

REGULATIONS

SECTION A – MINOR HOCKEY

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the By-laws shall (unless separately defined herein) have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the By-laws.

1.2 That when the context so intends, words in the singular include the plural and words implying the masculine gender include the female.

1.3 Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Regulations, have the following meanings:

1. "Affiliated Player" shall mean a Player, referred to and approved by Hockey Alberta, as eligible to play for a team in a higher Category/Division than the team in the Category/Division with whom the Player is registered;

2. "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;

3. "Boundary" shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one member association from another, and defines that area from which each member association may register participants as "Resident" Players;

4. "Branch" means a provincial association which is a member of Hockey Canada and is recognized by Hockey Canada as the association responsible for the administration of hockey in a particular Province of Canada;

5. "Category" in the case of a Hockey Team means one of the following subdivisions of Divisions as follows:

Provincial Teams:

AAA, AA, A, B, C and/or D

Or in the case of a LMHA means its Provincial Categorization (See Sec 9);

*** See Provincial Categorization Pilot Appendix "E"**

Non-Provincial Teams:

A Team registered as a Non Provincial Team shall be categorized based on the needs of an LMHA.

6. "Coach" means a person registered with HA as a coach of a Hockey Team:

a) "Certified" means that a Coach has completed the assigned pre-task, attended the required NCCP course and completed the assigned post task exam and/or workbook;

b) "Qualified" means that a Coach has completed the assigned pre-task and has attended the required NCCP course;

For further clarification on Coach Education Requirements see Section F.

7. "Council" means those groups of people as defined and set out in Bylaw X of the Bylaws of HA;

8. "Discipline" means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty and, without limit the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
9. "Division" means one of the following:
 - Midget, Bantam, Pee wee, Atom, Novice, Initiation;
10. "Elite Hockey" means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA, and Bantam AAA); (See Appendix "D")
11. "Forms" means, without exception, any document created, approved and designated by the General Manager, for use by all members in meeting Hockey Alberta's requirements for the administration of the game;
12. "General Manager" means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the executive director of HA;
13. "Hockey Alberta" or "HA" means Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
14. "HC" means Hockey Canada;
15. "Hockey Team" or "Team" means a group of persons comprised of:
 - a) A maximum of nineteen (19) Players (Sec 4.8)
 - b)
 - i) For teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of 15 Players (at least two of whom must be goaltenders),
 - ii) For teams competing in Minor Hockey Provincials a minimum of 10 Players,
 - iii) For all other teams a minimum of 8 Players;
 - c) A coach who holds National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) qualification in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA Regulations;
 - d) A Team Official whom has completed the course requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program;
 - e) A Team Official that has completed the course requirement for the Speak Out Program as required by Hockey Canada and HA regulations;
 - f) At Pee Wee: a head coach who has completed the Checking Skills Program;
16. "Hockey Season" means the period commencing August 1st and ending April 30th of the following year;
17. "IIHF" means the International Ice Hockey Federation;

18. "Indefinite Suspension" means an immediate suspension issued by Hockey Alberta until dealt with by HA Bylaws 12.02 and 12.03;
19. An "Ineligible Player", includes, without limitation:
- a) A Player improperly registered with Hockey Alberta in contradiction of the By-laws and/or Regulations of Hockey Alberta;
 - b) A suspended Player;
 - c) A Player not properly released in accordance with Hockey Alberta By-laws and Regulations;
20. "League" means a group of three or more Hockey Teams recognized by HA as a League;
21. "League Game" means a regularly scheduled game in a League recognized by HA (including tiering games but excluding pre-season games, exhibition games);
22. "Legal Guardian" shall be defined as a person that is granted guardianship of a Player under the age of eighteen (18) years by the law courts of competent jurisdiction;
23. "LMHA" or "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of HA, are approved by the Board of HA and operates in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:
- Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom, Novice, Initiation,
- The Bylaws and Regulations of said association may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than those of HA;
24. "Manager" means a person registered with HA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
25. "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
26. "Non Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, who is ineligible to participate in provincials;
27. "Non Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides outside of the boundaries of the LMHA that the Player is registered with in any playing season;
28. "Off-Ice Officials" means those persons that work as time-keepers, goal judges, penalty-box attendants and other persons which may be required off the ice from time to time for the organized conduct of a game of hockey;
29. "On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;
30. "Parent Declaration Form" the designated HA form used by Players whose parent(s) change residence in situations where the Player continues to reside with the parent;

31. "Permission to Try-Out" means the designated HA form used by Players to try-out or condition with teams in other than their resident LMHA;
32. "Physical Limits" means the area of a LMHA that has been defined by boundaries, mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that defines Player residency;
33. "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;
34. "Player Verification Form" means the designated HA form for Non-Resident Players;
35. "Pre-Season Game" means any game which is not part of the regular season, including Tiering, Exhibition or Tournament Games that take place prior to the start of regular scheduled League play;
36. "Provincials" means the HA playoff competition;
37. "Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, who is eligible to participate in provincials;
38. "Registry" means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register all players and coaches;
39. "Regulations" means those regulations of HA for the administration and advancement of hockey;
40. "Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides within the boundaries of the LMHA that the Player is registered with in any Playing Season;
41. "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
42. "Suspension" means a temporary debarring of a person from the privileges of playing hockey games or association with a Hockey Team or Member provided that suspension must stipulate a length of time or number of hockey games, or type of hockey games or any combination of thereof;
43. "Team Official(s)" means all or any of the persons involved in the management of a Hockey Team including, without limitation, the Coach, Manager, Stickboy, and Trainer;
44. "Tiering Game" means those games used by a League prior to the start of the Leagues regular season that are used for the purpose of placing Hockey Teams in an appropriate tier or Category within a Division;

