

SECTION A - MINOR HOCKEY

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, A, B, C and/or D

Or in the case of a LMHA means its' Provincial Categorization.

* **See Provincial Categorization by Division Appendix "V"**

- f) "Coach" means a person registered with HA as a coach of a Hockey Team;
- g) "Council" means those groups of people as defined and set out by HA;
- h) "Discipline" means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
- i) "Division" means one of the following:
- Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, Initiation;
- j) "Elite Hockey" means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA and Bantam AAA) (see Appendix "IV");

- k) "Executive Director" means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the executive director of HA;
 - l) "Forms" means, without exception, any document created, approved and designated by the Executive Director 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 (Minor Regulation 4.9);
 - (ii) (A) For teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of 15 Players (at least two of whom must be goaltenders);
(B) For teams competing in Minor Hockey Provincials, a minimum of 10 Players;
(C) For all other teams, a minimum of 8 Players;
 - (iii) Coaches who have completed course requirements in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA Regulations;
 - (iv) A Team Official who has completed the course requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program;
 - (v) A Team Official who has completed the course requirement for the Respect In Sport Program as required by Hockey Canada and HA regulations;
- For further clarification on Coach Education Requirements see Section E.
- (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) "Indefinite Suspension" means an immediate suspension issued by Hockey Alberta until dealt with by HA General Regulations 2.2 and 2.3;
 - s) 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;
 - t) "League" means a group of three or more Hockey Teams recognized by HA as a League;

- u) "League Game" means a scheduled game in a League recognized by HA (including tiering games but excluding pre-season games, exhibition games);
- v) "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;
- w) "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;
- x) "Manager" means a person registered with HA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
- y) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- z) "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 with in any playing season;
- aa) "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;
- bb) "On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;
- cc) "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;
- dd) "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;
- ee) "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;
- ff) "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;
- gg) "Pre-Registration" means the act of activating a player's official record in the Registry for the current Hockey Season;
- 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) "Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides within the boundaries of the LMHA that the Player is registered with in any Playing Season;
- nn) "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- oo) "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;
- pp) "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
- qq) "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. Critical Dates

- 2.1 **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 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 (Minor Regulation 5.).
- 2.2 **October 15:** LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season (see Minor Regulation 4.2).

LMHAs must Pre-Register all Players for the current Hockey Season by October 15.
- 2.3 **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 7.7).

2.4 November 15:

- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game 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 (see Minor Regulation 4.3(a)).
- (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
- (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification (see Section E) is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

2.5 December 1: LMHA's must submit a listing of all their teams that wish to **declare their intent to participate in Provincial Play**, to the Zone Minor Council Representative, by **December 1** of the current Hockey Season.

2.6 December 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 Executive Director or his designate not later than December 15 (see Minor Regulation 8.).

2.7 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 LMHA for which he is eligible to play up to and including January 10.

2.8 February 10: Notwithstanding the above, Players may apply to HA through the HA Director of Operations for special permission to register with a LMHA 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 (see Minor Regulation 3.5 (d)).

3. Player Registration

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Registration regulations for players involved in participation of teams within the Elite Hockey stream (See Appendix "IV").

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

- (a) Midget Male/Female For the **2013-14** season, open to Players born in **1996** and subsequent years
- (b) Bantam Male/Female For the **2013-14** season, open to Players born in **1999** and subsequent years
- (c) Peewee Male/Female For the **2013-14** season, open to Players born in **2001** and subsequent years
- (d) Atom Male/Female For the **2013-14** season, open to Players born in **2003** and subsequent years

- (e) Novice For the **2013-14** season, open to Players born in **2005** and subsequent years
 - (f) Initiation For the **2013-14** season, open to Players born in **2007** and subsequent years
- 3.2 (a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its LMHAs 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 Verification Form must be submitted to the Zone Administration Coordinator for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 (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 Executive Director 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.
- 3.5 (a) All Local Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Local 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 LMHA 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 Executive Director.
- (c) Same as set out in Minor Regulation 3.5(d), below, no Player may be registered after January 10 in any Hockey Season with any Local 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 Director of Operations 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.

