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- Hockey Alberta is the governing body for organized hockey in the Province of Alberta.
- Hockey Alberta encourages competition on both a competitive and recreational level for those who enjoy hockey for the sportsmanship, skill and enjoyment it can provide.
- Hockey Alberta operates under the democratic system whereby all members have a voice in the operation of the provincial body through their respective Committees.
- Hockey Alberta is a proud member of Hockey Canada and as such takes an active part in setting national policy.
- Hockey Alberta conducts regional and provincial championship competitions at most levels of Minor, Junior, Senior and Female hockey.
- Referees are members of Hockey Alberta and the Officials Committee is part of Hockey Alberta's Operational committee structure. Official schools and clinics are held throughout the Province. Membership in Hockey Alberta entitles teams to the use of registered officials.
- Certified Coaching Clinics are provided at nominal rates. Instructions are given by qualified instructors.
- Hockey Alberta is represented on the Hockey Development Council of Hockey Canada. This committee prepares the technical programs for coaches, referees and other areas of hockey and provides Alberta with access to instructional material compiled by Canada's most expert instructors.
- Rules and Regulations governing hockey are standard across Canada. As a member of Hockey Alberta you have an opportunity to recommend rule changes which are then reviewed by the National body.
- Hockey Alberta acts as an Appeal Board to which any member, team or player may appeal any disciplinary measure or other matter rendered against him/her.
- Hockey Alberta issues permits for tournaments and exhibition games in order to ensure that participating teams meet age and other registration requirements.
- All players and officials of member teams are required to register in the Hockey Canada Registry as outlined by the appropriate section of these By-laws and Regulations. This ensures equity on the basis of age and residential requirements and provides a historical record of a player's career.
- Rule books, training manuals, information bulletins and posters are available to members through the Hockey Alberta office. Directors, Zone Team members or office staff are available on request to assist any organization.
- Hockey Alberta, by representing amateur hockey throughout the province, serves as a unifying voice in dealing with governments and private agencies in promoting the cause of hockey.

HOCKEY ALBERTA

BYLAWS

**BYLAWS
of the
ALBERTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1
INTERPRETATION**

1.1 Headings

The insertion of headings is for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

1.2 Terms

The terms "Bylaws", "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" and similar expressions refer to these Bylaws taken as a whole and not to any particular Bylaw or section and include any document or instrument which amends or is supplementary to these Bylaws.

1.3 Singular, Plural, Gender

Words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender include all genders.

1.4 "Person"

"Person" and other references to "persons" include any individual, firm, company, corporation, unincorporated body of persons or association.

1.5 "In Writing"

"In writing" or "written" include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visibly reproduced at a distant point of reception, including but not limited to email, telecopier (fax), telex or telegraph.

1.6 Notice

Whenever a period of notice is required under these Bylaws, the day on which notice is given shall not be counted as part of the notice period, but the day appointed by the notice for the event to which the notice relates shall be counted as part of the notice period.

1.7 Definitions

Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Bylaws, have the following meanings:

- (a) "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (b) "Annual Meeting" means the General Meeting of the Members as provided for in section 4.1;
- (c) "Associate Member" will have the meaning given to it in Section 2.2;
- (d) "Board" means the board of Directors of Hockey Alberta;

- (e) "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of Hockey Alberta as amended from time to time;
- (f) "Chair" means the individual elected by the Members to be the Chair of the Board for Hockey Alberta;
- (g) "Director(s)" means a director of Hockey Alberta;
- (h) "Division" or "Divisions" and any reference to "Junior", "Senior" or "Female" in connection therewith shall have the meaning given by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (i) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of Hockey Alberta appointed by the Board from time to time;
- (j) "Female Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (k) "Finance Director" shall mean the individual elected by the Members to be the Finance Director for the Board of Hockey Alberta;
- (l) "Financial Statements" means the financial statements of Hockey Alberta prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accounts from time to time, consistently applied;
- (m) "Fiscal Year" shall have that meaning as defined in section 9.1;
- (n) "General Meeting" means any general meeting of the Members;
- (o) "Hockey Alberta" shall mean The Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- (p) "Hockey Canada" means the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association;
- (q) "Hockey Team" will have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (r) "Junior "A" Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (s) "Junior "B/C" Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (t) "League" shall have that meaning defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (u) "Life Member" will have the meaning given to it in section 2.3;
- (v) "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and are approved by the Board and operates a program in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:
 - (i) Initiation;
 - (ii) Novice;
 - (iii) Atom;
 - (iv) Peewee;
 - (v) Bantam;
 - (vi) Midget;
- (w) "Member" shall mean a regular member as described in section 2.1;

- (x) "Member Team" shall have that meaning as set out in subsection 2.1(a)(i);
- (y) "Member's Representative" means the individual that is duly authorized by a Member to vote on behalf of the Member at a meeting of Members;
- (z) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- (aa) "Minor Hockey Zones" shall have that meaning set out in the Regulations;
- (bb) "Officer(s)" means an officer of Hockey Alberta as provided for in Article 7;
- (cc) "Past Chair" means the individual who was the Chair for the term immediately prior to the election of a new Chair;
- (dd) "Referee Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (ee) "Regulations" means those regulations of Hockey Alberta as made and amended from time to time;
- (ff) "Rules" means those rules of the game as made and amended from time to time, by Hockey Canada;
- (gg) "Senior Hockey Committee" shall have the meaning given to it in the Regulations;
- (hh) "Special Meeting" shall mean a meeting of the Members as referred to in section 4.3;
- (ii) "Special Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the Members entitled to vote as are present in person at a meeting of Members of which notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution has duly been given; and
- (jj) "Vice-Chair" means the individual elected by the Members to be the Vice-Chair of the Board for Hockey Alberta.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Regular Membership

