

SECTION C – SENIOR/JUNIOR FEMALE HOCKEY

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the By-laws shall in this Section C (unless separately defined herein) have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the By-laws.
- 1.2 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. “Branch” means a provincial association, which is a member of Hockey Canada and is recognized by the Hockey Canada as the association responsible for the administration of hockey in a particular Province of Canada;
 4. “Category” means one of the following sub-divisions of Divisions commonly known as AAA, AA, A, B, and/or other such divisions as the Board of Directors may from time to time decide.
 5. “Hockey Canada” means the Hockey Canada;
 6. “Coach” means a person registered with HA as a coach of a Hockey Team;
 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” shall mean one of the following: Senior, Junior, Midget, Bantam, Pee wee, Atom, Novice or Initiation;
 10. “General Manager” means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the executive director of HA;
 11. “Hockey Alberta” or “HA” means Alberta Amateur Hockey Association.
 12. “Hockey Team” or “Team” (with the exception of Senior Female Recreational registered teams) means a group of persons comprised of:
 - a) A maximum of twenty-five(25) Players;
 - b)
 - i) For teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of 15 Players (at least two of whom must be Registered as a goaltenders), See Hockey Canada Regulation E.1a),
 - ii) For all other teams, including those registered as Non Provincial Teams, a minimum of 12 players (at least one of whom must be signed as a goaltender);
 - c) Coach who holds National Coaching Certification Program certification in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA regulations;

- d) A Team Official qualified with the Hockey Canada Safety Program for all Hockey Teams;
 - e) A Team Official qualified with the Canadian Hockey Speak Out Program as may be required by Hockey Canada and HA regulations;
13. "Hockey Season" means the period commencing August 1st and ending April 30th of the following year;
14. "IIHF" means the International Ice Hockey Federation;
15. "Imports" means the designated status assigned to a Player who has obtained a transfer from one Hockey Canada Branch to HA (Inter – Branch Transfer) of from a foreign Ice Hockey Federation to HA (USA/International Transfer);
16. "Indefinite Suspension" means an immediate suspension issued by HA until dealt with by HA Bylaws 12.02 and 12.03;
17. "Ineligible Player", includes, without limitation:
- i) A Player improperly registered with Hockey Alberta in contradiction of the By-laws and/or Regulations of Hockey Alberta;
 - ii) A suspended Player;
 - iii) A Player not properly released in accordance with Hockey Alberta By-laws and Regulations;
18. "League" means a group of three or more Hockey Teams recognized by HA as a League;
19. "League Game" means a regularly scheduled game in a League recognized by HA (including tiering games but excluding pre-season games and exhibition games);
20. "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, PeeWee, Atom, Novice, Initiation,
- The bylaws and regulations of said association may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than those of HA;
21. "Manager" means a person registered with HA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
22. "Non Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, who is ineligible to participate in provincials;
23. "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 the game;"On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;
24. "Permission to Try-Out" means the designated HA form used by Players to try-out;
25. "Physical Limits" means the area that has been defined by boundaries, mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that defines Player residency;
26. "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;

27. "Provincials" means the HA playoff competition;
28. "Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, who is eligible to participate in provincials;
29. "Registry" means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register all players and coaches;
30. "Regulations" means those regulations of HA for the administration and advancement of hockey;
31. "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
32. Senior Female Recreational Hockey teams are comprised of players who are registered as "Senior Female Recreational hockey".
33. "Suspensions" 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;
34. "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;
35. "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

- 2.1 Senior and Junior Female Teams must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team or Non Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.

There is no deadline date for players registering as Senior Female Recreational. Registrations will be available throughout the Hockey Season.

- 2.2
 - a) All Hockey Teams must be properly 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 duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
 - b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15th with permission of the General Manager, or his designate.
 - c) Last day to file a Senior **or** Junior Female Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Senior **or** Junior Female Provincial play, is December 1st of the current playing season.
- 2.3 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 HA and approved prior to implementation. See Senior Female Regulation 5.0
- 2.4 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 15th. (Exceptions: Senior Female Recreational Hockey teams can affiliate only with the Senior Female Recreational registered players)

- 2.5 The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is December 31 of the current Hockey Season.
- 2.6 The final date to release a Hockey Player is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
- 2.7 The final date for Senior **and Junior** Female Teams to register a Player is February 10 of the current Hockey Season.

