

SECTION D – SENIOR MALE HOCKEY

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the By-laws shall in this Section D (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 the HC from time to time;
 3. “Branch” means a provincial association, which is a member of the HC and is recognized by the HC 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. “HC” means the Hockey Canada;
 1. “Coach” means a person registered with HA as a coach of a Hockey Team;
 2. “Council” means those groups of people as defined and set out in Bylaw X of the Bylaws of HA;
 3. “Discipline” means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty and, without limit the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
 4. “Division” shall mean one of the following: Senior, Junior, Midget, Bantam, Pee wee, Atom, Novice or Initiation;
 5. “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” means a group of persons comprised of:
 - a) A maximum of twenty-five (25) Players (See Regulation 4.7);
 - i) For teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of 15 Players (at least two of whom must be signed as a goaltenders), See HC Regulation E.1a),
 - ii) For all other teams, a minimum of 12 players (at least one of whom must be signed as a goaltender);
 - b) A Team Official qualified with the HC Safety Program for all Hockey Teams;
 - c) A Team Official qualified with the HC Speak Out Program as may be required by HC 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 HC 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 either a League/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, Pee Wee, Atom, Novice, and 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;
24. "On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;
25. "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;
26. "Provincials" means the HA playoff competition;
27. "Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, who is eligible to participate in provincials;

28. "Registry" means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register all players and coaches;
29. "Regulations" means those regulations of HA for the administration and advancement of hockey;
30. "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by the HC;
31. "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;
32. "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;
33. "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 June 1st *(Previous to current season)

- a) The Final date for Senior "AAA" teams to file their Senior "AAA" Provincial Notice of Intent for participation in Allan Cup Playdowns, along with the appropriate bond payment.

2.2 October 15th

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

2.3 October 31st

- a) **Last day to file a Senior "AA" & "A" Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Senior Provincial play, is December 31st of the current playing season.**

2.4 November 15th

- a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry, prior to their first League Game or November 15th, 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 15th, 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) Hockey Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA Office by November 15th of the current Hockey Season.
- d) 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 15th 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 Regulation 5.1.

2.5 December 31st

The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is December 31st of the current Hockey Season.

2.6 January 10th

- a) By January 10th, all Senior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than 25 the total of the following (the number of registered players on their active list and number of unused allotments in the Registry).
- b) Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per HC 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 January 10th.
- c) The final date to release a player is January 10th.

2.7 February 10th

- a) February 10th is the final date for teams to register players and submit final roster list of not more than 25.
- b) February 10th is the final date for the completion of player transfers.
- c) The final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA is February 10th.

3.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION

3.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions, including Senior which is open to Players of any age.

3.2 Every Player, participating 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 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) A Player may only register on one (1) Team per season (unless released by the team he first signed with prior to January 10th). 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 10th in any Hockey Season with any Senior Hockey Team;
- 3.6 Players wishing to register with another Senior Team other than the Senior Team which they were registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release, from the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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 he was registered.
 - 2. All transfers between USA Hockey and the HC shall be governed by the HC/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in Appendix K2 of the HC Regulations.
 - 3. All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and the HC shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in Appendix K1 of the HC Regulations.
 - 4. Incoming USA Transfer Fee \$150 plus GST.
 - 5. Incoming International Transfer Fee \$2,500 plus GST.
 - 6. For Canadian players returning from an IIHF member, please contact the Hockey Alberta Office.
- 3.9 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Senior Regulation 4.9.

4.0 TEAM REGISTRATION

- 4.1 There is one system of registration for Senior Hockey. A Hockey Team may only register as a Provincial Team.
- 4.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "A" are payable upon application for Teams.
- 4.3 Senior 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 15th, whichever occurs first. All Players/Team Officials participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15th, 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 HC and HA By-laws and regulations.

- 4.6 Senior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and HC.
- 4.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team:
- a) Senior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. As per 4.3 (Appendix A) Teams will be provided and charged 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required.
 - b) On January 10th, all Senior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:
 1. The number of registered players on their active list and
 2. The number of unused Player allotments

All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
 - c) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above, may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10th.

