

**SECTION B - MINOR HOCKEY****1. Critical Dates**

- 1.1 **June 30:** To be recognized by Hockey Alberta, a League shall submit its Bylaws and Regulations, and a list of the names and addresses of the officers, no later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations must be filed with and approved by HA prior to implementation.
- 1.2 **October 15:** MHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 **November 1:**
- (a) U18 aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season unless they register with a higher Category team. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be subject to an investigation and may face further disciplinary action.
- 1.4 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game (including Tiering games) or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
  - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
  - (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.5 **January 10:**
- (a) The final date for Player registration is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
  - (b) A Player may be released to another MHA for which he is eligible to play up to and including January 10.
- 1.6 **January 15:** 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 CEO, or designate, not later than January 15 at 5:00PM MST.
- 1.7 **February 10:** Notwithstanding the above, Players may apply to HA through the HA CEO, or designate, for special permission to register with a MHA if they or their family have been transferred to another locale by the employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to HA up to and including February 10.

## 2. Player Registration

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Registration regulations for players involved in participation of teams within the Elite Hockey stream.

The AA Hockey Model determines Player Registration Regulations for players involved in participation within the AA Hockey stream.

2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in various divisions, including:

- (a) U18 Male/Female For the **2022-23** season, open to Players born in **2005** and subsequent years
- (b) U15 Male/Female For the **2022-23** season, open to Players born in **2008** and subsequent years
- (c) U13 Male/Female For the **2022-23** season, open to Players born in **2010** and subsequent years
- (d) U11 Male/Female For the **2022-23** season, open to Players born in **2012** and subsequent years

Exception: Overage Players may be permitted to register on Minor Hockey Teams, provided they are approved in accordance with the Minor Hockey Overage Policy.

- (e) A Player that is a maximum of one year older, by date of birth, may be permitted to register and participate with a lower age Division Team provided they meet the criteria outlined on the Overage Player Application Request form.
- (f) Players, 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current Hockey season, will only be considered for overage status if they are a goaltender.
  - (i) Applicant must be enrolled full-time in high school with a confirmation letter from the school provided;
  - (ii) There must be no available U18 aged goaltenders within the MHA.
- (g) Process
  - (i) A Player must complete an Overage Player Application Request form and submit it to their Resident MHA along with a letter of support from the player's Parent or Guardian, outlining their rationale for requesting permission to participate with a team of lower age Division;
  - (ii) In cases where a Player has a physical or cognitive impairment that would restrict him/her from participating within their designated age Division, a Physician's statement must be included;
  - (iii) A skill assessment must be completed, and included, confirming that the Player's skill level restricts him/her from being able to participate within the designated age Division;

- (iv) Statistics from the Player's previous season (including number of games played, goals, assists and penalty minutes) must be confirmed by the League.
- 2.2 (a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its MHAs shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry.
- (b) In addition to the current information required for registration a Player Movement Form must be submitted to the Regional Minor Administration Coordinator for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 2.3 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 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.
- 2.4 (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 CEO (or designate) 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.
- (d) A player applying for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of completion of the Respect-in-Sport – Parent course. Proof of Respect-in-Sport – Parent shall be indicated by a card number showing on the player's registration in the Registry.
- 2.5 (a) All Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Minor Hockey Association. A Player may only be registered on one Team.
- (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the MHA he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.
- (c) No Player may be registered after January 10 in any Hockey Season with any Minor Hockey Association.
- (d) Players who move within the borders of the Province after January 10 and up to and including February 10 may apply to the CEO (or designate) for special permission to register with a local member if they or their family have been transferred by employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to Hockey Alberta. Such Players are not eligible for Provincials.
- 2.6 A Player may not register in another Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category as or a lower Category than the MHA in which the Player resides (Residency as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations).

