

REGULATION AMENDMENTS FOR 18-19



Intro to Hockey: Hockey Alberta has implemented a new set of Regulations for Intro to Hockey. The Intro to Hockey Model includes the Initiation and Novice Divisions and outlines registration, player movement, tournament and discipline regulations that are specific to these age groups. The new Regulations provide more flexibility to the MHA's as they work with each other and families to help players participate in hockey.

Minor Hockey: With the implementation of the Alberta One Tiering Model, import numbers are no longer in effect. Teams will be initially categorized based on their MHA's division registration numbers and the Minor Regulation Committee will refer to League play, tiering, Exhibition and tournament play as determining factors in the final categorization of each Team.

Junior and Senior Hockey: Hockey Canada implemented a national regulation change that added a deadline time of 5:00 PM MST to all registration cut-down dates.

Sports Schools: Sports School regulations have been developed and implemented to guide the registration and day to day operational processes for this specific stream of hockey. The regulations outline registration, player movement, tournament and discipline regulations that are specific to all sanctioned Sports School Teams. These new Regulations are contained with the Bylaws and Regulations book and provide detailed information about the Sports School model.

Sledge Hockey: Hockey Alberta has implemented a new set of Regulations for Sledge Hockey. The model includes regulations for registration, player movement, tournament and discipline that are specific for our registered Sledge Hockey programs.

AA Hockey

Notification of
Try-Out Procedure:

If approved, a player on a second tryout must be evaluated for a minimum of two (2) ice times and it must be determined as to whether or not the player has made the team **by October 1st**.

Female Hockey ADM

Expansion/Reduction:

By **October 1**, an MHA has the ability to apply for expansion or reduction of the number of teams within their area for the upcoming season. The application must be based on the following criteria:

1. Registration numbers available within the region for the specific Division
2. Recruitment Areas must have a minimum of one team for each Division (Bantam, Midget).
3. Historical statistics showing competitiveness of teams.
4. Player development is a primary focus and consideration of the application.

Player Acceleration:

Members hosting Midget Elite Teams are provided one (1) underage player allotment provided the player meets the following criteria:

- a) **Player must be a second-year bantam aged player, no exceptions;**
- b) **Player resides within the MHA's Elite Recruitment Zone;**
- c) **Player has been endorsed by the MHA to tryout at the higher division of play;**
- d) **Player competes the tryout process and is selected for the team;**
- e) **No underage players will be granted a second-try at the accelerated division.**

Members hosting Midget “AAA” Teams can apply for an underage player to receive “Exceptional Player” status. Applications must be submitted to the Female Hockey ADM Committee on or before July 1, provided the player meets the following criteria:

- a) **Player must be a second-year bantam aged player, no exceptions;**
- b) Applicants must fill out, in its entirety, the Female ADM Player Acceleration Application package and provide all the necessary documentation requested;
- c) Hockey Alberta will evaluate the application based on the applicants on ice ability as well as their physical and emotional maturity.
- d) No underage players will be granted a second try-out at the accelerated division;
- e) Decisions will be communicated to the player and applicable Host MHA(s) in writing on or before August 1.

Affiliation Policy:

The Affiliation Policy within the Female Hockey ADM Is used to accommodate athlete development and provide an opportunity for players to experience the higher level of hockey.

- Midget “AAA” Teams are permitted to affiliate ***Midget aged Players from registered Midget Teams from any part of the Province.***
- Midget Elite Teams are permitted to affiliate Midget aged players that are registered on a lower category team (“A” or “B”) within the Elite Team’s regional Recruitment Area.

Midget Elite teams **are permitted to affiliate** a maximum of four (4) **Bantam aged** players provided they are registered to the Recruitment Area’s Bantam Elite Team.

- Bantam Elite Teams are permitted to affiliate Bantam aged players that are registered on a lower category team (“A” or “B”) provided they reside within the Elite Team’s regional Recruitment Area.

Bantam Elite teams **are permitted to affiliate** a maximum of four (4) **Peewee aged** players **provided they are registered to a Team** within the Elite Team’s regional Recruitment Area.

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Male Hockey ADM

Expansion & Reduction of Teams:

All changes to the draw zones, expansion and contraction of teams, will be the responsibility of the Male ADM Committee to review. An MHA has the ability to apply to Hockey Alberta for expansion or reduction of the number of Teams within their area. Applications will only be considered for the following season and must be submitted by **October 1**. Applications must be based on the following criteria:

1. Hockey Alberta registration numbers are to be used, in conjunction with other factors, in determining an appropriate draw zone ratio of available players per Division.
2. Each Elite Draw Zone Area will include a minimum of one Midget 'AAA' team, one Minor Midget 'AAA' team, and one Bantam 'AAA' team.
3. Historical statistics will be reviewed to determine how competitive the Teams within that Draw Zone have been within the Province.
4. Player Development is an important factor in the rationale for expansion or reduction.
5. Expansion requests will consider the possible effects to existing teams / programs and the existing number of teams within the same Category.