3.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions, including Senior Female which is Open to Players of any age. Female Junior Hockey is open to players twenty-one (21) years of age and younger in the current playing season. (As of December 31st)
- 3.2 Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA 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 for the current Hockey Season.
- 3.3 A player's 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 primary address field of the Registry. 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) A Player may only be registered on one Team.
 - b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the team she 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.
 - b) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Senior **or** Junior Female Hockey Team;
- 3.6 Players wishing to register with another Senior or Junior (age graduating Juniors are exempt) Female Team other than the Senior Female Team which they were registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a Permission to Try Out form or release, from the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 3.7 In the case of Permission to Try-Out form, it must specify the Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the LMHA and / or Hockey team which the Player was last registered with 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 Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 3.8 Inter-Branch Transfer
1. A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA, shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application in the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
 2. The Inter-Branch Transfer must be completed in the Registry, and approved by the HA General Manager, before the first game in which the Player is to participate.

3. Inter – Branch Transfer Fees \$100 plus GST. *(Senior AAA, AA and A only)

3.9 USA/International Transfer (For more details please contact the HA Office)

1. A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation, wishing to register with a member Team of HA, must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which she was registered.
2. All transfers between USA Hockey and Hockey Canada shall be governed by the Hockey Canada /USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in Appendix K2 of the Hockey Canada Regulations.
3. All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and the Hockey Canada shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in Appendix K1 of Hockey Canada Regulations.
4. Incoming USA Transfer Fee \$150 plus GST.
5. Incoming International Transfer Fee \$1500 plus GST.

3.10 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Senior Female Regulation 4.9.

4.0 TEAM REGISTRATION

4.1 Senior and Junior Female Players will register on a team within the Senior Female Hockey Zones in which they reside. The Zone is the Alberta Provincial Boards.

- 4.2 a) Registration fees in accordance with Appendix “A” are payable with application for Teams.
- b) There are two systems of registration. A Hockey Team may register as a Provincial Team or Non Provincial Team.

4.3 Senior and Junior Female Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.

- 4.4 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 duly 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.

4.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada By-laws and the HA By-laws and regulations.

4.6 Senior and Junior Female Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.

4.7 Senior and Junior Female Teams will be provided with not more than 25 allotments in the Registry.

4.8 Number of Players on a Hockey Team:

- a) Senior and Junior Female Hockey Provincial Teams may register at any one time, a maximum of twenty-five (25) Players. Of those twenty-five (25), one (1) must be a goaltender. See Hockey Canada Playing Rule 2.2.
- b) A maximum of twenty-one (21) Players may be signed on a Non Provincial Team. Of those twenty-one (21), one (1) must be a goaltender. See Hockey Canada Playing Rule 2.2.

4.9 Imports

- a) Senior and Junior Female Team will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed, at any one time during the current Hockey Season, the numbers prescribed below:
 - (i) A Senior Female “AAA” Team – Six
 - (ii) A Senior Female “AA” Team – Six
 - (iii) A Female Junior Team - Six
 - (iv) All other Female Senior Teams – Four
- b) In the case of Senior AA and AAA Senior Female and Female Junior Teams, of the 6 imports permitted to register, a maximum of two (2) may be non-North American players. Of these non-North American players, one must be registered and playing in the Top IIHF Pool (the pool Team Canada competes in) and a second player from the second Pool or below. Of the six imports, all six may be Canadian, but a maximum of two may be USA Hockey transfer players. For non-North American and USA Female players, such players retain their Import status when registering with HA or the CHA for subsequent Hockey Seasons.

4.10 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 circumstance** 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 Female Council Chairperson, or designate.

