



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

# REGULATIONS

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## 1. REGISTRATION COMMITMENTS

- (a) As a guarantee of their Commitment, each Member Minor Hockey Association must post with the Treasurer of the CAHL prior to the first (1st ) of November, a Performance Bond of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per team registered in the CAHL up to a MAXIMUM of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) per Member Minor Hockey Association.
- (b) This bond shall be liable for any breach of By-Laws of the CAHL, the CAHL Regulations or for failure to fulfill commitments. The bond or portion thereof, remaining on these Association records shall be refundable upon withdrawal from this Association. Assessment charges against the Bond, unless for offenses otherwise stated in the CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS or REGULATIONS shall be assessed by a quorum vote of the League Directors.
- (c) Any Assessment against a Bond shall be repaid in full by the team or their Member Minor Hockey Association within thirty days of the assessment being issued. Failure to repay the Bond may result in the suspension and expulsion of the Member Minor Hockey Association from the CAHL. Any expelled Minor Hockey Association would be allowed to apply for membership starting the following season as per Bylaw #1.
- (d) All member teams shall pay to the Treasurer an entry fee of:

Midget	115.00
Bantam	100.00
Pee Wee	100.00
Atom	100.00
Novice	100.00

In addition to these charges there will be an administration charge of \$7.00 for each player registered in the CAHL. Payment is due before November 1st to cover league expenses, unless otherwise decided by a quorum vote at the Annual General Meeting.

- (e) Each team may register the number of players as set out by Hockey Alberta.
- (f) Affiliated teams and players must be participating in the CAHL. No affiliation is allowed with teams or players who are not playing in the CAHL without special permission of the CAHL executive. Any exceptions would be for a single season only. The only exception to this is for players on Initiation or other Pre-Novice programs provided the players are properly registered with Hockey Alberta and present as approved affiliates on the team's Hockey Canada Registry. The CAHL per player fee for these players will apply.

It should be noted that Hockey Alberta has specific rules which apply to Novice affiliation and number of games played which must also be followed.

- (g) Each association must supply one governor for every 1-7 teams and one governor for every 1 to 7 teams thereafter that they have entered in the CAHL
- (h) Failure to provide / or resignation of a Governor, refer to Regulation 9(g)(2)
- (i) CAHL WEB PORTAL SEASON REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
  - (i) All member Local Minor Hockey Associations contact information must be submitted to League Administrator as per Table of Deadlines for current year. Failure to meet this date will result in a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) fine per week date specified in Table of Deadlines of current year. If the information is still not submitted by final deadline in Table of Deadlines then the Local Minor Hockey Association may be suspended for the current CAHL Season. Contacts information for the association President, CAHL Director, and Registrar, and Governor must be submitted at the very minimum.
  - (ii) All member Local Minor Hockey Associations team declarations must be submitted to League Administrator as per Table of Deadlines for current year. Failure to meet this date will result in a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) fine per team entered late. THERE WILL BE NO TEAM DECLARATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER date specified in Table of Deadlines of current year, without approval of the president.
  - (iii) All member Local Minor Hockey Associations must provide 4 ice times for tiering round and 8 ice times for regular season per team declaration on the provided league form. Each team's ice submission can not be one designated ice slot. Submissions must be alternating days. (For Example, not every Saturday at 9 am). Associations must not enter ice times on dates that their associations are hosting tournaments as this is not usable ice for scheduling purposes.

Associations that have more than 10 team declarations in the league must submit ice in a bulk format, where ice is provided in designated time slots on a provided league form, (i.e. 1.75 hr, 2.0 hr, etc.) however, they still must have at least 12 ice times per team declaration and have 4 ice slots for tiering round, and 8 for regular season. Bulk ice cannot be designated to a certain Age Category, but CAHL will make every effort to utilize appropriate hour ice slot for specific Age Category.

Deadline for Tiering Round ice submission and Regular Season is as per Table of Deadlines for current year. Failure to meet these deadlines , or errors in ice submission (i.e. double booking, Non-valid dates and times) will result in a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) fine and later than 3 days may result in all or some of the teams of the Local Minor Hockey Association being suspended for the current season. Changes to the ice submissions to correct errors will be treated as incomplete ice submissions and therefore will subject to the Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) fine described above.