2.0 CRITICAL DATES

- 1) LMHA's must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team or Non Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season. (see 4.2)

- 2) Players registered on Junior A Hockey Teams, with one or more years of Midget eligibility, can not be released after November 01 of the current season. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the General Manager.(see.7.7)
- 3)
 - a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincial competition.(see 4.3a)
 - b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15th with permission of the General Manager, or his designate.
- 4) In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League By-laws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than November 15 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the By-laws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved By-laws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.(see.5)
- 5) Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the General Manager or his designate not later than December 15.(see 8)
- 6) The final date to complete all required certification (see Sec F) is December 31 of the current Hockey Season.
- 7) The final date for Player registration is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
- 8) A Player may be released to another LMHA for which he is eligible to play, up to and including January 10.
- 9) Notwithstanding the above, Players may apply to HA through the HA President for special permission to register with a LMHA if they or their family have been transferred to another locale by the employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to HA up to and including February 10 (See Regulation 3.5(d)).

3.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Registration regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream. (See Appendix “D”)

- 3.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in various divisions, including:
 - a) Midget Male/Female For the **2009-10** season, open to Players born in **1992** and subsequent years-
 - b) Bantam Male/Female For the **2009-10** season, open to Players born in **1995** and subsequent years-
 - c) Peewee Male/Female For the **2009-10** season, open to Players born in **1997** and subsequent years-

- d) Atom Male/Female For the **2009-10** season, open to Players born in **1999** and subsequent years-
- e) Novice Male/Female For the **2009-10** season, open to Players born in **2001** and subsequent years-
- f) Initiation Male/Female For the **2009-10** season, open to Players born in **2003** and subsequent years-
- 3.2 a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its LMHA's shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry.
- b) In addition to the current information required for registration a Player Verification Form must be submitted to the Zone Registrar for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 3.3 A Players registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address, or if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address, must be identified.
- 3.4 a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
- b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
- c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the General Manager may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates, issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- 3.5 a) All Local Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Local Minor Hockey Association. A Player may only be registered on one Team.
- b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the LMHA he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the General Manager.
- c) Save as set out in (d) below, no Player may be registered after January 10 in any Hockey Season with any Local Minor Hockey Association;
- d) Players who move within the borders of the Province after January 10 and up to and including February 10, may apply to the President for special permission to register with a local member if they or their family have been transferred by employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to Hockey Alberta. Such Players are not eligible for Provincials.
- 3.6 A Player may not register in another Local Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category as or a lower Category than the Local Minor Hockey Association in which the Player resides.
(Residency as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3)

EXCEPTIONS:

1. There is not a Hockey Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident Local Minor Hockey Association by October 15th of the current Hockey Season.
2. The Player does not have a place to play in his age division in his resident Local Minor Hockey Association in the current Hockey Season due to all positions being full at 19. For this exception to apply, the Hockey Team or Hockey Teams at the Players age Division must be full (19 Player allotments occupied).
3. More than one LMHA must combine their registration numbers to attain the minimum number of Players required to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age Division for the current Hockey Season. The Hockey Team formed will be eligible for Provincials at the Category of the highest of the LMHA's, forming the Hockey Team.

i.e. A "B" association and a "C" association must combine numbers in order to field a Hockey Team, the Hockey Team is eligible for Provincial Play at the "B" level.
4. Any Player may register with a member Team for which the Players is eligible of the:
 - i) Alberta "AAA" Midget Hockey League (AMHL),

or
 - ii) Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL),
provided:
 - a) he has obtained a written release or letter of permission form,
 - b) the team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.
5. In circumstances where in the discretion of the Zone Director it is appropriate to allow a LMHA designated by Hockey Alberta as a "C" or "D" Association to acquire a Player or Players from one or more LMHAs of an equal or higher Category, then upon application being made to the Zone Director, an exception may be made. The application must be accompanied by:
 - a) A valid player release;
 - b) a letter from the president of the resident LMHA or his designate advising that it supports the Player in question registering with the said LMHA of equal or lower category,
 - c) a letter from the Player requesting the granting of an exception, and,
 - d) a letter from any closer LMHA's the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player.

Numbers will be carried in accordance with the appropriate procedure.

All Exceptions: Must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Zone Director.

- 3.7 i) Players wishing to register with a LMHA other than the LMHA which they were registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a Permission to Try Out form or release, from the LMHA in which the Player was last registered.
- ii) In the case of Permission to Try Out form, it must specify the LMHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the LMHA in which the Player was last registered shall, upon the Player meeting the prerequisites, grant an unconditional release. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to the LMHA in which the Player was last registered.

3.8 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor Landed Immigrant, must submit the following fees in addition to any other fees or assessments charged by HC and HA:

- i) bona fide student exchange players - \$150.00 per season
- ii) all other \$1500.00 per season

4.0 TEAM REGISTRATION

The Alberta Development Model determines Team Registration regulations for Teams involved in participation of the Elite Hockey stream. (See Appendix "D")

- 4.1 a) All LMHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the General Manager or his designate.
- b) Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "A" (see attached) are payable with application for Teams.
- c) There are two systems of registration. A Hockey Team may register as a Provincial Team or Non Provincial Team in the Registry.
- d) In addition to the current information required at the time of registration a Player Verification Form must accompany the registration for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 4.2 LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Teams or Non Provincial Teams) as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.
- 4.3 a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincials.
- b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15th with permission of the General Manager, or his designate.
- 4.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada By-laws and the HA By-laws and regulations.
- 4.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a LMHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.

