    1. Each team will play 40 minutes of game on cross ice Surface. The remaining 20 minutes will be used to hold a skill development session
    2. Coaches will stop play every 2 minutes to change lines during your game session
  - The yearend tournament will consist of cross ice games
- e) U7 will use a 4.5 oz. (blue) puck only, each team will be provided with pucks to be returned with the jerseys at the end of the season.

E.11 U9

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 12 and 14 players. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 25 practices per year.
- b) As per Hockey Sask, maximum number of games allowed in a season is forty-five (45)
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget

E.12 U11 (A/B)

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 30 practices per year.
- b) As per Hockey Sask, maximum number of games allowed in a season is forty five (45)
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

U11 (C)

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 25 practices per year.
- b) As per Hockey Sask, maximum number of games allowed in a season is forty (five)
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

**E.13 U13 (AA/A/B)**

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 45 practices per year.
- b) U13AA will play league games in the Sask AA Hockey League (SAAHL) and shall follow the rules and regulations of the SAAHL.
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

**U13 (C)**

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 25 practices per year.
- b) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

**E.14 U15 (AA/A)**

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 14 and 17 skaters and 2 goalies
- b) U15AA will play league games in the SAAHL and shall follow the rules and regulations of the SAAHL.
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

**U15 (B)**

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 25 practices per year.
- b) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

**U15 Female**

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 30 practices per year.
- b) Teams will play in the Sask Female Hockey League (SFHL) and shall follow the rules and regulations of the SFHL.
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

**E.15 U18 (AAA)**

- a) HRI shall operate two (2) U18AAA teams: Male - Regina Pat Canadians, Female - Regina Rebels
- b) Teams will play in the Sask U18AAA League and the Sask Female U18AAA league. They shall follow the rules and regulations of Hockey Canada, Hockey Sask, and their respective leagues.

**U18 (AA/A)**

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 15 and 17 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 30 practices per year.
- b) U18AA will play league games in the SAAHL and shall follow the rules and regulations of the SAAHL.

- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

U18 (B)

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 15 and 17 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 15 practices per year.
- b) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

U18 Female

- a) Each HRI team shall have between 13 and 17 skaters and 2 goalies. Each team is expected to have a minimum of 25 practices per year.
- b) Teams will play in the SFHL and shall follow the rules and regulations of the SFHL.
- c) Any overnight or out of town tournament must be approved by a majority of parents and fit within the team's budget.

E.15.1 U18 travel policy: U18 players registered in HRI are not allowed to drive to games or practices outside Regina without parental supervision.

E. 16 The maximum number of players per each HRI team for each division as shown in E.10 to E.15 may be increased or decreased depending on registrations numbers. The altering of numbers per team may only be initiated by the Division Director and approved by the HRI Board of Directors.

E.17 Players are encouraged to participate in any additional team practices, tournaments and/or non-League exhibition games, which may be arranged by the team. Coaches shall not impose sanctions or otherwise discipline any player who does not participate in such additional practices or games, where due to financial constraints and/or other commitments, which are communicated to the coaching staff, make it difficult or impossible to attend.

E.18 Each team in the U9 Division shall provide one timekeeper.

E.19 Player Ice Time Equality Policy: HRI specifies that the coaches are to rotate players so all receive equitable ice time. Persistent long shifting of one player or line will not be tolerated. Violations of equitable ice time are subject to suspension of the coach (s). Refer to the Player Ice Time Equality Guideline.

In the U9 division all five players must change on every line change where there are 10 skaters dressed for any given game (exhibition and tournament games included). No double shifting of any player is allowed in any U11 and below age division. Double shifting is described as being the act of leaving a player on the ice for two consecutive shifts; the exception to this rule would be the replacement of a defenseman during penalty kills. Refer to the Player Ice Time Equality Guideline.

E.20 A minimum of six (6) players in uniform (not necessarily including the goaltender) on each team shall be necessary for the start of a game. In the event that there are less than 6 players the game will be recorded as forfeiture by the team with less than the prescribed number of players and the score recorded as 5-0. If both teams have fewer than 6 players to start, a game loss shall be assessed to each team, but the score shall be recorded as 0-0. In the event of forfeiture, the ice is to be used for a practice.

Note: HRI encourages teams to play with at least 11 players using affiliated players for missing players.

**F. AFFILIATED PLAYERS**

F.01 Affiliated players cannot be used prior to receipt and approval of the affiliated player list by the HRI office and HRI's submission to Hockey Sask. Failure to follow this process is in effect using an ineligible player, which is subject to suspension and forfeiture of the game in which used. Associate Member Teams are required to follow

HRI Affiliated Player Regulations. The Board of Directors must approve any deviations from the HRI Affiliated Player Regulations.