Associations that would like to make amendments to ice slots after submission will incur a charge of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per amendment.

(iv) All member Local Minor Hockey Associations must submit on league provided form the following information for each team declared.

- Players and Team Management information by the league declared season start date.
- Players and Team Management assigned to teams by the league declared season start date.
- Affiliate Players assigned to teams by the league declared season start date (An extension may be requested to the President for permission to declare affiliate players late, if granted the minor hockey association may be responsible for any costs associated with the manual data entry.)
- All players home and away jersey numbers by the league declared season start date.
- All players Hockey Canada Registry Numbers by the league declared season start date.
- All associations must submit Hockey Canada Team Rosters to League Administrator by declared season start date. LMHA Registrars are expected to verify information in system once League Administrator has imported. Failure to do so could result in team suspension from league. Any changes to roster throughout season must be submitted to League Administrator to update in system. At all times rosters in CAHL system should match Hockey Canada Roster. Failure to notify CAHL League Administrator of roster changes immediately, and before player/coaching staff appears in a game, will result in a fifty dollar (\$50.00) per roster change.

Failure to meet these dates as specified in the Table of Deadlines of the current year, will result in a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) fine and any association later than a week may result in the Local Minor Hockey Association being suspended for the current season.

(v) Any member association may declare in writing to the CAHL at the April CAHL meeting that they require help submitting data. CAHL may provide assistance at a rate per team.

## 2. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

- (a) A maximum of six (6) divisions shall be established for each Age Category of hockey. This shall be comprised of 6 divisions Tier 1, to Tier 6.
- (b) Each Member Minor Hockey Association must place their teams in each Age Group according to the following format.

Number Of Teams Entered Into the CAHL (in a given age category)	TIER TEAMS WILL PLAY IN		
1 team		2,3 or 4	
2 teams	1 or 2		5 or 6
3 teams	1	3 or 4	5 or 6
4 teams	1	3 or 4	1 in 5 1 in 6
5 teams	1	1 in 2 or 3 1 in 3 or 4	1 in 5 1 in 6
6 teams	1 in 1 1 in 2	1 in 3 1 in 4	1 in 5 1 in 6
7 teams	1 in 1 1 in 2	1 in 3 1 in 4	2 in 5 1 in 6
8 teams	1 in 1 1 in 2	2 in 3 1 in 4	2 in 5 1 in 6
9 teams	2 in 1 1 in 2	2 in 3 1 in 4	2 in 5 1 in 6

- (c) If, in any Age Category there are not enough teams within the CAHL to have six (6) divisions, then the CAHL may designate to have fewer the 6 divisions as deemed necessary.
- (d) The teams in each Member Minor Hockey Association must be arranged according to the ability of the players in descending order:
- i.e. Tier 1 is the best players
  - Tier 2 is the next best players
  - Tier 3 is the next best players
  - Tier 4 is the next best players
  - Tier 4 is the next best players
  - Tier 6 is the remainder

If there are two teams in one (1) division then those teams will be split evenly according to ability except where the division has been tiered (see Regulation 2(b) Classification of Teams).

- (e) Teams may move to a higher division upon request at the organizational meeting in October.
- (f) If there are too many teams in a division then that division will split into 2 or more sub-divisions. The Governor In Chief and the President must approve these sub-divisions.

### **3. REALIGNMENT**

- (a) Realignment will only take place after the tiering round as directed by the BOARD of the CAHL.
- (b) If a team refuses to play any games assigned in the tiering round, then that association may be fined \$100.00 and the team may be suspended from the CAHL, unless the Governor-In-Chief and the President approve that the scheduled tiering game does not have to be played.
- (c) There will be no teams allowed to miss tiering games to play in tournaments refer to 3(b).
- (d) Points from games played in the tiering round will only count if the two teams in question end up in the same tier as each other. In order for a game to be considered a league tiering game it must have a crossover game form signed by both governors. The game sheet should be marked as a league game as tiering games are league games not exhibition games.
- (e) There will be a balanced schedule for the season with each team in a division playing an equal amount of games against each other.
- (f) Associations will not be allowed to make game changes for the first weekend after tiering round. Failure to follow this regulation will result in a No-Show ruling.