4.6 Provincial Team Player allotments, in the Registry, shall be provided in the following numbers (except where pilot projects otherwise provide):

Midget	Not more than 25 allotments
Bantam	Not more than 20 allotments
Peewee	Not more than 20 allotments
Atom	Not more than 20 allotments

4.7 A maximum of 19 allotments may be signed on a Non Provincial Team.

4.8 Number of Players on a Hockey Team:

- a) All Hockey Teams may register at any one time, a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Of those nineteen (19) 2 must be goaltenders.

Exception: Atom Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For clarification, when eighteen (18) Players are registered, one (1) must be designated as a goaltender. When seventeen (17) Players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender.

- b) Member Teams of the AMHL, being recognized as “AAA” Midget by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

4.9 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Zone Playoff or during any Provincial Tournament the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. The substitute goalkeeper may only be taken from the League in which the Hockey Team plays. Permission must be obtained from the Minor Council Chair or designate. (Does not apply to Atom division and below.)

4.10 Team Officials participating “on the bench” with any duly registered Hockey Team, must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.

4.11 Team Officials participating “on the bench” with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season, shall be duly registered with each and every Team of which he/she is a member, prior to participating with the respective team(s).

4.12 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the General Manager, or his designate

5.0 LEAGUES

5.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than November 15 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and

Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with the HA and approved prior to implementation.

- 5.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with a LMHA.
- 5.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 5.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

6.0 **PLAYER MOVEMENT**

*** The Provincial Categorization Pilot supplements these Player Movement Regulations. Please see Appendix “E”.**

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Movement regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream. (See Appendix “D”)

HA Regulations pertaining to Player Movement for Minor Female can be found in **Appendix “B”**.

- 6.1 Except as hereinafter provided, no Player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a Hockey Team in any LMHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of the LMHA.
- 6.2 A Player’s residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of his **or her** parents/**legal guardians** (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3).
- 6.3 Players must play in the LMHA, within whose Boundaries they reside, where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations, and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
 - i) In all other cases, including those where there is no Hockey Team in a Player’s resident LMHA at his age division, a Player shall play in the LMHA whose recognized physical limits are closest to their place of residence, when measured along recognized, all weather, government roadways.
 - ii) If a Player chooses to play in another LMHA other than the closest LMHA, he may be subject to 6.7.
- 6.4 A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practicing hockey.
- 6.5 A Player, who prior to the establishment of Boundaries was registered with a particular LMHA, and who has played all of his minor hockey with said LMHA, will be recognized as a “resident” of that LMHA.
- 6.6 Siblings of such Players, registering in Minor Hockey for the first time shall have the one time choice of registering as a “Resident” Player with either the LMHA with which the older sibling is registered or the LMHA in which the Player resides.

6.7 **Subject to the exceptions contained in Paragraph 7.6:**

- i) **Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA will automatically add his Resident LMHA's registration numbers to the new LMHA's registration numbers effective immediately.**
- ii) **In addition, each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA, shall also add the registration numbers of all LMHAs by-passed, but only those registration numbers of such LMHA's by-passed in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA.**
- i.e. **If the Player leaves LMHA A (registration 125) to play in LMHA B (registration 290) the following will occur. The 125 from LMHA A will be added to 290 from LMHA B for a total of 415. This moves LMHA B up to "AA". This movement will only affect the division in which the movement occurred. i.e. If movement happened in Pee Wee, the Bantam division would not be moved.**

6.8 No player of Midget age or under can be transferred from Branch to Branch to register and play other than Major Junior hockey, unless such Player transfers with his parents or legal guardian and continues to live with his parents or legal guardian.

7.0 RELEASES

- 7.1 a) A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a LMHA must first obtain a release from that LMHA prior to being registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season with any other LMHA.
- b) A 15 year old hockey Player or Players, registered as Non-Resident Players for the purpose of playing hockey on a Midget Team comprised solely of Players 15 years of age or under, all such Players will be released, and return to their Resident LMHA at the end of the current playing season.

7.2 **Requirements**

A release, or Parent Declaration Form of the type and in the form as required by Hockey Alberta must be obtained, prior to registering for the current Hockey Season, by all Players:

- i) who, in the previous season, were registered in a LMHA, and.
- ii) who wish to register with a LMHA other than one they were registered with in the previous Hockey Season.

7.3 **Prerequisites**

In order to obtain a release, a Player must first:

- i) obtain a Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form from, the LMHA with whom he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.
- ii) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form.
- ii) obtain a completed Player Verification Form from the LMHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player, and accept the registration numbers the Player brings with him

- iv) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the LMHA being asked for the release.
- v) provide written confirmation of i), ii), and iii) to the LMHA being asked for the release.

7.4 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites, and the release has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the release is completed and the Player Verification Form are submitted at the time of registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.

- i) failure to complete a release and submit a Player Verification Form at the time of registration, will result in the Player being not registered and ineligible to play in any game.
- ii) in cases where a Player is found to have played in a game, without first having completed a required release or submitting a Permission to Try-Out Form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played, will be subject to discipline in accordance with Sec. 13.0.

7.5 Permission to Try Out Form

A Permission to Try Out form may be refused in situations where:

- i) the granting of a release to the Player leaves the LMHA with insufficient numbers to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age division to participate in Provincials for the current Hockey Season. This applies to the first team and any other team in the Player's age Division proposed by the LMHA.
- ii) the Player requesting the release intends on registering with a new LMHA that is at the same or lower Category as his resident Local Minor Hockey Association or, if applicable, the LMHA with which he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.

***See Provincial Categorization Pilot Appendix "E"**
- iii) the Player is requesting the release for reasons other than playing at highest level of which he is capable i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.