- 3.6 A Player may not register in another Local Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category as or a lower Category than the Local Minor Hockey Association in which the Player resides (Residency as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3).

Exceptions

- (a) There is not a Hockey Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident Local 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 Local 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 LMHA must combine their registration numbers to attain the minimum number of Players required to field a Hockey Team 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 LMHAs forming the Hockey Team. Any player living within the boundaries of the LMHA's forming the hockey team that chooses to play outside of these combined LMHA's will be deemed a non-resident player and may be subject to player movement regulations.
- (d) Any Player may register with a member Team for which the Player is eligible of the:
 - (i) Alberta "AAA" Midget Hockey League (AMHL); or
 - (ii) Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL) provided:
 - (A) he has obtained a written release or letter of permission form;
 - (B) the Team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.
- (e) In circumstances where in the discretion of the Zone Representative it is appropriate to allow a LMHA designated by Hockey Alberta as a "C" or "D" Association to acquire a Player from one or more LMHAs of an equal or higher Category, then upon application being made to the Zone Representative, an exception may be made. The application must be accompanied by:
 - (i) A valid player release or movement form;
 - (ii) a letter from the president of the resident LMHA or his designate advising that it supports the Player in question registering with the LMHA of equal or lower category;
 - (iii) a letter from the Player requesting the granting of an exception; and
 - (iv) a letter from any closer LMHAs the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player.

Numbers will be carried in accordance with the appropriate procedure.

All exceptions: Must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Zone Representative.

- 3.7 (a) Players wishing to register with a LMHA other than the LMHA which they were registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a Player Movement Form or release from the LMHA in which the Player was last registered.
- (b) In the case of permission to try out, it must specify the LMHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the LMHA in which the Player was last registered 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 the LMHA in which the Player was last registered.
- 3.8 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit the following fees in addition to any other fees or assessments charged by HC and HA:
- (a) bona fide student exchange players - \$150 per season;
- (b) all other - \$1,500 per season.

4. Team Registration

The Alberta Development Model determines Team Registration regulations for Teams involved in participation of the Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "IV").

- 4.1 (a) All LMHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the Executive Director or his designate.
- (b) Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" (see attached) 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.
- 4.2 LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.
- 4.3 (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 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 Executive Director or his designate.
- 4.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 4.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a LMHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.

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

Midget Not more than 25 allotments

Bantam Not more than 20 allotments

Peewee Not more than 20 allotments

Atom Not more than 20 allotments

4.7 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: Atom Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For Peewee, Bantam and Midget 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 of the AMHL, being recognized as "AAA" Midget by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

4.8 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Zone Playoff or during any Provincial Tournament 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 Council Chair or designate (does not apply to Atom division and below).

4.9 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.

4.10 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).

4.11 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 Executive Director or his designate.

5. Leagues

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with a LMHA.
- 5.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 5.4 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.

6. Player Movement

- * **The Provincial Categorization by Division Appendix supplements these Player Movement Regulations. Please see Appendix "V".**

The Alberta Development Model determines Player Movement regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "IV").

HA Regulations pertaining to Player Movement for Minor Female can be found in Appendix "II".

- 6.1 Except as hereinafter provided, no Player shall be registered as a member of or compete for a Hockey Team in any LMHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of the LMHA.
- 6.2 A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of his or her parents/legal guardians (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3).
- 6.3 Players must play in the LMHA within those Boundaries they reside where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
 - (a) In all other cases, including those where there is no Hockey Team in a Player's resident LMHA at his age division, a Player shall play in the LMHA whose recognized physical limits are closest to their place of residence when measured along recognized, all weather government roadways.
 - (b) If a Player chooses to play in another LMHA other than the closest LMHA, he may be subject to Minor Regulation 6.7.
- 6.4 A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practising hockey.
- 6.5 A Player who prior to the establishment of Boundaries was registered with a particular LMHA and who has played all of his minor hockey with that LMHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that LMHA.

6.6 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 LMHA with which the older sibling is registered or the LMHA in which the Player resides.