### **4. OFFICIALS**

- (a) A two (2) or three (3) man system of game officials will be used for all age categories and all referees should be at least one age category above the age category they are officiating (see 4(g)).
- (b) The referees for Atom and Novice category must hold a Level 1 or higher card (see 4(g)).
- (c) The referees for the Pee wee category and above must hold a Level 2 or higher card (see 4(g)).
- (d) Officials may not be a Referee in any CAHL game if they have a member of their immediate family participating in the game, or carded or team sheeted to the team (immediate family includes son, brother, etc.) (See 4(g)).

They can be a Linesman as long as the opposing team is given notice of this prior to the game with both agreeing and signing off on the front of the CAHL Game Sheet to that fact.

- (e) The local association is responsible for all officials for all CAHL games except as stated in 4(f).
- (f) The President may assign all or some of the officials for any games (league tiering, regular season or playoff). If the President decides that it is necessary to do this he shall notify the appropriate Referee Zone Chairman and work with that person to handle the situation delicately as to not have officials quitting. The Referees Association will handle all the necessary communication with the official in question.
- (g) In the event that a referee is not available to officiate a game, follow Hockey Canada rules. Both coaches must agree on the referee to be used and sign the front of the game sheet before the game starts, or the game shall not be played and the home team shall submit a report to the President for evaluation. Penalties may be assessed against the offending Member Association at the discretion of the Executive and/or Board.
- (h) Complaints against officials must be made in writing and sent to the CAHL Vice-President. All complaints must come from the Associations Director.
- (i) Any complaint against an official will be forwarded to the chairman of the appropriate Referee Association for action.
- (j) The CAHL reserves the right to bar any referee from officiating CAHL games by Executive decision.

## **5. LEAGUE GAMES**

- (a) Each Minor Hockey Association shall provide at least two and one half (2.50) hours ice time for Midget category games, two (2) hours ice time for Bantam and Pee wee category games and one and one-half (1.5 hours) for Novice and Atom category games.
- (b) There shall be a flood after every period at the Midget level. There shall be at least 1 flood between either the first and second period or the second and third period at the Bantam and Pee wee level. The ice shall be flooded before the start of the game or at least once between periods at the Atom and Novice level. Any decision prior to or during the game to play without floods may only be made with the agreement of coaches from both teams. Agreement shall be indicated by both coaches signing the game sheet and noting the agreement. If there is a flood between periods in a Novice or Atom game, the game slot must be 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours.
- (c) At the start of ALL CAHL League and Playoff games from Novice through Bantam level games the clock will be set to a five (5) minute warm-up period. Midget level games the clock will be set to an eight (8) minute warm-up period. The clock shall be started immediately at the commencement of the scheduled time slot, or when the ice is available for both teams to commence skating, whichever is the latter. At the end of the five (5) minute warm-up period/eight (8) minute warm-up period, the clock shall be reset to twenty (20:00) minutes and the game started. The home team must provide warm up pucks for the visiting team, at least one per player.
- (d) During regular season league play, if, after three (3) periods of play, the score is tied, NO OVERTIME shall be played.
- (e) League play will start on or before the last weekend in October.

