

## SECTION E – SENIOR MALE HOCKEY

### 1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **June 1 \*** (Previous to current season): The Final date for Senior "AAA" teams to file their Senior "AAA" Provincial Notice of Intent for participation in Allan Cup Playdowns, along with the appropriate bond payment.
- 1.2 **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 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.
- 1.3 **October 15:** Senior Teams must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.4 **October 31:** Last day to file a Senior "AA" and "A" Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Senior Provincial play, is October 31 of the current playing season.
- 1.5 **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) Hockey Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA Office by November 15 of the current I-hockey Season,
  - (d) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.6 **January 10**
- (a) Deadline for all Senior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than twenty-eight (28), (see regulation 3.7).
  - (b) The final date to release a player is January 10.
  - (c) Players participating with a professional hockey Team after January 10 of the current Hockey Season shall be ineligible for participation with a Hockey Alberta Team during the current Hockey Season.
- 1.7 **January 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per HC Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than January 15.

**1.8 February 10**

- (a) February 10 is the final date for teams to register players.
- (b) February 10 is the final date for the completion of player transfers.
- (c) The final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA is February 10.

**2. Player Registration**

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

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.

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) A Player may only register on one (1) Team per season (unless released by the team he first signed with prior to January 10th). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.

(b) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Senior Hockey Team.

2.6 Players wishing to register with another Team other than the Senior Team which they were registered with during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release from 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 in 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 by Hockey Canada annually (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 Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in the HC Regulations.
- (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fees are set by Hockey Canada annually (approx. \$150 plus GST).
- (e) Incoming International Transfer Fees are set by the IIHF annually (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.

For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Senior Male Regulation 3.9.

## 3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Senior 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 Senior 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 Player/ 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) 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 Senior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements except with HA and HC.
- 3.7 Number of Players on a Team:
- (a) Senior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. Teams will be provided and charged 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required.
  - (b) On January 10 all Senior teams must reduce to **not more than twenty-eight (28)**, the total of the following:
    - (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
    - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments.All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
  - (c) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.
- 3.8 Player allotments by which goaltenders are registered shall be designated as "goaltenders". Players so designated as goaltenders shall not be permitted to play any other position (Ineligible Player). **The final twenty-eight (28)** registered players shall include at least two (2) goaltenders.
- 3.9 Imports
- (a) Senior Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed at any one time during the current Hockey Season a total of six (6) imported Players.
  - (b) Senior Teams are permitted to register among their Imports a maximum of one (1) non-North American player in the current Hockey Season. Such Players retain their Import status when registering with HA or HC for subsequent Hockey Seasons.
- 3.10 Substitute Goalkeeper
- Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Playoff or Provincial Tournament the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Senior Male Chair.
- 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, phone numbers, fax numbers, email addresses and mailing 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 these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

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

- 5.1 Players shall be allowed to move to different teams, provided they acquire a release from the Team they were previously registered with (See Senior Male Regulation 6.).

#### **6. Releases**

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

#### **6.2 Requirements**

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

- (a) were previously were registered on a team; and.
- (b) wish to register with a team other than 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 of and identifies said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated.

- (c) The affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA or Team Official representative in the case of other Senior or Junior Teams.

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

- 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 Senior Male Regulation 12.
- 7.4 All Senior Hockey Teams may have affiliated with it one or the other of (see Hockey Canada Regulations):
- (a) In Male Senior AAA, ten (10) specially affiliated players, from a lower Division or Category, at least one (1) of whom must be a goaltender; and
- In all other Categories, nineteen (19) specially affiliated players, from a lower Division or Category, of whom at least two (2) must be goaltenders; or
- (b) one (1) Hockey Team 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, 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

Senior AAA	Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior AAA category of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships and the Allan Cup (Senior AAA National Championship)
Senior AA	Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Senior AA category of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships
Senior A	Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Senior A category of the Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

## 9. Senior Male Provincials

### 9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada's Official Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of 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 Players name (see Definitions).
- (c) Teams wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

## 9.2 Provincial Play Procedure

- (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior Male Division for the following Categories and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the Championship Team in any category.
  - (i) Senior Male "AAA" – Teams that have registered as "AAA" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,500.00 by June 1 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.
 