6.7 Subject to the exceptions contained in Minor Regulation 7.6:

(a) Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA will automatically add his Resident LMHA's median Provincial Categorization number from the LMHA within whose Boundaries he/she resides, of the Division for which the Player is eligible to the new LMHA's Division registration numbers effective immediately.

(b) In addition, each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA shall also add the median Provincial Categorization number of the Division for which the Player is eligible, of all LMHA's by-passed in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA.

i.e. If the Player leaves LMHA "X" (B Categorization for Player Movement) to play in LMHA "Y" (AA Categorization for Player Movement), the following will occur. Given that LMHA "X" has a Categorization for Player Movement of "B", 32 will be added to the Division in which the Player is registering in LMHA "Y". This movement will only affect the Division in which the movement occurred.

6.8 No player of Midget 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.

7. Releases

7.1 A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a LMHA must first obtain a Player Movement Form or Release from that LMHA prior to being registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season with any other LMHA.

7.2 Requirements

A Player Movement Form, release or Parent Declaration Form of the type and in the form as required by Hockey Alberta must be obtained prior to registering for the current Hockey Season by all Players:

- (a) who, in the previous season, were registered in a LMHA; and
- (b) who wish to register with a LMHA other than one they were registered with in the previous Hockey Season,

7.3 Prerequisites

In order to obtain a Player Movement form, a Player must first:

- (a) obtain Hockey Alberta approved permission to try out from the LMHA with whom he was registered in the previous Hockey Season;
- (b) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Player Movement form for permission to try out;

- (c) obtain permission from the LMHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player and accept the import numbers the Player brings with him;
- (d) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the LMHA being asked for the permission;
- (e) provide written confirmation of Minor Regulations 7.3(a), 7.3(b) and 7.3(c) to the LMHA being asked for the permission.

7.4 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the permission has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the proper 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 proper form at the time of registration will result in the Player being not registered and 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 a required form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with Minor Regulation 13.

7.5 Permission to Try Out

Permission to Try Out may be refused in situations where:

- (a) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the LMHA with insufficient numbers to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age division to participate in Provincials for the current Hockey Season. This applies to the first team and any other team in the Player's age Division proposed by the LMHA.
- (b) The Player requesting the permission intends on registering with a new LMHA that is at the same or lower Category as his resident Local Minor Hockey Association or, if applicable, the LMHA with which he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.

* **See Provincial Categorization by Division Appendix "V"**

- (c) 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.).

7.6 Exceptions

- (a) Player movement in the following cases only requires the written approval from the Hockey Alberta Zone Representative or designate:
 - (i) where two LMHAs by mutual agreement combine participants of the same age Division in order to be able to field one team at that age Division for the current Hockey Season;
 - (ii) where one LMHA, having no available player allotments in a Division, agrees to allow one or more players to participate in another association.

- (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 LMHA.

7.7 Midget 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 Executive Director.

7.8 All player movement, occurring in the 2012-2013 Hockey Season and beyond, will result in players returning to their Resident LMHA at the end of the current Hockey Season.

8. Affiliation

The Alberta Development Model determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the Elite Hockey stream (see Appendix "IV").

HA Regulations pertaining to Affiliation for Minor Female can be found in Appendix "II".

8.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) 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 Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.

8.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

- (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates";
- (b) the Executive Director or his designate(s) acknowledge receipt and identify said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated;
- (c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.

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

8.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the Executive Director or his designate(s) shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with Minor Regulation 13.

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

- (a) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA;
- (b) up to nineteen (19) named Players from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA.

8.5 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically, i.e. Hockey Team to Hockey Team without filing said affiliation with the Executive Director or his designate(s).