- (f) Midweek games for all categories are discouraged, and are subject to approval of the Governor and/ or President.
- (g) Regular league schedule shall end on or around February 15. The first weekend of playoffs shall start the weekend after the Family Day long weekend. If two teams both agree to start earlier they may do so.
- (h) Midweek and Sunday games shall commence no later than 5:00 PM for Novice, Atom and PeeWee; no later than 7:30 PM for Bantam and Midget without the agreement of both coaches.
- (i) Weekend games shall not commence before 8:00am and where travel of more than 100km from rink to rink is required, the game shall not commence before 9:00am without an email from both Managers to the Governor agreeing to the change. Each additional 100 km will add another hour to the game start time. Changes to the game start time can be accomplished by an email/fax between each Manager and the Governor agreeing to the change.
- (j) Stop time is to be used in all periods of all games. When five (5) minutes remains on the ice permit and after the first stoppage of play thereafter, the time clock will be set to two (2) minutes and the remainder of the game will be played stop time. All member Associations must declare at the Annual General Meeting whether they will follow this regulation or provide additional ice time to complete the game.
- (k) Due consideration for travel and schooling must be made when scheduling all games, including league play-offs and any rescheduled games. The Governor and/ or the President shall arbitrate disputes over appropriateness of available ice times.
- (l) For league and league playoff games affiliation players from a lower division e.g. – Novice to Atom, Atom to PeeWee, PeeWee to Bantam, Bantam to Midget - may only be used to bring the total number of players including goalies to a maximum of fifteen (15) for the Novice and Atom age categories. The total number of players not including goalies may be brought to a maximum of fifteen (15) for the PeeWee, Bantam and Midget age categories. Any affiliation within a division will follow Hockey Alberta Regulations. If a team fails to comply with this regulation the game may be declared invalid and rescheduled, the offending team officials may be suspended for a minimum one (1) game suspension and fined Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and the offending Member Association subject to possible penalties at the discretion of the Executive and/or Board. Any suspended players must be included in this count of maximum number of players. Injured players do not have to be included.
- (m) Female divisions to follow current Hockey Alberta Regulations regarding affiliation.
- (n) Sportsmanship Points are awarded to each team in a Novice to Midget level game where the team stays under a set penalty minute limit, regardless whether they win, lose or tie the game. The sportsmanship points are counted in the standings of the teams, in addition to the (2) points for a win and (1) point for a tie.
- (o) The Sportsmanship point (1/2) is awarded as follows: Novice, Atom and Peewee – team penalty minutes (12) and under, Bantam – team penalty minutes (14) and under, Midget – team penalty minutes (16) and under.
- (p) All suspensions given to players in Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) will follow Hockey Alberta guidelines and not any other provinces.

- (q) Failure to comply with Regulation 5 (a), (b) or (j) may result in the game being replayed at the expense of the home team if the game result is impacted by the error. If the game outcome is deemed to not be impacted, the offending association may be fined up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Failure to comply with Regulation 5 (c) may result in a fine to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the offending team. Games will not be replayed due to violation.

## **6. LEAGUE PLAYOFF GAMES**

### **a) PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY**

1. Where a tier contains less than seven (7) teams, only the top four (4) teams in the final regular season standings in each age category will qualify for league playoffs.
2. In divisions containing nine (9) or more teams the top eight (8) teams in the final regular league standings in each age category will qualify for league playoffs. If a division is one half of a red/blue split division then the league President may decide to have only the top (4) teams qualify for the league playoffs. This decision would be made immediately after the realignment meeting.
3. Where a tier contains seven (7) or eight (8) teams, six (6) teams in the final regular season standings in each age category will qualify for league playoffs.

### **b) TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE**

When two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points after the final regular league standings, the teams will be ranked according to the following rules. If at any point in the application of these rules a tie of three (3) or more teams is reduced to a tie between two (2) or more teams, the tie-breaking procedure will begin again at Rule 6(b)(1).

1. The team with the best record in games played between the tied teams during regular league games shall be ranked the highest provided all tied teams have played an equal number of games against each other.
2. If the teams are still tied after application of Rule 6(b)(1), then the team with the best record of goals for minus goals against, in regular league games played between the tied teams shall be ranked the highest provided all tied teams have played an equal number of games against each other.
3. If the teams are still tied after application of Rule 6(b)(2), then the team with the most wins in regular league games shall be ranked the highest.
4. If the teams are still tied after the application of Rule 6(b)(3), then the team with the best record of goals for minus goals against in regular league games shall be ranked the highest.

5. If the teams are still tied after the application of Rule 6(b)(4), then the team with the least number of penalty minutes shall be ranked the highest.
6. If the teams are still tied after the application of Rule 6(b)(5), then a coin toss shall be used to rank the teams. If more than two (2) teams are tied, lots will be drawn to determine order of elimination. If this rule is used to break a tie, it shall be undertaken in the presence of the Governor, President and a representative from each tied team.

c) DIVISION PLAYOFFS

1. All play-off series in the league shall be the best two out of three games.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE 8 TEAM PLAY-OFF FORMAT

Series 1	First place team	vs	Eighth place team
Series 2	Second place team	vs	Seventh place team
Series 3	Third place Team	vs	Sixth place team
Series 4	Fourth place team	vs	Fifth place team
Series 5	Winner of Series 1	vs	Winner of Series 4
Series 6	Winner of Series 2	vs	Winner of Series 3
Series 7	Winner of Series 5	vs	Winner of series 6

