

# **APPENDIX “B”**

## **Minor Female Supplementary Regulations**

All Female Minor Players will abide by the rules and regulations of the Hockey Alberta Minor Female Supplementary Regulations.

Many LMHA's in the Province are still in the development stage in forming Female Minor Hockey teams in the various divisions and many are not able to field competitive teams. Registering Teams as Non Provincial Teams allows associations to form teams and develop their female program allowing the LMHA's to register their Minor Hockey players in recreational or non-competitive divisions. These teams are not eligible for Provincial Play. LMHA's which register their Female Teams as Non Provincial Teams do not wish to restrict players from allowing them to compete in “competitive play”. An LMHA that registers their teams as Non Provincial Teams should not be restricted from “releasing” players in order to allow them to participate in Provincial Play. The rules and regulations included in this Pilot Project attempt to reflect the wishes of these LMHA's. Consequently, player movement, provincial categorization and affiliation rules reflect these wishes. Hockey Alberta does not want to mandate to our members how our LMHA's decide to register their respective female programs (Provincial Teams vs. Non Provincial Teams).

Exceptions may be considered upon application to the Hockey Alberta Zone Director in consultation with the Hockey Alberta Director.

The winner of the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League will be the designated Provincial Champion representing the Branch at the National Midget Female Championship. These teams will be categorized as Midget AAA.

### **Definitions:**

Provincial Team means the system of registering Players in the Registry used by LMHA's for Teams to participate in Provincial Play.

Non Provincial Team means the system of registering Players in the Registry used by LMHA's for Teams that are recreational for developmental purposes.

Recreational Teams is defined as a community oriented minor hockey program structured to provide development and competition at the recreational level.

Registry means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register all players and coaches.

### **1.0 PLAYER MOVEMENT**

The Female Alberta Development Model, found in appendix “C”, for elite female hockey determines player movement rules and regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the AMMFHL and for players participating within a Hockey Alberta approved Bantam AAA Female League/Tier.

- 1.1 Except as hereinafter provided no player shall be registered as a member of or compete for a Hockey team in any other LMHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of that LMHA.
- 1.2 A Player may not register on a team in another LMHA that is of the same category or a lower category than the team from the LMHA in which the player resides.

#### **Exceptions:**

- a) The Player does not have a place to play in her age division in her resident Association in the current playing season.
- b) Where two LMHA's, by mutual agreement and with the written approval from the Hockey Alberta Minor Female Representative and in consultation with the HA Zone Director, combine their female participants of the same age Division in order to be able to field one team at that age Division for the current Hockey season;

- c) Where on LMHA, having no available Player allotments at that age division, with written approval from the Hockey Alberta Minor Female Representative and in consultation with 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 team and thereby field a Hockey Team at that age division for the current Hockey Season. A Hockey Team is deemed to be full at nineteen players.

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

- 1.3 A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of her parents as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations F4.
- 1.4 Players must play in the LMHA, within whose boundaries they reside, where said boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by LMHA's, and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.

In all other cases, including those where there is no Female Team in a Players resident LMHA at her 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.

- 1.5 A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing hockey.
- 1.6 A Player, who prior to the establishment of boundaries, was registered with a LMHA, and who has played all of her Minor Female Hockey with said LMHA, will be recognized as a "resident" of that LMHA (will be grand fathered). Siblings of such players will be required to register in their resident LMHA and not that of the (grand fathered) sibling.

When there is an issue between two LMHA's on where a player should be trying out, the LMHA's are to work cooperatively together to determine where the player should be playing. IF the two LMHA's are unable to determine where the player should go based upon Hockey Alberta Rules and Regulations, then Hockey Alberta will become involved to facilitate a decision.

Exceptions must be approved in writing by the HA Female Minor Representative in consultation with the Hockey Alberta Zone Director.

#### 1.7 RELEASES

##### Requirements

- a) 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 Local Minor Hockey Association other than one they were registered with in the previous Hockey Season.

##### Prerequisites

- a) 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 she was registered in the previous Hockey Season.
  - ii) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form.
  - iii) obtain a completed Player Verification Form from the LMHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player.

- 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.

