



HOCKEY CALGARY

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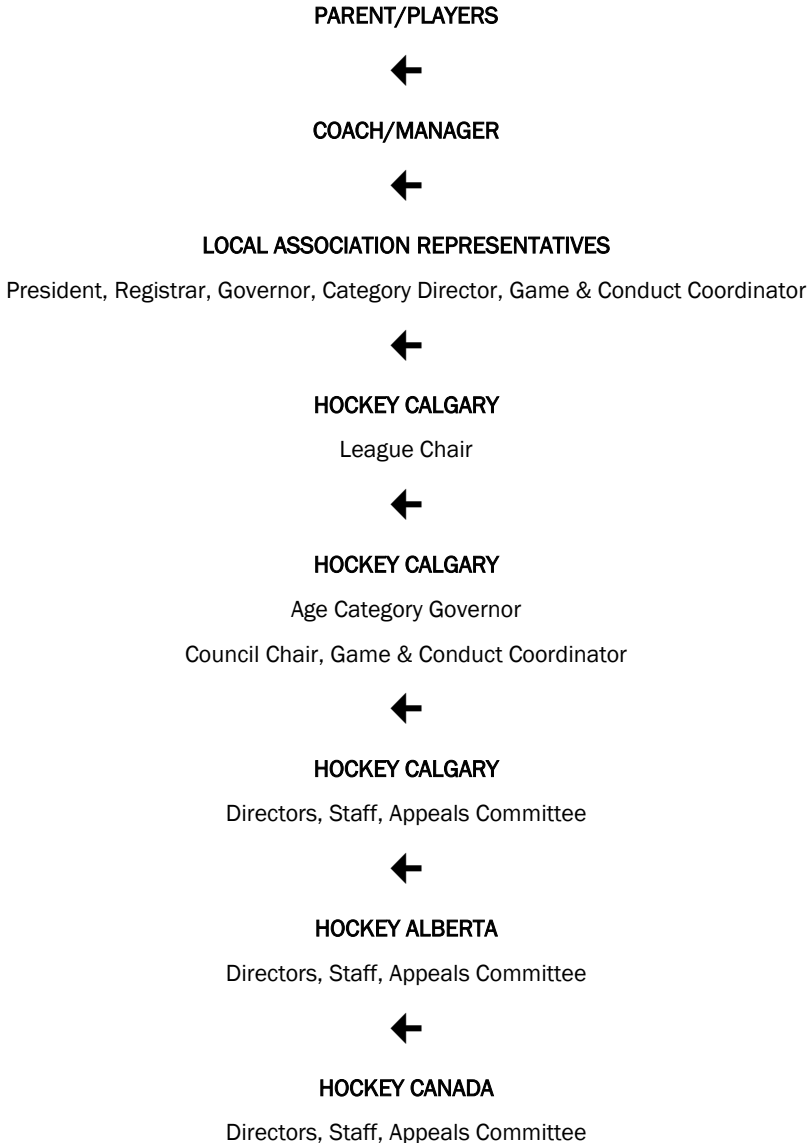
The Minor Hockey Association of Calgary (Hockey Calgary), is an organization committed to developing the sport of amateur hockey within the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), which boundaries have been defined by Hockey Alberta as the City of Calgary and the area of Springbank. Hockey Calgary has the mandate to provide a hockey environment suitable for the enjoyment of players, coaches, managers, officials, parents, and administrators. Our goal is to encourage good sportsmanship and to help players form good character. The player and their welfare must be held paramount.

Hockey Calgary from time to time may bring in complementary programs and initiatives to help in the enjoyment of hockey for all participants. Programs such as Respect in Sport (RIS) have been introduced by Hockey Calgary and supported by the governing bodies of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada in an effort to improve the state of the game. All players, parents, coaches, managers, and administrators should be familiar with these programs. For information on these programs and other initiatives brought forward by Hockey Calgary, all participants should contact the Hockey Calgary office for documentation or visit our website at www.hockeycalgary.com.

If there are questions, or if clarification is required with respect to the following rules and regulations, or if additional information is needed with respect to our programs, please contact the Hockey Calgary office at (403) 245-5773 or visit our website for a complete list of contacts.

COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The following communication flowchart applies to all streams of hockey within the area known as Hockey Calgary (Calgary and Springbank) or the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta). It is meant to clarify and facilitate communication channels throughout the Hockey Calgary organization. The right to appeal decision(s) rendered at any point throughout the process to the next applicable level of authority exists.



OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND STAFF

For a complete list of Hockey Calgary Officers, Directors & Staff please visit
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OUR VISION

“To be the best amateur sports association in Canada.”

OUR MISSION

“Through our membership we promote:

- Healthy & Safe Competition
- Positive Life Skills
- Fair Opportunity
- Optimal Hockey Skill Development
- Access to the Game

For the enjoyment and success of all participants!”

OUR CORE VALUES

The core values that we apply daily are:

- **Accountable** – we are responsible to the membership for all decisions and actions.
- **Approachable / Collaborative / Communicative** – we listen to the concerns of the member organizations and build mutually beneficial relationships with others.
- **Safety** – we promote healthy and safe competition.
- **Consistency** – we will be open and consistent in the interpretation and application of rules, regulations, and policies.
- **Fair Play Codes** – we support the principles of fair play, and the ‘Fair Play Codes’.
- **Respect** – we promote respect in all aspects of the game from players to officials to parents, to coaches, and spectators.

We live these values through the daily application of the principles of the “Fair Play Code”.

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STREAMS

Hockey Calgary will comply with the Official Playing Rules of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta except as amplified by the Community, Female, Elite and Recreational Hockey rules, which follow.

1 Ages for Competition

Age Category	Age
U7 (Timbits)	5 and 6 year olds
U9	7 and 8 year olds
U11	9 and 10 year olds
U13	11 and 12 year olds
U15	13 and 14 year olds
U18	15, 16, and 17 year olds
U21*	18, 19, and 20 year olds
Recreational League	11 through 20 year olds

Note: Ages as of December 31st

* Each team may register a maximum of four (4) overage players, who must have been registered with the team in the previous season.

2 Residential Qualifications

- (a) Teams based in the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) are restricted to registering only players who meet the residential qualifications as set out below.
- (b) All minor aged players (5 to 17 years old as of December 31st in the current playing year) must be permanent residents of the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), or any Association from outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), which, at the sole discretion of the Officers of Hockey Calgary, have been admitted for membership for a limited time. Minor age players registered with Hockey Calgary must play where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside as of September 1st of the playing season. Residence of a player is defined as:
 - i) the parent’s usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one parent is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
 - ii) in cases where both parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player;or,
if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives;
or again,
if the player lives equally with both parents, their place of residence shall be determined by Hockey Calgary.
 - iii) when legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person.

NOTE: the term “usual residence” is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

NOTE: in the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- i) the application of the Divorce ACT,
 - ii) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
 - iii) loss of parental authority,
 - iv) when it is deemed the child's development is compromised,
 - v) when both parents are deceased,
 - vi) married, or the equivalent of married.
- (c) If the minor aged player does not reside with either parent the player must reside with their legal guardian as defined under the Domestic Relations Act or the Child Welfare Act. Such player must have resided within the boundaries of the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) as filed with Hockey Alberta for one full year prior to registration or must apply to Hockey Calgary for special consideration. Proof of guardianship and length of residency must be submitted and approved by Hockey Calgary prior to registration being accepted.
- (d) All U21 aged players (18 years or older as of December 31st in the current playing year) must be permanent residents of the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), or any Association from outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), which, at the sole discretion of the Officers of Hockey Calgary, have been admitted for membership for a limited time. A U21 aged player is expected to play with a team representing their Community or Elite Hockey Association in which such player legally resides or is qualified to play. A release is required to play in another association. A U21 aged player playing in the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) as per regulation *Elite 7* is eligible to register with any of the Elite quadrants.
- (e) A minor aged player whose parents have joint custody and reside in different Elite or Community, Hockey association boundaries shall continue to register in the Elite or Community Hockey Association where they registered the previous season provided one parent still resides within the boundaries of that association. If neither parent resides within the boundaries of the previously registered Elite or Community Hockey Association then the player shall register with an association where one of the parents reside. NOTE: If a player attends tryouts for Elite hockey and does not make a team then they shall be deemed to be resident of the Community Hockey Association where their parent lives that was used for Elite tryout registration.
- (f) A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing hockey. Any player (and parent or guardian in the case of a minor age player) who has a permanent residence within the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) for a period less than six months (either before or after the date of registration) may not be eligible to register with Hockey Calgary at the sole discretion of Hockey Calgary.
- (g) Any player of minor aged eligibility who transfers due to a legal custody change or moves without parent may not, in the first season after that change has occurred, register or affiliate to a team that could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Regional or National Championship.

3 Player Registration

- (a) No player shall participate in any game under the jurisdiction of Hockey Calgary before the player is registered with Hockey Calgary. This includes league and exhibition games after commencement of the regular league schedule, provided however, that the Executive Director of Hockey Calgary may waive this requirement of exhibition games if they feel it advisable to do so. Hockey Canada official team roster must be carried at all games sanctioned by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A player's registration in the Hockey Canada 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 on the Hockey Canada Registry official team roster.

4 Coaching Requirements

- (a) All teams in Hockey Calgary are required to have registered and trained coaches and bench staff in accordance with Hockey Calgary Coach Requirements by November 15th of the playing season.

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- (b) All teams will have their team registration revoked unless the head coach assigned to the team is appropriately trained or is registered to be properly qualified by November 15th.
- (c) If a team is naming Co-Head Coaches, both Coaches must possess the Minimum Coaching Qualifications for that age category.

Clarification of Terms

Trained – an individual of the registered coaching staff who has successfully completed the course material is said to be qualified.

Certified – an individual of the registered coaching staff who has successfully completed the course material and having finished any post tasks and/or grading requirements by the instructor upon being updated in the NCCP database is said to be certified. (applicable for Development 1 & 2 and High Performance 1 & 2)

5 Hockey Calgary Coaching Requirements Table

		Coach 1	Coach 2	Development 1	High Performance 1	Checkin g Skills	Respect In Sport Activity Leader (completed prior to being on Ice)	Safety
Community Hockey and House League	U7	1 Coach per 10 players					All Team Officials	1 Coach per 10 players
	U9							
	U11		Head Coach			Head Coach ****	All Team Officials	1 Team Official
	U13							
	U15							
	U18							
Elite Female	U15**			Head Coach		Head Coach	All Team Officials	1 Team Official
	U18**							
AA	U13			Head Coach		Head Coach	All Team Officials	1 Team Official
	U15**							
	U18**							
AAA	U15				Head Coach	Head Coach	All Team Officials	1 Team Official
	U16							
	U18 Female							
	U18							
Accredited Schools	All							
Junior	A				Head Coach		All Team Officials ***	1 Team Official
	B, C, Female							
Senior	Female						All Team Officials ***	1 Team Official
	Male							

**For U15 & U18: AA, and Elite Female, where D1 is required, any HC that posses HP1 Certified will also be eligible.

***Only required if a Minor aged athlete is registered and/or affiliated to the team.

**** Only required for Community Hockey Stream and recommended for U13 House League and RHC Coaches

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
Respect in Sport – Activity Leader	Must be completed prior to registration to a team (cannot be on ice without valid RIS). Must renew every 4 years.
November 15 th	Deadline for coaches to have qualifications complete (except Respect in Sport – see above). Team is ineligible to compete after this date if Coach requirements are not fulfilled.
Assistant Coaches	Highly recommended to obtain training of what is required for Head Coaches in applicable level
Development 1 & High Performance 1	Coaches must be “ <i>trained</i> ” by November 15 th of current season, by following seasons November 15 th must be “ <i>certified</i> ” to remain eligible.
	<i>Trained</i> = attended classroom session <i>Certified</i> = passed all post task evaluations

6 Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

The goal of the Hockey Canada Safety Program is for all hockey teams to implement effective risk management programs with their team where safety is the first priority both on and off the ice.

- (a) For the current season, in U11 and up, at least one registered team official, and in U7 and U9, at least one registered team official for every ten registered players must hold a valid Hockey Canada Safety Program Certification by November 15th of the current playing season and must be present at all games.
- (b) Teams failing to have a registered team official with a valid HCSP program certification present at all games will be ineligible for Minor Hockey Week, playoffs and/or Provincials and the Head Coach may be suspended pending a discipline hearing.
- (c) The HCSP certification is valid for a period of three hockey seasons. During the third season the holder may recertify their HCSP certification for an additional three hockey seasons by completing the Hockey Canada online HU-Safety course.

7 Respect in Sport Activity Leader

- (a) For the current season, in all divisions of Minor hockey, all members of the registered team officials must have completed the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Edition in order to be registered to the team. This requirement excludes U21 teams unless a Minor aged player is registered or affiliated to the team.
- (b) Respect in Sport Activity Leader certification is valid for 4 seasons.

8 Respect in Sport Parent

- (a) In all divisions of hockey, one parent of every registered player must have a current certification of the Respect in Sport Parent Edition prior to registration. Certification is valid for four (4) seasons. This requirement excludes parents of players participating in U21 C & U21 B.
- (b) Players failing to have a parent certified with the Respect in Sport Parent certification will be ineligible to play until certification has been achieved.
- (c) The Head Coach may be suspended pending a discipline hearing should they play a player whose parent has not completed the Hockey Calgary Respect in Sport Parent certification.
- (d) Recertification may be required as a result of disciplinary measures.

9 Safe Checking Program

Hockey Calgary has adopted a safe checking program for all age categories and Divisions within the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta). The program is intended to help eliminate serious injuries by addressing the serious concerns all participants in the game of hockey have with checking from behind. A "Stop" or "Respect" symbol and its placement are designed to help discourage checking from behind by having a reminder on the back of each player's jersey, to not check the player in the back. Every player registered with a team participating in a Hockey Calgary League must wear the "Stop" or "Respect" logo on the back of their jersey. The "Stop" or "Respect" sign is recommended to be 3" in diameter and should be placed above the player's numbers so it is clearly visible.

10 Equipment

- (a) Only players in uniform and a maximum of five team officials shall be permitted to occupy the players' bench. These individuals shall be registered and entered on the Official Game Report. A maximum of five team officials may be recorded on the Official Game Report.