- 4.11 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 By-laws and Regulations and a list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and email 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 the HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 5.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be duly registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries, must get permission from the General Manager.
- 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

- 6.1 Players shall be allowed to move to different teams within the Senior Provincial Zone, provided they acquire a release.
- 6.2 A Minor Aged Player’s residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of her parents (as defined by Hockey Canada regulation F4).

7.0 RELEASES

- 7.1 A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Senior **or** Junior Female Team and in the case of a female minor age player, registered with a LMHA, must first obtain a release

from that Team and / or LMHA prior to registering for the current Hockey Season with any other Senior or Junior Female Team.

7.2 Requirements

A release as required by Hockey Alberta must be obtained, prior to registering for the current Hockey Season, by all Players:

- i) who, previously were registered on a Provincial Team or Non Provincial Team, and.
- ii) who wish to register with a team other than one they were registered with previously.

7.3 Prerequisites

In the absence of an outright release, a Player must first:

- i) obtain a Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form, from the team with whom she was registered previously.
- ii) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form.
- iii) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the team or Association being asked for the release.
- iv) provide written confirmation of i), ii), and iii) to the team 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 submitted with their registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.

- (i) failure to submit a release, if required, 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 Senior Female Regulations 16.0.

7.5 Permission to Try Out Form

- a) In the case of a Senior or Junior Female Player, a Permission to Try Out form may be refused in situations where:
- b) The Player requesting the release has outstanding fees or other financial obligations with the team or Association which she was registered with previously.
- c) In the case of a Minor Aged Player, Minor Regulation 7.5 will apply.

8.0 AFFILIATION

- 8.1 Senior and Junior Female teams must declare their Division and Category to the Female Council Chairperson or their designate prior to the filing of any Senior or Junior Female affiliations on the approved Hockey Alberta Affiliation Form.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Minor Players may not affiliate outside of the Minor Zone in which they reside. For this purpose, the Senior **or Junior** Female team's Minor affiliation Zone will be determined by where the majority of the players on the team reside.
- Exception: In the case of Senior Female "AAA", minor zone boundaries will be removed, allowing these teams to access affiliated Players within the boundaries of the Province.
- Note:** Senior and Junior Female team's affiliations that involve Minor aged players must adhere to the Speak Out requirements outlined in Section F.
- 8.4 Affiliation will only be recognized where:
- the appropriate affiliation forms have been accepted and endorsed by the Female Council Chairperson or their designate(s).
 - the General Manager or his designate(s) acknowledge receipt prior to an affiliate Player participating, in any game, with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated.
 - the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA or Senior Team Representative and the League.
- Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.
- 8.5 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 Senior Female Regulation 16.0.
- 8.6 A Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one or the other of:
- one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category within the Senior/Junior Female Zone.
 - up to 19 named Players from a lower Division or Category within the Senior/Junior Female Zone.
- 8.7 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically, i.e. Hockey Team to Hockey Team, without the filing of the said affiliation with the General Manager or his designate(s).
- 8.8 Hockey Teams registered as Provincial Teams may affiliate **Senior/Junior Players** from a Hockey Team in a lower Division or Category, which are registered as a Non Provincial Team. These Players may participate in League, Exhibition, and Tournament games only. (These players are not eligible for Provincial play).
- 8.9 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, prior to December 15th in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player, prior and including January 10th, may play with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated without limit, providing written permission (e-mail, fax or letter) is granted prior to each game, by the player's regular team coach, and / or designate. (this includes Exhibition and Non-Provincial Tournament Games).

- 8.10 After January 10th in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may only play 5 games (excluding Exhibition and Non-Provincial Tournament games), providing written permission (e-mail, fax or letter) is granted prior to each game, by the players regular team coach and / or designate, with the Hockey Team to which she affiliated. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than five games after January 10th with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated, she shall not be allowed to compete any further in the Division, or if applicable, Category for which she is registered for the remainder of the playing season.
- 8.11 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.
- 8.12 No Affiliation of players needs to be filed with Hockey Alberta for Senior Female Recreational as their registration process allows the pickup of other same registered players.
- 8.13 Affiliation shall not be used to strengthen a team.