THE FOLLOWING IS THE 6 TEAM PLAY-OFF FORMAT

Series 1	Third place team	vs	Sixth place team
Series 2	Fourth place team	vs	Fifth place team
Series 3	First place Team	vs	Winner of Series 2
Series 4	Second place team	vs	Winner of Series 1
Series 5	Winner of Series 3	vs	Winner of Series 4

THE FOLLOWING IS THE 4 TEAM PLAY-OFF FORMAT

Series 1	First place team	vs	Fourth place team
Series 2	Second place team	vs	Third place team
Series 3	Winner of Series 1	vs	Winner of Series 2

2. Venue goes to the team, which finished highest in final league standings in all cases. Governors and/or coaches are not allowed to make changes to this format.

d) PLAYOFF DEADLINES

1. 1<sup>st</sup> round to have one game played by the end of the first weekend of playoffs, and the 1<sup>st</sup> round to be completed by the end of the second weekend of playoffs. The governor and/or president may grant approval for an exemption to this regulation if requested by both teams.(Providing the governor and/or president have checked to make sure that there is sufficient ice time available for said exemption)
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> round to have one game played by the end of the third weekend of playoffs, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> round completed by the end of the fourth weekend of playoffs. The governor and/or president may grant approval for an exemption to this regulation if requested by both teams.(Providing the governor and/or president have checked to make sure that there is sufficient ice time available for said exemption)
3. Final round to be completed by the end of the fifth weekend of playoffs.
4. All efforts should be made to complete rounds earlier than required to allow for provincial tournaments that are in March.
5. A team that fails to fully fill its playoff commitments by these deadlines may forfeit the series and the offending member association fined. The governor and/or president shall make the decision.

e) BEST TWO OUT OF THREE SERIES

Overtime will be played in ALL GAMES. If the score is tied after the end of regulation time, overtime shall be played as:

1. The teams will not change ends and play an eight (8) minute stop time, sudden death period. The first team to score wins the game. If at the end of this overtime period the teams are still tied, the clock will be set to three (3) minutes. The teams will play sudden death 4 on 4. If at the end of this overtime period the teams are still tied the clock will be set to three (3) minutes. The teams will play sudden death 3 on 3. If there is a penalty during the 3 on 3 then the non penalized team would put a fourth player on the ice to make it 4 on 3, when the penalty expires the play would be 4 on 4 until the next stoppage in play and then it would go back to 3 on 3. If one team were to take two or more penalties then the play would go to 5 on 3. At no time will any team go below 3 skaters on the ice.

2. If at the end of overtime periods played in 6(e)(1), the teams are still tied, each team shall select five (5) players for a shoot-out. The team scoring the most goals after each team has shot five (5) times will be declared the winner. Any Player that is serving a minor penalty at the conclusion of overtime will be eligible to participate in the shoot out. Players receiving Game Misconduct(s) or Game Ejection will not be eligible. The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second, once they make that decision they will follow that order throughout the entire shootout procedure.
  3. If the teams are still tied, then each team will select five (5) additional shooters. The five shooters selected may include shooters used 6(e)(2). This will now be a sudden death shootout. The team scoring the most goals after each team has shot (1) one time will be declared the winner. This process continues until a winner is declared.
  4. If the teams are still tied after applying 6(e)(3), then repeat 6(e)(3) until a winner is declared.
- f) **ALLOCATED ICE TIME FOR PLAYOFFS**
- No drop clock is allowed for playoff games in any Division. All associations must schedule adequate time to allow three 20 minute stop time periods and enough time for overtime for all playoff games. This applies to all associations including those that drop clock during regular season play.

## **7. GAME SHEETS**

- a) The home team is responsible for a designated Data Entry Person to input game results into the League's scoring system no later than Midnight Monday, following the weekend's games. Failure to have completed game results entered into the website may result in a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fine for each game violation to the home team.  
  