*Exceptions:*

- (a) There is not a Hockey Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident Minor Hockey Association by October 15 of the current Hockey Season.
  - (b) The Player does not have a place to play in his age division in his resident Minor Hockey Association in the current Hockey Season due to all positions being full at 19. For this exception to apply, the Hockey Team or Hockey Teams at the Player's age Division must be full (19 Player allotments occupied).
  - (c) More than one MHA is combining their registration numbers to field a Hockey Team(s) at the Player's age Division for the current Hockey Season. The Hockey team formed will be eligible for the Provincials at the Category of the highest of the MHAs forming the Hockey Team. Any player living within the boundaries of the MHA's forming the hockey team that chooses to play outside of these combined MHA's will be deemed a non-resident player and may be subject to player movement regulations.
  - (d) Any Player may register with a AAA member Team for which the Player is eligible, provided:
    - (a) the Team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.
  - (e) In circumstances where MHA's are in agreement that it is appropriate to allow a MHA to acquire a Player from another MHA, an exception may be made. The application must be accompanied by:
    - (i) a valid player movement form authorized by both MHA's;
    - (ii) a letter from any closer MHAs the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident MHA to the new MHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player.
  - (f) In circumstances where a player's resident MHA does not agree to granting permission for player movement, an exception may be made upon application to the Minor League Coordinator. The application must be accompanied by:
    - (i) a valid player movement form authorized by the accepting MHA;
    - (ii) a letter of rationale from the Player requesting an exception;
    - (iii) a letter of rationale from the Player's resident MHA stating why the movement of the Player is not supported.
- 2.7
- (a) Players wishing to register with a MHA, other than their Resident MHA, must first obtain a Player Movement Form or release from the MHA in which the Player was last registered.
  - (b) In the case of permission to try out, it must specify the MHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Resident MHA shall, on the Player meeting the prerequisites, grant permission to play. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to his/her Resident MHA.

2.8 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit an Appeal to Transfer under Hockey Canada Bylaws and must pay any applicable fees charged by HC and HA.

(a) total fee for an incoming International Transfer may be up to a maximum of \$1,350.

Contact the Hockey Alberta office for further details.

### **3. Team Registration**

The Alberta Development Model determines Team Registration regulations for Teams involved in participation of the Elite Hockey stream.

The AA Hockey Model determines Team Registration Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the AA Hockey stream.

3.1 (a) All MHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the CEO, or designate.

(b) Registration fees in accordance with these Regulations are payable with application for Teams.

(c) In addition to the current information required at the time of registration a Player Movement Form must accompany the registration for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.

3.2 MHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.

3.3 a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game (including Tiering games) or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.

b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.

c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.

3.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.

3.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a MHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.

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

U18	Not more than 25 allotments
U15	Not more than 23 allotments
U13	Not more than 23 allotments
U11	Not more than 23 allotments

3.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team

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

*Exception:* Teams that are not eligible to compete for a Regional or National Championship may be permitted to register, at one time, a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players upon consideration of application to the Regional Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the CEO; or designate.

*Exception:* U11 Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For U13, U15 and U18 Divisions only, Players designated in the registry as goalkeepers may play only in goal.

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

(b) Member Teams being recognized as U18 AAA by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

3.8 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled Exhibition, League, Provincial or Tournament Game 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 Minor Leagues Coordinator.

3.9 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any duly registered Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.

(a) It is recommended that all Teams containing at least one (1) female player have at least one (1) female Team Official registered to the Team.

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

3.11 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 CEO, or designate.

#### **4. Leagues**

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 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.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with an MHA.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 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.

#### **5. Player Movement**

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Movement regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream.

The AA Hockey Model determines Player Movement Regulations for players involved in participation within the AA Hockey stream.

##### **5.1 Residency**

- (a) Except as hereinafter provided, no Player shall be registered as a member of or compete for a Hockey Team in any MHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of the MHA.
- (b) A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of his or her parents/legal guardians (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations).
- (c) Players must play in the MHA within those Boundaries they reside where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
- (d) A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practising hockey.
- (e) A Player who prior to the establishment of Boundaries was registered with a particular MHA and who has played all of his minor hockey with that MHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that MHA.
- (f) Siblings of such Players registering in Minor Hockey for the first time shall have the one time choice of registering as a "Resident" Player with either the MHA with which the older sibling is registered or the MHA in which the Player resides.
- (g) No player of U18 age or under can be transferred from Branch to Branch to register and play other than Major Junior hockey unless such Player transfers with his parents or legal guardian and continues to live with his parents or legal guardian.

## 5.2 Permission for Player Movement

- (a) A Player must first obtain a Player Movement Form from his/her Resident MHA prior to being transferred, in the Registry, to any other MHA.
- (b) In order to obtain permission for Player Movement, a Player must first ensure the following prerequisites are in place:
  - (i) obtain a Player Movement Form from their Resident MHA;
  - (ii) obtain permission from the accepting MHA, indicating that they accept the Player as a non-Resident Player;
  - (iii) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the MHA being asked for the permission;
  - (iv) provide written confirmation of the prerequisites being met to the MHA being asked for the permission.