9.0 CATEGORIZATION

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| 9.1 | Senior AAA | – | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the National Championship |
| | Senior AA | – | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior A category of the Western Canadian Shield |
| | Senior A | – | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior B category of the Western Canadian Shield |
| | Senior B | – | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Provincial Senior B Championship |
| | Junior | – | Open to all Junior teams wishing to compete for the Provincial Female Junior championship |

Recreational/Non Provincial Team – All teams that do not apply and pay for Provincial Play. Teams/Players on HA Non Provincial Teams are not eligible for Provincial Play. Senior Female Recreational Teams and players registered solely registered as Senior Female Recreational are not eligible for Provincials.

10.0. SENIOR/JUNIOR FEMALE PROVINCIALS

10.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 10.1.1 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.
- 10.1.2 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.
- 10.1.3 Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

10.2 PROVINCIAL PLAY PROCEDURE

- 10.2.1 Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior and Junior Female Division for the following Categories and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship member in any category

- a) Senior Female “AAA”, “AA”, “A”, and “B” shall compete in the following Zone Playoffs to determine representation for the Provincial Tournament:
- i) “AAA”, “AA”, “A” – will use a two (2) Zone system. For this purpose, the province is divided into two zones, North / South – Commencing at the Alberta / B.C. Border proceed East in a straight line along TWP Rd. 390 to the Alberta / Sask. Border. Red Deer (Red Deer to compete in the South Zone)
 - ii) “B” - use a four (4) Zone system as per the HA Bylaws and Regulations
- b) Senior “B” shall compete in Zone Playoffs to determine representation for the Provincial Tournament. For this purpose, the Province is divided into four zones as listed below.

- i) Peace Zone

North Boundary

Commencing at the North West corner of the Province (Alberta / B.C. and NWT) then East along the North boundary of the Province to the 4th meridian (Alberta / Saskatchewan border)

East Boundary

Proceeding South along the 4th meridian to the North boundary of Township 65

South Boundary

Proceeding West along the North boundary of Township 65 to the Alberta / B.C. border

West Boundary

Proceeding North along the Alberta / B.C. border to the point of commencement.

- ii) North Zone

North Boundary

Commencing in the North West corner and is the same as the South boundary of the Peace Zone.

East Boundary

Proceeding South along the 4th meridian to the North boundary of Township 42.

South Boundary

Proceeding West along the North boundary of Township 42 to the Alberta / B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding North along the Alberta / B.C. border to the point of commencement.

(Note: for purposes of clarity, Hardisty and Ponoka are in the North Zone)

- iii) Central Zone

North Boundary

Commencing in the North West corner and is the same as the south boundary of the North Zone

East Boundary

Proceeding South along the 4th meridian to the North boundary of Township 21.

South Boundary

Proceeding West along the North boundary of Township 21 to the Alberta / B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding North along the Alberta / B.C. border to the point of commencement.

- iv) South Zone

North boundary

Commencing in the North West corner and is the same as the South boundary of the Central zone.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the South boundary of Township 1 (Alberta / US border)

South Boundary

Proceeding West along the South boundary of Township 1 to the Alberta / B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding North along the Alberta / B.C. border to the point of commencement.

- c) Female Junior, for the 2009-2010 season will not have to pre-qualify for the Provincial Tournament.

10.2.2 Female Council Representatives shall have the authority to move a team or teams to a higher or lower category for Provincial Tournament by written notice prior to January 1st of the current playing year. No appeals will be accepted regarding classification.

10.2.3 Senior Female and Junior Hockey Teams wishing to register for the Provincials must complete a Senior Female Provincial Notice of Intent to Participate form and submit the necessary bond payment as set out below to the Hockey Alberta Office no later than December 1 of the current Hockey Season.

Bond Payments for Senior Female Hockey shall be as follows:

- a) "AAA", "AA" and "A" \$300.00
- b) "B" \$200.00
- c) "Junior" \$200

For "AA" and "A", \$100.00 is refunded should the team not qualify for the Provincial Championship Tournament. Note: if a team has been moved from "B" to a higher Category, the higher bond must be paid prior to January 15 of the said year.