Elite Player Movement: Players are expected to first try out for the Draw Zone team that draws from the local Minor Hockey Association the player is a resident within.

- Players will obtain the necessary permission from their resident MHA, in accordance with the Notification of Try Out Procedures.
- Players will not be considered "Import" Players to the Draw Zone Team in which their resident Minor Hockey Association is located.
- The Players' resident Minor Hockey Association may not refuse to give permission to a player that wishes to try out for his Resident Draw Zone Team.

Players are only permitted to try out within a Draw Zone that is not their resident MHA's Draw Zone with special permission from the Male Hockey ADM Committee.

- Players should only request this movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. Considerably closer for travel, move without parent transfers).
- Players file an application, using the Elite Player Movement Form and supporting documentation, through the Hockey Alberta office prior to **July 1** if they wish to request this "special permission" to move.
- The Committee reviews the application and renders a decision on or prior to August 15.

Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON

Notification of Try-out Procedure:

Players wishing to try-out with a Midget "AAA", Minor Midget "AAA", or Bantam "AAA" Team must first complete a Notification of Try-Out Form and submit it to their resident MHA (the MHA within whose boundaries the player resides), and the applicable host MHA of the Team that the player wishes to try-out for. **NOTE – If the Team the player is wishing to try out for is hosted within the Player's Resident MHA they are not required to submit this form.**

Midget “AAA” - A 16 or 17 year old player may choose a maximum of three (3) Midget “AAA” teams to try out for by naming all teams on their Notification to Try Out form. The player must first try out for the team in the Draw Zone in which the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process). If the player does not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- obtain an Elite Waiver form and move onto the second (or third) Midget “AAA” team they have requested to try out for; or
- return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program; or
- return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.

Note: 15 Year Old Midget Players are permitted to try out with one (1) Midget AAA (AMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone only.

“Minor Midget AAA” - **A 15 year old player may choose a maximum of three (3) “AAA” teams (Midget “AAA” and Minor Midget “AAA”) to try out for** by naming all teams on their Notification to Try Out form. The player must first try out for the team in the Draw Zone in which he resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process). If the player does not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- if first tryout was at Midget “AAA” - obtain an Elite Waiver form to access a Minor Midget “AAA” tryout within your resident Draw Zone; or
- if first tryout was at Minor Midget “AAA” - obtain an Elite Waiver form and move onto the next closest Minor Midget “AAA” team that was identified on their Notification to Try Out form.

- if cut a second time, obtain an Elite Waiver form and move onto the next closest Minor Midget “AAA” team, that was identified on their Notification to Try Out form, in order to access a third and final Elite try out; or
- return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program; or
- return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.

Note: A 15 Year Old Player may travel to the next closest Draw Zone(s) to try out for additional Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Teams.

“Bantam AAA” - A 13 or 14 year old player may choose a maximum of three (3) Bantam “AAA” teams to try out for by naming all teams on their Notification to Try Out form. The player must first try out for the team in the Draw Zone in which the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained through the Elite Player Movement process). If the player does not make the first (or second) team they are trying out for, they have the following options:

- move onto the second (or third) Bantam “AAA” team they requested to try out for by obtaining an Elite Waiver form;
- return to their resident MHA in order to obtain permission to try out for a “AA” program;
- return to their resident MHA to access other minor hockey programs.

Players will not be afforded the opportunity to access tryouts for more than three (3) teams within a specific category of hockey. A player making any designated “AAA” Team will receive permission to play for the season and will be returned to her Resident LMHA at the end of the season.

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Player Acceleration: One objective of the Male Hockey ADM is to develop players within their specific age group, and not to displace the players from their age Division by facilitating the movement of underage players.

- a) **Each Midget “AAA” Team is permitted to register only one (1) “Underage Player” at any one time during the season. Only second year bantam aged players will be considered for acceleration to Midget “AAA”;**
- b) **There will be no acceleration for Bantam aged players to Minor Midget;**
- c) **Each Bantam “AAA” Team is permitted to register only one (1) “Underage Player” at any one time during the season. Only second year Peewee aged players will be considered for acceleration to Bantam “AAA”.**

Team Registration: In order to support the Male Hockey ADM and to align the system of player development within Alberta, “AAA” Teams are not permitted to begin the player evaluation and selection process for the current season until **August 15**.

Each “AAA” Team will be required to obtain a commitment, in writing, from all players prior to registering them in the Registry (refer to the “Player Agreement” process). Each Midget AAA Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season. Each Minor Midget AAA and Bantam AAA Team will be permitted to register a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season.

Each Team is provided the opportunity to utilize Exhibition and Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration.

Player Agreements: In order to be eligible to play during the regular season and playoffs / provincials, **all players must sign a “Player Agreement” form with the team that wishes to register them.**