F.02 Calling up an affiliated player from a lower tier or division is not permitted except to replace a missing player. An exception will be made for a team that has a small roster size, as per F.03. A missing goaltender can only be replaced by an affiliated goaltender. If a team only has one goaltender registered, it may dress an affiliated goaltender that will only play if the registered goaltender is sick, injured or suspended.

F.03 If a team has a small roster, it is able to dress an affiliate player to get up to a normal roster size. A normal roster size by division is as follows:

- U11, U13 + U15 – 15 skaters
- U18 – 17 skaters

F.04 The process for using an affiliated player will be as follows:

- a) The coach using an affiliated player must notify the coach of the team from which a player is being acquired. Coaches not notifying the coach of the team from which a player is being acquired prior to the player taking to the ice are subject to suspension. A coach cannot prevent a player from affiliating to play or practice at a higher level provided there is no conflict with a game or practice. Players should be given the opportunity to play at a higher level at every chance.
- b) The coach affiliating the player must notify and receive approval from his/her parents or guardian.
- c) Any dispute over use of an affiliated player must be referred to the Division Director immediately.

F.04 Affiliated Skater Selection Guidelines

Order Preference	Team	Affiliation
1	U18AAA (Male)	as per Hockey Sask
2	U18AAA (Female)	as per Hockey Sask
3	U18AA	U18A, U15AA
4	U15AA	U15A, U13AA
5	U18A	U18B, U15AA+A
6	U15A	U15B, U13AA
7	U15B	U13A+B+C
8	U18B	U15A+ B
9	U18AA Female	U18A Female, U15AA Female
10	U18A Female	U15AA+A Female
11	U13AA	U13A, U11A (max 2)
12	U13A	U13B, U11A+B
13	U13B	U13C, U11B+C
14	U13C	U11B+C
15	U15AA Female	U15A Female, U13AA Female
16	U15A Female	U13AA+A Female
17	U11A	U11B
18	U11B	U11C
19	U13AA Female	U13A Female, U11 Female
20	U13 A Female	U13B Female, U11 Female
21	U13 B Female	U11 Female

1. All affiliated players must reside in the team's zone. Goalies that have been allocated/drafted to a team in a lower division may be affiliated with the higher division team in that zone.
2. In the case where two divisions are affiliating with the same division, the selection sequence outlined in the chart above will be used. A player can only be affiliated to one (1) team at any time.
3. The Division the Director shall have the discretion to approve additional affiliations

F.05 Affiliated players used in a game are to be designated on the game sheet with the letters "AP".

## **G. GAME RULES**

G.01 Coaches shall print names and numbers clearly on the score sheet. Jersey numbers are not to be changed during the season. Coaches are responsible for correctly completing the game sheets.

G.02 In any game where all coaches and assistant coaches of a team have been, for whatever reason, ejected from the game or are otherwise unable to act as a coach, the team without coaches will forfeit the game to the opposition. Both teams shall immediately discontinue the game. The score will be recorded as 5-0.

G.03 If for any reason a team is without coaches for a game(s), the Division Director can appoint certified coach(es) to act as coach(es) for that team until such time as the approved coach(es) are once again available.

G.04 Length of games:

1. U9 – 60 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 2-24 minute straight time periods.
2. U11 – 75 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 3-15 minute stop-time periods
3. U13A/B – 120 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 3-20 minute stop time periods; ice cleaned every two periods
4. U13C – 90 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 1st period 15 minutes, 2nd period 20 minutes, 3rd period 20 minute, all periods stop time
5. U15A/B – 120 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 3-20 minute stop time periods; ice cleaned every two periods
6. U18A/B – 135 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 3-20 minute stop time periods; ice cleaned every period
7. U13/U15/18AA – As per SAAHL regulations, 10-15 minute warm-up, 3-20 minute stop-time periods
8. U13/U15/18 Female AA – As per SFHL regulations, 135 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 3-20 minute stop time periods; ice cleaned every period
9. U15/18 Female A – As per SFHL regulations, 120 minutes; 5-minute warm-up, 3-20 minute stop time periods; ice cleaned every two periods
10. For HRI league games, at the start of the third period the required time will be placed on the game clock. If during the third period there is less than five (5) minutes remaining in the allotted ice time and there is more than two (2) minutes remaining on the game clock, the timekeeper will notify the referee during the first stoppage in play and the game clock will be adjusted down to two (2) minutes of stop time. The arena clock shall be deemed the official clock for the purpose of determining the end of the allocated ice time.