Helmets

- (a) Any coach, or trainer, including guest coaches or on-ice volunteers who are on the ice at practice must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet affixed and securely fastened to their head.
 - i) First Offence – Any on-ice participant found to be in violation of this Regulation will be given a warning by a person in authority (Association Coordinator, Association Director, League Chair, Arena Staff and or any Governor of Hockey Calgary). This warning may be verbal or written, and shall be reported to Hockey Calgary. Violators will be removed from the ice and not return until a CSA

- approved hockey helmet is affixed and securely fastened to their head.
 - ii) Second Offence – An automatic suspension from all hockey activities until a formal hearing is held by the violators own Hockey Associations Special Committee.
 - iii) Third Offence – An automatic suspension from all hockey activities until a formal hearing is held by the Hockey Calgary Game and Conduct.
- (b) All player's while on the players' and/or penalty bench must wear their certified helmet and facial protector. Any goaltender on the bench, as a minimum, is required to properly wear the same protective head equipment as the players.
- (c) Players shall remove their helmet during the playing of the national anthem(s).

Throat Protectors

- (a) The wearing of a BNQ approved throat protector is compulsory for players registered in minor and female hockey. When a player fails to wear or properly wear a throat protector at any time on the ice during the game, the team shall receive one warning and any subsequent infractions by the same team will result in a Misconduct. Referees are encouraged to deliver this warning directly to the coach.
- (b) Any officer of Hockey Calgary, Elite Council, Female Council, Rec Hockey, Community Hockey or assigned game official is empowered to have a player removed from the playing area of the rink until such time as the offenders throat protector is produced. Any throat protector infractions must be reported to the League Chair/Coordinator.

All player's while on the players' and/or penalty bench must wear their BNQ approved throat protector. Any goaltender on the bench, as a minimum, is required to properly wear the same BNQ approved throat protector as the players.

Mouth Guards

- (a) The use of a mouth guard is mandatory for all players except goaltenders from U9 to U21 (a mouth guard is defined as a device, commercially manufactured for the purpose of protecting a player's mouth and teeth). The mouth guard must be worn during all games and practices.
- (b) Coaches are responsible for monitoring their player's for the use of mouth guards for the purpose of minimizing dental and mouth injuries. If a team continues to disregard this regulation additional sanctions may be put in place for that team.
- (c) Teams from outside of Calgary who are not required to wear mouth guards in their home Association are exempt from wearing them while playing in games that have been sanctioned by Hockey Calgary.
- (d) Requests for mouth guard exemption can be made to Hockey Calgary via the Association

11 Official Team Roster

Hockey Canada official team rosters will be completed in all details in the Hockey Canada Registry. Failure to correctly complete all details of the HCR official team roster may result in such player and/or teams being ineligible for further play. Copies of all HCR official team rosters (including players, affiliates, and team officials working on the bench) must be available at all games sanctioned by Hockey Calgary (photocopies and electronic copies accepted).

12 Rosters

- (a) Only nineteen (19) players can dress for any given Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta or Hockey Calgary game with the exceptions of male or female U18 AAA and U21 B in which case twenty (20) players can dress and participate in the game. These numbers must include 2 goaltenders.

13 Mandatory National Liability Insurance

Liability insurance is mandatory for all Hockey Alberta players, teams, coaches, managers, referees, administrators, and minor officials performing under the umbrella of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada. All players, teams, coaches, managers, referees, administrators, and minor officials are members of Hockey Alberta in accordance with Hockey Alberta rules, regulations and bylaws.

14 Ice Rentals

Hockey Calgary will handle the allocation of contract ice in conjunction with member association Ice Schedulers. Ice that can not be utilized may be returned to Hockey Calgary a minimum of 45 days from the start of the ice time. Under the Facility Rental terms and conditions, Hockey Calgary is the responsible party therefore any ice obtained through Hockey Calgary can't be traded with or given to any other user.

15 Theft and Vandalism

Any team members who are found responsible for theft of private or Community property, or who damage or deface rinks, City arenas, Community property or private property, on or adjacent to the City or Community property, will face suspension.

16 Damage to City and Community Owned Arenas

- (a) Member associations will be held responsible for damages to City or Community owned arenas caused by any team or team members. Further, any player or team, which shall cause damage or deface City or Community owned arenas will be suspended until such time (and may be longer) as the damages are paid in full.
- (b) Hockey players, coaches, team officials and spectators are forbidden from using any tobacco products in City and Community arenas.

17 Officials

Hockey Calgary requires that qualified and certified officials referee all levels of hockey.

- (a) All major officials (referees and/or linesmen) will be assigned by the Central Region Referees' Committee (CRRC) in cooperation with Hockey Calgary. The referee's duties are described in the Referee's Case Book/Combination from Hockey Canada. (Note: in a 2-man system, the referees have equal status).
- (b) For Community hockey, and U21 C, each team must supply two off-ice officials for all games. Home Team will be responsible for the Timekeeper and Home Penalty box; the Visiting team will be responsible for the Scorekeeper and Visitor Penalty box. In U15 AA, U15 AAA, U16 AA, U16 AAA, U18 AA, U18 AAA and U21 B the Home team must supply all off-ice officials described above.
- (c) All off-ice officials are responsible for conducting their duties in a manner that displays sportsmanship and shows fair play and respect to all participants. As neutral off-ice officials assisting the referee in proper conduct of the game, they are significant contributors to the management of the game. Should their behavior warrant disciplinary action they may be relieved of their duties by the Referee or other Hockey Calgary official. The minimum age for an off-ice official is 14 years old.
- (d) Should any off-ice official be removed from their duties during a game, due to their behavior before, during or after the game has been played, they will be automatically suspended from attendance of the next two games of that team.
- (e) A suspended off-ice official is not permitted in the arena or adjoining building to the arena while they are under suspension. The use of any or all communication devices cannot be used between any suspended coach, manager, non-player team official, spectator, or player and the team is prohibited. Nor can any person so suspended utilize an intermediary to conduct such communication, either verbally or via a device. The suspension will include 1-hour prior - until 1 hour after the suspended game.
- (f) Any off-ice official who is removed pursuant to this regulation will not be allowed to continue their duties as an off-ice official for the remainder of the season.
- (g) Any complaints about referees or other major officials by coaches, managers, players, or spectators must be sent to the Member association President for endorsement and onward delivery to Hockey Calgary for possible action.

18 League Chairs

- (a) It will be the duty of the League Chair to supervise and direct the conduct of the teams, managers, coaches, players, and spectators coming under their jurisdiction. They have the authority to rule on any team, team official, player, or spectator who contravenes or breaks any of the rules and regulations established by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A League Chair or other Hockey Calgary official may deal with anyone associated with a Hockey Calgary registered team who, in their opinion, is guilty of conduct unbecoming the game of hockey. They may suspend a team, team official, player, or spectator for up to three games. The Chair, in liaison with the Category Governor, may extend the suspensions to five games. Any suspension that might warrant longer duration will be referred to the Game and Conduct Committee for judgment.
- (c) A League Chair or other Hockey Calgary official has the authority during a game or other activity under the auspices of Hockey Calgary to ask any participant or spectator to leave or not to enter a City of Calgary or Community Arena if in their sole opinion the participant or spectator is exhibiting behavior deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the game of hockey. Any individual asked to leave an arena for any reason may also face further sanctions or suspension from viewing future games or other Hockey Calgary activities.

19 Suspensions

- (a) It is the responsibility of the Head Coach or their designate to inform the League Chair or Category Governor when a player of team official has received a suspension in accordance with Hockey Alberta's Minimum Suspensions.
- (b) Match on Official penalties resulting from assault on an official are sent directly to Hockey Alberta for an investigation and hearing.
- (c) A player or team official that has been indefinitely suspended will be notified in writing by the Game and Conduct Director. All indefinite suspensions are subject to a hearing by Hockey Calgary and/or Hockey Alberta.
- (d) Any registered team official, off-ice official or spectator receiving a game misconduct or game ejection must exit the arena and adjoining building.
- (e) If a suspended player or team official participates in a game, the game may be forfeited and the Head Coach may be suspended pending a hearing by Hockey Calgary. The penalty for a Head Coach that allows a suspended player or team official to participate in any game is up to a three-year suspension.
- (f) All suspensions must be served during sanctioned League, Playoff, and Tournament games, and cannot be served during Exhibition games.
- (g) Players and Team Officials are not permitted to participate in any League, Playoff, Tournament, and Exhibition games until the suspensions have been served in their entirety.
- (h) Team Officials registered to multiple teams must serve suspensions with the team in which they incurred the suspensions with, and are not permitted to participate in any League, Playoff, Tournament, and/ Exhibition games with any team in which they are registered until the suspensions have been served in their entirety.
- (i) Players with carryover suspensions from the prior season will be allowed to participate in "evaluations", exhibition games, or tournament games that are sanctioned to take place prior to October 15. All carryover suspensions will be served in their entirety in sanctioned league or tournament games.
- (j) Players receiving a one (1) game suspension prior to the start of league play will be required to serve their suspension in sanctioned league or tournament games. The player may continue to play exhibition games up until October 15 for the purposes of evaluations.
- (k) Players receiving a second suspension prior to the start of league play will be suspended from the evaluation process indefinitely pending further review.
- (l) Players receiving a multi-game suspension or match penalty prior to the start of league play will be

suspended from the evaluation process.

- (m) A suspended coach, manager, non-player team official or spectator, is not permitted in the arena or adjoining building to the arena while they are under suspension. The use of any or all communication devices cannot be used between any suspended coach, manager, non-player team official, spectator, or player and the team is prohibited. Nor can any person so suspended utilize an intermediary to conduct such communication, either verbally or via a device. The suspension will include 1-hour before - until 1-hour after the suspended game.
- (n) A suspended player shall not be allowed within fifty (50) feet of any player's bench nor allowed in the dressing room 1-hour before and 1-hour after the game. Also, a suspended player may not be allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of the Referees change room or within twenty-five (25) feet of where the Officials enter or exit the ice surface.

20 Overtime

No overtime will be played in seeding round or regular season league games, including the Calgary U21 Hockey League. In the event of a tied seeding or league game, one (1) point will be awarded to each team.

21 Cancellation of Games

Further to Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules 2.2(a) "A minimum of six eligible players in uniform (not necessarily a goaltender) on each team shall be necessary to start the game." If a team does not appear for a scheduled game, the team in attendance will fill out the official game report, have the Referee sign same, immediately telephone the League Chair/Coordinator and explain the situation. If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or an unforeseen contingency, the manager, coach, or official and/or players of the team, which is responsible for the absence, will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

22 Travel Permits

- (a) A travel permit must be obtained to play in any exhibition or tournament game outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta).
- (b) Before a travel permit is issued by Hockey Calgary, the team requesting a travel permit must apply online at www.hockeycalgary.com. In submitting the web form, the requestor is certifying that they have the authority to request the permit on behalf of the team indicated. The team's obligation and responsibility to play all league games as scheduled, which fall within the dates of travel, must be fulfilled. Failure to play a game as scheduled by Hockey Calgary will result in the Head Coach of the team being suspended pending a hearing before the Game and Conduct Committee.

All Travel Permits will be generated by Hockey Calgary via our website. The process is as follows:

- 1) Team Official will request the Travel Permit using the Hockey Calgary Web form.
- 2) A Travel Permit will automatically be returned to the person requesting the travel permit.
- 3) The Travel Permit will also be automatically forwarded to the Member association President and League Chair.
- 4) Refer to "Schedule Changes" under applicable section for restrictions.

Failure to obtain and comply with the conditions described on the Travel Permit may result in future permits being denied the team requesting the permit and disciplinary action against the Head Coach.

Teams under the jurisdiction of the Elite Council may be subject to Blackout Dates when applying for Travel Permits.

23 Exhibition and Tournament Games

- (a) Teams must not play any games against teams not registered with Hockey Alberta or affiliated branches of Hockey Canada. This applies to tournaments not sanctioned by Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada. Coaches and team management may be subject to suspension by Hockey Calgary for violation of this rule.

- (b) A permit or sanction is required before participating in any exhibition or tournament game. Sanctions are officially approved, and teams notified, after on-ice officials have been assigned.
- (c) A team given permission to play exhibition or tournament games must use only those players registered with their team, including affiliate players in accordance with Affiliation regulations outlined in each of the [Community](#), [Elite](#), and [Recreational Hockey](#) sections..
- (d) Details contained on the official game report(s) for all exhibition and tournament games must be entered and a PDF/picture copy of the official game report uploaded at the Hockey Calgary website within 24 hours of the game or completion of the tournament. Failure to do so may result in teams from the Association not being granted future permission to travel or participate in tournaments until the matter is resolved.
- (e) All exhibition games for teams, with the exception of U7 (Timbits), must be officiated by registered Hockey Canada officials who have been certified in the current year and are qualified for that level of hockey.
- (f) League games must be played as scheduled and tournament sanctions will not be issued to Member associations or teams that do not fulfill their league game requirements.

24 Hosting Tournaments

- (a) A team or Member association planning to host a tournament in the current season must apply online at www.hockeycalgary.com.
- (b) The application must be approved by Hockey Calgary and a tournament sanction number issued.
- (c) The tournament shall be played under Hockey Calgary rules, and the tournament committee must agree to follow the minimum suspensions as set out by Hockey Calgary in conjunction with the League Chair/Governor. Failure for the tournament to follow Hockey Calgary rules or minimum suspensions may result in all tournament permits being revoked for the host Hockey Association.
- (d) All games, with the exception of U7 (Timbits), must be officiated by referees who have been certified in the current year and are qualified for that level of hockey.
- (e) Within 24 hours of completion of the tournament all game detail must be entered and a PDF/picture copy of the official game report uploaded at the Hockey Calgary website. Failure to comply with the conditions described on the Tournament Sanction may result in future tournament sanctions being denied and/or revoked.

25 Minor Hockey Week

During Minor Hockey Week the Hockey Calgary Executive Director will deal with protests, complaints or additional games to be played.

26 Appeals

Suspensions issued by League Chairs or other Hockey Calgary officials that are a result of a referee's judgment call and follow the Minimum Suspension Guidelines will not be reviewed.

Decisions made by Hockey Calgary League Chairs/Coordinators, Governors, Elite Council, Female Council, Rec Hockey Council, Hockey Calgary official, or other Hockey Calgary Committee can be appealed to the Hockey Calgary Appeals Committee after all other avenues of appeal have been taken. The procedure below must be followed in order for an appeal to be heard:

- (a) Appeals shall be in writing and shall set forth the decision appealed from and contain a concise statement in numbered paragraphs of the grounds of appeal and the facts in support of such appeal.
- (b) A letter must accompany an Appeal from the President or their designate of the appellant's Member association stating that they are aware of the appeal.
- (c) Appeals shall be filed in the office of Hockey Calgary within 48 hours of receipt of the decision in the matter being appealed.
- (d) Appeals made to the Appeals Committee of Hockey Calgary shall be accompanied by a cash payment or

certified cheque (non-refundable) for the sum of \$150.00 payable to Hockey Calgary.