The home team is responsible for sending a legible copy of the game sheet and Officials Game Report to their data entry person (do not send originals), and an electronic copy must be sent to the Governor within 24 hours of game completion. If the game sheet and Official's Game Report are not submitted, then the home team may be awarded a LOSS and fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).
- b) If game sheets and Officials Game Report are not verified by a coaches or managers' signature, are not legible, or are not signed by the on-ice and off-ice officials, the offending team or Member Association will be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). If the on-ice or off-ice officials do not sign, the home team will be held responsible.
- c) Game Sheets and Officials Game Reports must be sent (fax or email) in a legible form to the Governor within twenty-four (24) hours of the game being completed or a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fine may be issued. The originals are to be postmarked and mailed to the Governor within 2 business days of the game being played.

- d) If a referee finds it necessary to take the game sheet and Officials Game Report, the home team shall have the referee sign and state on the front of their copy of the game sheet and Officials Game Report that he has taken the white original game sheet and Officials Game Report. The home team will then send their game sheet and Officials Game Report to the Governor.
- e) The Governor's copy of the game sheet and Officials Game Report shall have the officials NAME and H.A. Referee Number printed on it.
- f) The start and end times and the time of day the clock was dropped for each game must be recorded on the game sheet. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine for the Home Association. Failure to record the start and end times and the time of day the clock was dropped could result in the game being declared invalid and rescheduled. This applies to all Associations, but is critical for Associations that must reduce the clock.
- g) Managers and coaches may not make any changes to the game sheet or official's incident report after they have been signed by the referee. If it is determined that this has been done, the team may be fined up to \$200 and the team may be awarded a loss.

## **8. GOVERNORS**

- a) A Governor may not be a coach, manager, or parent of a player etc., in the same category of hockey (e.g. Bantam C coach may not be a Bantam C Governor) without permission of the President and Governor in Chief.
- b) Each Member Association shall post the CAHL list of Governors for the current year in the referee's room.
- c) Governors may be reimbursed for expenses to a MAXIMUM of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the Novice and Atom Age Categories, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the Pee Wee Age Category, Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for the Bantam Age Category and Five Hundred Dollars (500.00) for the Midget Age Category or higher. Mileage will be calculated at Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per kilometre. A Governor attending a CAHL game where a family member is participating may charge no mileage. Governors shall submit expenses in a detailed statement accompanied by receipts for postage, telephone calls etc. The detailed statement is subject to the approval of the Executive. If a Governor's expenses exceed the specified maximum, the amount or a portion of the amount exceeding the aforementioned maximum may be reimbursed, subject to the approval of the Executive. Governors in their year-end report should be prepared to give an overview of their division for regular season and the playoffs. Governors may not submit expenses related to attending regular league meetings.
- d) A Governors' submitted expense account should include the level of hockey (Age Category) and division they were responsible for.

- e) Governors shall have all expenses submitted by the spring AGM so that the financial books can be properly balanced and submitted for audit.
- f) A member association who's Governor does not complete their duties under BYLAW No. 9 shall be given one warning and then after that will be find Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

## **9. LEAGUE RULES AND PROCEDURES**

### **a) GENERAL**

1. If any team or their fans harass another team or willfully damage another team's property, the Member Association and any of its offending teams may be subject to suspension from participating in this League and forfeiture of their bond at the discretion of the Board. The President shall handle this suspension.
2. In the event of a dispute between hockey teams or associations regarding damage to property the following procedure shall be used:
3. The President shall appoint a committee of three (3) Directors from neutral Member Associations and the President shall head the committee.
4. This committee shall investigate the damage.
5. If a team is found guilty of damages to someone else's property the CAHL shall pay damages to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The offending Member Association and/ or its team shall be responsible for paying the remainder of the damages. The CAHL must be reimbursed before any of offending Member Association's teams are allowed to continue play in the CAHL.

### **b) MEETINGS**

1. Association CAHL Directors must be present at the CAHL meetings and sign the sign-in sheet within 15 minutes of the meeting start time. If the Director is unable to attend, a current association board member must be there in their place. Failure to be properly represented, an association may be assessed a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) fine against their bond. Consideration will be given for bad weather and other reasonable delays.
2. Governors that are not present, or properly represented, at a CAHL meeting may be assessed a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) fine against their association's bond. Proper representation requires a detailed report on the division by another person from their association or an email to the GIC prior to the beginning of the meeting.
3. Any Member Association or Governor leaving early from meetings, without emergent cause, may be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and the fine assessed against the offending Member Association's Bond.