G.05 If a coach has a complaint regarding an Official; he/she is to email the HRI office

G.07 Minor penalties will be three (3) minutes in length during running time and two (2) minutes in length during stop time. Major penalties will be seven (7) minutes in length during running time and five (5) minutes in length

during stop time. In the event that the penalty overlaps from running time into stop time, the remaining time when stop time begins shall be two-thirds of the time remaining in the penalty.

G.08 Any player assessed five (5) penalties in a game, shall be required to leave the ice area for the remainder of that game (game ejection). A substitute player will be placed in the penalty bench immediately to serve the penalty.

G.09. In the event the game does not begin at its scheduled time for any reason; adjustments shall be made to the playing time to ensure the game ends at its scheduled time.

G.10 Time-outs are not allowed in any U7, U9 and U11 Divisions HRI regular season or playoff games. In all HRI U13, U15 and U18 divisions each team will be allotted one (1) thirty second timeout per game.

G.11 **GAME CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** All parties involved must complete the game change form and submit to the HRI office prior to changing any regular season game.

G.12 If a team does not follow the game change procedure or chooses to participate in other events, rather than scheduled league games, the Division Director, may suspend the coach(s) for a minimum of two games. Recurring suspensions may result in the coach(s) being suspended for the remainder of the season. The team will be responsible for all costs normally incurred for that game (ice rental, referees, timekeepers, etc.). Teams are encouraged not to schedule other activities during playoffs. HRI league and playoff games take precedence over all tournament and exhibition games.

G.13 If all the game officials do not show up for or are late for more than 15 minutes from the specified game start, the game is to be replayed. The team coaches are responsible for advising the HRI office; the ice session is then to be used as a practice.

G.14 In the case of stormy weather conditions that may prevent teams traveling on highways for league/playoff games, the following process are to be used: Safety of the players is the primary concern however teams should make every effort to play scheduled league games where possible.

1. Contact the Saskatchewan Highway Hotline to determine if weather warnings are in effect
2. If weather warnings are in effect the traveling team officials are to make a decision if the game is to be cancelled.
3. If a game is to be cancelled the team officials are to contact the HRI Scheduler and the HRI Office or the appropriate Division Director to advise of the team's decision not to travel and game cancellation is required. The canceling team officials are to contact the other team's coach to advise of the game cancellation.
4. If the game is outside Regina it is the responsibility of the Associate Member team to make cancellation arrangements with the referees/timekeepers.
5. If the game is outside Regina the two-team coaches are to agree on a rescheduled game, complete a game change form.
6. If the game cannot be rescheduled in a reasonable time frame the game will be a 0-0 tie.

G.15 **Game Results Reporting:** For league games, it is the responsibility of, the Home team in U11 through U18, to submit the gamesheet within 4 hours of game completion. For playoff games, it is the responsibility of the winning team to submit the gamesheet 4 hours after game completion. Failure to do so, may result in a \$50 fine.

## H. PLAYOFFS

H.01 All teams shall make the playoffs, unless otherwise stated. Not all U18 teams will make playoffs

H.02 Teams must be available for all scheduled playoff games. Teams forfeiting playoff games will be subject to disqualification from the remainder of the playoffs.

H.03 Tie Breaking Procedure is as follows:

As per Hockey Sask Regulation 3.08.01, the following criteria shall be used to determine team standings in the event of a tie at the conclusion of the regular season:

1. Two teams Tied

- a) Best win record in games played between tied teams
- b) If still tied, the team with the best win record
- c) If still tied, the team with the best goal average in all games would qualify. The goal average of a team is determined by dividing the total number of goals for by the total number of goals for and against. Example: Total goals for = 10, total goals against = 4, percentage =  $10/14 = .714$ . Note that a maximum of 7-goal difference per game will be used in the calculation of the game ratio. This will be calculated from the actual “goals for” of the losing team in the particular game.
- d) If still tied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties in all games
- e) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team which scored the earliest goal in the game between the tied teams.
- f) If still tied, the winner will be decided by a single toss of a coin.

2. Three or more teams tied

NOTE: This tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.

- a) Best point record in games played between tied teams. Note teams must have played same number of games against each other
- b) Most wins in all games
- c) If still tied, the team with the best goal average in all games would qualify. The goal average of a team is determined by dividing the total number of goals for by the total number of goals for and against. Example: Total goals for = 10, total goals against = 4, percentage =  $10/14 = .714$ . Note that a maximum of 7-goal difference per game will be used in the calculation of the game ratio. This will be calculated from the actual “goals for” of the losing team in the particular game.
- d) If still tied the team with the fewest goals against in all the games played
- e) If still tied, the team with the most goals for in all the games played
- f) If still tied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties in all games played
- g) If still tied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties in all games
- h) If still tied, after all previous methods have been applied, the winner will be decided by a single toss of a coin. In a three-coin toss, the odd team gains the highest position.