In Rec Hockey, Community, and Female Hockey, decisions made by League Chair or other League Official should first be appealed to the Category Governor and then the appropriate Council Chairman. In Elite Hockey, decisions made by the League Coordinator or other League Official should first be made to the Elite Chair or their designate as set out in the rules for Elite Hockey (Rule Elite 26 [Appeals of Suspensions](#)).

27 Dressing Room Supervision

The Head Coach will be responsible to ensure there is at least one (1) and preferably two (2) responsible adults monitoring the team dressing room before and after each ice time. They will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct, bullying, and vandalism in any form. These adults may be any team official or adult selected by the Head Coach or team manager. Failure to comply with this supervision may result in the suspension of the Head Coach for a period of at least one (1) game. Any adult found complicit with any undesirable activity will be suspended for a period of at least one (1) year. This applies within all four (4) streams of Hockey Calgary sanctioned hockey with the exception of U21 'B' and U21 'C'.

28 Minimum Suspensions

Hockey Calgary follows Hockey Alberta minimum suspensions. Minimum suspensions are assessed to all Players and Team Officials for a violation of the corresponding Playing Rule. Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct infractions that occur within the last ten (10) minutes of a game will automatically have one (1) additional game added to the suspension for both Players and Team Officials.

- (a) It is the responsibility of each team official to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact your Age Category Governor and/or League Chair, and should they require, will contact the Council Chair for further clarification.
- (b) Minimum Suspensions showing the number of games for the length of suspension are automatic, based on the Referee's call, and are not subject to Appeal.
- (c) Minimum Suspensions and Infractions that carry an 'Indefinite' suspension, result in an investigation of the incident taking place prior to Hockey Calgary or Hockey Alberta rendering a decision on the length of suspension. Indefinite Suspension decisions can be subject to Appeal.
- (d) Minimum Suspensions are in addition to game incurred and are non appealable. Additional suspensions may be imposed wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.
- (e) Match Penalty reports will be forwarded to Hockey Alberta for further review

Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspensions can be found:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/bylaws-regulations/>

29 Additional Suspensions

- (a) Any Player or 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 Hockey Calgary Officers.
- (b) Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or un-carded team official or trainer's name to an official game report for the purpose of competing in a game;
 - iv) may be suspended for a period of three years, or as determined by the Hockey Calgary Officers from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.
 - v) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- (c) 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 their own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of suspension.
- (d) If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if their name appears on the official game report 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 played using an Ineligible Player or official.

30 Supplemental Discipline

- (a) Additional suspensions will be imposed on players who reach and exceed specific penalty minute totals during the season.
- (b) All penalty minutes incurred during 'Seeding Round' and 'League Play' with count toward the players' total. Game misconducts count for 10 minutes toward a players' total.
- (c) The following Age Category thresholds will apply for Community, Female, and Rec Hockey:

U9	No Threshold	U13	60 PIMS	U18	100 PIMS
U11	40 PIMS	U15	80 PIMS	U21 C	100 PIMS
- (d) The following Age Category thresholds will apply for Elite Hockey:

U13 AA	80 PIMS	U16 AA	100 PIMS	U21 B	100 PIMS
U15 AA	100 PIMS	U18 AA	100 PIMS		
- (e) Players who reach their applicable threshold will be assessed a **1 game suspension** to be served in their next scheduled Seeding, League, or Playoff Game.
- (f) Once a player crosses the threshold, they will be assessed the following increased suspensions for every additional 25 PIMS they incur thereafter:

+25 PIMS	2 game suspension
+50 PIMS	4 game suspension
+75 PIMS	8 game suspension
- (g) Players receiving Supplemental Discipline suspensions in the last game of the season are required to serve in the first game(s) of playoffs.
- (h) Penalty minutes incurred during playoff games do not count towards a players' total and no incremental supplemental discipline will be assessed during playoffs other than standard 'Minimum Suspensions Guidelines'.
- (i) All 'Supplemental Discipline' suspensions are 'Unappealable'.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING COMMUNITY HOCKEY

1 Community Hockey Association Boundaries

Hockey Calgary will recognize Community Hockey Association boundaries that encompass Community boundaries as filed with the Federation of Calgary Communities, as well as the areas of Springbank and Tsuu T'ina Nation. The Community Hockey Association Boundaries are available through the Hockey Calgary office and an approximate (unofficial) listing of the encompassing communities in each Community Hockey Association is available on our website.

2 Combined Community Hockey Associations

- (a) Community Hockey Associations wishing to go together to operate a hockey program must request permission to do so in writing, to the Hockey Calgary Executive Director by April 15th for consideration for the upcoming season. Community Hockey Associations wishing to make any changes to their existing amalgamation must also do so in writing by April 15th for consideration for the upcoming season. All such requests granted will be for the current season only and in accordance with regulations set down by the Executive Director.
- (b) In order to receive approval for a new Amalgamation or changes to an existing Amalgamation the Community Hockey Association requesting the revision/change must have at least 40 players, (3 teams) of players eligible to play in each of U9, U11, U13 and U15 divisions.
- (c) It is recommended that where new subdivisions are constructed and where presently players residing in these subdivisions do not have an affiliation with a hockey program, Hockey Calgary approach the neighboring Community Hockey Association(s) and request that they accept players from these subdivisions until such time as adequate numbers exist to form their own Association.
- (d) Based upon the number of teams registered in a Community Hockey Association Hockey Calgary will decide the formation and the time line for the establishment of new amalgamations.
- (e) The Executive Director shall have the authority to re-amalgamate Community Hockey Associations based upon the number of teams registered in a hockey Association. The affected Community Hockey Association must have clearly defined boundaries registered with Hockey Calgary. Requests for re-amalgamation must be submitted in writing and directed to the attention of the Executive Director.

3 Team Registration

- (a) The Community Hockey Associations shall be held responsible for seeing that their players are the correct age and reside within the proper boundaries defined for their Association. Players not properly registered will be deemed to be ineligible players until the matter has been resolved.
- (b) Teams are restricted to registering players who:
 1. Reside within their Community Hockey Association boundaries as defined in All Streams [Residential Qualifications](#)
 2. Have been properly released as defined in Community [Player Release](#) and [Release Policy](#).
- (c) U7 and U9 Community Hockey Teams may register at one time a maximum of twenty (20) and nineteen (19) skaters, respectively, unless otherwise approved by Hockey Calgary
- (d) U11 Community Hockey teams may register at one time a maximum of eighteen (18) players. Of those eighteen (18), one (1) must be a goaltender. When seventeen (17) players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender subject to Hockey Calgary's approval.
- (e) U13, U15, and U18 Community Hockey teams may register at one time a maximum of nineteen (19) players. Of those nineteen (19), two (2) must be goaltenders. For clarification, when eighteen (18) players are registered, one (1) must be designated as a goaltender. When seventeen (17) players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender subject to Hockey Calgary approval.
- (f) Players in U11 and up that evaluate and are placed on a team as a goaltender must be designated as a goaltender in the Hockey Canada Registry. The only exception to this rule is in the age category of U11 when a participant is recognized as a 'Hybrid Goalie' as per the U11 Hybrid Goalie Policy. Such participants are designated as skaters in the Hockey Canada Registry. Players who are designated as goaltenders cannot play in a game as a skater as per Rule 2.2 (a) of the Hockey Canada Rule Book.

- (g) U21 C teams may neither sign nor register, at any one time, more than twenty-three (23) eligible players.
- (h) Any team that fails to properly register prior to the team's first scheduled league game is ineligible to play and will forfeit.
- (i) Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any duly registered Hockey Team must be Duly registered in the Hockey Canada Registry prior to participating with said team.
- (j) 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 they are a member prior to participating with the respective team(s).

4 Non-Body Checking

- (a) The age categories of U7 (Timbits), U9, U11, and U13 will play in non-body checking divisions.
- (b) In the U15 and U18 age categories, Hockey Calgary will operate body checking Divisions 1-3 and non-body checking Divisions 1- 3, and 4 (if applicable).
 - i. U15 and U18 non-body checking teams are not permitted to participate in body checking exhibition or tournament games.

5 Player Acceleration

- (a) Underage players must be ranked in the top half of the top team in the higher category into which they are moving at the sole discretion of the resident Association.
 - i. Underage players in U15 and U18 must be ranked in the top half of the AAA team representing the quadrant in which they reside and are qualified to play.
 - ii. There is no Player acceleration permitted from U7 (Timbits) to U9. Player acceleration is not recommended.
- (b) Hockey Calgary approval is required to deviate from Player Acceleration requirements for the purposes of completing rosters where players are needed to make a team.
- (c) Player acceleration is not recommended.

6 Players Per Team

- (a) Associations are required to ensure that all teams within an age category have an equal number of registrants per team (within 1 registrant), excluding U21 C.
 - i. U7, U9, U11 - all registrants are used for the calculation of "within 1 registrant"
 - ii. U13, U15, U18 - registered goaltenders are excluded from the calculation of "within 1 registrant"
- (b) Recommended, Minimum, and Maximum number of players per team

U7	18 players (recommended) Minimum 17, maximum 20
U9	18 players (recommended) Minimum 17, maximum 19
U11	17 players (recommended) Minimum 16 players, maximum 18 players (including goaltenders)
U13	16 skaters, 2 goaltenders (recommended) Minimum 15 skaters, maximum 17 skaters, 1-2 goaltenders
U15	16 skaters, 2 goaltenders (recommended) Minimum 15 skaters, maximum 17 skaters, 1-2 goaltenders
U18	17 skaters, 2 goaltenders (recommended) Minimum 15 skaters, maximum 17 skaters, 1-2 goaltenders

U21 19 skaters, 2 goaltenders (recommended)

Minimum 17 skaters, maximum 21 skaters, 1-2 goaltenders

- (c) Hockey Calgary may approve deviation from the above minimums and maximums

Note: Skater refers to a participant registered in the HCR as a 'Player', 'Forward', or 'Defence'. Goaltender refers to a participant registered in the HCR as a 'Goaltender'. Player refers to all participants on a team regardless of position designation in the HCR.

7 Player Release

- (a) A player may be released by transfer to another team for which they are eligible to play up until January 10th. A player so released shall have their own Hockey Canada Registry profile (where applicable) forwarded to the Registrar along with the release from their previous team.
- (b) No minor aged player may be registered to a team after January 10th. U21 aged players can be registered to a team until February 10th provided they were not registered on another team after January 10th.
- (c) A player not having registered with Hockey Calgary prior to January 10th may apply to Hockey Calgary through the Executive Director, for special permission to register with a local team providing the team with which they wish to register does not have a full roster. Any player receiving such permission would not be eligible for participation in Provincials as per Hockey Alberta Regulations.

8 Release Policy

- (a) Any player requesting a release from their Home (resident) Association must first apply to Hockey Calgary for approval. The Hockey Calgary Registrar will inform the applicant of the decision after consultation with all affected Associations. Release applications are available through the Hockey Calgary website.
- (b) Once a player is released by Hockey Calgary and their resident Hockey Association, the new Hockey Association will be considered the new permanent resident Hockey Association of the player. This will be controlled and administered through the Hockey Calgary office.
- (c) No player will be allowed to skate or tryout in any hockey program until they have been properly released by Hockey Calgary, and have received any waivers, which may be required to allow them to play in the Association requested. The usual restrictions apply for signing a player who has signed with another team, either Community or Elite Hockey Association, for the current season.

9 Affiliation

Each team may have up to 19 named affiliated players (with Hockey Calgary's approval) from a lower division or age category from within the Community Hockey Association. Players can only be affiliated to one team.

- (a) A team having no lower division or category team to affiliate with may affiliate with a team of lower division or category in any adjacent Community Hockey Association providing this Community Hockey Association approves of the affiliation in writing.
- (b) All affiliations must be filed with the Hockey Calgary office and approved prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate, in any game, with the team to which they are affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by Hockey Calgary up to and including January 15th of the current playing season. Affiliation will only be recognized where:
 - i) players are added to the teams in the Hockey Canada Registry and identified as "affiliates"
 - ii) the Hockey Calgary Executive Director or their designate(s) acknowledge receipt and identify said players as approved prior to an affiliate player participating in any game with the hockey team to which they are affiliated
 - iii) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable member association.

Any player participating in any game as an affiliated player without the approval of Hockey Calgary shall be considered an Ineligible player and team officials shall be subject to applicable discipline.

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

NOTE: There will be no affiliations allowed within the division of U7 (Timbits). There will be no affiliations allowed from U7 (Timbits) up to U9.

10 Eligibility for use of Affiliated Players

- (a) Affiliated players may be used in place of players registered on a team, subject to the maximum number limitations described below. Affiliated players may be used to replace injured players or players that will be absent for any reason, but not, subject to the conditions as described below, to replace players suspended by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A Non-North American Import is ineligible to advance to a team of a higher Division or Category as an Affiliate Player.
- (c) Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition, Tournament, League, or Playoff game sanctioned by Hockey Calgary and for any Provincial Championship game to return the team to their original roster size. Affiliated players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended Players.
 - i. Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should two (2) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use two (2) affiliates to bring their roster size back up to the original 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
 - ii. Exception: In the event a team's original roster size is less than twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders), teams are permitted to use affiliation for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to bring their roster up to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders).
 - iii. Exception: In the event a team's roster falls below twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, teams are permitted to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters (excluding goaltenders)
 - iv. Teams may affiliate a maximum of 4 players for any Hockey Calgary Seeding Round, League, or Playoff game. Permission from the requesting team's Age Category Governor is required to exceed the maximum.
- (d) Teams are permitted to use affiliation for any Exhibition or Tournament game not sanctioned by Hockey Calgary to bring their team up to the maximum permitted roster size of seventeen (17) skaters and two goaltenders.
- (e) The maximum number of players, including affiliate players, which will be allowed to be shown on any official game report must not exceed the total number of players registered on the team except in U13, U15, and U18 where teams have only one (1) designated goaltender.
 - i. U13, U15, and U18 teams with only one (1) designated goaltender may exceed their roster size by one (1) in order to have a back-up goaltender listed on the official game report. The back-up goaltender must be an affiliated player and designated as a goaltender in the Hockey Canada Registry. This will not count towards the maximum of ten (10) games unless the affiliated player is called into action.