Teams wishing to participate in Senior Male "AAA" competition must have participated in Senior "AAA", "AA", or "A" hockey in the previous year prior to being eligible for Senior Male "AAA" Competition in the current season.
  - (ii) Senior Male "AA" – Teams that have registered as "AA" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,000.00 by October 31 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.
  - (iii) Senior Male "A" – Teams that have registered as "A" and that have participated within a League that paid the Bond payment of \$1,000.00 by October 31 will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.

Note: Exceptions may be made for teams that do not have a viable League within close proximity to participate within.

- (b) Sanctioned Senior Male Leagues shall provide a listing of Teams and their corresponding Category, along with the Bond Payment, by the identified deadline of the current Hockey Season. The Categorization and Bond indicate the intent of the Teams within the League to participate in Provincials in each respective Category. Leagues that do not fulfill their commitment to participate in Provincials will forfeit their Bond.
- (c) A Draw Meeting shall be held in the month of December each year to determine the playdown format required for the Senior "AAA", "AA" and "A" competitions.

Note: Bond payments will be refunded in April should League(s) / Team(s) meet the obligations of participation as directed.

## 9.3 Senior Playoff Regulations

- (a) Members entering provincial playoffs will be expected to complete the playoff series as directed. In event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as they see fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending member or members.

- (b) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. No games shall be cancelled without prior consultation with the Senior Male Chair, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Senior Male Chair must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (c) If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstance, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Manager, Coach or Official and/or players of the Team who is responsible, may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of Hockey Canada's Official Playing Rules for the current season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) Series shall be played as determined by the Senior Male Committee during the respective draw meeting held in December. Special Permission is required from the Senior Male Chair for any specific method used in determining League Rep team for the purpose of Playdowns.
- (f) If overtime is required during a playdown, refer to "Tied Game" of the HC Official Playing Rules.
- (g) Provincial Team Rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported the same day or the day after the game to the Senior Male Chair by telephone.
- (h) The home team will pay for both ice requirements and all on-ice officials in the Zone Playoffs.
- (i) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time) with a flood between every period.
- (j) Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone to the Senior Male Chair the same day or the day after the game. The player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta,
- (k) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone) the Senior Male Chair as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Senior Male Chair within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.

#### 9.4 Senior Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by the Association.



- (b) Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players made up of a combination of properly registered and Affiliated Players. Affiliated players may only be used provided their affiliations were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-five (25) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta Representative to determine "Home" and "Away" teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. There will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team for the first round. Coin tosses will also be used for subsequent rounds. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (see Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules) (home team will wear "light" coloured jerseys).
- (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) 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 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 now 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.
- (f) The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures, shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Senior Male Chair.
- (g) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

- (h) 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.
- (i) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
- (j) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

## **10. Exhibition Games**

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Senior Male Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-province exhibition games.
- 10.2 For exhibition games with USA 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 from Teams 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 Senior Male Chair.
- 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 Senior Male Chair by the Team.

## **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 Alberta 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 regulation 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 Hockey Alberta. In granting such permission, HA will enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.

11.3 All game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours of the tournament's last game to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.

## 12. Discipline

### 12.1 Senior 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 Senior Male Chair is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
  - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be submitted within 24 hours to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.
  - (iii) The Senior Male Chair 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,
      - (I) The Senior/Junior Chairs, in consultation with the Minor 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.

### ***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 their designate must notify the Senior Male Chair.

12.2 Senior Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VII").

12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a 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 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/Provincial Game. This is in addition to suspensions directed by HA Senior Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

### **13. Coach Education Requirements**

#### **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**

Senior Male 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.***