- 8.6 (a) Hockey Teams may affiliate Players from a Hockey Team within their Association in a lower Division or Category. These Players may participate in League, Exhibition, Tournament and Provincials;
- (b) Players registered on teams within the Division of Novice are not eligible to participate as an Affiliate Player in Provincial games.
- (c) Players participating on teams that involve two (2) or more LMHAs based on a need to create one (1) Team in a Division for the area (lack of Players) are permitted to affiliate with a team of a higher Division from their own Resident LMHA. Players are only eligible to affiliate to one (1) Team. This request must be made in writing from the LMHAs involved in the request to the Hockey Alberta Minor Council for approval or non-approval. Upon approval from the Hockey Alberta Minor Council, the requesting LMHAs would be given the allowance.

Example: Centre A has seven (7) Bantam Players, Centre B has six (6) Bantam Players so Centre A and B combine to field a Team of thirteen (13) Players that are registered out of Centre A. If there is a Midget team in Centre B, the six (6) Bantam Players from Centre B now registered in Centre A will be able to affiliate with the Midget Team from Centre B. This affiliation will be on a named player basis and Players are only eligible to affiliate to one team.

- 8.7 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". 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.
- 8.8 Appearance of a registered 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.

8.9 Novice Affiliation

Novice to Novice and Initiation to Novice Affiliation only

The principle of affiliation at the Novice category is to provide for replacement players when regular team players are sick, injured or otherwise unavailable. The following rules will apply:

- (a) Affiliated players will only be allowed in situations where registered team players are unavailable to the team because of:
- (i) sickness;
 - (ii) injuries;
 - (iii) inadequate number of registered team players to play a game.

- (b) When a Team has less than twelve (12) registered players Affiliated Players may be used to increase the number of players on a game sheet to a maximum of twelve (12) players (i.e. - when Affiliated Players are used in a game the maximum number of players allowed to be placed on a game sheet is twelve (12). This maximum number of twelve (12) includes the total of both registered team players and Affiliated Players.
- (c) Prior to playing any Affiliated Players the use of such Players must be endorsed by the President (or his/her designate) of the LMHA. This shall be done by registering an "Affiliated Player" in the Registry and in compliance with Minor Regulation 8.9(g), below.
- (d) Only team to team method of affiliation is allowed. Affiliations must be from a lower tier or age group within the LMHA, except:
 - (i) in LMHAs where ALL Novice Hockey Teams are equal (balanced) the teams MAY affiliate with another equal novice team;
 - (ii) note that if an individual player on a team is affiliated to an Atom or higher team in accordance with HA regulations, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a team to team affiliation agreement with any team;
 - (iii) only one team can affiliate with and be affiliated with each team.
- (e) Novice Affiliations must be added to the Teams in the Registry by the LMHA and identified as approved by the Executive Director or his designate(s) 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 approved by the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- (f) **An Affiliated Novice Player may not play more than five (5) games** with the affiliated team in the current Hockey Season, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Note: after five (5) games, such player will be an ineligible player and HA rules respecting playing an ineligible player will be enforced.
- (g) All Affiliation rules set out by Hockey Alberta must be followed for using affiliated players, subject to the exceptions listed above for this pilot project.

NOTE: There will be no affiliation allowed WITHIN the Division of Initiation.

9. Provincial Categorization

HA Regulations pertaining to Provincial Categorization can be found in Appendix "V".

HA Regulations pertaining to Provincial Categorization for Minor Female can be found in Appendix "II".

- 9.1 No LMHA may declare a Player "ineligible for Provincial Play" in order to avoid taking that Player's resident LMHA's median Provincial Categorization number, pursuant to Minor Regulation 6.7, to the Team he is registered on; therefore not moving them up a category for Provincial Play. January 10 is the deadline to release Players.

9.2 In any Local Minor Hockey Association having two or more teams registered in the same Category and Division, all such teams will be eligible for Provincials as representatives of said Category and Division in one Zone only. The LMHA shall be prohibited from entering one or more of such teams in one Zone and the remaining team or teams in a different Zone for the purpose of Provincial Play.

10. Minor Hockey Provincials

10.1 General Regulations

- (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 member in any category.
 - (i) Midget "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 18 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
 - (ii) Bantam "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 15 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
 - (iii) Pee wee "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 13 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
 - (iv) Atom "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" - open to Players who are under 11 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.