10.3 **SENIOR/JUNIOR FEMALE ZONE PLAYOFF REGULATIONS**

10.3.1 Members entering provincial playoffs will be expected to complete the playoff series as directed. In event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as they see fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending member or members.

10.3.2 Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. No games shall be cancelled without prior consultation with the Senior Female Rep, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Senior Female Representative must be notified of any cancelled games.

10.3.3 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 unforeseen circumstance, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Manager, Coach or Official and/or players of the Team, which is responsible, may be suspended for one year or more.

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

- 10.3.5 Series shall be played on a home and home total goal (two games) series with no overtime being played in the first game. If overtime is required in the second game, refer to Rule #83 "Tied Game", of the Hockey Canada Official Hockey Rules. Special Permission is required from the Senior Female Rep. for any alternate method wanting to be used in determining League Representative team(s) for Provincial play if different than above.
- 10.3.6 All players must sign the Provincial Roster Form prior to the start of each game. If more than 20 players are registered with any team, exclusive of eligible affiliates, the 20 players participating in that particular game, must be identified by signing the Provincial Roster Form. Hockey Canada playing Rule 16 (a) Each Team shall be entitled to a maximum of (Senior Female) 20 players in uniform (which includes 2 goaltenders) for any game or pre – game warm – up, all of whom shall be duly registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations.
- 10.3.7 Provincial Team rosters are to be checked by an opposing registered Team Official prior to each game. Any discrepancies are to be reported the same day or the day after the game to the Senior Female Representative by telephone or e-mail.
- 10.3.8 The home team as determined in the Provincial Draw, will arrange for and assume all cost for ice and Officials in the Zone Playoffs.
- 10.3.9 All divisions shall play three (3), fifteen (15) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time), with a flood every second period, when ever possible
- 10.3.10 Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game misconducts and Gross misconducts by telephone or e-mail to the Senior Female Representative, the same day or the day after the game. Said player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- 10.3.11 Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Senior Female Representative within 24 hours of the conclusion of each game.
- 10.3.12 After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, the winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone or e-mail) the Senior Female Representative as to results.
- 10.4 **SENIOR FEMALE PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**
- 10.4.1 The Provincial Championships will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- 10.4.2 Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) 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 twenty-five (25) players 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. Hockey Canada Regulation F 50. Teams shall not be permitted to dress more than (19) players except for Senior and Junior Teams (Female) who may dress twenty (20) players for any game or pre – game warm – up in accordance with the playing rules. The number of players must include two (2) goaltenders.
- 10.4.3 Hockey Alberta Provincial Team rosters will be checked by the Hockey Alberta Representative. If a player is late, she must sign prior to playing. Affiliates must be designated with “AP” on the game sheet.
- 10.4.4 The length of all games will be three(3) fifteen(15) minute stop-time periods, with a flood every two periods. All Gold medal games will be three(3) twenty(20)-minute stop-time periods with a minimum of one(1) flood between periods.
- 10.4.5 There will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team during round-robin play. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time *Hockey Canada Playing Rules –Rule 10.16*. Home team during play downs will also be determined by a coin toss.
- 10.4.6 Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behavior of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behavior or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta,

shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

- 10.4.7 Suspensions, which occur during provincial play and carry over, will be filed with the Hockey Alberta Female Council.
- 10.4.8 Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- 10.4.9 In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the procedure in Section A Minor Regulations 10.3.8 Provincial Tournament Regulations will apply.
- 10.4.10 All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. Upon completion of three (3) periods where the score is tied there shall be a 2 minute intermission followed by a 10 minute sudden victory overtime period. Should the score still be tied the Game Winning Shoot-Out procedures will take effect.

11.0 EXHIBITION GAMES

- 11.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Hockey Alberta Female Council Chairperson or Designate for all exhibition games with Hockey Canada or USA based Teams.
- 11.2 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey. Proof of registration from Hockey USA or the Hockey Canada must be provided).
- 11.3 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 11.4 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 11.5 All game sheets must be faxed within 24 hours to the Female Council Chair or designate by the Team.