c) COMMITMENTS

A team failing to full fill league or playoff commitments (at the discretion of their respective Governor and subject to appeal to the league President) could be suspended from the league and the Member Minor Hockey Association may be subject to possible suspension and or fines from the league. These fines could be substantially high up to a maximum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00).

d) INFORMATION TO COACHES

Directors are to ensure that the coaches and managers in their Minor Hockey Association receive a copy of the CAHL By-Laws and Regulations. The coach will be held responsible for the actions of any team member.

e) FAN CONTROL

1. Fan control is the responsibility of the home team, preferably the manager, who shall ask arena management to remove unruly fans, or fans that are harassing players and/ or officials, from the arena.
2. In excessive cases of fan behavior, regardless of an arena ejection, member associations can submit details of the incident to the league governor. The league governor will then pass it on with his/her recommendation to the CAHL President for consideration. The incident must be documented, with the necessary facts for a fair decision.
3. The CAHL President will decide if a suspension of this individual's right to attend CAHL league games will be issued. Decisions would normally parallel the AAHL and CAHL suspension guidelines for similar offences committed by a player or a coach. Once a ruling has been made it is up to the offending member association to help insure that the individual serves this suspension. Should the individual not abide by the ruling, players, teams and/or member associations could be suspended from league play.

f) GATE CHARGES

NO ADMISSION FEE shall be charged to any visiting fans attending a CAHL league or league play-off game.

g) FAILURE TO COMPLETE TERM

1. If a Governor or Director for any reason fails to complete his or her term, this League will ask that Member Minor Hockey Association to appoint a new Governor or Director. If the above is not complied with, that Minor Hockey Association may be suspended for one (1) year.
2. Failure to provide or resignation of a Governor will result in a \$100.00 fine per week to the association providing that governor unless a suitable replacement can be found within a one week time frame.

h) MONIES

Any Member Association sending cheques or money orders in the mail for league fees and bonds, shall list the teams the money is for. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to the CAHL.

i) SHAKING HANDS

Teams will shake hands following the game at the discretion of the official, shaking of hands at all age categories is encouraged. In order to reduce the possibility of germ transfer and the risk of players being injured, the players may keep their gloves on and simply bump gloves in lieu of shaking hands. Discipline issues occurring during handshaking will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Possible guidelines for suspension due to hand shaking and post game incidents may be mandatory one game suspension for the offending player(s) and/or team officials (if the team officials are involved).

j) INSURANCE

Be sure all members of your Association are protected by Hockey Canada liability insurance.

k) OVER-AGE PLAYERS

1. The league will follow the Hockey Alberta guidelines concerning Overage players. All players must meet these guidelines and must have approval granted by Hockey Alberta.
2. Individual application must be made in writing with the proper Hockey Alberta Overage Application form to the league executive and must be approved by the league President or any committee he may have set up to deal with the applications. Any application denied by the President or committee may be taken to a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting by requesting so in writing as long as such meeting is before the application deadline. All applications must meet the deadline of December 1st of the current hockey season.
3. The CAHL executive can revoke the overage status if the player fails to continue to meet Hockey Alberta overage guidelines.
4. The league reserves the right to revoke the overage status of any player if the player is in the top scoring or penalty minutes or is incurring major penalties. This would be handled on a complaint basis and would be decided on by the league president. The deadline for complaints would be Dec.31 and any player movements would have to be done by Jan 7.
5. In the event an Association does not comply with the League Executive's direction to revoke an overage player's status, that Association forfeits the privilege to overage player status being granted for two (2) years.

l) NON-SHOW TEAMS / FAILURE TO PLAY A SCHEDULED GAME

1. Home Team - When a home team fails to play a scheduled game without following the proper game postponement regulation 9(m) it will be assessed a Four Hundred Dollar (\$400.00) fine and refer to 9 L (4).

2. Visiting Team – When a visiting team fails to play a scheduled game, without following the proper game postponement regulation 9(m), it will be assessed a Six Hundred Dollar (\$600.00) fine and must pay the ice expense, referee and linesmen costs and refer to 9 L (4). When assessing the situation, hazardous weather conditions and properly postponed games will be taken into consideration. The home association is to invoice the offending team/association. If not paid in 30 days (from date of invoice) notify the League Treasurer and the invoice will be paid from the association’s bond account. All teams in the association will be suspended if the bond fund is not repaid within 30 days of notification from the League Treasurer.
  