* **See Provincial Categorization by Division Appendix "V"**

- (a.1) **LMHA's must submit a listing of all their Teams that wish to declare their intent to participate in Provincial Play, to the Zone Minor Council Representative, by December 1 of the current Hockey Season.**
- (b) A Zone Pre-Draw Meeting shall be held within each Member Hockey Zone at least one week prior to the Minor Council Draw Meeting for the purpose of potential reclassification of teams within the zone.
- (c) HA reserves the right to place Teams in whatever Category and series which it may deem is in the best interest of HA. After midnight on January 31, no Team will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification.

- (d) All LMHAs with teams entered in Provincial Play shall participate in Provincial Playdowns, unless written notice is given to Hockey Alberta that their Team(s) will not be participating on or before January 10th of the current Hockey Season. Any LMHA, whose team(s) have been scheduled by Minor Council for Provincial Playdowns, but 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 15th of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its' commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1st of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor Council Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the LMHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA's reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.
- (e) Hockey Alberta reserves the right to classify Teams at the Annual Draw Meeting. Reclassification requests (upward only) shall be placed in the hands of the appropriate Zone Minor Council representative.
- (f) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (g) Registered referees must be used in all HA Playoff competitions and must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (h) All Provincial Playoffs in Minor Hockey shall be refereed by a three (3) man system where possible.
- (i) 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 Minor Regulation 1.3(a)).
- (j) LMHAs wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
 - (i) Under special circumstances, LMHAs may apply for and make submissions to the HA office by November 15 of the previous hockey season (one year earlier than the current season) to host a Provincial tournament which may be awarded at that time.
- (k) Any Team Official may be suspended by the HA Director of Operations or his appointee for conduct or actions considered detrimental to hockey.
- (l) Each team shall be permitted to take one time out of thirty seconds during the course of regular play time or overtime (see Hockey Canada Rule 10.17(f)).

10.2 Minor Zone Playoff Regulations

FIRST NAMED TEAM HAS CHOICE OF VENUE FOR OPENING GAME SERIES

- (a) Members entering Provincials will be expected to complete playoff series' as directed. In the event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as it sees fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending Hockey Team.
- (b) Teams wishing to cancel a playoff game are required to give at least 45 hours notice, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Zone Minor Council representative to 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 any unforeseen contingency, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing Team. The Team Officials and/or Players of the team which is responsible may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of the Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) No change in the game report or addition to the list shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except under the following conditions:
 - (i) Where a Player is late for the game because of unforeseen circumstances and his name has been included in the playing roster prior to the game, he will be permitted to participate.
 - (ii) When a Player has been inadvertently omitted from the Official Game Report, the Referee shall permit the name to be added to the Game Report before the game has ended; providing such Player was in uniform and on the ice or on his players' bench at the start of the game.

NOTE: Minor teams may dress 19 Players

- (f) Series shall be played on a home and home total goal (two games) with no overtime being played in the first game. If overtime is required in the second game, refer to Rule 10.16 "Tied Game" of the Hockey Canada Official Hockey Rules as follows:

Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16 — Tied Game

- a) If at the end of the three regulation twenty-minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place.
 - 1) 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
 - 2) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period.

- 3) 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 20 minute sudden victory periods The teams will now change ends.
- b) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties still remain in force.
- c) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) Provincial Team rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported on the game sheet and communicated within 48 hours of the completion of the game to the Zone Minor Council representative by fax or email.
- (h) Officials of Teams participating in playoffs are required to have approved Provincial Team rosters in their possession at all games played by the team. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
- (i) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. Extending a playoff series will not be allowed unless for special circumstances appealed by the Zone Minor Council representative or his designate. If an extension is given, the team requesting the above must be prepared to travel during the week or use another arena.
- (j) All LMHAs participating in Provincials shall be ready to proceed with the playoffs by January 25 or such earlier date as designated by HA and the Minor Council will meet no later than January 22 to arrange said playoffs.
- (k) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time.
- (l) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, winning Team shall be responsible for notifying by phone, fax or email to the Zone Minor Council representative as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Zone Minor Council representative within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
- (m) The Teams that represent the Zone for all Categories and Divisions must be declared no less than 14 days prior to the end of Provincials.
- (n) If in the case of a home and home series, should one Team win the first game by a ten goal differential, the Zone Minor Council representative will cancel the second game.
- (o) Any Zone having only one Team of any Category shall have an automatic entry into the Provincials. Therefore this Team shall not be allowed to play in other Zone Playdowns.
- (p) The Team hosting a Provincial tournament shall be allowed to participate in the final series of their particular Category playdowns. If the hosting Team should win the Zone title, the runner-up shall also represent the Zone in Provincials.