11 Procedure for use of Affiliated Players

Games are defined for the use of affiliates as Hockey Calgary scheduled league games, the first game of Minor Hockey Week (the second and subsequent games during Minor Hockey week do not count in the total for use of affiliates), playoff games, and Provincial Playoff games. All associations will follow the Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Calgary affiliation regulations.

- (a) A player of a team of lower division or category may play a maximum of ten (10) games. 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.
- (b) An affiliated U9 player may play a maximum of five (5) games with their affiliated team in the current hockey season.
- (c) Exhibition and Tournament games do not count in the total for the use of affiliates.

- (d) When a higher division team uses an affiliated player they must indicate in writing (a\p or AP) after the player's name on the official game report.
- (e) When using an affiliate player, the higher team must obtain the permission of the lower team and notify their League Chair. Failure to follow the Procedure for use of Affiliated Players may result in the Head Coach of the higher team receiving a one game suspension.

12 Substitute Goaltender

Hockey Calgary may allow, during any scheduled exhibition, league, provincial, or tournament game, the use of a goaltender from another hockey team of equal or lower, division or category, if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Age Category Governor, show that a replacement goaltender is required by the hockey team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Age Category Governor or designate via the League Chair.

13 Ineligible Players

- (a) An ineligible player may be classified as, but not restricted to, the following:
 1. A player who is improperly registered with Hockey Calgary. It is the Association's and individual team's responsibility, to make certain that all players are properly registered.
 2. A suspended player.
 3. A player who has not been properly released as per the release policy and procedures of Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A Coach or Manager who plays an ineligible player will be immediately suspended until their case has been dealt with by Hockey Calgary. If any team official, executive member of a team or of an association has knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or ineligible players name to the official game report, or misrepresents a coach or trainer as being certified, they shall be suspended for a period of not less than three years from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association. For a team or their Hockey Association to invoke this rule, they must utilize the protest procedures outlined in Community 28.
- (c) All games played using an ineligible player may be forfeited.
- (d) If a coach or manager asks to examine an opposing team's HCR official team roster prior to completion of the game and it is not at hand, it must be produced before the end of the game. Failure to do so could mean forfeiture of the game.

14 Length of Games

The following do not apply to U7 (Timbits) and U9. Please refer to the Intro to Hockey Manual for details.

Permit length	Length of periods 1, 2, and 3
1 hour permit	13, 13, and 13 minutes
1 ¼ hour permit	15, 15, and 15 minutes
1 ½ hour permit	15, 20, and 20 minutes
1 ¾ hour permit	20, 20, and 15 minutes
2 hour permit or greater	20, 20, and 20 minutes

Note:

- i. All games are stop time.
- ii. No time outs permitted.
- iii. A 3-minute warm-up will begin at the scheduled permit time.
- iv. Floods between periods will only occur as follows: 1 ¾ hour permit – between 1st and 2nd periods; 2 hour permit - between 2nd and 3rd periods, 2 ¼ hour or greater permit, a flood will occur between both the 1st and 2nd period and between the 2nd and 3rd period.

- v. For games of 1 hour and 1 ¼ hour duration, players will not leave the ice between periods.
- vi. For games of 1 ½ hours or more, players will not leave the ice between periods when no flood occurs.
- vii. Hockey Calgary reserves the right to make special changes to the number and length of periods. The respective League Chair/League Coordinator will notify teams of any such changes.
- viii. No game will exceed the permit time. If undue delays occur for any reason and the game cannot be completed within the permit time, the following procedure must be followed:
 - (a) At the first stoppage of play after time reaches 5 minutes left on the permit, the timekeeper will notify the referee.
 - (b) At this stoppage of play the clock will be reset to 2 minutes and the remainder of the game completed with stop time.

15 Schedule Changes

- (a) Coaches, managers, or Hockey Associations may not reschedule games. Only under exceptional circumstances (participation in tournaments, exhibition games, or fundraisers do not qualify) can application be made to Hockey Calgary in writing, for permission to have Hockey Calgary reschedule a game. It should be noted that games can only be rescheduled with the approval of the Category Governor, Executive Director, and the Hockey Calgary office. Failure to comply will result in a loss of points to the offending team(s). In addition, the coach(s) will face further disciplinary action(s) including a minimum six game suspension or a possible suspension of up to one year. The loss of points will be deducted from that portion of the schedule following any seeding round. All league games must be played as scheduled unless authorized by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) Requests for a schedule window must be received by Hockey Calgary prior to the deadlines posted on the Schedule Window web form on www.hockeycalgary.com. The following rules apply:
 - i) Maximum seven day window allowed.
 - ii) One (1) schedule window request per team allowed for the Regular Season (December - February).
 - iii) No Schedule Windows will be allowed during the Seeding Round, Minor Hockey Week, or Playoffs.
- (c) Requests for scheduling windows can only be made through submission of the appropriate web form. All information must be supplied or the request will not be considered.
- (d) All league play must be finalized by the last scheduled game, unless otherwise extended by Hockey Calgary.
- (e) Hockey Calgary reserves the right to refuse any or all requests.
- (f) Absolutely no postponing of Minor Hockey Week games or Playoff Games.

16 Team Management

- (a) Only players in uniform and a maximum of five team officials shall be permitted to occupy the player's bench. These individuals must be registered and entered on the official game report. A maximum of five team officials may be recorded on the official game report. For U9, a maximum of 4 coaches shall be on the bench (2 per side).
- (b) Game Limitations: U7 (Timbits) – per the U7 (Timbits) documentation; U9 – per the U9 Development League documentation; U11 45 games.
- (c) The game total includes all seeding and second round, exhibition, tournament, Minor Hockey Week and playoff games. The head coach of each team is responsible to ensure the team does not exceed these limits. Failure to do so will result in suspension of the Head Coach.
- (d) Each team shall have in their player's bench a responsible person not in uniform (no more than five) to coach, look after, and take responsibility for the team during the game. Failure to provide this responsible person could result in an automatic forfeiture of the game. Rule 9.2 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book must be rigidly adhered to. This rule states: Team officials shall be responsible for their conduct and that of their players at all times. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the

game, on or off the ice and any place in the rink.

- (e) At the U13 (11 years old) level and above the following conditions will apply in all co-ed team environments:
 1. Females and males will change in separate rooms
 2. Both genders shall congregate in one dressing room fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.
 3. The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more than 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated (to stay longer) by the coaching staff.
 4. The gender in the majority shall not begin changing, helmets, gloves and skates excepted, prior to the departure of the lesser represented gender.
 5. When necessary, due to facility limitations, dressing and showering shall be done in shifts with the gender in the majority dressing and showering first. Once the room with shower facilities has been fully vacated the lesser represented gender may use the shower facilities.

17 Intro to Hockey

Intro to Hockey (ITH) is the parent category for the Hockey Calgary U7 (Timbits) and U9 age categories. The ITH Program encourages an environment in which children can learn the FUNdamentals of hockey and develop a love for the game without the distractions that are often associated with an over emphasis on winning.

- (a) All Calgary teams in U7 (Timbits) and U9 will adhere to the Intro to Hockey Manual which sets out general structure and administrative guidelines, and specific playing rules for all players, ages 5-8 years.

18 House Leagues

House Leagues are offered by member organizations in conjunction with Hockey Calgary.

19 End of Game Responsibilities/Official Game Report

- (a) At the completion of each hockey game teams should participate in a post-game handshake followed by the visiting team exiting the ice surface first. In games where the referee determines that a post-game handshake will not be used the home team must stay on the ice at their box until the visiting team is off the ice.
- (b) The Home team must enter all information on the official game report into the digital game sheet on the Hockey Calgary website and upload a PDF/picture copy of the official game report within 24 hours after the game is completed. Failure to do so may result in the coach being suspended or the loss of points from the game.
- (c) The Head Coach or their designate is responsible for informing the League Chair/Governor of any incidents written up on the official game report by the referee involving members of their own team within 24 hours of the game being completed.
- (d) An official from each team must retain their copy (hard copy or picture) of the official game report until the end of the season.
- (e) Only referees and linesmen are allowed to write on the official game report.
- (f) First and last names must be clearly legible in the roster list for each team.

20 Spectator Etiquette

Spectators are asked to enjoy the game in a manner consistent with the Hockey Calgary Fair Play Codes (see table of contents for location). In addition, please note the following:

- (a) The use of excessive artificial noise-making devices (air horns, megaphones, garbage can lids, etc.) is not permitted.

- (b) Verbal/physical abuse of players, officials, fans, or staff may result in ejection from the arena.
- (c) Spectators should refrain from banging on the glass.

21 Playoffs

- (a) Hockey Calgary Executive Director will deal with protests, complaints or additional games to be played. Forfeiture of any game in a playoff series may mean forfeiture of the complete series.
- (b) U7 and U9 age categories will not have Playoffs at the end of the regular season.
- (c) All teams in each division of U11, U13, U15, U18, and U21 C will enter playoffs and will be seeded based on the final league standings (point total).
- (d) In cases where two or more teams are tied in points, the tie will be broken as follows and in the order indicated:
 - 1. If the tied teams have played each other an equal number of times, league positions are assigned based on results of games between the tied teams. The team with the highest number of points in the games between the tied teams takes the top available position and so on until all available positions have been filled. If the tied teams have not played each other an equal number of times or if teams are still tied then:
 - 2. Tied teams are assigned league positions based on number of wins, with the largest number of wins taking top available ranking, and so on.
 - 3. For teams that are still tied, league positions will be assigned based on the ratio of goals for divided by goals against for all league games played, with largest ratio taking top available position and so on.
 - 4. If teams remain tied, Hockey Calgary will resolve the final positions. This will be done by scheduling games, where possible, or by resorting to coin toss, at the discretion of Hockey Calgary, after taking into account the number of tied teams and the timing of playoff games.
- (e) Playoffs will consist of a double knockout format (i.e. a team must lose twice to be eliminated).
- (f) Playoff rules will be determined by Hockey Calgary for each of the respective leagues and circulated prior to the start of playoffs..

22 Appeal of Suspensions

Suspensions issued by League Chairs or other Hockey Calgary officials that are a result of a referee's judgment call and follow the Minimum Suspension Guidelines will not be reviewed.

The appeal of a suspension that is greater in duration than the minimum suspension for a particular offence (as indicated by the Minimum Suspensions for Hockey Calgary) can be filed in writing by the President (or designate) of the appellants Community Hockey Association to the Age Category Governor for Hockey Calgary, within 48 hours of notification of the suspension being assessed.

The appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the official game report (if the suspension is related to a particular game) and a complete description of the events that caused the suspension.

23 Game Protests

- (a) Only the two teams involved shall have the right to file a protest in regard to a game or incident connected therewith.
- (b) Referees are in care and control of the game. As such, protests will not be accepted when a referee has exercised their judgement in officiating the game. Protests will only be considered if it concerns a question of interpretation of the rules.
- (c) Protests made regarding games played must be in writing and such protests, together with a summary of any evidence to be submitted and a list of any witnesses to be called, shall be prepared with copies going to:

1. The League Chair;
 2. Age Category Governor (Hockey Calgary)
 3. Executive Director (Hockey Calgary)
 4. Registered official of opposing team.
- (d) The protest shall set out the regulations and/or rules under which the protest is laid and shall be signed by two separate individuals - the coach or manager of the protesting team, as well as the President or a Vice-President of the team's Community Hockey Association.
- (e) Protests must be in the hands of the League Chair, or in their absence, the Hockey Calgary Office, and a registered official of the opposing team within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game protested or at least 8 hours prior to a game that may be affected by the outcome of the protest.
- (f) A cheque in the amount of \$150 payable to the "Hockey Calgary", which sum shall be non-refundable, must accompany the protest.
- (g) Both teams and Associations will be notified by the Executive Director of Hockey Calgary (or designate) of the date and place of the hearing. All protests will be heard by a committee of Hockey Calgary representatives and will include the League Chair.

24 Structure

Community Hockey will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Hockey Calgary Bylaws.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING FEMALE HOCKEY

Girls Hockey Calgary Association (GHC) offers the opportunity for players to participate in two streams of hockey, Community level hockey and Elite level hockey.

At the Community level, GHC offers a program from U7 (Timbits) to U18.

At the Elite level, GHC offers U15 Elite, U18 Elite, and U18 AAA teams which are part of an elite stream of hockey as per Hockey Alberta's Elite Female Hockey Model. These teams are part of the Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL).

All general Rules and Regulations governing all streams and Special Community Rules apply to Girls Hockey Calgary Association (GHC) with the following additions:

1 Body Checking

All hockey played within the GHC system is non-body checking.

2 Player Releases

- (a) Players registering with GHC are not required to be released from their home (resident) Hockey Association at the start of each season.
- (b) Players who have registered with GHC for the current season require a written release from GHC to play on another Association within Hockey Calgary team after September 1st.
- (c) Hockey Calgary will not recognize any minor female team(s) that is not comprised of GHC registered players.

3 Player Acceleration

- (a) Community Teams - underage players must be ranked in the top 25% of the higher age category and be approved by the GHC Executive.
- (b) For Elite Team Player Acceleration from U15 to U18, underage players are limited to players who have reached their 14th birthday prior to December 31st of the current playing season. These players must be ranked in the top half of the top U18 AAA players in order to be eligible to participate on a U18 AAA Team.

4 Player Affiliation

- (a) GHC teams will follow the Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Calgary affiliation regulations.
- (b) GHC teams must file their affiliation lists for approval to Hockey Calgary prior to January 15 of the current playing season. Once approved, Hockey Calgary will file the approved affiliation list with Hockey Alberta.
- (c) Request for affiliation to a team outside of GHC must be made in writing to the President of GHC.
- (d) For the purpose of Provincial play, teams registered with GHC will follow the Hockey Alberta Rules for affiliation and for the use of affiliated players.

5 Association Requirements

Teams from outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) may apply to participate in Hockey Calgary's Female only leagues. Approval for participation is at the sole discretion of Hockey Calgary's Executive Director.

6 Hockey Canada Player Profiles

Administration of all Hockey Canada player profiles are the responsibility of the GHC registrar under the direction of the registrar for Hockey Calgary.

7 Provincial Championships

GHC teams may participate in recognized Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships. GHC will determine the criteria for determining which team(s) participates in Provincial Championships. This criteria will be provided to Hockey Calgary.

8 League Formation

Three teams can be recognized as a league.

9 Registration

- (a) All female players under GHC are officially registered with Hockey Calgary through GHC.
- (b) Players who register with GHC are not allowed to register or tryout with any other Hockey Calgary Association or team while registered with GHC.

10 League Participation

- (a) GHC Community teams will participate in Hockey Calgary leagues. Teams will participate in either Community tiered or Female specific divisions.
- (b) GHC U15 Elite and U18 AAA teams will participate in the Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL).