7.6 Exceptions

- a) A release will be required by a Player and will be allowed without taking numbers in cases where:
 - i) where two LMHA's, by mutual agreement, and with the written approval of the Hockey Alberta Zone Director, combine their participants of the same age Division in order to be able to field one team at that age Division, for the current Hockey Season.
 - ii) where one LMHA, having no available player allotments in any Division with approval in writing from the Hockey Alberta Zone Director, agrees to allow one or more extra Players to participate in another association so the second LMHA is able to add the Players to its own numbers and thereby field a Hockey Team at that age Division for the current Hockey Season.

- b) In these circumstances, at the end of the current Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

7.7 Players registered on Junior A Hockey Teams, with one or more years of Midget eligibility, can not be released after November 01 of the current season. Any Officer or Executive Member of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the General Manager.

8.0 AFFILIATION

The Alberta Development Model determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream. (See Appendix “D”)

HA Regulations pertaining to Affiliation for Minor Female can be found in **Appendix “B”**.

8.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed, with the General Manager or his designate(s), prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate, in any game, with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the General Manager or his designate(s), up to and including December 15th of the current Hockey Season .

8.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

- a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as “Affiliates”.
- b) the General Manager or his designate(s) acknowledge receipt and identify said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating, in any game, with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated.
- c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

8.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player, without the approval of the General Manager or his designate(s) shall be considered an Ineligible Player, and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with Section 13.

8.4 A Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one or the other of:

- i) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA.
- ii) up to nineteen (19) named Players from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA.

8.5 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically, i.e. Hockey Team to Hockey Team, without filing said affiliation with the General Manager or his designate(s).

- 8.6 (a) Hockey Teams registered as Provincial Teams may affiliate Players from a Hockey Team within their Association, in a lower Division or Category, that is registered as a Non Provincial Team. These Players may participate in League, Exhibition, and Tournament games only. (EXCLUDING PROVINCIALS).
- (b) Hockey Teams registered as a Non-Provincial Team may affiliate Players from a Hockey Team within their association, in a lower Division or Category, that is also registered as a Non-Provincial Team. These Players may participate in League, Exhibition, and Tournament games only.
- (c) Players participating on teams that involve two (2) or more LMHAs based on a need to create one (1) Team in a Division for the area (lack of Players), are permitted to affiliate

with a team of a higher Division from their own Resident LMHA. Players are only eligible to affiliate to one (1) Team. This request must be made in writing from the LMHAs involved in the request to the Hockey Alberta Minor Council for approval or non-approval. Upon approval from the Hockey Alberta Minor Council, the requesting LMHAs would be given the allowance.

Example:

Centre A has seven (7) Bantam Players, Centre B has six (6) Bantam Players, so Centre A & B combine to field a Team of thirteen (13) Players that are registered out of Centre A. If there is a Midget team in Centre B, the six (6) Bantam Players from Centre B now registered in Centre A will be able to affiliate with the Midget team from Centre B. This affiliation will be on a named player basis and Players are only eligible to affiliate to one team.

- 8.7 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, prior to January 10th in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated without limit. After January 10th in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may only play 5 games (excluding Exhibition and NON-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT games) with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than five games after January 10th with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated, he shall not be allowed to compete any further in the Division, or if applicable, Category for which he is registered for the remainder of the playing season.
- 8.8 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
- 8.9 Novice Affiliation

The principle of affiliation at the Novice category is to provide for replacement players when regular team players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. The following rules will apply:

1. Affiliated players will only be allowed in situations where registered team players are unavailable to the team because of:
 - sickness,
 - injuries,
 - inadequate number of registered team players to play a game.
2. Only the registered team players that are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable may be replaced by Affiliated Players, provided however, when a Team has less than 12 registered players, Affiliated Players may be used to increase the number of players on a game sheet to a maximum of 12 players. When Affiliated Players are used in a game the maximum number of players allowed to be placed on a game sheet is 12. This maximum number of 12 includes the total of both registered team players and Affiliated Players.
3. Prior to playing any Affiliated Players the use of such Players must be endorsed by the President (or his/her designate) of the Local Minor Hockey Association (LMHA) This shall be done by registering an "Affiliated Player" in the Registry and in compliance with # 7 below.
4. Only team to team method of affiliation is allowed. Affiliations must be from a lower tier or age group within the LMHA; except
 - (a) In LMHA'S where ALL Novice Hockey Teams are equal (balanced) the team(s) MAY affiliate with another equal novice team.
 - (b) Note that if an individual player on a team is affiliated to an Atom or higher team in accordance with HA regulations, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a team to team affiliation agreement with any team.
 - (c) Only one team can affiliate with, and be affiliated with, each team.
5. Novice Affiliations must be added to the Teams in the Registry by the LMHA and identified as approved by the General Manager or his designate(s) prior to the affiliated player being

allowed to participate in any game with the hockey team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by the General Manager or his designate(s) up to and including December 15th of the current Hockey Season

6. An Affiliated Novice Player may not play more than 5 games, with the affiliated team, in the current Hockey Season, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Note: that after 5 games, such player will be an ineligible player and HA rules respecting playing an ineligible player will be enforced.
7. All Affiliation rules set out by Hockey Alberta must be followed for using affiliated players, subject to the exceptions listed above for this pilot project.

NOTE: There will be no affiliation allowed WITHIN the Division of Initiation

9.0 PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION

HA Regulations pertaining to Provincial Categorization for Minor Female can be found in **Appendix "B"**.