- (q) Should the hosting community team lose in Zone playoffs, the winning team shall represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (r) A Zone having received a "Wild Card" selection prior to Provincial Playdowns shall be eligible to send two (2) teams to the Provincial Championship Tournament in the applicable Division/Category. The final series shall be played. At the conclusion of the final series in Zone Playdowns, the Team winning the series shall represent the Zone as Champion and the Team losing the final Series shall participate as the "Wild Card".
- (s) In all centers hosting Minor Zone Provincial Playoff Games, only Level 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 certified officials shall be eligible to referee all levels of Hockey.

The home team will pay for all officials in the Minor Zone Provincial Playoffs.
- (t) Referees are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone or fax to the Zone Minor Council representative within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Said Player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- (u) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Council representative or designate by the Team.
- (v) All Teams requiring referees must contact the closest Referees Zone Assignor at least 72 hours prior to the game.

10.3 Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincials will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their Association Affiliation and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of nineteen (19) 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) Zone Minor Council representative to determine "Home" and "Away" Teams for Provincial Tournament Draw (coin toss to be used for the Championship Game). Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time.
- (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) 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.

- (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 Zone Minor Council representative or designate.

- (g) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (h) In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

(i) If two (2) teams are tied:

- (A) The team with the most wins in the round-robin gains the highest position.
- (B) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulation 10.3(h)(i)(A) above, the winner of the round-robin game between the two tied teams gains the highest position.
- (C) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 10.3(h)(i)(A) and 10.3(h)(i)(B) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the follow manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: **All** round-robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Percentage: $\frac{10}{10+4}$ = $\frac{10}{14}$ = .714

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (D) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 10.3(h)(i)(A), 10.3(h)(i)(B) and 10.3(h)(i)(C) have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games gains the highest position.
- (E) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 10.3(h)(i)(A), 10.3(h)(i)(B), 10.3(h)(i)(C) and 10.3(h)(i)(D) have been applied, then the team that scored the first goal in the game between the two (2) tied teams gains the highest position.
- (F) If the two teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 10.3(h)(i)(A), 10.3(h)(i)(B), 10.3(h)(i)(C), 10.3(h)(i)(D) and 10.3(h)(i)(E) have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the highest position.

- (I) For the coin toss for two (2) teams tied, a single coin will be tossed with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails". The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the first (1st) placed team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team places second (2nd).
- (ii) **If three (3) teams or more are tied**, the point record established in the games **AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY** will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) will advance.
 - (A) The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
 - (B) If teams are still tied after Minor Regulation 10.3(h)(ii)(A) above has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: Games **between the tied teams only** will apply.

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Percentage: $\frac{10}{10+4}$ = $\frac{10}{14}$ = .714

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (I) If all three percentages are different for the three (3) teams that are tied, then first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place is decided with the highest percentage gaining first (1st) place and the lowest percentage gaining third (3rd) place. The tie-breaking procedure will not go back to two teams tied.
- (C) If two teams or more are still tied after Minor Regulations 10.3(h)(ii)(A) and 10.3(h)(ii)(B) have been applied, the team(s) to qualify would be the team(s) that receive the least number of minutes in penalties throughout **all of the round-robin games**.
- (D) If three teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 10.3(h)(ii)(A), 10.3(h)(ii)(B) and 10.3(h)(ii)(C) have been applied, a coin toss will determine the highest positions.
 - (I) For the coin toss involving three (3) teams tied, all three teams will each toss a coin. The team that tosses the first odd coin is declared the first (1st) place position of the three tied teams.
 - (II) The two (2) remaining teams will now toss a single coin with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the second (2nd) place team. If the team that declared the loss is unsuccessful, that team is placed third (3rd).