Procedure

- a) Once the Player has met the prerequisites, and the release has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the release including a Permission to Try – Out Form and the Player Verification Form are submitted together with their registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.
  - i) failure to submit a release and/or 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 provided a required release or 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 Minor Regulations Sec. 13.0.

1.8 Permission to Try-Out

- a) Minor age Players wishing to register with a Female team in a higher category must first obtain a Release, or letter of permission form, from the LMHA in which the Player resides, providing there is a minor Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident LMHA in the current Hockey Season.
- b) 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 (less than 12) to field a Female team at the Players age Division, in the current Hockey Season.
  - ii) The Player requesting the Release intends on registering with a new Team (female minor only) that is of the same or lower provincial Category as her resident LMHA Female team or the LMHA Female team with which she was registered in the previous Hockey Season.
  - iii) The Player is requesting the Release for reasons other than playing at highest level of which /she is capable i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.

1.9 All Players will be released back to their Resident LMHA at the end of every hockey season.

1.10 Female Council must approve all exceptions to Player Movement.

2.0 PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION

2.1 All teams participating in Provincials must be registered on a Provincial Team.

**MIDGET**

2.2 Local Minor Hockey Associations that have Midget teams participating in the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League (AMMFHL) will have those teams categorized as Midget AAA. The AMMFHL will determine the provincial representative for the National Midget Female Championship. These import players on these teams will not be included in the categorization of the LMHA.

2.3 Local Minor Hockey Associations will be categorized according to the previous season's Midget Female registration numbers in the remainder of Midget Female Categorization excluding the import players of the Midget AAA registration numbers. The remaining Midget Female categorizations will be Midget A and Midget B.



Example: An association with a total of 4 teams wishing to register some of their teams as Non Provincial Teams, may distribute them as follows:

- 2 A teams – 1 B team – 1 Recreational team
- Or
- 1 A team – 2 B teams – 1 Recreational team
- Or
- 1 A team – 1 B team – 2 Recreational team

- ii) Association may apply to Female Council to register their teams at a higher level than the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown” before they purchase their Teams.

Example: An association with a total of 8 teams may apply to Female Council for approval to register 4 Midget A teams and 4 Midget B teams. Again, this example follows the rule of registering the teams higher than the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown”.

- iii) Associations that register more than twelve teams below the AAA level, will be required to submit their team breakdown for approval to the HA Female Minor Representative, who will consult with the HA Zone Director.

### **BANTAM**

2.6 LMHA’s that have Bantam teams participating within a Hockey Alberta approved Bantam AAA Female League/Tier will have those teams categorized as Bantam AAA. These import players on these teams will not be included in the categorization of the LMHA.

2.7 LMHA’s will be categorized according to the previous season’s Bantam Female registration numbers in the remainder of Bantam Female Categorization excluding the import players of the Bantam AAA registration numbers. The remaining Bantam Female categorizations will be Bantam A and B.

2.8 Player movement defined under the Female ADM (See Section “C”) will apply to players moving to AAA Bantam Teams who are participating within a Hockey Alberta approved Bantam AAA Female League/Tier. The Female ADM has established Elite Draw Zone areas for the participating associations and will review these on an annual basis.

Any players moving to a designated Bantam AAA team to play on the Bantam AAA team would not count towards next year’s Categorization for the AAA centre. Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

2.9 To ensure that each zone has the opportunity to provide a center for their players to play at the highest level possible and qualify for Provincials:

Upon Applications to Hockey Alberta Female Council and in consultation with the Hockey Alberta Zone Director, a zone may designate an association to be an “A” center in the Bantam Category – providing there are no other Bantam “A” centers within the zone. Determination will be done prior to the commencement of the next season (August 1).

Player movement rules would then apply, however, any players moving to a zone designated A Center to play on the A team, would not count towards next year’s categorization for the A Center.

Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

2.10 Bantam Female Association Categorization, for the purposes of Player Movement, will be as follows:

Category                      Number of Registered Bantam Players from Previous Season in Association (Last years registration numbers)

A	16+
B	0 - 15

Recreational teams will be registered as Non Provincial Teams and will be permitted at any category. Recreational players are not eligible for provincials.