NOTE: Once a step in the three or more team tiebreaker establishes a ranking of a team(s), they assume that position and the remaining teams go to the next step. They do not go back to the “Two Team Tiebreaker”

NOTE: In all games that are forfeited by one team, the score will be declared a 5-0 victory for the non-forfeiting team.

H.04 The playoff format in each HRI division will be as follows:

U11 and U13– double knockout format

U15 and U18 – best of three series

H.04.1 HRI Playoff mercy rule (U11 + U13) - if a team is ahead by 5 goals or more, in the last 5 minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, the game clock shall run continuously. If the goal spread goes back to under 5 goals, the game reverts back to stop time.

H.05 For all HRI playoff games that are tied at the end of regulation time, overtime will be played. The overtime procedure will be as follows:

- a) Teams will play sudden death, 20-minute stop time in a three on three format with goalies in.
- b) In the event of a penalty the penalized team will have their player in the penalty box and the opposing team will be allowed a fourth player (ie - four on three). The penalized player will rejoin the play at the end of the penalty and play will continue until a stoppage in play. The teams will then revert back to a three on three format.
- c) In the event of a 2<sup>nd</sup> penalty during the 1<sup>st</sup> one the un-penalized team will go to five on three.
- d) Penalties from regulation time will overlap into the overtime period.

H.06 Format to Determine the HRI Representative for Hockey Sask Provincial Playoffs

- a) For U13 A+B, U15 A+B, U18 A+B and Female U13 B+C the top four Regina teams will be eligible for the HRI provincial playoff round to determine the HRI representative.
- b) The top four teams are determined by league standings for all league games played up to and including the last January 15 for all divisions.
- c) The top four teams are determined by the best point percentage. The best point percentage is determined by dividing the total team points by the number of league games played. To determine team standings in the event of a point percentage tie refer to the tie-breaking procedure in H.04.
  - i. Example Team 1: (25 Points in 15 Games)  $BP\% = P/GP = 25/15 = 1.67$   
Example Team 2: (23 Points in 15 Games)  $BP\% = P/GP = 23/15 = 1.53$
  - ii. Example Team 3: (25 Points in 17 Games)  $BP\% = P/GP = 25/17 = 1.47$   
Example Team 4: (23 Points in 16 Games)  $BP\% = P/GP = 23/16 = 1.43$
- d) If a qualifying team cannot participate in their assigned Hockey Sask Provincial Playoff Rep game(s) the next highest placed team will be selected
- e) Provincial Qualifying Series:
  - i) 1<sup>st</sup> place team will play the 4<sup>th</sup> place team and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team in a two-game-total goal series. In the event of a tie in total goals following the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the two game series overtime, as per H.05, will be used to determine the series winner
  - ii) The winners of the 1v4 and the 2v3 series will play in a Modified best of three series to determine HRI's provincial representative. Modified Best of three rules:
    - If the first game is tied, it will remain tied
    - If one team wins game 1 and ties game 2, the team with the win will be the series winner
    - If the teams split the two games, then a 10-minute Mini-Game will be played. The Mini-game will not be sudden death; it will be played in a 3 v 3 format. Note a separate gamesheet will be used
    - Penalties will not carryforward over to the Mini-Game. Only players that played in game 2, will be eligible to play in the mini-game
    - If the Mini-Game is tied, the teams will play overtime, as per H.05, to determine the series winner.



- iii) The lower ranked team is the home team in the first game and the higher ranked team is the home team in the second game.

## **I. LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF GAME PROTEST PROCEDURE**

I.01 All protests and evidence in support thereof must be submitted in writing to the HRI office within 24 hours of the advertised start time of the game and must be accompanied by a \$250.00 deposit which shall be refunded if the protest is upheld. The protest must contain a clear and concise summary of grounds of protest with particular reference to the rule(s) that have been violated. Both teams involved shall submit information for clarification.

I.02 Only protests based upon HRI, Hockey Canada and/or Hockey Sask rules, regulations or procedures will be entertained. A protest shall not be accepted for consideration over a referee's discretionary decision.

I.03 The HRI office will forward the notice of protest to the HRI Division Director who may designate a committee to investigate and make recommendations for its resolution to the HRI Division Director. HRI will act on the protest within 96 hours of receiving the protest.

I.04 All HRI protest decisions are binding and final.