- 9.1 No LMHA may declare a Player "ineligible for Provincial Play" in order to avoid taking that Player's registration numbers pursuant to section 6.7 to the Team he is registered on, therefore not moving them Up a category For Provincials. January 10 is the deadline to release Players.
- 9.2 Categorization is based on the number of Players registered in each LMHA based on actual registration (excluding adjustments for player movement) in the previous Hockey Season.
- 9.3 Minor female Players registered on minor male Teams will be included in the numbers used to determine registered Players in a LMHA. Female Player numbers registered on female Teams will not be used in the registered Player numbers used to determine male provincial categorization.
- 9.4 Novice and Initiation Program registered Players will not be used in the registered player numbers used to determine provincial categorization.
- 9.5 Junior "C", registered Players will not be used in the registered Player numbers used to determine provincial categorization.
- 9.6 Categories will be as follows:

Category Number of Registered Players in Association

AAA	451 and up
AA	201-450
A	136-200
B	101-135
C	66 -100
D	65 and below

- 9.7 Each Division within an LMHA will have the top Team placed in the appropriate Category according to the previous Hockey Season's registration numbers. The remaining Teams within the Division will be automatically placed in the next lowest Category. There will be no movement down in Category for any reason.

i.e. Association Red has 425 registrants. Three (3) Bantam teams. First team categorized 'AA'. Second team automatically categorized 'A', third team automatically categorized 'B'. These teams may only move up.

9.8 In addition to 9.7, each Team within the Division will assume the registration number of any Non-Resident Player taken on that particular Team. This may result in that Team being moved up in category. Top Teams add non-resident numbers to total registration number. Any subsequent Teams will add non-resident numbers to the lowest limit of the Category that Team is in.

i.e. Centre Red has 425 registrants. Three (3) Bantam Teams. The top Team and the second Team have Non-Resident Players. Each Non-Resident Player brings 175 registration to the Teams. Top Team adds 175 to 425 for a total of 600, reclassified "AAA". The second Team now reclassified "AA" adds 175 to the lowest limits of "AA", 201 for a total of 376. Third Team is automatically reclassified "A"

9.9 In Atom and Pee Wee Divisions the following categorization will be in effect for Associations of "AAA" category.

Number of Registered Players

451-750	2 Equal "AA" Teams in Atom and Pee Wee
750 + (no imports)	2 Equal "AA" Teams in Atom and Pee Wee
750 + (with imports)	3 Equal "AA" Teams in Atom and Pee Wee

9.10 In any Local Minor Hockey Association having 2 or more teams registered in the same Category and Division, all such teams will be eligible for Provincials as representatives of said Category and Division in one Zone only. The LMHA shall be prohibited from entering one or more of such teams in one Zone and the remaining team or teams in a different Zone for the purpose of Provincial Play.

10.0 MINOR HOCKEY PROVINCIALS

10.1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

10.1.1 Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in minor hockey for the following Divisions and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship member in any category.

- a) Midget "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "BB", "C" and "D" - this category is open to Players who are under 18 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
- b) Bantam "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "BB", "C" and "D" - this category is open to Players who are under 15 years of age on December 31st in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
- c) Pee Wee "AA", "A", "B", "BB", "C" and "D" - this category is open to Players who are under 13 years of age on December 31st in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta..
- d) Atom "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" - open to Players who are under 11 years of age on December 31st in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.

***See Provincial Categorization Pilot Appendix "E"**

10.1.2 A Zone Pre-Draw Meeting shall be held within each Minor Hockey Zone at least one week prior to the Minor Council Draw Meeting for the purpose of potential reclassification of teams within the zone.

10.1.3 HA reserves the right to place Teams in whatever Category and series which it may deem is in the best interest of HA. After midnight on January 31, no Team will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification.

- 10.1.4 All LMHAs, who do not wish any one or more of their Teams to compete in Provincials must signify by January 10 of the current Hockey Season. LMHA's who have not signified will be included in Provincial Playdowns and be expected to fulfill their commitment; failure to do so means LMHA's may be subject to discipline. LMHA's signifying their participation at the Zone Pre-Draw meeting and subsequently withdrawing after the Minor Council meeting, at which the draw is to be determined will be declared ineligible for Provincial Playdowns in the following season, or assessed a \$200.00 reinstatement fee, as determined by the General Manager.
- 10.1.5 Hockey Alberta reserves the right to classify Teams at the Annual Draw Meeting. Reclassification requests (upward only) shall be placed in the hands of the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations.
- 10.1.6 Rules of play shall be those of the Hockey Canada Hockey Rules for the current Hockey Season, with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- 10.1.7 Registered referees must be used in all HA Playoff competitions and must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada Regulations.
- 10.1.8 All Provincial Playoffs in Minor Hockey shall be refereed by a three (3) man system, where possible.
- 10.1.9 The official Scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name. See Section 1.0, Definition 1.
- 10.1.10 For Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions only, Players registered as goalkeepers may play only in goal. Goaltender must be declared in the Registry.
- 10.1.11 LMHA's wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- a) Under special circumstances LMHA's may apply for, and make submissions to the HA office by November 15 of the previous hockey season (1 year earlier than the current season) to host a Provincial tournament; which may be awarded at that time.
- 10.1.12 Any Team Official may be suspended by the HA President or his appointee for conduct or actions considered detrimental to hockey.
- 10.1.13 Each team shall be permitted to take one time-out of thirty seconds during the course of regular playing time or overtime.
See Hockey Canada Rule 84 (f).
- 10.1.14 Coaching certification (Please see Section C)

10.2 **MINOR ZONE PLAYOFF REGULATIONS**

FIRST NAMED TEAM HAS CHOICE OF VENUE FOR OPENING GAME SERIES

- 10.2.1 Members entering Provincials will be expected to complete playoff series as directed. In event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as it see's fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending Hockey Team.
- 10.2.2 Teams wishing to cancel a playoff game are required to give at least 48 hours notice, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Zone Manager of Operations to be notified of any canceled games.
- 10.2.3 If a Team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or any unforeseen contingency, the game and/or series shall be

awarded to the opposing Team. The Team Officials and/or Players of the team which is responsible, may be suspended for one year or more.