- i) Bantam Provincial shall register their teams following the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown” according to the number of teams being registered for Provincial play. All Bantam teams, including the recreational teams registered as Non Provincial Teams, are to be used in the determination of the minimum registration of the teams being categorized for provincials. Distribution of teams within the Bantam category, including recreational teams (Non Provincial Teams), must be equal (within 1 team of each other) according to the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown”.

Minimum Team Registration Breakdown:

# of Teams	Category of Registration
1	1 A team or 1 B team
2	1 A team - 1 B team
3	1 A team - 2 B teams
4	2 A teams - 2 B teams
5	2 A teams - 3 B teams
6	2 A teams - 4 B teams

Note: All teams within a category must be equally skilled.

Example: An association with a total of 3 teams wishing to register one of their teams as Non Provincial Teams, may distribute them as follows:

- 1 A team – 2 Recreational teams
- Or
- 1 A team – 1 B team – Recreational team

These examples follow the rule of registering the teams higher than the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown”.

- ii) Association may apply to Female Council to register their teams at a higher level than the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown” before they purchase their Teams.

Example: An association with a total of 2 teams may apply to Female Council for approval to register 2 Bantam A teams. Again, this example follows the rule of registering the teams higher than the “Minimum Team Registration Breakdown”.

- iii) Associations that ice more than six teams will be required to submit their team breakdown for approval to the HA Female Minor Representative, who will consult with the HA Zone Director.

2.11 Pee Wee Female teams will be categorized according to the previous season’s Pee Wee Female registration numbers. Pee Wee Female will be categorized Pee Wee A and Pee Wee B.

2.12 To ensure that each zone has the opportunity to provide a center for their players to play at the highest level possible and qualify for Provincials:

Upon Applications to Hockey Alberta Female Council and in consultation with the Hockey Alberta Zone Director, a zone may designate an association to be an “A” center in the Pee Wee Category – providing there are no other Pee Wee “A” centers within the zone. Determination will be done prior to the commencement of the next season (August 1).

Player movement rules would then apply, however, any players moving to a zone designated A Center to play on the A team, would not count towards next year's categorization for the A Center.

Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

- 2.13 Pee Wee Female Association Categorization, for the purposes of Player Movement, will be as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of Registered Pee Wee Players from Previous Season in Association (Last years registration numbers)</u>
A	16+
B	0 - 15

Recreational teams will be registered as Non Provincial Teams and will be permitted at any category. Recreational players are not eligible for provincials.

- i) Pee Wee Provincial shall register their teams following the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" according to the number of teams being registered for Provincial play. All Bantam teams, including the recreational teams registered as Non Provincial Teams, are to be used in the determination of the minimum registration of the teams being categorized for provincials. Distribution of teams within the Bantam category, including recreational teams (Non Provincial Teams), must be equal within 1 team of each other) according to the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

Minimum Team Registration Breakdown:

<b># of Teams</b>	<b>Category of Registration</b>
1	1 A team or 1 B team
2	1 A team - 1 B team
3	1 A team - 2 B teams
4	2 A teams - 2 B teams
5	2 A teams - 3 B teams
6	2 A teams - 4 B teams

Note: All teams within a category must be equally skilled.

Example: An association with a total of 3 teams wishing to register one of their teams as Non Provincial Teams, may distribute them as follows:

1 A team – 2 Recreational teams  
Or  
1 A team – 1 B Team – 1 Recreational team

These examples follow the rule of registering the teams higher than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

- ii) Association may apply to Female Council to register their teams at a higher level than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" before they purchase their Teams.

Example: An association with a total of 2 teams may apply to Female Council for approval to register 2 Pee Wee A teams. Again, this example follows the rule of registering the teams higher than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

- iv) Associations that register more than six teams will be required to submit their team breakdown for approval to the HA Female Minor Representative, who will consult with the HA Zone Director.