## **J. PENALTIES AND SUSPENSIONS**

J.01

- a) Coaches are responsible for knowing and following the HRI Code of Discipline, the SHA and Hockey Canada suspension regulations.
- b) All penalties assessed in HRI league/playoff games where suspensions may be involved must be dealt with immediately
- c) Minimum suspensions as per HRI Code of Discipline are to be applied immediately.
- d) The Director of Suspensions may apply additional suspensions, depending on the severity of the penalty, its circumstances and the suspension history of the player.

J.02 An ejected player, coach, team official, parent/guardian or spectator shall remove themselves from the area of the playing surface and spectator area immediately, or a suspension could result.

J.03 The suspended player, coach or team official's name shall be recorded on the game sheet and that record will indicate which game of the suspension is being served. (Example: 1 of 2, 2 of 3, etc.)

J.04 Players or coaches receiving abnormal numbers of minor or major penalties or suspensions will be referred to the Director of Suspensions and may receive additional suspensions.

J.05 Failure to sit out a suspended player may result in forfeiture of the game. Hockey Sask Regulations provide for suspension of any coach who allows a suspended player to play in a game.

J.06 A player who demonstrates continued lack of good sportsmanship; disrespect or disregard for officials, opponents, or these rules or makes a mockery of the game shall be subject to suspension as determined by the Division Director in coordination with the Director of Suspensions.

J.07 All suspensions that are in excess of the minimum shall be reported to the Board of Directors by the Division/Suspension Director at the next regular Board meeting.

**K. APPEALS**

K.01 The right of appeal shall pertain only to players, coaches, managers, team officials, game officials, parents and/or legal guardians who have been suspended for infractions covered by the Bylaws and Regulations of HRI. An appeal shall not be accepted for consideration over a referee's discretionary decision.

K.02 An appeal must be presented in writing to the HRI office no later than thirty (30) days from the date the decision being appealed was sent. A \$250.00 deposit must accompany such an appeal, which is refundable, if the Appeal Committee overturns the discipline. HRI will act on the appeal within ten business days of receipt. All suspensions shall remain in effect until the decision of the Appeal Committee is rendered.

K.03 Directors who participated in the original decision being appealed shall not sit on the Appeal Committee.

K.04 The Appeal Committee shall hear and/or consider any oral evidence or written submissions from anyone who is a party to the matter under appeal, including the Director who made the suspension.

K.05 The player or member affected must be given the opportunity to be present throughout the appeal and shall be permitted to ask questions within reason of all people who give evidence.

K.06 The player or member affected may be accompanied by an advisor or parent if he/she so wishes.

K.07 The Appeal Committee decision shall be final and binding for all parties concerned subject to any right of further appeal in accordance with SHA Regulations. The final decision shall be in writing, with copies provided to the person(s) making the appeal and to the Board of Directors of HRI.

K.08 Any further appeal of the decision of the Appeal Committee shall be made to the SHA in accordance with the SHA appeal procedure.

K.09 Hockey Regina operates under the policy outlined by Hockey Saskatchewan related to video review. Video submissions may be considered to assist the investigations of any suspension related infractions covered by the rules and regulations of Hockey Saskatchewan and Hockey Canada. Hockey Regina will accept video submissions made in accordance with HRI's Video Submission Process and Hockey Saskatchewan's Video Review Policy and where approved by the Director of Suspensions.

Only the Hockey Saskatchewan Discipline Coordinator has the authority to overturn decisions with support of video review.

**L. FUND-RAISING POLICY**

L.01

- a) A parent/player shall not fund-raise in excess of the actual team budget per player amount.
- b) Parents/players cannot individually profit from the team fund-raising activities. Each individual parent/player account is to be treated as a not for profit situation.
- c) A player/parent shall not get back at season end more than they contributed in actual dollars (if a person has fund-raised \$810 and contributed \$100 in cash for a total of \$910 with actual spending of \$600, then they can only receive \$100 at year end).
- d) If some of the fund-raising was obtained through bingos, that amount can be returned to HRI for equivalent bingo vouchers which can be used for next season's registration fees. In the above instance, if the bingo amount obtained was \$210, a cheque for \$210 could be returned to HRI for exchange of bingo vouchers in the amount to \$210.

- e) The team is to decide how they disperse any remaining funds at season's end (spend on team functions, return of funds to HRI, adopt a player for the following season, etc).

L.02 Teams are prohibited from approaching or soliciting funds from HRI Sponsors. These sponsors already contribute to HRI, and teams are not to contact these sponsors for any additional sponsorship.

L.03 All fund raising activities are to be included in the team's financial reports which are provided to the Division Director at the end of the year, or when requested.