

NAI Registration Meeting 2019-20 Season

Meeting held on September 7th at Fort Saskatchewan Curling Club starting at 12 Noon.
All Associations were represented.

Agenda was posted on screen.

Oilers / Oil Kings presentation. They want to make sure you all are aware of special promotions you qualify for as a member of NAI, Hockey Alberta, and Minor Hockey. You can have unique game day experiences as well as discounted group tickets for team and association events. They did a presentation and handed out business cards and promotional material.

Website was reviewed by Karen. She has made some improvements over the summer and there are some more still to come. You will see slight changes to the front end and a few more changes in the back end. There are now some video tutorials to teach managers and governors how to do things. The Regulations, as discussed at the AGM, as well as the Season Timeline and Novice Information have all been updated and posted for your convenience.

Old Business - Secretary Treasurer Position

After the election of Adam Edwards from CNN to the position of Secretary Treasurer, it was discovered he was unable to commit to this position. So, as per our By-laws which state if the elected person is unable to do the job, the remaining executive can appoint a replacement. Glenna Wagner, formerly from Stony Plain Minor Hockey, has agreed to the position. Welcome, Glenna.

Please ensure everyone in your association including any new board members and all team staff are aware of the new NAI regulations. There are changes especially to the Inclement Weather policy and there is a new Supplemental Discipline section which requires coaches and associations to closely monitor their team's penalties. The Regulations are posted on our website and you can obtain a copy of them from any executive member.

Update on Novice - we will run a novice program this year due to the number of associations who want us to be involved in helping them create schedules. We will be restricted to follow HA on the Intro to Hockey / Novice program and will have a few people (governors) to monitor game changes, answer questions, and monitor the posting / uploading of HA's Novice Form online. Some more member associations may decide to put a team in novice and that is fine - the season for them starts a little later than the rest of us. Their rules are different from the rest of the league. We will do our best at helping this revised division get off to a good start in it's inaugural season.

Female Hockey - we will continue to look for more female teams to join us, or to develop from our membership associations. We have very few right now so we cannot have a Female Only division. It is our vision that we will have one someday. We have one team that will be playing

PeeWee that registered at Bantam due to 6 overage players and the desire to have non-contact.

Non-Contact update - we had a few associations that expressed a desire for a non-contact division in Bantam, however there was not enough commitment to make it viable right now. We are still going to canvass the area and if we can make it happen, we will. Definitely on our radar for the future. It is not feasible right now with only a handful of associations that are quite spread out in travel distance to make it work.

Hockey Alberta Updates:

- Overage criteria is now a regulation with HA. The form is on our website and our President, Randy Mak, as well as the HA designate have to sign off their approval. Send to Randy first. No Junior to Midget overage will be approved. Details of the criteria and restrictions are provided on the application form.
- All Affiliation will follow HA Guidelines, with the only exception that you will not be able to have an affiliate replace a NAI supplemental discipline suspended player. (Supplemental Discipline for NAI is it's own category.) Beware that Hockey Alberta rules may change at their AGM which is later in the year, after our regular season has started. Please watch for bulletins informing you of any changes. Please also know where to look it up in HA Regulations. A link will be posted on our website under the HA banner.
- Provincials will change to match what the trial was with PeeWee last year. So, the league champions, or winners of NAI Gold, from PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget in tiers 1 to 4 will automatically represent NAI at Provincials. No longer zones like it was in previous years. Exception: Atom division will continue unchanged - so associations will need to state their intentions in December and their playdowns will start in January as was customary. Note that with the Atom Provincials being held during our regular season, Provincials have the priority but league obligations must still be met. Governors will be watching that game changes meet the league criteria and deadlines.
- In January, League Presidents will be meeting with each other at a Minor Leagues Committee level with HA to look at the tiers and decide if teams are in the appropriate tier for Provincials. Stats will be analyzed and teams will be moved for playoffs if there is a concern of them being too strong or too weak to accurately represent the tier.

Governors Meetings will be held next weekend and the following weekend. Saturday September 14 at Trestle Creek Golf Resort (between Entwistle and Gainford - Pembina area) and on Friday September 20 in Camrose upstairs of the Border Paving Arena. Please have all your governors attend as important information will be shared and it is a great opportunity for networking with fellow governors, which is especially valuable for the new governors. If there is any reason someone cannot attend, have them contact Karen.

Registration process is now on. Please ensure your ice slots have been submitted by now. If they have not, or you are short, you must speak with someone TODAY and have it submitted by Midnight tonight. Please give your payment to the ladies and they will reconcile and check off your number of teams. Anyone not able to pay today will receive a fine for late payment. The ladies will give you a slip of paper to hand to the guys with your team and arena numbers on it so you can gather your game and ref books from them; then you are free to leave. Please do not leave without your books!

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