10.2.4 Rules of play shall be that of the Hockey Canada hockey rules for the current Hockey Season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.

10.2.5 All Players must sign the official game report prior to the commencement of the game. No change in the list or addition to the list shall be permitted after the commencement of the game, except under the following conditions:

- a) Where a Player is late for the game because of unforeseen circumstances and his name has been included in the playing roster prior to the game, he will be permitted to participate.
- b) When a Player has been inadvertently omitted from the Official Game Report, the Referee shall permit the name to be added to the Game Report before the game has ended; providing such Player was in uniform and on the ice or on his players' bench at the start of the game.

NOTE: Minor teams may dress 19 Players

10.2.6 Series shall be played on a home and home total goal (two games) with no overtime being played in the first game. If overtime is required in the second game, refer to Rule 10.16 "Tied Game" of the Hockey Canada Official Hockey Rules as follows:

Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16

If at the end of the three regulation twenty-minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:

- 1) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends.
- 2) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten-minute sudden victory overtime period.
- 3) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden victory periods. The teams will now change ends.

Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.

If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.

10.2.7 Provincial Team rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game, and discrepancies are to be reported **on the game sheet and communicated** within 48 hours of the completion of the game to the Zone Manager of Operations by **fax or email**.

10.2.8 Officials of Teams participating in playoffs are required to have approved Provincial Team rosters in their possession at all games played by the team. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.

10.2.9 Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. Extending a playoff series will not be allowed unless for special circumstances appealed by the Zone Manager of Operations, or his designate. If an extension is given, the team requesting the above must be prepared to travel during the week or use another arena.

10.2.10 All LMHA's participating in Provincials shall be ready to proceed with the playoffs by January 25, or such earlier date as designated by HA, and the Minor Council will meet no later than January 22 to arrange said playoffs.

- 10.2.11 All divisions shall play three (3), twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time). (Except Minor Pee Wee Female)
- 10.2.12 After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, winning Team shall be responsible for notifying by phone, **fax, or email** to the Zone Manager of Operations as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Zone Manager of Operations within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
- 10.2.13 The Teams that represent the Zone for all Categories and Divisions must be declared no less than 14 days prior to the end of Provincials.
- 10.2.14 If in the case of a home and home series, should one Team win the first game by a ten goal differential, the Zone Manager of Operations will cancel the second game.
- 10.2.15 Any Zone having only one Team of any Category shall have an automatic entry into the Provincials. Therefore, this Team shall not be allowed to play in other Zone Playdowns.
- 10.2.16 The Team hosting a Provincial tournament shall be allowed to participate in the final series of their particular Category playdowns. If the hosting Team should win the Zone title, the runner-up shall also represent the Zone in Provincials.
- 10.2.17 Should the hosting community team lose in Zone playoffs, the winning team shall represent the Zone in Provincials.
- 10.2.18 A Zone, having received a “Wild Card” selection prior to Provincial Playdowns, shall be eligible to send two (2) teams to the Provincial Championship Tournament in the applicable Division/Category. The final series shall be played. At the conclusion of the final series in Zone Play-Downs, the Team winning the series shall represent the Zone as Champion and the Team losing the final series shall participate as the “Wild Card”.
- 10.2.19 In all centers hosting Minor Zone Provincial Playoff Games, only Level 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 certified officials shall be eligible to referee all levels of Hockey.
- The home team will pay for all officials in the Minor Zone Provincial Playoffs.
- 10.2.20 Referees are to report Match Penalties, Game misconducts and Gross misconducts by telephone or fax to the Zone Manager of Operations, within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Said Player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- 10.2.21 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, by the Team.
- 10.2.22 All Teams requiring referees must contact the closest Referees' Zone Assignor at least 72 hours prior to the game.
- 10.3 **PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**
- 10.3.1 The Provincials will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA
- 10.3.2 Each Team may have a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their Association Affiliations and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of nineteen (19) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of Players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative, prior to the start of the tournament.
- 10.3.3 Zone Manager of Operations to determine “Home” and “Away” Teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time.
- 10.3.4 The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.

10.3.5 Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta, shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

10.3.6 The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures, shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Zone Manager of Operations, or designate.

10.3.7 Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.

10.3.8 In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

A. If two (2) teams are tied:

1. The team with the most wins in the round-robin gains the highest position.
2. If the two (2) teams are still tied after 1 above, the winner of the round-robins game between the two tied teams gains the highest position.
3. If the two (2) teams are still tied after 1, and 2 have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round-robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Percentage: $\frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

4. If the two (2) teams are still tied after 1, 2, and 3, have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games, gains the highest position.
5. If the two (2) team are still tied after 1, 2, 3, and 4 have been applied, then the team that scored the first goal in the game between the two (2) tied teams gains the highest position.
6. If the two teams are still tied after 1, 2, and 3; 6.1.4, and 6.1.5 have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the highest position.
 - 6.1 For the coin toss for two (2) teams tied, a single coin will be tossed with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the first (1st) placed team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team places second (2nd).

B. If three (3) teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) will advance.

1. The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
2. If teams are still tied after 1 above has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner: total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: Games between the tied teams only will apply.

