

**SECTION C - JUNIOR MALE HOCKEY****1. Critical Dates**

- 1.1 **June 30:** 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 address 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 or any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 1.2 **October 15:** Junior Teams must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 **November 1:** Midget aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director (see Minor Regulation 6.2).
- 1.4 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their First League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for 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 **December 1:** All Junior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than twenty-five (25) of the following (the number of registered players on their active list and number of unused allotments in the Registry).
- 1.6 **January 10:**
- (a) All Junior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than twenty-three (23) the total of the following (the number of registered players on their active list and number of unused allotments in the Registry).
  - (b) The final date to release a player is January 10.
- 1.7 **January 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team per HC 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.
- 1.8 **February 10:**
- (a) is the final date for teams to register players and submit final roster list of not more than twenty-three (23);
  - (b) is the final date for the completion of player transfers; and
  - (c) the final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA.

## 2. Player Registration

- 2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions.
- 2.2 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.
- (a) Junior Hockey is open to players twenty (20) years of age and younger in the current playing season.
    - (i) Overage players may be permitted to register on Junior B/C Teams, provided they are approved in accordance with the Junior B/C Overage Policy.
  - (b) A first year eligible Midget player fifteen (15) years old) shall only register and compete in Minor Hockey.
  - (c) A second year eligible Midget player sixteen (16) years old) registering and participating in Junior hockey shall do so under the following guidelines:
    - (i) Junior A: Each Team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
    - (ii) Junior B: Each Team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
    - (iii) Junior C: Each Team is allowed to register one (1) local player.
- 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.
- 2.5
- (a) Player may only register on one (1) Team per season (unless released by the team 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.
  - (b) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Junior Hockey Team.

- 2.6 Players wishing to register with another Junior Team other than the Junior Team which they registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release form the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 2.7 Inter-Branch Transfer
- (a) 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 to the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
  - (b) The Inter-Branch Transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA CEO, or designate, before the first game in which the Player is to participate.
  - (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees are set annually by Hockey Canada (approx. \$100 plus GST).
- 2.8 USA/International Transfer (for more details please contact the HA office)
- (a) 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.
  - (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and HC shall be governed by the HC/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in the HC Regulations.
  - (c) All transfers between other registered members of the IIHF and HC shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF and HC Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in the HC Regulations.
  - (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fees are set annually by Hockey Canada (approx. \$150 plus GST).
  - (e) Incoming International Transfer Fees are set annually by the IIHF (may be up to a maximum of \$2,400 plus GST).
  - (f) For Canadian players returning from an IIHF member, please contact the Hockey Alberta Office.
- 2.9 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Junior Regulation 3.8.

### 3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Junior Hockey. A Hockey Team may only register as a Provincial Team.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable upon application for Teams.
- 3.3 Junior Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4 (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players/Team Officials participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
- (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 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.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with HC and HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.6 Junior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and HC.
- 3.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team:
- (a) Junior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. Teams will be provided 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 allotments if required. Junior Teams may not register at any one time more than Twenty-five (25) eligible players.
- (b) On December 1, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:
- (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
  - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments. If twenty-five (25) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.
- All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
- (c) On January 10, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-three (23) the total of the following:
- (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
  - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments. If twenty-three (23) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.

All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.

- (d) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.

### 3.8 Imports

Junior 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.

### 3.9 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Playoff or any Provincial Tournament the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Division of Junior Hockey Chairperson, or designate.

- 3.10 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 in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries must get permission from the CEO, or designate.
- 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

Players shall be allowed to move to different teams provided they acquire a release from the Team they were previously registered with (see Junior Regulation 6.).

## 6. Releases

6.1 A Player whose last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Junior 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 Junior Team (see HC Regulations).

6.2 Requirements

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

- (a) who previously were registered on a team; and
- (b) who wish to register with a team other than the one they were registered with previously.

## 7. Affiliation

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 will only be recognized where:

- (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates";
- (b) the CEO, or designate, acknowledges receipt and identifies the 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 Junior Teams.

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

7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and Team Officials subject to discipline in accordance with Junior Regulation 12.