11 Suspensions

- (a) GHC players will follow the Minimum Suspension Guidelines as set out by the Leagues in which the teams participate (see [League Participation](#) above).

12 Structure

Female Hockey will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Hockey Calgary Bylaws.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELITE HOCKEY

All general Rules and Regulations governing hockey apply to AA and AAA Hockey with the following additions.

1 Elite Hockey Council

The Elite Hockey Council is formed of dedicated people selected from the Hockey Calgary member Associations in accordance with terms of reference provided by Hockey Calgary and while open to suggestion, will not tolerate any exception to the following rules. Any rule violations may result in suspension and forfeiture of points. The administration of Elite hockey, including the Calgary Teams participation in the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL), is under the direction of the Elite Council and Hockey Calgary.

2 Boundary Review

Elite association Presidents will meet to discuss boundary needs and if an agreement can be reached, the need to appoint a committee will not be necessary. When required, a committee consisting of the Elite quadrant registrars will be formed to review the registration numbers and determine if a boundary change is required. The committee will be chaired by the Elite Council Chairman.

Final registration numbers for Hockey Calgary should be the signal for a review only if a 10% differential in any of the Quadrants' total numbers exists.

Criteria:

- (a) Number of players graduating from U11 Divisions 1 & 2, U13 AA and Division 1, U15 Divisions 1, 2 & 3.
- (b) Total number of graduating players eligible for AA U13 & U15.
- (c) A final decision will be approved by Elite Council and is subject to ratification by Hockey Calgary.
- (d) New areas that are considered the future of Elite Quadrants should be monitored in order to realize the Development of players that will enter the Elite System, by numbers and also the year the player is to move into Elite Hockey.

The importance of keeping the communities involved creates more interest and continued Development of players. Without the continued development of Community Hockey Association based players, the cream cannot and will not rise to the top.

The Grandfather clause will be restricted to graduating U11 players who have brothers or sisters playing in Elite Hockey, therefore, the players involved in a Boundary change will report the same year of the change to their new Quadrant. If changes to the boundary are forthcoming, players previously signed by Elite teams must remain the property of that Association.

3 Northwest Calgary Athletic Association

Members include minor and U21 aged players whose permanent residence is within the boundaries of the following Community Districts and U21 aged players who qualify under Rule Elite 7: Arbour Lake, Bowness, Citadel, Cougar Ridge, Crestmont, Dalhousie, Elbow Valley, Greenwood/Greenbriar, Hawkwood, Lynx Ridge, Medicine Hill, Montgomery, Parkdale, Point McKay, Ranchlands, Rockland Park, Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Vista, Scenic Acres, Silver Springs, St Andrews Heights, Trinity Hills, Tuscany, University Heights, University of Calgary Residence, Valley Ridge, Varsity, Wentworth, West Springs, as well as the residents of the Springbank Minor Hockey Association who reside outside the Calgary City limits but are residents in the the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta).

4 Calgary Northstars Hockey Association

Members include minor and U21 aged players whose permanent residence is within the boundaries of the following Community Districts and U21 aged players who qualify under Rule Elite 7: Abbeydale, Albert Park/Radisson Heights, Applewood Park, Banff Trail, Beddington Heights, Brentwood, Briar Hill, Bridgeland/Riverside, Cambrian Heights, Capital Hill, Carrington, Castleridge, Charleswood, Collingwood, Copperfield, Coral Springs, Country Hills, Country Hills

Village, Coventry Hills, Crescent Heights, Douglas Glen, Dover, Downtown, Edgemont, Erin Woods, Evanston, Falconridge, Forest Heights, Forest Lawn, Greenview, Hamptons, Hanson Ranch, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley, Highland Park, Highwood, Hillhurst, Hotchkiss, Hounsfield Heights, Huntington Hills, Keystone, Livingston, MacEwan Glen, Marlborough, Marlborough Park, Martindale, Mayland, McKenzie Towne, Monterey Park, Mount Pleasant, New Brighton, Nolan Hill, North Haven, North Haven Upper, Ogden, Panorama Hills, Penbrooke Meadows, Pineridge, Queens Park Village, Red Carpet/Mountview, Redstone, Renfrew, Riverbend, Rosedale, Rosemont, Rundle, Saddleridge, Sage Hill, Sandstone Valley, Skyview Ranch, Southview, Sunnyside, Symons Valley (Kincora & Sherwood), Taradale, Temple, Thorncliffe, Tuxedo Park, Vista Heights, West Hillhurst, Whitehorn, Winston Heights/Mountview.

5 Calgary Buffalo Hockey Association

Members include minor and U21 aged players whose permanent residence is within the boundaries of the following Community Districts and U21 aged players who qualify under Rule Elite 7: Acadia, Auburn Bay, Belmont, Bonavista Downs, Chaparral, Cranston, Deer Ridge, Deer Run, Diamond Cove, Douglasdale Estates, Fairview, , Lake Bonavista, Legacy, Mahogany, Maple Ridge, McKenzie Lake, Midnapore, Millrise, Parkland, Pine Creek, Queensland, Shawnessy, Seton, Silverado, Somerset, Sundance, Walden, Willow Park, Wolf Willow, Yorkville.

6 Calgary Royals Athletic Association

Members include minor and U21 aged players whose permanent residence is within the boundaries of the following Community Districts and U21 aged players who qualify under Rule Elite 7: Alpine Park, Altadore, Aspen Woods, Bankview, Bel-Aire, Braeside, Bridlewood, Britannia, Canyon Meadows, Cedarbrae, CFB-Currie, Chinook Park, Christie Park, Cliffe Bungalow, Coach Hill, Cougar Ridge, Discovery Ridge, Eagle Ridge, Elbow Park, Elboya, Everwood, Glamorgan, Glenbrook, Glendale, Haysboro, Kelvin Grove, Killarney/Glengarry, Kingsland, Lakeview, Lincoln Park, Mayfair, Meadowlark Park, Mission, Mount Royal Lower/Upper, North Glenmore Park, Oakridge, Palliser, Parkhill/Stanley Park, Patterson, Pump Hill, Richmond, Rideau Park, Rosscarrock, Roxboro, Rutland Park, Sarcee, Scarboro, Shaganappi, Shawnee Slopes, Signal Hill, , South Calgary, Southwood, Springbank Hill, Spruce Cliff, Strathcona Park, Scarboro/Sunalta West, Sunalta, Westgate, Wildwood, Windsor Park, Woodbine Woodlands.

7 The Calgary Junior Hockey League (C.J.H.L)

- (a) The Calgary Junior Hockey League is under the direction of Hockey Calgary and Elite Council.
- (b) Residential Qualifications – A U21 aged player is required to play with a team in the quadrant which such player legally resides. A player from outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) who is employed in the City or is attending an educational institution, will be allowed to register with appropriate documentation. A release is required to play in another quadrant.
- (c) Each team is allowed to register a maximum of three (3) seventeen (17) year old players. The player must reside within the boundaries of that quadrant.
- (d) It is agreed that any seventeen (17) year old goaltenders who are unsuccessful in making a team in their home quadrant are permitted to travel to a different quadrant to play U21 B, if the in-coming quadrant is willing to accept them. They then must apply for a release.
- (e) Affiliations must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including January 15 of the current hockey season.

8 Completion and Composition of Teams

- (a) All U13-U18 Elite hockey teams may neither sign nor register, at any one time, more than nineteen (19) eligible players (two of which must be goaltenders), with the exception of U18 AAA in which twenty (20) eligible players (two of which must be goaltenders) may be signed and registered
- (b) U21: Each Association will enter a minimum of two U21 teams in the Calgary Junior Hockey League.
 - i. U21 B teams may neither sign nor register, at any once time, more than twenty-five (25) eligible players. Rosters must be reduced to twenty-three (23) by January 10th of the playing season
- (c) U18: Each Association will enter a minimum of one AAA U18 team in the Alberta Elite Hockey League

(AEHL). Each Association will enter a minimum of two U18 AA teams in the Calgary U18 AA League.

i. U18 AAA teams are permitted to roster

- (d) U17: Each association shall enter one (1) U17 AAA team in the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL). The composition of the team will be restricted to players 15 and 16 years of age.
- (e) U16: Each Association will enter one (1) U16 AA team in the Calgary U16 AA League. The composition of the team will be restricted to players 15 years of age.
- (f) U15: Each Association will enter a minimum of one U15 AAA team comprised of up to 19 first and second year U15 aged players to compete in the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL). Each U15 AAA team is restricted to include a maximum of five (5) or fewer players 13 years old. Each Association will enter a minimum of three evenly balanced U15 AA teams in the Calgary U15 Hockey League. Each U15 AA team will be restricted to carry a maximum of eight (8) 13 year olds.
- (g) U13: Each Association will enter a minimum of three evenly balanced U13 AA teams in the Calgary U13 Hockey League. Each U13 AA team will be comprised of a minimum of 17 players (15 skaters & 2 goaltenders) and restricted to carry a maximum of five (5) 11 year olds.

9 Player Acceleration

- (a) Player Acceleration is only permitted for those players who are 'truly exceptional' and is not recommended by Hockey Calgary or Elite Council. Underage players who wish to accelerate to an older age category must be ranked in the top third of the Association's AAA team (at U15 & U18 levels), and top 25% at the U13 AA level.
- (b) Players can accelerate only within the Associations boundaries in which they reside.

10 Player Registration

- (a) Any player, U18 age or younger, who was not registered with Hockey Calgary the previous season, will be allowed to register, but will not be allowed to skate until the Registrar has reviewed them in accordance with Rules and Regulations 2 Residential Qualifications.
- (b) The coach and the Quadrant Hockey Association shall be held responsible to see that their players are:
 - 1. the correct age;
 - 2. residents of the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta);
 - 3. residents in the proper zone
- (c) A coach who plays an ineligible player will be suspended indefinitely until their case has been dealt with (refer to Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspensions Guidelines). All games using an ineligible player may be forfeited. To invoke this rule, a team must utilize the protest procedures as outlined under Elite Regulations 26 and 27.
- (d) A team may not register a player if they are registered with another team for that season until written release has been received from the Association with whom they are registered and Hockey Calgary approval is obtained.
- (e) The player's legal address must be indicated in the player profile. The street address of the player's legal residence must be identified or if the street address differs from the player's mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified on the player profile.
- (f) Any player of minor aged eligibility who transfers due to a legal custody change or moves without parent may not, in the first season after that change has occurred, register or affiliate to a team that could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Regional or National Championship.

11 Team Registration

- (a) Each Elite Association Registrar will confirm to the Hockey Calgary Registrar that the Hockey Canada Registration rosters provided by the Elite registrar are accurate covering not more than the eligible number of players that a team may carry prior to the team's first league game except AAA U18 teams who will follow Alberta Elite Hockey League regulations. For players new to the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) or otherwise not previously registered with Hockey Calgary, registration shall include all necessary, releases, birth certificates and/or branch transfers.
- (b) During exhibition games prior to the start of the first league game, a team may use an unlimited number of eligible players as well as players properly released. After the league begins, only registered or affiliated players may play in exhibition games except AAA U18 players who will follow Alberta Elite Hockey League regulations (Note: an affiliate player cannot play until their team until they have been properly registered).

12 Residential Qualifications

- (a) A player must compete with a team representing the Elite team area in which they reside, which is entered in a division for which they are qualified to play, unless they are given a proper release.
- (b) A player shall be deemed for purposes of tryout registrations to reside in the quadrant of which their parents are residing as of September 1st, of the playing season. If the player does not reside with either parent the player must reside with their legal guardian as defined under the Domestic Relations Act or the Child Welfare Act. Such player must have resided within the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta) for one full year prior to registration. Proof of guardianship and length of residency must be submitted and approved by Elite Council and Hockey Calgary prior to registration being accepted.

13 Previously Signed Players

Teams having signed a player for the previous season will be privileged to sign the same player (pending player and parent(s) written agreement), irrespective of their residence in the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta). The normal restrictions apply for signing a player who has signed with another team, either Community or Elite Hockey Association, for the current season. Should a player move out of the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), that player must register with the new draw zone in which they reside.

14 Player Release

A player who is unsuccessful at securing membership on a team within the Elite Quadrant, which encompasses the area of their residency, must return to their appropriate Community Hockey Association for play that season. This rule does not apply to U21 age players. U21 age players must still have a release to play for an Association outside the area of their residency.

15 Player Release (U13 & U15)

- (a) Rosters for all U13 AA teams must be declared by a date determined by Hockey Calgary for each playing season. Players not securing a roster spot on one of the AA teams must be released to their respective 'Community Hockey Association' on or before this date.
- (b) No U15 aged player may be released after a date determined by Hockey Calgary for each playing season. No U15 aged player may be signed to an Elite team from a Community Hockey Association team after January 10th of the playing season.
- (c) Special circumstances may be appealed to Hockey Calgary who shall establish a committee of three, one representative from each of Hockey Calgary, the Community Hockey Association, and the Elite Association, to resolve the situation.
- (d) Any coach who contravenes these rules shall be suspended indefinitely, until the matter is ruled on by the Special Committee of Hockey Calgary (Note: this rule is for Elite releases and signs with Community Hockey Association teams only, and does not involve releases and signers between Elite teams).

16 Affiliated Teams and Players

- (a) All affiliations must be filed, in writing by each Elite Association Registrar with the Hockey Calgary Registrar prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate, in any game with the team to which they are affiliated. If a Coach plays an affiliated player not registered with the specific Elite Registrar, they will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and may be subject to the sanctions of using such a player.
- (b) All Elite Associations are required to register their list of Community Hockey Association affiliated players in writing with Hockey Calgary by midnight October 22nd of the playing season. Once accepted by Hockey Calgary those players can be added into the Hockey Canada Registry. After October 22nd but before December 15th, additional affiliates can be requested as needed. Those players must be registered to a team before they can be registered as an affiliate. Approval of that Community Hockey Association must be received prior to the player being identified as an affiliate.
- (c) U15 AAA teams may affiliate any U15 Community Hockey Association player within their boundary following notification and approval of the respective Association and Hockey Calgary.
- (d) All Elite teams affiliating within the Elite system must register their list of affiliated players with each Elite Registrar and Hockey Calgary by midnight of the 15th of December of the playing season.
- (e) Copies of the list of affiliated players should be sent by the Elite President or representative to the following:
 - 1. Community Hockey Association Registrar;
 - 2. Community Hockey Association team coaches affected should be notified of the affiliation.
- (f) Permission must be secured from the affiliated player's coach or manager before an affiliate player is used.
- (g) For affiliation procedures in Elite hockey, all Elite Associations will follow the Hockey Canada regulation for Affiliations (Bylaws Book - Section (F)). Please see www.hockeycalgary.com to download a complete Hockey Canada Bylaws book.
- (h) Players transferred from USA Hockey and other Hockey Canada member branches are eligible to advance to a team of higher Division or Category as an Affiliate Player. A Non-North American Import is ineligible to advance to a team of a higher Division or Category as an Affiliate Player.
- (i) U21 B teams will follow Section B U21 of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations with regards to the affiliation process.