3. Non-Playoff league games may be waived conditional to:
  - a) The un-played game(s) has no bearing on playoff standings and
  - b) Both affected teams approve and advocate waiving game(s) and
  - c) Affected Governor is notified in writing by both teams of agreement to waive non-playoff game(s).
  - d) The league president has to approve any such requests.
  
4. a) In the case of a CAHL visiting team not being on ice and ready to play a scheduled league game within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time without proper notification, the League Executive will review the incident.

The associated penalties **MAY** apply based on the findings:

***Reason for no show:***

Weather related where roads are closed within 50 km of game site as confirmed by Governor

***Potential penalty:***

No penalties to visiting team

***Reason for no show:***

Weather related where other teams are traveling in or through same area successfully and no road advisories are in place

***Potential penalty:***

Costs of ice and officials only

**Reason for no show:**

Injuries, suspensions, less than 6 available players, miscommunication

**Potential penalties:**

Costs of ice and officials

Fine of up to \$600

Forfeit of game

Suspension of team from further games up to the entire season

- b) In the case of a home team not being on ice and ready to play a scheduled league game within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time without proper notification, the League Executive will review the incident. The associated penalties **MAY** apply based on the findings:

**Reason for no show:**

Injuries, suspensions, less than 6 available players, miscommunication, lack of suitable officials, facility closure or other reason not related to weather

**Potential penalty:**

Fine of up to \$600

Forfeit of game

Suspension of team from further games up to the entire season

Travel cost of visiting team up to a maximum of \$250 total.

- c) If a forfeit occurs, the team receiving the 2 points for the win will not receive any sportsmanship points for the forfeit game in divisions where sportsmanship points apply.
- d) In the event that a team is a repeat offender of this regulation, penalties may increase in severity.

(m) POSTPONED GAMES

1. The request to postpone a game is to be made ONE (1) WEEK prior to game time to both the GOVERNOR and opposing coach and manager. A completed CAHL game change form must be forwarded to the Governor.
2. A team may have a MAXIMUM of two (2) postponed games at any one time. Postponed games must be rescheduled within two (2) weeks. The Governor and President will decide each case and consideration shall be given for hazardous weather conditions. Postponed games may be requested, but ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED, even if both appropriate coaches and managers/teams are in agreement. The Governor/CAHL MUST APPROVE all postponements.

n) TEAM COLORS

The home team will be responsible for changing sweaters when the visiting teams' sweaters are close in color and confusing to the referee. The home team sweaters should be predominately white and the visiting team sweaters should be predominately a dark color.

o) BANNERS

The respective governor shall present One (1) championship banner to each divisional winner.

p) ACCESS TO ON-ICE OFFICIALS ROOM

Coaches, Managers, Fans and Players are not allowed to enter the Officials' dressing room before or after the game nor at intermissions. Team Managers are the only members of the team that are to have contact with the Officials to provide any information needed by the officials prior to the game and to receive game documents after the game. Neither of those should require that the Manager enters the Officials' room.

If there is a need for the officials of one team to enter the room at the request of the Officials, the other team is also to have equal representation in the room. This should be a rare situation and should be after the referee report has been prepared.

q) **SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE HEAD CONTACT RULE**

Any player receiving a third minor or double minor penalty for Head Contact in a game shall receive a game ejection similar to the handling of a player receiving 3 stick infraction penalties. Upon being called for a third infraction, another player off the ice will serve the third infraction and the penalized player will be directed to leave the playing surface as per Hockey Canada rule 4.2.

There will be no additional penalty time for the Game Ejection nor will there be an automatic suspension for this game ejection. The League may assess suspensions if there is a pattern of numerous head contact penalties in the course of the season.

Each penalty called shall count as one incident whether it is a minor or double minor. Ex: two double minors followed by single minor penalty would constitute 3 calls for Head Contact as would 3 minors. A double minor and a single minor would not be counted as three.

## **10. FEMALE DIVISION SPECIFICS**

- (a) All female hockey teams must have a Hockey Alberta registered FEMALE trainer on the bench at all times.
- (b) CAHL female divisions will follow the bylaws and regulations of CAHL unless otherwise stated, under the Female Supplement.