## 5.3 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the permission has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the Player Movement form is completed and submitted at the time of registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.

- (a) failure to complete and submit the Player Movement form at the time of registration will result in the Player's registration not being completed and therefore being ineligible to play in any game;
- (b) in cases where a Player is found to have played in game without first having completed or submitted the required form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline;
- (c) In these circumstances, at the end of the current Hockey Season, these Players will return to their resident MHA.

5.4 All player movement will result in players returning to their Resident MHA at the end of the current Hockey Season.

## 5.5 Refusal of Player Movement Requests

Player Movement may be refused in situations where:

- (a) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the MHA with insufficient numbers to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age division;
- (b) The Player is requesting the permission for reasons other than playing at the highest Category of which he is capable (i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.).

## 5.6 Player Movement Exceptions

- (a) Player movement, in the following cases, only requires a valid Player Movement form authorized by the Player's resident MHA and the accepting MHA:



- (i) where the Player's resident MHA does not offer a Team at the Player's age Division;
  - (ii) where two MHAs, by mutual agreement, combine participants of the same age Division in order to be able to field team(s) at that age Division for the current Hockey Season;
  - (iii) where one MHA, having no available player allotments in a Division, agrees to allow one or more players to participate in another association;
  - (iv) where an application for an exception is based on extenuating circumstances and both MHA's are in agreement.
- (b) No Release will be issued to these Player(s).
  - (c) In these circumstances, at the end of the current Hockey Season, these Players will return to their resident MHA.

## **6. Releases**

- 6.1 A Release (as defined herein) is available to be issued, via the Standard Release Form, as a method of permanent movement for special circumstances within Minor Hockey (ie – conduct).
- 6.2 U18 aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Officer or Executive Member of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

## **7. Affiliation**

The Alberta Development Model determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream.

The AA Hockey Model determines Affiliation Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the AA Hockey stream.

The purpose of affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to replace when regular registered players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable.

- 7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, 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 CEO, or designate, up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 7.2 Affiliation must be secondly declared and filed with the members respective Minor Hockey League, prior to the affiliated players being allowed to participate in any League game with the Hockey Team to which they are affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the Minor Hockey League up to and including January 15 by 5:00PM MST of the current hockey season.
- 7.3 A Hockey Team may affiliate up to nineteen (19) Players from a lower Division, Category or Tier within with MHA as hereby defined.

7.4 Affiliation and the use of Affiliates will only be recognized where:

- (a) Affiliation has been filed in accordance with the following tiering grid as hereby defined vertically and laterally, **using the team's designated tiering placement at the time of filing:**

U18	U15	U13	U11
Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	HADP
Tier 2			
Tier 3			
Tier 4	Tier 2		
Tier 5	Tier 3		
Tier 6	Tier 4	Tier 2	
	Tier 5	Tier 3	Tier 1
	Tier 6	Tier 4	Tier 2
		Tier 5	Tier 3
		Tier 6	Tier 4
			Tier 5

Example: Team "A" plays in the U18 Tier 3 category of their league. Team "A" would be eligible to affiliate players from within their MHA playing on teams competing at U18 Tier 4, 5 or 6; as well as teams playing U15 Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

**Exception:** If an MHA does not have access to Team(s) that align with the grid, they may be able to apply to HA through the Minor Leagues Committee, or designate, for special permission to register affiliate(s) outside of the grid.

- i) Upon the finalization of tiering, should a team be re-tiered after the filing of Affiliation and had affiliates that are no longer in compliance with the affiliation grid, those affiliates will be reviewed by the Minor Hockey League to determine their individual eligibility for the remainder of the season.
  - ii) Should the Minor Hockey League deem individual affiliates as ineligible due to re-tiering, upon application to the Hockey Alberta appointed Minor League and Minor Administration Coordinator, Hockey Alberta may allow teams to re-submit individual affiliation requests to become compliant with the affiliation grid. Applications must be received no later than December 30 of the current hockey season.
- (b) Prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>, Players are added to the Official Team Roster in the HCR and identified as 'Affiliates' with 'pending' status.
  - (c) After December 1<sup>st</sup>, Players are added to the Official Team Roster in HCR and identified as 'Affiliates', and approved by the CEO, or designate and approved by the Minor Hockey League.
  - (d) Affiliation has been approved by the Minor Hockey League for use in any League game.