17 Officials

Any complaints about referees or off-ice officials by coaches, managers, players or parents must be sent to the appropriate Elite Association President for approval and onward delivery to the Chairman of Elite Council for appropriate action.

18 Length of Games

Permit length	Length of periods 1, 2, and 3
U13 AA (1 ½ hours)	15, 20, and 20 minutes
U15 AA (2¼ hours)	20, 20, and 20 minutes
U15 AAA (2¼ hours)	As per the AEHL rules
U16 AA (2 ¼ hours)	20, 20, and 20 minutes
U17 AAA (2¼ hours)	As per AEHL rules
U18 AA (2¼ hours)	20, 20, and 20 minutes
U18 AAA	As per AEHL rules
Jr B (2¼ hours)	20, 20, and 20 minutes

Note:

- i. All games are stop time.
- ii. One time out is permitted for each team.
- iii. There will be a 5-minute warm-up before each game.
- iv. Floods between periods will only occur as follows:
 - (a) For all full games (2 ¼ hours or longer) the ice will be flooded at the end of each period.
- v. Hockey Calgary reserves the right to make special changes to the number and length of periods. The respective League Coordinator will notify teams if a change is made.
- vi. No game will exceed the permit time. If undue delays occur for any reason and the game cannot be completed within the permit time, the following procedure will be followed:
 - (a) At the first stoppage of play after time reaches 5 minutes left on the permit, the timekeeper will notify the referee.
 - (b) At this stoppage of play the clock will be reset to 2 minutes and the remainder of the game completed with stop time.
 - (c) All Games in the Calgary Leagues will be managed using a “quick face-off” procedure, otherwise referred to as the 15-second face-off.

19 Team Management

- (a) Each team shall have in their player's box a responsible person not in uniform (no more than 5) to coach and look after and take responsibility for the team during the game. Failure to provide this responsible person could result in an automatic forfeiture of the game.
- (b) Rule 9.2 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book must be rigidly adhered to. This rule states: Team officials shall be responsible for their conduct and that of their players at all times. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during, or after the game, on or off the ice, and any place in the rink.
- (c) Further to Rule 9.2, the Head Coach will be responsible to ensure there is at least one and preferably 2 responsible adults monitoring the team dressing room before and after each ice time. They will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct, bullying, and vandalism in any form. Failure to comply with this supervision may result in the suspension of the Head Coach for a period of at least one game. Any adult found complicit with any undesirable activity will be suspended for a period of at least one year.
- (d) At the U13 (11 years old) level and above the following conditions will apply in all co-ed team environments:
 - 1. Females and males will change in separate rooms
 - 2. Both genders shall congregate in one dressing room fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.
 - 3. The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more than 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated (to stay longer) by the coaching staff.
 - 4. The gender in the majority shall not begin changing, helmets, gloves and skates excepted, prior to the departure of the lesser represented gender.
 - 5. When necessary, due to facility limitations, dressing and showering shall be done in shifts with the gender in the majority dressing and showering first. Once the room with shower facilities has been fully vacated the lesser represented gender may use the shower facilities.

20 League Governor

- (a) It will be their duty to supervise and direct the conduct of the teams, coaches, managers, and players coming under their jurisdiction. They have the authority to discipline any team official or player who contravenes any of the rules and regulations established by Hockey Calgary and the Elite Council. They may also deal (in liaison with the Elite Council Chair) with any Elite registered team, who in their opinion is guilty of conduct unbecoming the game of hockey.
- (b) They, at no time should enter the referee's room during a game unless invited. If they have a complaint against an official, they will put it in writing and send it to the Elite Council Chair with a copy to the Elite Council Vice-Chair.
- (c) They may suspend, with the concurrence of the Elite Council Chair (or designate), a manager, coach, trainer, or a player up to a maximum of five games.
- (d) They are obligated to attend Elite Council meetings upon request to give a report of the events associated with their league (i.e. standings, suspensions, etc.). If they do not attend Elite Council meetings they must file a report with the Elite Council Chair.
- (e) The League Governor shall enforce Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Calgary rules, consistently, firmly but fairly.

21 End of Game Responsibilities/Official Game Report

- (a) At the completion of each hockey game teams should participate in a post-game handshake followed by the visiting team exiting the ice surface first. In games where the referee determines that a post-game handshake will not be used the home team must stay on the ice at their box until the visiting team is off the ice.
- (b) Hockey Calgary Leagues:
 - a. The Home team Manager must enter all information on the official game report into the digital game sheet on the Hockey Calgary website and upload a PDF/picture copy of the official game report within 24 hours after the game is completed. Failure to do so may result in the coach being suspended or the loss of points from the game.
 - b. The Home team Manager is responsible for informing the League Governor of any incidents written up on the official game report by the referee within 24 hours of the game being completed.
 - c. An official from each team must retain their copy (hard copy or picture) of the official game report until the end of the season.
 - d. Only referees and linesmen are allowed to write on the official game report.
 - e. First and last names must be clearly legible in the roster list for each team.
 - f. All managers are to ensure that the volunteers selected to complete the official game report do so in a manner that ensures they are legible and accurate. Elite Council will provide guidelines for the completion of official game reports at the beginning of the season. Accurate and timely information is important to the proper administration and management of the league, including management of disciplinary actions of participants.
- (c) AEHL: Teams must follow AEHL rules pertaining to Official game reports

22 Schedule Changes

- (a) All league games must be played as scheduled unless otherwise authorized by Elite Council in consultation with Hockey Calgary. Coaches, Managers, or Hockey Associations may NOT reschedule games. Teams requesting a schedule change must fill out the appropriate Game Change Form with their league. Failure to comply, will result in a loss of the 2 points to the offending team(s). In addition, the coach(s) will face further disciplinary action(s) including a minimum six game suspension or a possible suspension of up to one year. The loss of points will be deducted from that portion of the schedule following any seeding round.

- (b) Elite Council will entertain a change of schedule for Tournament games only, for U13 AA, U15 AA, or U18 AA teams only. U13 AA teams are permitted to one schedule change, and U15 & U18 AA teams will be allowed two schedule changes per season. The deadline to apply for a schedule change is **November 30th**. All teams in Elite Council participating within the AEHL must fill out the appropriate Game Change Form with their respective league. All approved Game Change Forms within the AEHL must be forwarded to the Hockey Calgary office.
- (c) Games will only be postponed for Hockey Canada approved tournaments outside the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta), or those tournaments deemed "Special Events" within the Calgary Region (as filed with Hockey Alberta).
- (d) All league play must be finalized by the last scheduled game, unless otherwise extended by the Elite Council.
- (e) Elite Council reserves the right to refuse any or all requests.
- (f) Absolutely no postponing of Minor Hockey Week games.

23 Playoffs

- (a) During playoffs the Chair of Elite Council will have special powers to deal with protests, complaints or additional games to be played. Forfeiture of any game in a playoff series may mean forfeiture of the complete series.
- (b) Team standings for playoffs will be decided on the basis of point total. In cases where two or more teams are tied in points, the tie will be broken as follows and in the order indicated:
 1. If the tied teams have played each other an equal number of times (balanced schedule), league positions are assigned based on results of games between the tied teams. The team with the highest number of points in the games between the tied teams takes the top available position and so on until all available positions have been filled. If the tied teams have not played each other an equal number of times (unbalanced schedule) or if teams are still tied then:
 2. Tied teams are assigned league positions based on number of wins, with the largest number of wins taking top available ranking, and so on.
 3. For teams that are still tied, league positions will be assigned based on the ratio of goals for divided by goals against for all league games played, with largest ratio taking top available position and so on.
 4. If teams remain tied, Hockey Calgary will resolve the final positions. This will be done by scheduling games, where possible, or by resorting to coin toss, at the discretion of Hockey Calgary, after taking into account the number of tied teams and the timing of playoff games.
- (c) The number of teams to qualify for the playoffs will be based on the size of the division:

U13 AA	All 12 teams qualify
U15 AA	All 12 teams qualify
U15 AAA	As per the AEHL Rules
U16 AA	All teams qualify
U17 AAA	As per AEHL Rules
U18 AA	All 8 teams qualify
U18 AAA	As per AEHL rules
U21 B	All 8 teams qualify
- (d) Playoff rules will be determined by Hockey Calgary for each of the respective leagues and circulated prior to the start of playoffs.

24 Suspensions

- (a) Players or team officials receiving a game or gross misconduct for any reason must contact their League Coordinator prior to participation in their next League, Minor Hockey Week, playoff, Tournament, or Exhibition game. In almost all cases a one or two game suspension will be assessed which will be applied to the next scheduled game.
- (b) It is the head coach's responsibility to ensure these guidelines are followed. For all infractions the Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines Appendix V, will be followed. The League Coordinator with the concurrence of the Chairman of Elite Council shall have the power to assess up to two additional game suspensions for any checking from behind penalty.
- (c) A suspended coach, manager, non-player team official, or spectator, is not permitted in the arena or adjoining building to the arena while they are under suspension. The use of any or all communication devices cannot be used between any suspended coach, manager, non-player team official, spectator, or player and the team is prohibited. Nor can any person so suspended utilize an intermediary to conduct such communication, either verbally or via a device. The suspension will include 1-hour prior - until 1 hour after the suspended game.
- (d) A suspended player shall not be allowed within 50 feet of any player's bench nor allowed in the dressing room 1 hour before and 1 hour after the game. Also, a suspended player may not be allowed within 25 feet of the referees change room or within 25 feet of where the officials enter or exit the ice surface.
- (e) A player or team official that has been suspended will be notified in writing by the League Coordinator or Elite Council Chair (other than automatic suspensions outlined in the Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines and they must be followed). In the event of a suspended player playing, the game will be forfeited to the non-offending team and the coach shall be suspended indefinitely, until the matter is ruled on by the Elite Council.

25 Appeal of Suspensions

The appeal of a suspension shall be filed in writing by the President (or their designate) of the appellant's association to the Elite Council Chair. The appeal must be accompanied by a cheque of \$150 (non-refundable) payable to Elite Council within 48 hours of notification of suspension being assessed. Note that minimum suspensions, as outlined in the Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspensions Guidelines, are not subject to appeal.

26 Game Protests

- (a) The parties: only the two teams involved shall have the right to file a protest in regard to a game or incident connected therewith.
- (b) Referee's decision: a protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it concerns a question of interpretation of the rules. Only rule violation protests will be considered.
- (c) Protests made regarding games played must be in writing and such protests, together with a summary of any evidence to be submitted and a list of any witnesses to be called, shall be prepared with copies going to:
 - 1. The League Coordinator;
 - 2. Elite Council Chair;
 - 3. Registered official of opposing team.
- (d) The protest shall set out the regulations and/or rules under which the protest is laid and shall be signed by the coach or manager of the protesting team, as well as the President or a Vice-President of the team's association.
- (e) Protests must be in the hands of the League Chair, or in their absence, the Hockey Calgary Office, and a registered official of the opposing team within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game protested or at least 8 hours prior to a game that may be affected by the outcome of the protest.
- (f) A cheque in the amount of \$150 payable to the "Hockey Calgary", which sum shall be non-refundable,

must accompany the protest.

- (g) Both teams and Associations will be notified by the Executive Director of Hockey Calgary (or designate) of the date and place of the hearing. All protests will be heard by a Special Committee of Hockey Calgary representatives and will include the League Chair.

27 Structure

Elite Hockey will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Hockey Calgary Bylaws.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING RECREATIONAL HOCKEY (RHC)

Words not specifically defined in these Rules will have the meaning given to them in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of Hockey Calgary and if not defined in the Constitution, By-laws and Rules and Regulations of Hockey Calgary, then the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada.

All general Rules and Regulations governing hockey apply to Recreational Hockey Association of Calgary (RHC) with the following additions:

1 Ages for Competition

U13 11 and 12 year olds

U15 13 and 14 year olds

U18 15 and 16 year olds

U21 17, 18, 19, and 20 year olds

Note: Ages as of December 31

2 Boundaries

RHC is a city wide Hockey Association. The geographical boundaries of RHC are the same as the boundaries of the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary. See Boundary maps at www.hockeycalgary.com

3 Registration

- (a) All players under RHC are officially registered with Hockey Calgary through RHC.
- (b) Players who register with RHC are not allowed to register or tryout with any other Hockey Calgary Association or team while registered with RHC.
- (c) RHC allows both male and female, players and goalies, to play in all divisions.

4 Body Checking

- (a) All hockey played within RHC is non-body checking. A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who, in the opinion of the Referee, intentionally body checks, bumps, shoves or pushes an opposing player.
- (b) "Body checking" is not the same as "body contact". When the offensive player is skating toward the defending player, the defending player may not hit the attacking player by going in the opposite direction to that player. The body contact must be as a result of the movement of the offensive player. There must be no action where the offensive player is pushed, checked or shoved into the boards. Where, in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be assessed.

5 Players per Team

The recommended number of players per team is:

U13 15 + 1	U18 16 + 1
U15 15 + 1	U21 17 + 1

6 Coaches

- (a) All RHC coaches must have completed Respect in Sport Activity Leader. Each RHC team must have one coach certified with Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP). U13 RHC Head Coaches are required to be **trained** in Coach Level 2. In addition, RHC will support any volunteer coach who wishes to complete Coach Stream training, but this is not required.

- (b) To help provide a safe and secure environment for all RHC players and to provide assurance to all those involved in RHC, RHC requires a mandatory City of Calgary Police Information Check for all coaches and volunteers. This security check will be valid for 3 years.
- (c) For any RHC program that incorporates team practices, RHC requires the Head Coach to be qualified in accordance with Hockey Alberta coach qualifications.

7 Player Acceleration and Deceleration

Normally every player must play within their respective categories. However players and goalies can be moved up or down an age category. Only written (emailed) exceptions requested by parents will be considered. This request, either for sibling involvement or skill, will be considered. This request needs to be done with each registration.