- 2.14 Atom Female teams will be Categorized as Female Atom.
- 2.15 All Female Atom Teams within an LMHA are encouraged to be equally skilled. If there is more than one Female Atom team within an LMHA, they should be picked equally and fairly. Tiering of teams by skill level is not acceptable and is contrary to the development of Atom aged players and teams.
- 2.16 For LMHA's that tier their teams by skill level, a decision will be made by Female Council to determine their eligibility for Female Atom Provincials.
- 2.17 LMHA's must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> in each Hockey Season. LMHA's must declare their team's categorization at the time of purchase.
- 2.18 All Minor Female teams must register prior to their first league game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All players participating in such games must be duly registered in the Registry. All teams registered after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial Playoffs.
- 2.19 To be eligible for Female Provincials, (Female Midget) teams must be registered on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Also applies to Female Bantam and Female PeeWee and Female Atom.
- 2.20 Female Council reserves the right to place Teams in whatever Category and series that it may deem is in the best interest of Hockey Alberta. After midnight on January 31, no Team will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification. Female Atom teams that are tiered by skill level within their LMHA may be deemed ineligible for Female Atom Provincials.
- 2.21 There will be no downward movement for any reason, however Female Midget, Bantam and/or Pee Wee Teams may apply to Female Council to be reclassified upward in writing before the pre draw meeting in January. Divisions. Reclassification would take place at the Zone Draw meeting.
- 2.22 A Pre-Draw meeting shall be held within each Minor Hockey Zone at least one (1) week prior to the Annual Draw Meeting for the purpose of potential reclassification of Teams within the Zone.
- 2.23 The Minor Council Female Representative or designate should be at the Zone Pre-Draw meeting due to the fact that affiliations could be declared null and void due to reclassification of Teams.
- 2.24 All teams who do not wish to compete in Provincials must signify by January 10<sup>th</sup> of the current Hockey Season. Teams who have not signified will be included in Provincial Playdowns and be expected to fulfill their commitment; failure to do so means Teams or Associations may be subject to Discipline. Associations signifying their participation at the Zone or Female Pre Draw meeting and subsequently withdrawing after the Minor or Female Council meeting will be declared ineligible for Provincial Playdowns in the following season, or assessed a \$200.00 reinstatement fee.
- 2.25 Midget Female AAA, A, and B are open to Female Players who are under eighteen (18) years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup> in the season in which they wish to compete. Bantam Female A and B are open to Female Players who are under fifteen (15) years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup> in the season in which they wish to compete. Pee Wee Female A and B are open to Female Players who are under thirteen (13) years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup> in the season in which they wish to compete. Atom Female teams are open to Female Players who are under eleven (11) years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup> in the season they wish to compete.

### **3.0 AFFILIATION**

The Female Alberta Development Model, found in appendix "C", for elite female hockey determines Affiliation rules and regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the AMMFHL and Female Bantam teams participating in a Hockey Alberta approved Bantam AAA Female League/Tier.

- 3.1 Female Players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may not affiliate to Female Teams. Exceptions may be considered upon application to the HA Female Minor Representative in consultation with the HA Zone Director.
- 3.2 Final approval of all Female Minor affiliations rests with the Hockey Alberta Minor Female Representative in consultation with the HA Zone Director or their designate.

3.3 Minor Female affiliations are only allowed within their LMHA with the exception of affiliation to designated AAA Female Midget Teams and Hockey Alberta approved Female Bantam AAA Leagues/Tiers. (See Appendix “C”)

3.4 For designated Female Midget AAA teams and Hockey Alberta Female Bantam AAA teams, affiliation will be allowed from teams within their established draw zones. (See Appendix “C”)

The Hockey Alberta Female Minor representative must approve these “out of LMHA” affiliations in consultation with the HA Zone Director.

3.5 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 she is affiliated.
- c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.

3.6 Associations that have more than 1 Category (Tiered) within a Division within their LMHA will be allowed to affiliate upwards. The Hockey Alberta Female Minor representative must approve Categories.

Example:

Pee Wee A, Pee Wee B and recreational. If a LMHA runs three (3) Leagues of Tiered Teams then the Teams will be allowed to affiliate upwards within their LMHA even though Hockey Alberta does not have Provincials at the recreational level. Affiliations of this type can only be used for exhibition, league, and tournament play – NOT PROVINCIALS. All teams that are not registered as Provincial Teams are not eligible for Provincial affiliation.

3.7 Affiliation should NEVER be used to strengthen a team.

3.8 Exceptions will be considered upon application to the HA Female Minor Representative in consultation with the HA Zone Director.