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

$$\text{Percentage: } \frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$$

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- 2.1 If all three percentages are different for the three (3) teams that are tied, then first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) place is decided with the highest percentage gaining first (1st) place and the lowest percentage gaining third (3rd) place. The tie-breaking procedure will not go back to two teams tied.
 3. If two teams or more are still tied after 1 and 2 have been applied, the team(s) to qualify would be the team(s) that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games.
 4. If three teams are still tied after 1, 2, and 3 have been applied, a coin toss will determine the highest position(s).
 - 4.1 For the coin toss involving three (3) teams tied, all three teams tied will each toss a coin. The team that tosses the first odd coin is declared the first (1st) place position of the three tied teams.
 - 4.2 The two (2) remaining teams will now toss a single coin with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the second (2nd) place team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team is placed third (3rd).
- 10.3.9 All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. In the case of tied games in Semi-Final: Use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 83.

Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 83

If at the end of the three regulation twenty-minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:

- 1) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends.
- 2) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten-minute sudden victory overtime period.
- 3) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden victory periods. The teams will now change ends.

Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.

If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.

- 10.3.10 Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game.
- 10.3.11 HA will award twenty-four (24) medallions to winners of Provincial Championships and the runners-up in a final series, namely gold and silver. Medallions will not be awarded when a series is not held. The Board of Directors shall determine how many medallions will be required from season to season and will approve accordingly.
- 10.3.12 Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of said team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
- 10.3.13 Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as a part of the event, will result in the Head Coach

(as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of said team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

11.0 EXHIBITION GAMES

- 11.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from Hockey Alberta for all out-of-province exhibition games or exhibition games with USA based Teams. Permission must be granted by the Zone Manager of Operations, or designate.
- 11.2 Application for permission will only be considered from LMHA's, for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 11.3 Permission may not be given to any LMHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 11.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 11.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission be granted by the Zone Manager of Operations, or designate.
- 11.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 11.7 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, by the Team.

12.0 NON PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

12.1 TOURNAMENTS WITHIN ALBERTA

- 12.1.1 No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has been given the written permission of Hockey Alberta or its LMHA. In granting such permission, Hockey Alberta and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.
- 12.1.2 No LMHA, Team, or Player registered with HA shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by HA. For tournaments within Alberta involving two(2) or more Hockey Canada Branches, HA shall notify the Hockey Canada office sixty(60) days in advance of any sanction being issued for a tournament.
- 12.1.3 All Minor Hockey Players registered with HA will be charged a \$1.00 surcharge at registration to cover the cost of Tournament Sanctions. All Tournaments must still be approved by the Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.
- 12.1.4 Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any LMHA who has been found to have conducted a sanctioned tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or HA regulations which apply.
- 12.1.5 All Inter-Branch tournaments involving four (4) or more Branches and all International tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada and HA. An application form must first be submitted, by the LMHA requesting the tournament, to HA for approval. All applications must be made 60 or more days in advance to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- 12.1.6 No LMHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- 12.1.7 LMHA tournaments shall give a minimum of two (2). weeks notice to HA prior to the event.
- 12.1.8 Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered with that Team or be affiliated to that team on a Hockey Canada Player's certificate or HA Team-sheet. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments.

- 12.1.9 The host LMHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- 12.1.10 All Teams must fulfill all prior commitments (ie. league play, provincial play) or seek readjustment of same. Failing this, the Teams concerned must be prepared to forfeit any further privileges they currently hold.
- 12.1.11 When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, LMHA, Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.
- 12.1.12 All LMHA's hosting sanctioned tournaments, will be responsible for keeping a copy of the tournament's official game reports for a period of one year.
- 12.1.13 All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linesmen registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 12.1.14 All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
- 12.1.15 No Team or Players may compete in more than three(3) tournament games in one(1) day. Where tournaments do require Teams or Players to play three(3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three(3) periods of 15 minutes, the first two(2) of which must be straight time. When a Team is required to play three(3) games in one(1) day, there shall be an interval of one and a half(1 1/2) hours between the second and third games.
- No games in any tournament shall start before 7:00am or after 10:15 p.m.
- 12.1.16 For each Inter-Branch Tournament for Minor Hockey there shall be a \$20.00 fee per each Team from outside Hockey Alberta.
- 12.1.17 For each International tournament there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$150.00 plus \$65.00 per Team for each Team from outside Canada.
- 12.2 **TOURNAMENTS OUTSIDE ALBERTA**
- 12.2.1 No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside HA unless it has been given written permission by its LMHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- 12.2.2 The Branch in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose a suspension, pending action by HA against the Team, Player(s), or Team Officials involved.
- 12.2.3 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, by the Team.
- 12.2.4 No Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by HA.
- 13.0 DISCIPLINE**
- 13.1 **FINES – MINOR HOCKEY**

Under no circumstances will a LMHA, League, or Team be allowed to assess cash fines to Minor Hockey Players for rule or regulation infractions. Violation of this policy will result in discipline as set out in Bylaw XII.

13.2 **MINOR HOCKEY SUSPENSION PROCEDURES**

HOCKEY ALBERTA RESPONSIBILITIES

13.2.1 The Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials, and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (ie. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games, and Programs of Excellence).

13.2.2 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations or designate by the Team.

13.2.3 In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament, or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA Bylaws 12.02 and 12.03.

13.2.4 When a suspension is incurred in exhibition play, Provincials, tournament play, and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (league, tournament, Provincial Play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.

When a suspension occurs during Provincials, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (Provincial, league, tournament play, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Event).

Hockey Canada Bylaws Regulations O.6

*Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official, who is under suspension by the Hockey Canada Branch League or Minor Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada **sanctioned games**. Any individual under such suspension who does participate in any Hockey Canada activities will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada, or the member Branch, League or Minor Hockey Association.*

13.2.5 If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate, must notify the LMHA President, or their designate, and the League Governor.

13.2.6 Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play exhibition Games while serving a suspension.