8 Player Release

- (a) A RHC player may be released by transfer to another team in another Association for which they are eligible to play up until January 10th. A player so released shall have their own Hockey Canada Registry profile (where applicable) forwarded to the Registrar along with the release from their previous team.
- (b) No player may be registered to a team after January 10th.
- (c) A player not having registered with Hockey Calgary prior to January 10th must apply to Hockey Calgary through the Executive Director, for special permission to register with RHC providing the team with which they wish to register does not have a full roster.

9 Release Policy

- (a) Any player requesting a release from RHC must first apply to Hockey Calgary for approval. The Hockey Calgary Registrar will inform the applicant of the decision after consultation with all affected hockey associations. Release applications are available through the Hockey Calgary website.
- (b) No player will be allowed to skate or tryout in any hockey program until they have been properly released by Hockey Calgary as well as received any waivers, which may be required to allow them to play in the association of their choice.

10 Eligibility for use of Affiliated Players

- (a) Affiliated players may be used in place of players registered on a team, subject to the maximum number limitations described below. Affiliated players may be used to replace injured players or players that will be absent for any reason, but not, subject to the conditions as described below, to replace players suspended by Hockey Calgary or RHC.
- (b) A Non-North American Import is ineligible to advance to a team of a higher Division or Category as an Affiliate Player.
- (c) Teams are permitted to use affiliation to return the team to a maximum of 10 skaters (excluding goaltenders).
 - i. Example: A team has 14 skaters and two (2) goaltenders registered to their Official Team Roster for a maximum of 16 players. Should five (5) skaters be unavailable due to sickness or injury, the team would be permitted to use one (1) affiliate to bring their roster size up to the 10 skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
- (d) If a team's designated goaltender(s) is injured or ill, another designated goaltender from the same or a lower division may be used. Division Coordinator approval should be obtained.
- (e) Any game sheet that shows an affiliate with over 10 registered team skaters will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and subject to the sanctions of using such a player.
- (f) Players who play within RHC cannot affiliate to or play for teams within Community of Elite hockey.
- (g) Players who play goal or designated goaltenders within the Community or Elite hockey streams of U13, U15 and U18 can affiliate with the permission of Hockey Calgary for the purposes of playing goal within RHC. The maximum number of games that a player or designated goaltender plays goal within RHC is

unrestricted if enough goaltenders are not available within RHC. Players who play goal and designated goaltenders from teams within the Community or Elite hockey streams who affiliated to RHC for the purposes of playing goal within RHC can also affiliate to one team within the Community or Elite hockey streams as per the normal affiliation procedures set out in Community Hockey Rules 10 and 11, and Elite Rule 16. However, the preferred affiliate goaltender is always another goaltender already registered in RHC.

11 Procedure for use of Affiliated Players

- (a) In RHC, an "Affiliate Player" is any other player who is registered in RHC only in the same age bracket or in the next younger age bracket.
- (b) Affiliate players can only play a maximum of 10 games for another team during the season. Coaches who use an ineligible player(s) will be subject to a game suspension for each game played over the maximum of 5 games.
- (c) Games are defined for the use of affiliates as RHC scheduled league games only. For all games of Minor Hockey Week and YET (Year End Tournament), coaches can not use any affiliate players except a goaltender already registered in RHC. Violation of this rule will result in the offending team forfeiting any victory obtained while using the ineligible player(s).
- (d) When a higher division team uses an affiliated player they must indicate in writing (A/P) after the player's name on the game sheet.
- (e) When using an affiliate player, the higher division team must obtain the permission of the lower division team and have the sanction of the Division Coordinator indicated on the game sheet on which the affiliated player's name appears. Failure to obtain permission to use the affiliate player or to obtain the sanction of the Division Coordinator may result in the coach of the higher team receiving a one game suspension.
- (f) A team may "loan" their opponent a player or two when one team has a full bench and the other is short. Please inform the Referees before doing so. All loaned players must have (A/P) after the player's name on the game sheet and a short note attached to the email game sheet explaining the situation.
- (g) Players not registered with Hockey Calgary will at no time be allowed to play as an affiliate player.

12 Short Bench for both Teams

- (a) Teams may choose to play "4 on 4" by agreement of the Coaches involved. Short teams must have eight (or fewer than eight) skaters. Please inform the Referees before doing so.
- (b) When a team is short a Goaltender, the teams can share playing time of the Goaltender on an equal basis or play with 1 additional player.

13 Ineligible Players

- (a) An ineligible player may be classified as, but not restricted to, the following:
 - 1. A player who is improperly registered with Hockey Calgary. It is RHC's and the individual team's responsibility, to make certain that all players are properly registered.
 - 2. A suspended player.
 - 3. A player who has not been properly released as per the release policy and procedures of Hockey Calgary.
 - 4. A player deemed to be ineligible as defined under the rules of Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A Coach or Manager who plays an ineligible player will be immediately suspended until their case has been dealt with by RHC and Hockey Calgary. If any team official, executive member of a team or of an association has knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or ineligible player's name to the game sheet, they may be suspended for a period of three years.
- (c) All games played using an ineligible player may be forfeited.

- (d) If a Coach or Manager asks to examine an opposing team's HCR Team Sheet prior to completion of the game and it is not at hand, it must be produced before the end of the game. Failure to do so could mean forfeiture of the game.

14 Officials

- (a) During league games, Minor Hockey Week, and YET, all RHC officials will be assigned by Central Region Referees' Committee.
- (b) Teams must supply off-ice officials. The home team supplies the game timekeeper, and visiting team the scorekeeper.
- (c) Any complaints about referees or off-ice officials by coaches, players, or parents must be sent to the RHC President for approval and onward delivery to Hockey Calgary for appropriate action.
- (d) All off-ice officials are responsible for conducting their duties in a manner that displays sportsmanship and shows fair play and respect to all participants. As neutral off-ice officials assisting the referee in proper conduct of the game, they are significant contributors to the management of the game. Should their behavior warrant disciplinary action they may be relieved of their duties by the referee or other Hockey Calgary Official.

15 Fair Play

- (a) RHC expects all players, parents, coaches, and any other people that attend RHC games or functions to behave in a socially acceptable manner that supports the Mission and Objectives of the RHC hockey program and to act as a positive role model for all RHC players.
- (b) RHC supports the FAIR PLAY CODES programs of Hockey Canada and Hockey Calgary.
- (c) By registering or volunteering in RHC, players along with coaches, parents, directors, and spectators, agree to adhere to the Fair Play Codes of Hockey Calgary.
- (d) Regardless of whether a form is signed, all members (coaches, players, officials, parents, directors, and spectators) are still subject to the consequences for unacceptable behavior.
- (e) Hockey Calgary reserves the right to suspend a player, coach, and/or parent from RHC who has violated Hockey Calgary's Fair Play Codes

16 Suspension Guidelines

- (a) All RHC players and coaching staff will be subject to the same suspension process and rules that apply to all other teams and associations registered with Hockey Calgary. Hockey Calgary has suspension guidelines which may apply in specific situations. They all apply to RHC.
- (b) Coaches and player suspensions carry over into the next regular season if not fully served in the previous season.
- (c) Division Coordinators have the authority to alter or issue suspensions on an individual basis. Division Coordinators along with the Discipline Committee also have the right to issue suspensions to players or spectators in cases where behavior deviates from the spirit and philosophy of RHC.
- (d) Coaches will be notified by the Division Coordinator about a player's suspension after the Discipline Committee has discussed the matter. The Discipline Committee should have a decision before the next scheduled league game.
- (e) Coaches are expected to notify parents and player of any major disciplinary action taken against their player.
- (f) It is the responsibility of each team coach to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact your Division Coordinator.
- (g) Penalty totals in regulation [Penalties](#) will carry suspensions as noted.
- (h) A game misconduct in the last 10 minutes of a game will result in a one game suspension.

17 Appeal of Suspensions

- (a) Suspensions issued by RHC or other Hockey Calgary officials that are a result of a referee’s judgment call and follow the Minimum Suspension Guidelines will not be reviewed.
- (b) The appeal of a suspension that is greater in duration than the minimum suspension for a particular offence (as indicated by the Hockey Alberta Minimum) can be filed in writing to the Vice President of RHC (or their designate) who will send it onto Hockey Calgary. The appeal must be sent within 48 hours of notification of suspension being assessed. The appeal process must follow the guidelines set up by Hockey Calgary outlined in [Appeals](#).

18 Length of Games

Permit	Length of periods 1, 2, and 3
1 hour permit	13, 13, and 13 minutes
1 ¼ hour permit	15, 15, and 15 minutes

Note:

- i. All games are stop time.
- ii. No time outs permitted.
- iii. There will be a 3-minute warm-up before each game.
- iv. No floods between periods.
- v. For games of 1 hour and 1 ¼ hour duration, players will not leave the ice between periods.
- vi. Hockey Calgary reserves the right to make special changes to the number and length of periods. The respective League Chair/League Coordinator will duly notify teams of such changes.
- vii. No game will exceed the permit time. If undue delays occur for any reason and the game cannot be completed within the permit time, the following procedure will be followed:
 - (a) At the first stoppage of play after time reaches 5 minutes left on the permit, the timekeeper will notify the referee.
 - (b) At this stoppage of play the clock will be reset to 2 minutes and the remainder of the game completed with stop time.

19 Penalties

- (a) Any player who incurs 3 penalties during a game will receive a game ejection and an additional game suspension.
- (b) Each subsequent 3 penalty game after the first will result in a two game suspension.
- (c) Any player receiving 20 penalties within a season (including Minor Hockey Week and YET) will receive a 3 game suspension.
- (d) Any player receiving 25 penalties within a season (including Minor Hockey Week and YET) will be reviewed by the RHC Discipline Committee for possible expulsion from the league.
- (e) Any player that receives 2 or more suspensions that fall under the Hockey Calgary Minimum Suspensions Guidelines will be reviewed by the RHC Discipline Committee for further discipline or expulsion from the league.
- (f) A 10 minute misconduct in the last 10 minutes of a game will be reviewed by the Division Coordinator and will normally require the player to serve the unexpired portion of the 10 minutes by sitting in the penalty box at the start of the player’s next game. The game sheet for the next game that the player attends shall note the completion of the penalty. It is the responsibility of the coach and player to make sure this time is served and completed.

20 Schedule Changes

- (a) RHC or coaches may not reschedule games. Only under exceptional circumstances can application be made to Hockey Calgary in writing, for permission to have Hockey Calgary reschedule a game. It should be noted that games can only be rescheduled with the approval of the Category Governor, Executive Director, and the Hockey Calgary office.
- (b) All league play must be finalized by the last scheduled game, unless otherwise extended by the Hockey Calgary Executive.
- (c) Hockey Calgary reserves the right to refuse any or all requests.

21 Team Management

- (a) Each team shall have in their player's bench a responsible person not in uniform (no more than five) to coach, look after, and take responsibility for the team during the game. Failure to provide this responsible person could result in an automatic forfeiture of the game. Rule 11.1 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book must be rigidly adhered to. This rule states: Team officials shall always be responsible for their conduct and that of their players. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any place in the rink.
- (b) Further to Hockey Canada Rule 9.2, the head coach will be responsible to ensure there are at least one and preferably two responsible adults in the team dressing room before and after each ice time. They will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct, bullying, and vandalism in any form. These adults may be any team official or adult selected by the head coach. Failure to comply with this supervision may result in the suspension of the head coach for a period of at least one game. Any adult found complicit with any undesirable activity will be suspended for a period of at least one year. This applies within all streams of Hockey Calgary.
- (c) At the U13 (11 years old) level and above the following conditions will apply in all co-ed team environments:
 - 1. Females and males will change in separate rooms
 - 2. Both genders shall congregate in one dressing room fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.
 - 3. The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more than 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated (to stay longer) by the coaching staff.
 - 4. The gender in the majority shall not begin changing, helmets, gloves and skates excepted, prior to the departure of the lesser represented gender.
 - 5. When necessary, due to facility limitations, dressing and showering shall be done in shifts with the gender in the majority dressing and showering first. Once the room with shower facilities has been fully vacated the lesser represented gender may use the shower facilities.
- (d) The use of cameras, video equipment and camera phones are strictly prohibited in the team dressing rooms at any time.

22 Division Coordinator

- (a) It will be the duty of the Division Coordinator to supervise and direct the conduct of the teams, coaches, and players coming under their jurisdiction. They have the authority to discipline any team official or player who contravenes any of the rules and regulations established by Hockey Calgary and the RHC Board. They may also deal (in liaison with the RHC Discipline Committee Chair) with any RHC team, who in their opinion is guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member of RHC or Hockey Calgary.
- (b) The Division Coordinator at no time should enter the referee's room during a game unless invited. If they have a complaint against an official, they should put it in writing and send it to the RHC President with a copy to the RHC Vice-President.

- (c) They may suspend, with the agreement of the RHC Discipline Committee, a coach, player, parent, or spectator.
- (d) They are obligated to attend RHC Board meetings to give a report of the events associated with their Division. If they are unable to attend RHC Board meetings they must file a report with the RHC Secretary.
- (e) The Division Coordinator shall enforce Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Calgary rules, consistently, firmly but fairly.

23 End of Game Etiquette

- (a) At the completion of each hockey game teams should participate in a post game handshake. In games where the referee determines that a post game handshake will not be used the home team must stay on the ice at their box until the visiting team is off.

24 Official Game Reports

- (a) Official game reports and any incident reports for all league, Minor Hockey Week, or Year End Tournament games must be forwarded by either fax, email, or scan within 24 hours of a game being completed, to the appropriate Division Coordinator.
- (b) League score sheets are to be forwarded to the Division Coordinator by the winning team, or the home team in the case of a tie.
- (c) Only referees are allowed to write reports on the score sheet
- (d) First and last names must be clearly legible on the team labels provided for the team line up.
- (e) All coaches are to ensure that the volunteers selected to complete the game sheet do so in a manner that ensures they are legible and accurate. RHC will either provide guidelines for the completion of game sheets at the beginning of the season via a meeting or information posted on the RHC website. Accurate and timely information is important to the proper administration and management of the league, including management of disciplinary actions of participants.

25 Year End Tournament (YET)

- (a) RHC does not hold playoffs at the end of a season but does hold an in house YET.
- (b) During the YET, the Division Coordinator will handle all protests, complaints and suspensions.
- (c) All teams in each division of U13, U15, U18 and U21 will enter YET and will be seeded based on the final season competitiveness.
- (d) All YET rules are posted on the RHC website.

26 Structure

RHC will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Hockey Calgary Bylaws.