- (iii) All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. In the case of tied games in a Semi-Final, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16.

Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16 – Tied Game

- (A) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
 - (I) 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;
 - (II) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
 - (III) 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 play periods. The teams will now change ends.
 - (B) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
 - (C) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (i) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game.
 - (j) HA will award twenty-four (24) medallions to winners of Provincial Championships and the runners up in a final series, namely gold and silver. Medallions will not be awarded when a series is not held. The Operations Council shall determine how many medallions will be required from season to season and will approve accordingly.
 - (k) 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.
 - (l) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as a 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.

11. Exhibition Games

- 11.1 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 Zone Minor Council representative or designate.
- 11.2 Application for permission will only be considered from LMHAs for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 11.3 Permission may not be given to any LMHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 11.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 11.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission must be granted by the Zone Minor Council representative or designate.
- 11.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 11.7 All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Council representative or designate by the Team.

12. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules

12.1 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 LMHA. In granting such permission, Hockey Alberta and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.
- (b) No LMHA, 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 Minor Hockey Players registered with HA will be charged a \$1 surcharge at registration to cover the cost of Tournament Sanctions. All tournaments must still be approved by the Zone Minor Council representative or designate and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.
- (d) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any LMHA 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 LMHA 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 LMHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- (g) LMHA 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 LMHA 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 Zone Minor Council representative or designate. LMHA, Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.
- (l) All LMHAs 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.
- (p) For each Inter-Branch Tournament for Minor Hockey, there shall be a \$20 fee for each Team from outside Hockey Alberta.
- (q) For each International tournament there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$150 plus \$65 per Team for each Team from outside Canada.

12.2 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 LMHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the LMHA 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) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Council representative or designate by the Team.
- (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.

13. Discipline

13.1 Fines – Minor Hockey

Under no circumstances will a LMHA, 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 General Regulation 2.

13.2 Minor Hockey Suspension Procedures

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

- (a) The Zone Minor Council representative or designate 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) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Minor Council representative or designate by the Team.
- (c) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Zone Minor Council representative must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulations 2.1 and 2.3.

- (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 as outlined in Minor Regulation 13.4, 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 as outlined in Minor Regulation 13.40, 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 in Minor Regulation 13.2(d).

- (e) If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Zone Minor Council representative or their designate must notify the LMHA 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 Zone Minor Council representative or designate 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) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed to the appropriate league representative by the specified time given by the appropriate 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 Zone Minor Council representative or their designate.
- (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 Zone Minor Council representative.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulations 2.2 and 2.3.
- (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 Zone Minor Council representative or their designate.

General Responsibilities

- (p) Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach on a referee or linesman (Rule 9.6 or 9.7) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Coordinator.
- (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.

Hockey Canada Regulation O.6

Any Hockey Canada player, coach or other official who is under suspension by a Hockey Canada Branch, league or Minor, Junior, Senior or Female Hockey Association is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada sanctioned games. The suspension may, pursuant to Branch regulations, include suspensions up to and including all Hockey Canada activities for the duration of his/her suspension. Any individual who violates the terms of his/her suspension will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada or the member Branch, league or Minor, Junior, Senior or Female Hockey Association.

(u) Early Seasons End Suspensions

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

(v) Carry-Over Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Minor Council representative to have that suspension deferred until the try-out portion of the Hockey Season is complete. Any suspension subsequently deferred by the Zone Minor Council representative will be reported to Hockey Alberta for review after the one year period.

(w) Pre-Season Suspensions

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

13.3 Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "VIII")

13.4 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor 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 any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

13.5 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 the HA Operations Council.

- 13.6 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 Director of Operations from playing or holding office with any team, club or association;
 - (b) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 13.7 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.
- 13.8 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.

14. Coach Education Requirements

See Section E for Details.