- (e) Affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.
- 7.5 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated player after December 1<sup>st</sup> without the approval of the CEO, or designate and approval of the Minor Hockey League, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and teams officials are subject to discipline.
- 7.6 (a) Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to return the team to their original roster size.
- Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should two (2) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use two (2) affiliates to bring their roster size back up to the original 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
- Exception: In the event a team's original roster size is less than twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders), teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to bring their roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders).**
- Exception: In the event a team has only one (1) registered goaltender, they will be permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to bring their roster up to a maximum of two (2) goaltenders.**
- (b) Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition or Tournament game to bring their team up to the maximum permitted roster size of seventeen (17) skaters and two goaltenders.
- 7.7 Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended Players.
- Exception:* In the event a team's roster falls below **twelve (12)** registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, that team will be permitted the ability to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of **twelve (12)** skaters plus goaltenders.
- 7.8 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing of the said affiliation.
- 7.9 Affiliations will not be approved in HCR by the CEO, or designate, until first approved by the Minor Hockey League.
- 7.10 Minor Hockey Leagues and the CEO, or designate reserve the right to revoke the approval of an affiliate player at any time should that player be deemed to strengthen the team in which he or she is affiliated.
- 7.11 Providing Affiliation has been declared, filed and approved with the Minor Hockey League and the CEO, or designate, Affiliates are eligible to participate in all Exhibition, Tournament, League, Playoff and Provincial Championship games.

7.12 In circumstances when a MHA does not have a registered team at the next lower Division, as per the tiering grid, upon consideration of application by the MHA to the Hockey Alberta appointed Minor Leagues Coordinator and Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the League, the team may be permitted to affiliate player(s) from a lower Division in the next closest MHA providing that the identified MHA does not have a registered team in the same Division.

**7.13 Participants registered in the Elite Hockey Stream or AA Hockey Model are ineligible to be registered as Affiliates with Tiered Hockey teams.**

7.14 Participants will only be permitted to affiliate to one (1) team. Once the affiliation has been filed, it is final and will not be reversed during the current Hockey season.

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

7.15 Female players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.

7.16 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player" for the affiliated team. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

*Exception:* Any player registered in the U9 division, affiliated to the U11 division, must have completed their hockey season in full (including exhibition games and festivals) to affiliate beyond a 10<sup>th</sup> game.

7.17 Appearance of an Affiliate Player's name on the official game report 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. All Affiliated Players being used in a game must be marked "AP" on the game record.

## **8. Minor Hockey Provincials**

### **8.1 General Regulations**

**The Elite Male Hockey Committee and AA Hockey Committee determines regulations regarding the participation of Teams in Provincial Championships within the AAA and AA Hockey stream.**

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

(i) **U18 "Tier 1", "Tier 2", "Tier 3" and "Tier 4" – Teams that participate within a Hockey Alberta recognized Tiered Minor Hockey League at the U18 categories noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championships at the same category.**

- (ii) **U15 "Tier 1", "Tier 2", "Tier 3" and "Tier 4" – Teams that participate within a Hockey Alberta recognized Tiered Minor Hockey League at the U15 categories noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championships at the same category.**
- (iii) **U13 "Tier 1", "Tier 2", "Tier 3" and "Tier 4" – Teams that participate within a Hockey Alberta recognized Tiered Minor Hockey League at the U13 categories noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championships at the same category.**
- (b) Any MHA, whose team(s) fail to fulfill its' commitment to participate shall be ineligible for Provincials in the subsequent season, unless a reinstatement fee of \$700.00 is paid to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its' commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor Leagues Committee Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the MHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA's reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.

## **9. Exhibition Games**

- 9.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from Hockey Alberta for all out of province exhibition games or exhibition games with U.S. based Teams. Permission must be granted by the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 9.2 Application for permission will only be considered from MHAs for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 9.3 Permission may not be given to any MHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 9.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 9.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission must be granted by the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 9.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 9.7 Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

## **10. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules**

- 10.1 Tournaments within Alberta
  - (a) No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has been given the written permission of Hockey Alberta or its MHA. In granting such permission,

Hockey Alberta and the MHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.