4.8 Player allotments by which goaltenders are registered shall be designated as "goaltenders". Players so designated as goaltenders shall not be permitted to play any other position (Ineligible Player). The final twenty five (25) registered players shall include at least two (2) goaltenders.

4.9 Imports

- a) Senior Teams 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 a total of six (6) imported Players.
- b) Senior Teams are permitted to register among their Imports, a maximum of one (1) non-North American player within the current Hockey Season. Such Players retain their Import status when registering with HA or the HC 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. Permission must be obtained from the Senior Council Chair, 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, phone numbers, fax numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses of the officers not later than November 15th 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 registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province, participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries, must get permission from the General Manager, or his designate.
- 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, provided they acquire a release from the Team they were previously registered with. (See Regulation 7.0)

7.0 RELEASES

7.1 A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Senior Team and in the case of a minor aged player, registered with a LMHA, must first obtain a release from that Team/LMHA prior to registering for the current Hockey Season with any other Senior Team. (See HC Regulation H)

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 team, and.
- ii) who wish to register with a team other than one they were registered with previously.

8.0 AFFILIATION

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 January 10th 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) acknowledges receipt and identifies 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 or Team Official representative in the case of other Senior or Junior Teams

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 Senior Regulation 13.0.

8.4 A Senior "AAA" Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category.

8.5 All other Senior Hockey Teams may have affiliated with it one or the other of:

- a) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category;
- b) up to 19 named Players from a lower Division or Category.

8.6 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).

- 8.7 Hockey Teams registered as Provincial Teams may not affiliate Players from a Hockey Team that is registered on Hockey Alberta Adult Recreation Team Sheets.
- 8.8 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 he is affiliated without limit, providing permission is granted prior to each game, by the players regular team coach, and / or designate.
- 8.9 After January 10th in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may only play 5 games (excluding Exhibition and Non-Provincial Tournament games), providing permission 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, 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.
- 8.10 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.

9.0 CATEGORIZATION

- 9.1 Senior AAA – Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Allan Cup (Senior AAA National Championship).
- Senior AA & A – Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Senior AA & A categories of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

10.0 SENIOR PROVINCIALS

10.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 10.1.1 Rules of play shall be those of the HC 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 15th of the current Hockey Season.

10.2 PROVINCIAL PLAY PROCEDURE

- 10.2.1 Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior 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 "AAA" – this category is open to all Teams that have registered Senior "AAA", filed both their notice of intent to participate and bond payment of \$1500.00 by June 1st.
- Teams wishing to participate in Senior "AAA" competition must have participated in either Senior "AAA" or "AA/A" Provincials in the previous year prior to being eligible for Senior "AAA" Competition in the current season.
- b) Senior "AA & A" – this category is open to Teams that have registered Senior, excluding Senior "AAA" and have filed both their notice of intent to participate and bond payment of \$1000.00 by October 31st.
- 10.2.2 A Draw Meeting shall be held within the month of December each year to determine the playdown format required for both Senior "AAA", "AA & A" competition.
- 10.2.3 Senior Hockey Teams wishing to register for the Provincials must complete a Senior Provincial Notice of Intent to Participate form and submit the necessary bond payment as set out below to the Hockey Alberta Office.

Bond Payments for Senior Hockey shall be as follows:

- a) "AAA" \$1500.00 due June 1st.
- b) "AA" & "A" \$1000.00 due October 31st.

Bond payments will be refunded in April should team(s) meet the obligations of participation in meeting their requirements as directed.