7.4 A Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one or the other of:

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

7.5 Affiliation will not be deemed to have taken place automatically without properly filing said affiliation with the CEO, or designate.

- 7.6 Providing Affiliation has been properly filed prior to January 15 in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs. 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". However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team or teams, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- 7.7 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

## 8. Categorization

- Junior A Comprised of Member Teams of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL)
- Junior B & C Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Junior categories of Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

## 9. Junior Provincials

### 9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of the HC Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (b) 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 Definitions).

### 9.2 Junior Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official HC Playing Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by the Association.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) players. Affiliated players may be used provided their affiliations were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta Representative will determine "Home" and "Away" teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (see Hockey Canada Playing Rules).
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- (e) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (f) In the case of tied games, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules.

- (i) if at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods, the score is tied, the following shall take place:
  - (A) 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;
  - (B) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
  - (C) 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 not change ends;
- (ii) any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force;
- (iii) if either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with 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 Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate.
- (h) 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 action as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (i) 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. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Junior Division of Hockey Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-Province exhibition games.
- 10.2 For exhibition games with U.S. or International based Teams, permission must be granted by the CEO, or designate, and proof of registration with the appropriate International Federation must be provided.
- 10.3 Application for permission will only be considered for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from both HC and Hockey Alberta.



- 10.6 For exhibition games within Alberta, permission must be granted by the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate.
- 10.7 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.8 All game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, by the Team.
- 10.9 Leagues are responsible for sanctioning and disciplinary action for all exhibition games played among the member teams of their respective league. For teams playing exhibition games against teams from outside their league, sanctions and discipline will be issued through Hockey Alberta (Office of the CEO and Junior Division of Hockey Chair).

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

- 11.1 Tournaments within Alberta: all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.1). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (a) All Tournaments must be approved by Hockey Alberta and any applicable 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 applicable Division of hockey Chair or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.
- 11.2 Tournaments outside Alberta: all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.2). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

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

## 12. Discipline

### 12.1 Junior Hockey Suspension Procedures

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

- (a) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) The Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and Team Alberta Programs).
  - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be submitted within 24 hours to the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, by the Team.
  - (iii) The Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate, will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify the following:
    - (A) Number of games.
    - (B) Which games are to be served, e.g. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
      - (l) The Senior or Junior Chairs, in consultation with the Minor Discipline Chair, may allow for the deferral of a participant's suspension which would allow them to continue participation as a Team Official in a lower Division while they serve their suspension with their registered team.
    - (C) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
    - (D) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.
    - (E) Players with carry over suspensions from the prior Hockey Season will only be allowed to serve them in regular season league games, not exhibition games. Players may request approval from the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, in consultation with the President of the Player's respective League, to defer serving the suspension until the first regular season league game.
    - (F) Players cannot serve a suspension in a pre-season, tournament or exhibition game.

#### ***League Responsibilities***

- (b) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12). In addition the following regulations will also apply:
  - (i) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President, or designate, must notify the Junior Division of Hockey Chair, or designate.

- (ii) Leagues are responsible for sanctioning and disciplinary action for all exhibition games played among the member teams of their respective league. For teams playing exhibition games against teams from outside their league, sanctions and discipline will be issued through Hockey Alberta (Office of the CEO and Junior Division of Hockey Chair).

12.2 Junior Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII")

12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game 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/Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension.

### 13. Certification Requirements

#### **NCCP Coaching Certification**

All Junior A teams must ensure that their Head Coaches have completed the NCCP High Performance I level. All Head Coaches will have to be "Trained" in the High Performance I course by November 15 of that season and will have to have completed full "Certification" in the program by November 15 of the following season.

#### **Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)**

All Hockey Alberta teams must have one (1) Team Official registered to their team who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 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 the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

#### **Respect In Sport - Coach**

Junior teams are exempt from Respect in Sport (RIS), UNLESS they have a Minor aged player or Minor aged Affiliate registered on their team. If they have a Minor aged player or Affiliate, then the Respect In Sport program must be taken as outlined below.

By November 15 of the current Hockey Season, each Hockey Team in the province of Alberta must have all registered Team Officials complete the Respect in Sport "Activity Leader/Coach" program.

**See Section F for further details.**