13.2.7 The Zone Manager of Operations, or designate, will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify the following:

- i) Number of games.
- ii) Which games are to be served.
i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events
- iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
- iv) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

13.2.8 Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach, on a referee or linesman (Rule 71 or 80), are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Co-ordinator.

13.2.9 No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room and within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.

13.2.10 Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered Team or affiliated Team, is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season this Player would be allowed to serve

such suspension with his/her affiliated Team. The Player and suspension must be listed on game sheets.

13.2.11 Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team, who incurs a suspension, is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.

13.2.12 Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.

LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

13.2.13 The league is responsible for issuing/monitoring suspensions for league play only.

13.2.14 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed to the appropriate league representative by the specified time given by the appropriate league.

13.2.15 When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events.

Hockey Canada Bylaws Regulations O.6

*Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official, who is under suspension by the Hockey Canada Branch League or Minor Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada **sanctioned games**. Any individual under such suspension who does participate in any Hockey Canada activities will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada, or the member Branch, League or Minor Hockey Association.*

13.2.16 If a suspension overlaps into, tournaments, Provincials, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League representative must notify the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate.

13.2.17 Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players can not play exhibition games while serving a suspension.

13.2.18 In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during League play, the League representative must notify the appropriate Zone Manager of Operations.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA Bylaws 12.02 and 12.03.

13.2.19 The league representative will issue a suspension notice.

A suspension notice must specify:

- i) Number of games.
- ii) Which games are to be served.
i.e. league play, tournament play, provincial play, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events
- iii) The League Appeal process.
- iv) The Player/team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

13.2.20 Any infractions that involve a Player/coach, on a referee or linesmen (Rule 71 or 80), are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Co-ordinator.

13.2.21 No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing rooms and within fifty (50) feet of the player's bench during the game.

13.2.22 If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President, or their designate, is responsible for notifying the Zone Manager of Operations, or their designate.

- 13.2.23 Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered Team or affiliated Team is suspended from participating in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension is served with the Team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team.
- 13.2.24 Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team, who incurs a suspension, is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.
- 13.2.25 Suspended Player/Team Officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspensions.
- 13.2.26 **Early Seasons-End Suspensions**
Any player who has not served a suspension from the current playing season my request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations to have that suspension served in an exhibition game(s) which it cannot be served in league, tournament or provincial play at seasons end.
- 13.2.27 **Carry-Over Suspensions**
Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season my request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations to have that suspension deferred until the try-out portion of the Hockey Season is complete. Any suspension subsequently deferred by the Manager of Operations will be reported to Hockey Alberta for review after the one year period.
- 13.2.28 **Pre-Season Suspensions**
Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game, may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Manager of Operations, to have such suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s). The Zone Manager of Operations may approve or deny such requests.

13.3 **MINOR HOCKEY MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS**

RULE #

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 2.2c Team official who is party to or had knowledge of; playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team and/or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench.
Indefinite Suspension
- 2.2c Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player, or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench, who is under suspension.
Indefinite Suspension

PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS

- 4.1 Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.
2 games
- 4.1 Coach of a Team whose Players are so penalized.
Indefinite Suspension
- 4.1 Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.
Indefinite Suspension
- 4.7 Gross Misconducts
2 games

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

- 9.2 Verbal Abuse of Officials, Game Misconduct (zero tolerance).
Game misconduct
2 games

MATCH PENALTY (PHYSICAL FOULS)

6.1a match	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite Suspension
6.1a match	Use of Blocker	3 games
6.1d match	Hairpulling	2 games
6.1c match	Kicking	3 games
6.1b match	Headbutting	2 games
6.1d match	Grabbing the Facemask	2 games
6.1f match	Buttending	3 games
6.1e match	Facial Protector as a weapon	3 games
6.1g match	Spearing	3 games
6.1h match	Slash, high sticking, cross checking	3 games

CHECKING FROM BEHIND

6.4a major	Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game
6.4b match	Checking from behind (when match penalty is assessed).	4 games

FIGHTING

6.7a1	Instigator or aggressor of a fight.	1st offense - 1 game 2nd offense - 2 games 3rd offense - 3 games
6.7a4 match	Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands, who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury. shall be assessed a Match Penalty in addition to any other penalties he/she may incur.	2 games
6.7c	Third man in a fight. Game Misconduct.	2 games
6.7c	Any Player receiving a second fighting major penalty during the same stoppage of play. Game Misconduct.	2 games

LEAVING A BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING

9.5	Coach of a team whose Player is penalized under the rule.	3 games
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9.5b	Player identified as first to leave the players bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting. Double minor & Game Misconduct	3 games
9.5b,d	Leaving the penalty box as above. Triple minor & Game Misconduct.	3 games
9.5c	Coach whose Player is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercations. Game Misconduct	1 game
<u>ABUSE OF OFFICIALS</u>		
9.6a match	Threaten or attempt to strike.	1 month
9.6b match	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes.	3 months
9.6c match	Intentionally Strike, trip or body check.	1 year
10.14	<u>REFUSING TO START PLAY</u>	Indefinite Suspension
<u>SPITTING</u>		
9.7 match	Spitting on an Official.	8 games
9.7 match	Spitting on an Opponent.	3 games
<u>CHECKING TO THE HEAD</u>		
6.5b major	Checking to the head where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 game
6.5b match	Checking to the head when match penalty is assessed).	4 games
13.4	In all Minor Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty, that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, <u>shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincials Game.</u> This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.	
13.5	Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the HA Executive.	
13.6	Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game;	
	(i) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the President from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.	
	(ii) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.	
13.7	Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name, or having knowledge that same had been falsified, or playing on other than his own	

birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension

13.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the team may forfeit any games played using an Ineligible Player or official.

14.0 **COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

See **Section F** for Details