

# PRDMHA Policies

## NAME

This organization shall be known as the Peace River District Minor Hockey Association

## Revision Procedure

Any section(s) of this manual can be revised, edited or deleted by a simple majority vote of the PRDMHA Executive.

The PRDMHA is the governing body for the North East and has the authority to make adjustments or amendments to minimum guidelines set out by BC Hockey within the North East District.

The changes must be in writing and submitted to an executive member.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the PRDMHA are:

To promote, govern, and improve organized minor hockey in alignment with Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, and Hockey Alberta standards.

To foster community spirit, inclusion, and respect among members, supporters, and teams.

To increase participation and enjoyment of the game of hockey at all age divisions, while fostering and encouraging the spirit of the game.

To exercise care, supervision, and direction over member associations, teams, and players.

To ensure that children and youth play and enjoy hockey in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment

## FEES & PERFORMANCE BONDS

Annual team fees shall be set at the AGM.

Annual association fee is \$500 for the 2025/2026 season

Performance bonds shall be required for each MHA who join the District. Bonds will be held in a separate bank account and used for outstanding fines for the current season

and must be paid back prior to the following season. 2025/2026 seasons bonds are set at \$1000

## **EXPANSION & MEMBERSHIP**

1. New member associations applications require a 2/3 majority approval at the PRDMHA AGM.
2. First three (3) years of membership shall be probationary.
3. Associations inactive for two (2) consecutive years will have their bond refunded (if any funds remain) and must reapply for membership
4. It is mandatory for all Minor Hockey Associations operating under the PRDMHA to send one registrar and one other person to attend the AGM and maintain Good Standing with the District.
5. All MHA'S must send their updated executive contact list to the PRDMHA Secretary with a copy of the AGM minutes for the current season.
6. All associations must have proper size board members as per BC Society Act

## **HELMET POLICY - MINOR HOCKEY PRACTICES / EVENTS**

All Minor Hockey Coaches are to wear a CSA approved helmet during District, or BC Hockey on-ice sanctioned events as per Hockey Canada.

## **EQUIPMENT SAFETY POLICY**

Any Minor Hockey registered player who participates as a player must wear a CSA approved facial protector and a BNQ throat protector (per Hockey Canada rules).

In games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey "tear away jerseys" shall be prohibited.

To focus attention on the dangers of checking an opponent from behind, all BC Hockey Minor Hockey teams shall be required to wear Stop signs on their jerseys, on the high back above the numbers. A team's failure to comply shall be reported to the Chief Executive Officer.

In games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey, goal nets shall not be secured with metal posts extended up from the ice surface.

In any games under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey, communication with players through the use of headsets, or earpieces shall be prohibited. The use of helmet cameras by players shall be prohibited.

## **OVER AGE PLAYERS IN HOUSE LEAGUE / RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Overage players on carded teams shall follow the age eligibility as per Hockey Canada regulations.

BC Hockey understands and appreciates the responsibility Local Associations have in providing opportunities for all players to enjoy the game. Nevertheless, our potential risk certainly increases under these circumstances and therefore BC Hockey recommends the following measures be taken to ensure that we can be seen as exercising good judgment.

Overage players as per BC Hockey regulations:

Very small/frail

Health reasons (doctor's certificate may be required)

No skills appropriate for this level of hockey

No team at proper age category

Evaluations must be sent to District President for approval.

If all the above criteria is met and the District has given their approval the player may be rostered as overage

Overage players must be marked on every gamesheet.

The procedures used for assigning over age players within an Association must be written and communicated to the players/parents involved.

Associations must apply due diligence in allowing over age players to participate. All approved overage players should be monitored throughout the season for game impact and penalty minutes.

## **Participation by Teams**

All teams from outside BC Hockey must have a sanction number from the PRDMHA before participating in any BC Hockey sanctioned games or tournaments. League

games are blanket sanctioned. Tournaments where Inter Branch and / or International teams are involved it will be the responsibility of the host association to verify the eligibility of all teams and players entered in the tournament.

## **REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY**

All teams in the Peace River District must be registered with their governing bodies, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.

Any teams taking part in NERHL outside of BC must have permission from their governing body.

All teams taking part in a league outside of BC must have District and BC hockey approval as per policy C.04

All associations must have one team in the NERHL per division before the district allows a second team in that division play in an Alberta league estimated start date 2026/2027 season.

## **Divisions Team structure**

U7 2019,2020

U9 2017,2018

U11 2015,2016

U13 2013,2014

U15 2011,2012

U18 2010,2009,2008

U7 teams within the PRDMHA will play on modified ice surface for the whole season as per Hockey Canadas player pathways. The district approves only of delivering cross ice games for the full year to players 5-6 yrs old.

U9 teams within the PRDMHA will play on modified ice surfaces for the whole season as per Hockey Canadas player pathways. The district approves only of delivering half ice games for the full year to players 7-8 yrs old.

8 year old players within PRDMHA may start full ice programming within their home MHA after January 15<sup>th</sup>. Full ice games will not be permitted outside of Home MHA.

All tournaments within PRDMHA for U7 will be cross ice and U9 will be half ice.

## **Sanctioned Hockey**

A sanctioned player with Hockey Canada is a player who is registered with their home MHA and participates in a League that is recognized and authorized by Hockey Canada.

## **Non-sanctioned Hockey**

Where teams and or leagues participate in games or events that are not under any governing body.

## **MALTREATMENT, BULLYING AND HARASSMENT, PROTECTION AND PREVENTION POLICY**

### **POLICY STATEMENT** (as per BC Hockey)

PRDMHA is committed to contributing to the physical, psychological, social and spiritual health of individuals of varying abilities, backgrounds and interests. The PRDMHA firmly believes that only when sport environments are safe and inclusive can these values be realized.

Participants within the District should have the reasonable expectation that the District will provide an environment that is safe, accessible, inclusive and is free from all forms of Maltreatment, Bullying and Harassment.

### **PURPOSES & SCOPE**

The purposes of the Maltreatment, Bullying and Harassment Protection and Prevention Policy (the "Policy") are:

To provide a safe environment for Participants within the district.

To promote a commitment to eliminating Maltreatment, Bullying and Harassment for all Participants through education, awareness and prevention.

To establish principles and guidelines, as well as appropriate responses to instances of Maltreatment, Bullying and Harassment.

The Policy applies to all behaviours prohibited by this Policy, provided the violation of the Policy occurs in any one or a combination of the following situations:

During any hockey activities which are sanctioned by BC Hockey;

When the Participant who is alleged to have violated this Policy was engaging in hockey activities;

**Affiliation** – as per Hockey Canada regulation F.

Affiliate player is a registered player who has been rostered to a higher tier team.

Affiliation cannot be within the same Tier (example U15 recreation to U15 recreation).

U9 & U7 players may not affiliate.

The purpose of affiliation is to allow the higher level team to have a larger pool of eligible players.

AFFILIATED PLAYERS are permitted to play a maximum of 10 games with their affiliated team. Regular Season, or Play-off games are included in the 10 game limit. Tournament & Exhibition games, which are not part of regular League games, are excluded from the 10 game limit. For affiliated players who's affiliated team is not participating in a League, tournament and exhibition games are included in the 10 game limit.

Higher team coach must contact lower team coach prior to contacting the affiliate player when requesting a player from the lower team.