- (b) No MHA, Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by HA. For tournaments within Alberta involving two (2) or more Hockey Canada Branches, HA shall notify the Hockey Canada office sixty (60) days in advance of any sanction being issued for a tournament.
- (c) All tournaments must be approved by the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.
- (d) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any MHA which has been found to have conducted a sanction tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or HA regulations which apply.
- (e) All Inter-Branch tournaments involving four (4) or more Branches and all International tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada and HA. An application form must first be submitted by the MHA requesting the tournament to HA for approval. All applications must be made sixty (60) or more days in advance to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- (f) No MHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- (g) MHA tournaments shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the event.
- (h) Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered, in the Registry, with that Team or be affiliated to that team. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments.
- (i) The host MHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (j) All Teams must fulfill all prior commitments (i.e. league play, provincial play) or seek readjustment of same. Failing this, the Teams concerned must be prepared to forfeit any further privileges they currently hold.
- (k) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, the MHA, Player(s) and/or Team Official(s) involved.
- (l) All MHAs hosting sanctioned tournaments will be responsible for keeping a copy of the tournament's official game reports for a period of one year.
- (m) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linesmen registered with Hockey Alberta.
- (n) All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.

- (o) No Team or Players may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one (1) day. Where tournaments do require Teams or Players to play three (3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three (3) periods of 15 minutes, the first two (2) of which must be straight time. When a Team is required to play three (3) games in one (1) day, there shall be an interval of one and a half (1-1/2) hours between the second and third games.

No games in any tournament shall start before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:15 p.m.

## 10.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside HA unless it has been given written permission by its MHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the MHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) The Branch in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose a suspension pending action by HA against the Team, Player(s) or Team Officials involved.
- (c) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (d) No Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by HA.

## 11. Discipline

### 11.1 Fines – Minor Hockey

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

### 11.2 Minor Hockey Suspension Procedures

#### ***Hockey Alberta Responsibilities***

- (a) The Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and the Team Alberta Program).
- (b) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (c) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA the General Regulations.

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

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

Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for no more than one (1) game, the official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for more than one (1) game, the official will be permitted to officiate assigned games during the day immediately following the suspension. At the conclusion of that day, the On-Ice Official will be required to serve his suspension as outlined here within.

- (e) If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator must notify the MHA President or their designate and the League Governor.
- (f) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition Games while serving a suspension.
- (g) The Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator will issue a suspension notice. A suspension must specify the following:
- (i) Number of games.
  - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events)
  - (iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
  - (iv) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

### ***League Responsibilities***

- (h) The league is responsible for issuing/monitoring suspensions for league play only.
- (i) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate League representative by the specified time given by the League.
- (j) When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events.
- (k) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the league representative must notify the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.



- (l) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition games while serving a suspension.
- (m) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during League play, the League representative must notify the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.  
  
All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to the HA General Regulations.
- (n) The League representative will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify:
  - (i) Number of Games.
  - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. league play, provincial play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
  - (iii) The League Appeal process.
  - (iv) The Player / team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.
- (o) If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate is responsible for notifying the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.

### ***General Responsibilities***

- (p) Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach on a referee or linesman (**Rule 11.5**) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Officer(s).
- (q) No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room or within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.
- (r) Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered team or affiliated Team is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team. The Player and the suspension must be listed on game sheets.
- (s) Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team who incurs a suspension is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.
- (t) Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.

(u) Any Hockey Canada Registered Participant who is under suspension by a Hockey Canada Member, Team, League or MHA is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada sanctioned games. Hockey Canada or a Member may increase suspensions up to and including all Hockey Canada activities for the duration of that suspension. Any such suspension shall be recognized and enforced by all Members.

(v) Early Seasons End Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the current playing season may request in writing through their MHA to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator to have that suspension served in an exhibition game(s) if it cannot be served in league, tournament or provincial play at seasons end.

(w) Carry-Over Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their MHA to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator to have that suspension deferred for any Exhibition, Pre-Season, Tiering, or Tournament game that is sanctioned to take place prior to October 15 of the current hockey season (Note: these deferred games will not count as games served for the incurred suspension).

(x) Pre-Season Suspensions

Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game may request in writing through their MHA to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator to have the suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s). The Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator may approve or deny such requests.

11.3 For Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions please refer to the Appendices.

11.4 Any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct, a Major Penalty and Game Misconduct, or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct, within the last ten (10) minutes of regular time, in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game (and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room) shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League, Playoff, Pre-Season, Tournament or Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by Hockey Alberta.

11.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate or having been party to or having any knowledge of such shall be suspended until dealt with by HA.

11.6 Any Team Official who is party to or had knowledge of or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game:

(a) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the Committee, from playing or holding office with any team, club or association;

(b) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.

- 11.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name or having knowledge that same had been falsified or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension.
- 11.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the Team may forfeit any games using an Ineligible Player or official.

## **12. Coach Education Requirements**

See the General Regulations for further details.