FAIR PLAY CODES

PLAYERS

- I will play hockey because I want to, not because others or coaches want me to.
- I will play by the rules of hockey, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will respect my teammates.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends, and doing my best are also important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays/performance – those of my team and of my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

PARENTS

- I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for their enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child’s team and their opponents.
- I will never question the officials’ judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s hockey games.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to coach hockey for my child.

COACHES

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, and opponents.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support, and playing time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players’ ages and abilities.
- I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

OFFICIALS

- I will make sure that every player has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of their ability, within the limits of the rules.
- I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the players.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any player either by word or by action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward myself, other officials, players, or spectators.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team, coach, or individual player.
- I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- I accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- I will be open to discussion and contact with the players and coaches before and after the game.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.
- I will work in cooperation with coaches for the benefit of the game.

SPECTATORS

- I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.

LEAGUE ORGANIZERS

- I will do my best to see that all players are given the same chance to participate, regardless of gender, ability, ethnic background, or race.
- I will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for the spectator.
- I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- I will make sure that the age and maturing level of the participants are considered in program development, rule enforcement, and scheduling.
- I will remember that play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective.
- I will distribute the fair play codes to spectators, coaches, athletes, officials, parents, and media.
- I will make sure that coaches and officials are capable of promoting fair play as well as the development of good technical skills and I will encourage them to become certified.

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FAIR PLAY CODE POLICY FOR COACHES

The fair play codes are set out in Hockey Canada's booklet *Safety Requires Teamwork* – An information guide to Hockey Canada's Risk Management and National Insurance Programs. The fair play codes are a set of guidelines for players, coaches, parents, officials, spectators and league organizers set out to promote positive hockey experiences. Fair play is important from a developmental perspective as well as from a risk management perspective.

It is the policy of Hockey Calgary that the Fair Play Codes be followed by all member associations affiliated with Hockey Calgary including Elite Hockey, Community Hockey, Girls Hockey, and Recreational Hockey.

For the most part the fair play codes are clear. However, for coaches there is a provision, which states, "I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time." The use of the term "equal" is generally understood. However, there is a tendency among a small minority to mis-interpret the term "equal" with "earned" or "fair" which allows for entirely different interpretations of the intentions of the fair play codes. Some individuals will acknowledge that the fair play codes apply and then claim you can shorten the bench in the last five minutes of a game, in a tight situation or in playoffs. Allowing variances in the interpretation of fair play only increases a broader degree of confusion for the rules of minor hockey.

Fair play is intended to allow all players an equal opportunity to develop their skills in Hockey. Development occurs in both practice and game situations. And within the game itself, there are different situations where each player should be afforded the opportunity to develop his or her skills, whether it is power play, penalty kill, playoffs or tournaments.

The following policy respecting ice time is intended to ensure a consistent application of the fair play codes throughout the Hockey Calgary network with an emphasis to ensure all players are provided equal opportunity to develop his or her hockey skills in every game situation. The policy applies to Elite Hockey, Community Hockey, Girls Hockey, and Recreational Hockey.

FAIR PLAY POLICY RELATING TO COACHES

The head coach is responsible for allocating more or less playing time to players in any particular game but should ensure that over two to three games the playing time per athlete member is relatively equal. This includes all games and practices, home or away, exhibition, regular season, playoff or tournament. This policy applies to all levels of hockey administered under Hockey Calgary including Elite Hockey, Community Hockey, Girls Hockey, and Recreational Hockey.

The following policies should be reviewed and followed by all coaches and the principles of fair play openly communicated by Hockey Calgary to all of its member associations and directors.

Goalies

A regular rotation for goalies should be strived for throughout the hockey season that will result in an equal number of games played by each team goalie. The rotation is subject to changes in the event of injuries or sickness or suspension.

Rotations should strive to ensure equal number of games played within League, Playoff, Minor Hockey Week, Exhibition and Tournament Play.

Players

A regular rotation of players should be strived for at their playing position throughout a game including power play and penalty killing, noting that the game includes the last five minutes and overtime. Each team should designate playing positions; defense, left wing, right wing, centre and no team should have a dis-proportionate number of designated forwards for a game (i.e. if there are five left wingers and three right wingers, one of the left wingers should become a right winger). If there are ten forwards and five defencemen, then one of the forwards should play defence.

For those coaches wishing to utilize a special teams unit for either power play or penalty killing, those coaches, as a tool for themselves, should establish a listing (Special Teams Log) of their designated units for each five game (or shorter) rotation. Such listing to show each player receiving an equal participation on those designated units. It is recommended that those listings be kept by the coach for the duration of the season.

Coaches choosing not to maintain a Special Teams Log should not utilize a separate power play or penalty killing unit for games. The power plays or penalty killing lines should simply be the next line in the regular rotation.

U21 B & C Team Rosters

U21 B or C teams with rosters in excess of the maximum allowable playing positions should establish a rotation of players that will be required to sit out of the line-up in those situations where healthy scratches are required. The rotation should result in all players taking a turn as a healthy scratch if a sufficient number of healthy scratches are required.

Affiliates

Teams are encouraged to bring up affiliated goalies in order to ensure the team has a back-up goalie for each game. It is the coach's discretion as to whether an affiliate goalie plays or not, however, in extended situations where an affiliate is required, the regular team goalie should not receive less game time than what the regular rotation would have provided.

If a team chooses to bring up an affiliate it is recommended teams do not bring up a positional player that creates a contingent at each position greater than 6 defenseman or 9 forwards, respectively .

Teams must recognize Hockey Calgary Affiliation Rules outlined in Community, Elite, Female, and Recreational Hockey sections restricting the number of affiliations and ensuring not to increase the team size to greater than the team roster.

Player Discipline

Coaches should use discretion to sit a player for the first period, or portion thereof, of a game in the event a player has developed a habit of missing practices within a set reasonable limit or arriving late for games. The requirements to sit a player should be documented and if repeated occurrences are considered necessary, the reasons should be reported to the teams' hockey association.

Coaches should have the discretion to sit a player for a period, or portion thereof, for objectionable conduct of the player (Swearing, inappropriate hits).

All coaches wishing to implement "team rules" should submit those "team rules" to their member association for approval. "Team Rules" should be reasonable and respect the varying needs of all players.

Fair Play Discipline

Every Hockey Calgary member association should have a Director responsible for games and conduct. All parent's or player's that feel that the fair play codes for their team are not being adhered to are encouraged to discuss their concerns with the coach on a private basis.

Should the concerns of the parent or player not be addressed or satisfied then the parent or player should feel comfortable reporting such non-compliance to the Director responsible for their associations Game and Conduct.

Each member association should establish internal policies and procedures to ensure full compliance with the fair play policies.

Only after an individual has exhausted all avenues of appeal within their member association should that individual raise such issues with Hockey Calgary.

Hockey Calgary Social Media Policy and Guidelines

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is changing the way we work, providing opportunities for connecting, sharing, and commenting on the world around us. Hockey Calgary strives to integrate social media into our business platform while maintaining a reputation of honesty, integrity, and respect in the community. This reputation is dependent on all individuals within the Hockey Calgary Community, which includes Coaches, Players, Parents and Spectators, to conduct themselves in the manner that demonstrates Respect in Sport at all times through actions which relate to the game of Hockey. We have adopted this policy to ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibility to maintain a positive and respectful image as a member of the Hockey Calgary Community and as such, all individuals that fall under this umbrella, are responsible to conduct themselves in a manner that is appropriate. All members of the Hockey Calgary Community that maintain personal social media pages (e.g. Facebook, LinkedIn, Blogs, Twitter, WordPress, etc.) are expected to comply with the guidelines set out within this policy.

This policy is not intended to interfere with the private lives of our members, or impinge on their right to freedom of speech. This policy is designed to ensure that we continue to maintain the integrity and respect in the Hockey Calgary Community and hold all individuals accountable for their actions should there be a breach of the guidelines.

Definitions:

Social Media: forms of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages and other content. These include but are not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, personal blogs and YouTube Videos.

General Guidelines:

All members of the Hockey Calgary Community that maintain personal social media pages or accounts are required to comply with the following guidelines as they relate to their association with the game of hockey. Members will be held accountable for what they write or post on social media or internet pages.

Members should follow the guidelines below when making posts or comments on any social media site whether it is public or private.

1. **Respect:** Posts involving the following will not be tolerated and may be subject to discipline as per Hockey Calgary All Streams 19 (b) Conduct Unbecoming the Game of Hockey.
 - Verbal Bullying - name calling, sarcasm, teasing, spreading rumors, threatening, making negative references to one's culture, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation and sexual comments;
 - Social Bullying - mobbing, scape goading, excluding others from a group, ganging up on and group teasing;
 - Cyber Bullying - using the internet or text messaging to intimidate, put-down, spread rumors or make fun of someone. This includes the posting of YouTube Videos and/or the posting of videos on Facebook which may be singling out individuals in a defamatory fashion.

These forms of bullying can leave lifelong scars with the victims involved including children feeling lonely, frightened and depressed. Our intention is to provide a respectful and a safe environment for all members within the Hockey Calgary Community.

2. Protect the game of Hockey: Remain mindful of the Respect in Sport initiative. It is the vision of Hockey Calgary to be the benchmark of sports associations by providing leadership, life skills, and development to our members for the enjoyment and success of all. This includes all individuals working together to maintain our core values which are;
 - RESPECT - we expect our players, parents, coaches, officials, spectators, league organizers and facility operators to be respectful of each other at all times.
 - ACCOUNTABLE - we are responsible for our own decisions and actions.
 - APPROACHABLE - we listen to the concerns of our member associations in response to their needs.
 - COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS - we build mutually beneficial relationships with others.
 - COMMUNICATIONS - we get the right message to the right people at the right time in the right way.
 - CONSISTENCY - we will be open and consistent in our interpretation and application of the rules and policies.
 - FAIR PLAY CODES - we support the principles of fair play and The Fair Play Codes.

ARENAS

Acadia Recreation Centre.....	ACA	240 90 Avenue SE
Bowness Sportsplex.....	BOW	7809 43 Avenue NW
Brentwood Sportsplex.....	BRE	Northmount Drive & 35 Street NW
Cardel Rec South 1.....	CS1	100, 333 Shawville Boulevard SE
Cardel Rec South 2.....	CS2	100, 333 Shawville Boulevard SE
Cardel Rec South 3.....	CS3	100, 333 Shawville Boulevard SE
Cardel Rec South 4.....	CS4	100, 333 Shawville Boulevard SE
Crowchild – Blue	CRB.....	185 Scenic Acres Drive NW
Crowchild – Red	CRR.....	185 Scenic Acres Drive NW
Crowfoot.....	CRT	8080 John Laurie Boulevard NW
East Calgary – Blue	ECB.....	299 Erinwoods Drive SE
East Calgary – Red.....	ECR.....	299 Erinwoods Drive SE
Ed Whalen.....	EDW	2000 Southland Drive SW
Edge Kyle Stuart.....	EKS	33055 Township Road 250
Edge Arena 2	EA2	33055 Township Road 250
Ernie Starr.....	ERN.....	4808 14 Avenue SE
Father David Bauer	FDB.....	2424 University Drive NW
Flames Community Arena – Blue.....	FCB	2390 47 Avenue SW
Flames Community Arena – Gold	FCG	2390 47 Avenue SW
Flames Community Arena – Red	FCR	2390 47 Avenue SW
Frank McCool.....	FRA	1900 Lake Bonavista Drive SE
George Blundun	GEO.....	5020 26 Avenue SW
Henry Viney	HEN.....	810 13 Avenue NE
Huntington Hills.....	HUN	520 78 Avenue NW
Jack Setters	JAC	69 Avenue & 20A Street SE
Joe Kryczka	JOE.....	2000 Southland Drive SW
Lake Bonavista	LAK	1401 Acadia Drive SE
Max Bell Centre	MB1	1001 Barlow Trail SE
Max Bell Centre 2.....	MB2	1001 Barlow Trail SE
Murray Copot	MUR	6715 Centre Street North
Norma Bush.....	NOR	2424 University Drive NW
Northeast Sportsplex East		
Don Hartman Arena	NSE	5206 68 Street NE
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Don Hartman Arena	NSW	5206 68 Street NE
Oakridge.....	OAK.....	9504 Oakfield Drive SW

HOCKEY CALGARY ARENAS

Optimist	OPT	5020 26 Avenue SW
Rocky Ridge YMCA	ROC	11300 Rocky Ridge Road NW
Rose Kohn	ROS	502 Heritage Drive SW
Seton YMCA Rink A	SYA	19340 45 Street SE
Seton YMCA Rink B	SYB	19340 45 Street SE
Shouldice	SHO	1515 Home Road NW
Springbank - Joe Phillips	SPJ	2.5 km south of Calaway Park exit on Trans Canada Hwy
Springbank - Red Dutton	SPR	2.5 km south of Calaway Park exit on Trans Canada Hwy
Stew Hendry	STW	810 13 Avenue NE
Stu Peppard	PEP	5300 19 Street SW
Thornccliffe/Greenview	THO	5600 Centre Street North
Trico Centre 1	TC1	11150 Bonaventure Drive SE
Trico Centre 2	TC2	11150 Bonaventure Drive SE
Triwood	TRI	2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW
Village Square 1	VS1	2623 56 Street NE
Village Square 2	VS2	2623 56 Street NE
Vivo – East	VVE	11950 Country Village Link NE
Vivo – West	VVW	11950 Country Village Link NE
West Hillhurst	WHT	1940 6 Avenue NW
West Mount Pleasant	WMP	2408 6 Street NW
Westside Recreation Centre	WES	2000 69 Street SW
WinSport A	WSA	88 Canada Olympic Road SW
WinSport B Joan Snyder	WSB	88 Canada Olympic Road SW
WinSport C	WSC	88 Canada Olympic Road SW
WinSport D visitcalgary.com	WSD	88 Canada Olympic Road SW

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PAST PRESIDENTS / CHAIRMEN

1948-50	Stu Peppard
1950-53	Rose Kohn
Not known	Tom Lynch
1968-71	Jack Setters
1971-74	George Cooke
1974-75	Ken Craig
1975-77	Murray Copot
1977-78	Vance Peters
1978-79	Grant Richards
1979-81	Bob Landry
1981-84	Ken McIntosh
1984-85	Martin Blake
1985-89	Ray Hostland
1989-93	Val McGeachie
1993-97	Dave Peterson
1997-99	Bob Padget
1999-04	Robin Mann
2004-07	Ken Moore
2007-11	Perry Cavanagh
2011-12	Todd Millar
2012-13	Presidential Committee
2013-19	Ron Chicoyne