

**HOCKEY ALBERTA**

**REGULATIONS**

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the Bylaws, shall (unless separately defined herein) have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the Bylaws.
- 1.2 That when the context so intends, words in the singular include the plural and words implying the masculine gender include the female.
- 1.3 Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Regulations, have the following meanings:
- a) "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;
  - b) "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
  - c) "Boundary" shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one member association from another, and defines that area from which each member association may register participants as "Resident" Players;
  - d) "Branch" means a provincial association which is a member of Hockey Canada and is recognized by Hockey Canada as the association responsible for the administration of hockey in a particular Province of Canada;
  - e) "Category" in the case of a Hockey Team means one of the following subdivisions of Divisions as follows:  
  
AAA, AA / Elite, A, B, C and/or D  
  
Or in the case of a Minor Hockey Team means its' Provincial Categorization.
  - f) "Chief Executive Officer" means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the CEO of HA;
  - g) "Coach" means a person registered with HA as a coach of a Hockey Team;
  - h) "Committee" means those groups of people as defined and set out by HA;
  - i) "Discipline" means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
  - j) "Division" means one of the following:  
  
Senior, Junior, Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, Initiation;
  - k) "Elite Hockey" means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Midget Elite, Minor Midget AAA, Bantam AAA and Bantam Elite) (see Appendix "III" and "IV");

- l) "Forms" means, without exception, any document created, approved and designated by the CEO for use by all members in meeting Hockey Alberta's requirements for the administration of the game;
- m) "Hockey Alberta" or "HA" means Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- n) "HC" means Hockey Canada;
- o) "Hockey Team" or "Team" means a group of persons comprised of:
  - (i) A maximum of nineteen (19) Players for Minor Hockey (See Minor Regulations for exceptions);
  - (ii) A maximum of twenty-five (25) Players for Junior and Senior Hockey (see Junior and Senior Team Registration Regulations for exceptions);
  - (iii) (A) For Teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of fifteen (15) Players (at least two of whom must be registered as a goaltender) (see HC Regulation E.1.a.);
    - (B) For all other Junior and Senior Teams, a minimum of twelve (12) players (at least one of whom must be a registered goaltender);
    - (C) For Teams competing in Minor Provincials, a minimum of ten (10) Players (at least one (1) of whom must be registered as a goaltender);
    - (D) For all other Minor Teams, a minimum of eight (8) Players;
    - (E) For Teams within the Division of Initiation, there is no minimum or maximum number of players;
  - (iv) Coaches who have completed course requirements in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA Regulations;
  - (v) A Team Official who has completed the course requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program;
  - (vi) Team Officials who have completed the course requirement for the Respect In Sport Program as required by Hockey Canada and HA regulations;
  - (vii) Adult Recreational Hockey Teams are comprised of players who are registered with CANLAN;

For further clarification on Coach Education Requirements see Section F.
- p) "Hockey Season" means the period commencing August 1 and ending April 30 of the following year;
- q) "IIHF" means the International Ice Hockey Federation;
- r) "Imports" means the designated status assigned to a Player who has obtained a transfer from one HC Branch to another (Inter-Branch Transfer) from a foreign Ice Hockey Federation to HA (USA/International Transfer);

- s) "Indefinite Suspension" means an immediate suspension issued by Hockey Alberta until dealt with by HA General Regulations 2. and 3.;
- t) An "Ineligible Player" includes, without limitation:
  - (i) A Player improperly registered with Hockey Alberta in contradiction of the Bylaws and/or Regulations of Hockey Alberta;
  - (ii) A suspended Player;
  - (iii) A Player not properly released in accordance with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations;
- u) "League" means a group of three or more Hockey Teams recognized by HA as a League;
- v) "League Game" means a scheduled game in a League recognized by HA (including tiering games but excluding pre-season games, exhibition games);
- w) "Legal Guardian" shall be defined as a person who is granted guardianship of a Player under the age of eighteen (18) years by the law courts of competent jurisdiction;
- x) "LMHA" or "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of HA, are approved by the Board of HA and operates in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:
 

Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, Initiation

The Bylaws and Regulations of LMHA may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than those of HA;
- y) "Manager" means a person registered with HA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
- z) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- aa) "Non-Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides outside of the boundaries of the LMHA that the Player is registered within any playing season;
- bb) "Off-Ice Officials" means those persons who work as time-keepers, goal judges, penalty-box attendants and other persons who may be required off the ice from time to time for the organized conduct of a game of hockey;
- cc) "On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;
- dd) "Parent Declaration Form" means the designated HA form used by Players whose parent(s) change residence in situations where the Player continues to reside with the parent;

- ee) "Permission to Try-Out" means the approval, by designated HA form, used by Players to try out or condition with teams in other than their resident LMHA;
- ff) "Physical Limits" means the area of a LMHA that has been defined by boundaries, mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that defines Player residency;
- gg) "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;
- hh) "Pre-Season Game" means any game which is not part of the regular season, including Tiering, Exhibition or Tournament Games that take place prior to the start of regular scheduled League play;
- ii) "Provincials" means the HA playoff competition;
- jj) "Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, that has submitted its' intent to participate in provincials;
- kk) "Registry" means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register players and coaches;
- ll) "Regulations" means those regulations of HA for the administration and advance of hockey;
- mm) "Release" means the unconditional discharge of a Player from a Team or Club registration;
- nn) "Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides within the boundaries of that particular LMHA;
- oo) "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- pp) "Suspension" 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;
- qq) "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; and
- rr) "Tiering Game" means those games used by a League prior to the start of the League's regular season that are used for the purpose of placing Hockey Teams in an appropriate tier or Category within a Division.

## **2. Rules and Regulations**

- 2.1 The Board may from time to time pass rules and regulations for the betterment of Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Amateur hockey, as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion may consider desirable.
- 2.2 Each Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Referee and Linesman shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta as published by Hockey Alberta from time to time.
- 2.3 Upon the Board approving and adopting a Rule and/or Regulation, the CEO (or designate) shall forthwith give notice in writing of the said rule and/or regulation to the Members and the Hockey Teams.
- 2.4 All Members, Players, Coaches, Managers, Stick-boys, Referees and Linesmen, as a condition precedent to registration with Hockey Alberta, unconditionally agree to obey and abide by the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada as the same may be amended or added to from time to time.

## **3. Violations of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations**

### **3.1 Violation and Discipline**

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that violates or breaches a Bylaw, Rule and/or a Regulation is subject to discipline as set out herein.

### **3.2 Report and Investigation**

Upon learning of an alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations, the CEO (or designate) shall forthwith:

- (a) report the same to the Division of Hockey Committee Chair and/or Discipline Committee Chair; or
- (b) investigate the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations as to the particulars thereof and report the findings to the respective Committee Chair.

### **3.3 Committee Chair's Authority**

The Division of Hockey and/or Discipline Committee Chair, upon receiving the report of the CEO (or designate) made pursuant to Regulation 3.2 above, shall:

- (a) refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to an Investigations Committee, or
- (b) without further investigation, determine whether there was a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose such disciplinary measures and sanctions as the Committee Chair may deem appropriate.

#### 3.4 Following Investigation

In the event that the Committee Chair should refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to an Investigations Committee as contemplated by Regulation 3.3(a), the Investigations Committee shall, within ten (10) days of receiving the Committee Chair's direction, investigate the circumstances of the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and report its findings in writing to the Committee Chair, at which time the Committee Chair shall determine whether there has been a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose or levy such discipline measures and sanctions as the Committee Chair may deem appropriate.

#### 3.5 Right of Appeal

The decisions of the Committee Chair, pursuant to Regulations 3.3(b) and 3.4, shall be subject to appeal only as provided for in Appendix "VI".