10.3 SENIOR 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 Council Chair, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Senior Council Chair 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 HC 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 as determined by the Senior Council during the respective draw meetings held in December. Special Permission is required from the Senior Council Chair for any specific method used in determining League Rep team for the purpose of Playdowns.
- 10.3.6 If overtime is required during a playdown, refer to Rule 10.16 "Tied Game" of the HC Official Hockey Rules.
- 10.3.7 Provincial Team Rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game, and discrepancies are to be reported the same day or the day after the game to the Senior Council Chair by telephone.
- 10.3.8 The home team will pay for both ice requirements and all on-ice officials in the Zone Playoffs.
- 10.3.9 All divisions shall play three (3), twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time), with a flood between every period.
- 10.3.10 Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game misconducts and Gross misconducts by telephone to the Senior Council Chair, 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 After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone) the Senior Council Chair as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Senior Council Chair within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.

10.4 SENIOR 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 the Association.
- 10.4.2 Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players **made up of a combination of properly registered and Affiliated Players**. Affiliated players may only be used provided their affiliations

were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-five (25) 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.

- 10.4.3 Hockey Alberta Representative to determine “Home” and “Away” teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. For Senior, there will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team for the first round. Coin tosses will also be used for subsequent rounds. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time. **(Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16. Home team will wear “light” coloured jerseys.)**
- 10.4.4 The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- 10.4.5 In the case of tied games: Use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16.
- a) 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.
- b) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
- c) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- 10.4.6 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 Senior Council Chair, or designate.
- 10.4.7 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.
- 10.4.8 Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game. Only procedural items are considered eligible for protest. Referees decisions are final.
- 10.4.9 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.**

10.4.10 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 the Senior Council Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-province exhibition games.

11.2 For exhibition games with USA or International based Teams, permission must be granted by the General Manger, or designate and proof of registration with the appropriate International Federation must be provided.

11.3 Application for permission will only be considered from Teams, for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.

11.4 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of HC or appropriate International Federation.

11.5 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from both HC and Hockey Alberta.

11.6 For exhibition games within Alberta, permission must be granted by the Senior Council Chair or designate.

11.7 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.

11.8 All game sheets must be faxed within 24 hours to the Senior Council Chair or designate by the Team.

12.0 NON PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

12.1 **Tournaments Within Alberta** - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulations 12.0 & 12.1). In addition the following regulations will also apply:

- a) All Tournaments must be approved by the Senior 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.
- b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament.
- c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in 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 Senior Council Chair, or designate, Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.
- 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 Hockey there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$65.00 plus a \$20.00 fee for each team from another HC 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 HC 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 Provincial Team or Non Provincial Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside the defined Boundaries of HA unless it has been given written permission by Senior 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 must be faxed within 24 hours of the tournament's last game to the Senior Council Chair or designate by the Team.

13.0 **DISCIPLINE**

13.1 **Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior Council Chair or designate by the Team.
- c) The Senior Council Chair, 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. e.g. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events
 - iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
 - iii) 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 Senior Council Chair, or their designate.

13.2 **Senior 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). Game misconduct	1 game
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DELIBERATE INJURY ATTEMPT

6.1a match	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite Suspension
6.1a match	Use of Blocker	3 games
6.1d match	Hair pulling	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).	2 games

FIGHTING

6.7a1	Instigator or aggressor of a fight.	1 st Offence 2 nd Offence 3 rd Offence	Game Misconduct 1 Game 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 joining a fight, acting as a peacemaker or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play, will be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty plus any other penalty the offender incurs under the rules. Game Misconduct.		1 game

LEAVING A BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING

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

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

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
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SPITTING

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
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14.0 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

All Hockey Alberta teams must have one (1) person registered to their team that has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) and be at all games.

Teams must have a registered, eligible (as defined below) safety person by December 31st of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for certification in the Hockey Canada Safety Program. The certification for this program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 01 of the third hockey season.

Speak Out

All Hockey Alberta Teams must have one (1) person registered to their team that has completed the Speak Out Course and be on the bench at all games.

Teams must have a registered, eligible (as defined below) Speak Out certified person by December 31st of the current playing season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional, and National Playoffs

An eligible Speak Out person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for certification in the Speak Out Program.

See **Section F** For Details