12.0 NON PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS (Excluding Senior/Junior Female Provincial Tournament Regulations -10.0)

- 12.1 Tournaments Within Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulations 12.1) 12.0). In addition the following regulations will also apply:
 - a) Teams shall apply to the Female Council Chairperson, or designate, a minimum of one (1) month prior to the proposed start date of the tournament.
 - b) All Tournaments must be approved by the Female Council Chair, or designate, and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament. Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
 - c) The host Team will provide to the Female Council Chair, or designate, a list of all Teams and entered in the tournament, one week prior to the start date of the tournament.
 - d) 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 Female Council Chairperson, or designate, within 24 hours of the offence.
 - e) For each Tournament of Senior Alberta teams there will be a Sanction Fee of \$50.00.
 - f) For each Inter-Branch Tournament for Senior Female Hockey there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$65.00 plus a \$20.00 fee for each team from another Hockey Canada Branch.

- g) For each International tournament there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$150.00 plus \$65.00 per Team for each Team from outside North America and \$20.00 fee for each team from another Hockey Canada Branch or USA Hockey.

12.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta – all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulations 12.2) In addition the following regulations will also apply:

- a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside the defined Boundaries of HA unless it has been given written permission by Female Council. In granting such permission, HA will enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.

12.3 All game sheets of the HA team must be faxed within 24 hours of the tournament's last game to the Female Council Chair or designate, by the HA Team.

13.0 DISCIPLINE

13.1 SENIOR/JUNIOR FEMALE HOCKEY SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

13.1.1 All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulations 13.2).. In addition the following regulations will also apply:

- a) The Female Council Chair or designate, is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials, and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
- b) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the Female Council Chair or designate by the HOME Team.
- c) The Female Council Chair, or designate, will issue a Suspension Notice Form. The Suspension Notice Form must specify the following:
 - i) Number of games.
 - ii) Which games are to be served. e.g. 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.

League Responsibilities

13.1.2 All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulations 13.2). In addition the following regulations will also apply:

- a) If a suspension overlaps into, tournaments, Provincials, or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President, or their designate must notify the Female Council Chair, or designate.

13.2 SENIOR/JUNIOR FEMALE 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. **1 game**

4.1 Coach of a Team whose Players are so penalized. **3 games**

4.1 Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl. **Fine to be determined**

4.7 Gross Misconducts **2 games**

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

9.2 Verbal Abuse of Officials, Game Misconduct (zero tolerance). **1 game**
 Game misconduct

DELIBERATE INJURY ATTEMPT

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 **2 games**

6.1b match Headbutting **2 games**

6.1d match Grabbing the Facemask **2 games**

6.1f match Buttending **2 games**

6.1e match Facial Protector as a weapon **2 games**

6.1g match Spearing **2 games**

6.1h match Slash, high sticking, cross checking **2 games**

CHECKING FROM BEHIND

6.4 major Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed. **1 game**

6.4 match	Checking from behind (when match penalty is assessed).	4 games
<u>FIGHTING</u>		
6.7a1	Instigator or aggressor of a fight.	First Offence Game Misconduct Second Offence 1 game Third Offence 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.	1 game
6.7c	Any Player receiving a second fighting major penalty during the same stoppage of play. Game Misconduct.	1 game
<u>LEAVING A BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING</u>		
9.5	Coach of a team whose Player is penalized under the rule.	2 games
9.5b	Player identified as first to leave the players bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting. Double minor & Game Misconduct	2 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.	1 month
9.7 match	Spitting on an Opponent.	2 games

CHECKING TO THE HEAD

- 6.5b** major Checking to the head where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed. **1 game**
- 6.5c** match Checking to the head when match penalty is assessed). **4 games**

14.0 COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - See Section F

- 14.1 Senior Female teams that are Categorized as Recreational are exempt from Speak Out Program, UNLESS they have a Minor aged player or Minor aged Affiliate registered on their team. If they have a Minor aged player or Affiliate, then the Certification must be taken as outlined in Section F.