- (a) Subject to the conditions precedent set out herein and compliance with these Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations, regular membership in Hockey Alberta is open to the following:
 - (i) an Amateur Hockey Team of Junior, Senior or Female Division that is not within or a part of a Local Minor Hockey Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Member Team") that satisfies the requirements of the Board from time to time for regular membership and whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta; and
 - (ii) any Local Minor Hockey Association whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta, provided that Hockey Alberta will only recognize one Local Minor Hockey Association for each city, town, village or hamlet.
- (b) As a condition precedent to membership in Hockey Alberta, each prospective Member shall agree that:
 - (i) Hockey Alberta is the supreme authority concerning Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, subject only to the right of appeal to Hockey Canada;
 - (ii) it shall unconditionally obey and abide by:
 - (A) the Bylaws, Regulations and policies of Hockey Alberta; and
 - (B) the Rules and the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Canada;and any amendments thereto as are in force from time to time; and
 - (iii) it will abide by the interpretation of the Board with respect to such Bylaws, Regulations and policies of Hockey Alberta and the Rules and the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Canada, subject only to the rights of appeal as provided for by the bylaws of Hockey Canada.
- (c) Membership may be acquired by application to the Board, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Board together with the following:
 - (i) the annual dues for Members as determined in section 3.1;
 - (ii) a copy of the applicant's constitution, objectives, bylaws and regulations;
 - (iii) a complete list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the applicant's officers, which shall consist of at least a president and secretary; and
 - (iv) the address of the applicant for notice, including, but not limited to, an email address if the applicant wishes to provide one.
- (d) The constitution, bylaws and regulations of the applicant may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive and, in the case of any conflict or inconsistency, must be subject to the Bylaws, Regulations and policies of Hockey Alberta.

- (e) The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for membership in Hockey Alberta.
- (f) Membership in Hockey Alberta shall take effect upon the acceptance of the application by the Board.
- (g) Each Member shall notify Hockey Alberta of any amendments to its bylaws and regulations and of any changes of its directors and officers, immediately following any such change.

2.2 Associate Memberships

- (a) An Associate Membership may be acquired by application in writing to the Board and such membership shall take effect upon the approval by the Board.
- (b) The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for Associate Membership in Hockey Alberta.
- (c) Associate Members shall not be voting members, but shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Members.
- (d) Associate Members shall be entitled to the usual services provided to other Members, including the right to send representatives to clinics and schools conducted by Hockey Alberta.

2.3 Life Memberships

- (a) Life membership is the highest honour which may be bestowed by Hockey Alberta. It is to be awarded to individuals only for very distinctive services those individuals have provided to Hockey Alberta. Nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded to the Board in writing thirty (30) days prior to the 1st day of June in each year, with the endorsement of at least four (4) Members on the nominating papers for each proposed Life Member. Life Members shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board, exercising all of the privileges of Directors (except where otherwise restricted in the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules) but shall not be eligible to vote on any issue.
- (b) The Board shall appoint Life Members as per Policy.
- (c) Expenses of the Life Members attending a General Meeting or a Special Meeting shall be paid by Hockey Alberta.

2.4 Ceasing to be Member

- (a) Resignation or Withdrawal

Any Member, Associate Member or Life Member may resign or withdraw from membership in Hockey Alberta by submitting its resignation in writing to the Board. Upon such resignation becoming effective, such member shall forfeit its rights and privileges in Hockey Alberta, but will remain liable for any financial obligations that are outstanding at the time of resignation.

(b) Expulsion

- (i) A Member, may be expelled from membership in Hockey Alberta by a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. No Member, Associate Member or Life Member shall be expelled without being notified of the complaint against it or without having first been given an opportunity to be heard by the Members at the aforesaid meeting.
- (ii) The Board may, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, expel any Member who has failed to pay any membership dues required by the Board to be paid in order to remain a member of Hockey Alberta.

(c) Loss of Membership

A Member shall cease to be a Member by resignation, withdrawal or expulsion.

**ARTICLE 3
DUES**

- 3.1** The annual dues for Members shall be determined annually by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting each year, subject to the approval of the Members.
- 3.2** All annual dues for Members as determined by the Board shall be due and payable with the Membership registration at the Annual Meeting.
- 3.3** A Member shall not be in good standing unless it has paid the annual dues as determined by the Board.
- 3.4** Associate Members and Life Members shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- 3.5** Upon payment of the required annual dues, a Member shall not be entitled to a refund, except in the case where the Members do not approve the annual dues determined by the Board, in which case the annual dues will remain as they were the last time they were approved by the Members, and any annual dues paid over and above that amount will be refunded to the Members.

ARTICLE 4 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND VOTING

4.1 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of June in each year at a place within the Province of Alberta on a day to be fixed by the Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Meeting").

4.2 Order of Business

At every Annual Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the following business shall be conducted:

- (a) the election of two Directors, each for a term of three years, subject to Section 5.1;
- (b) the presentation of the audited financial statements and report of the auditor;
- (c) the appointment of the auditor for the ensuing fiscal year; and
- (d) the report of the Directors, if any.

4.3 Special Meetings and Semi Annual Meeting

Other meetings of the Members (hereinafter called "Special Meetings") shall be convened for any time and place in Alberta by a majority vote of the Directors. The Board, upon receipt of a written request for a Special Meeting signed by twenty (20) Members in good standing, shall convene a Special Meeting within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the request. A Special Meeting may be called for any purpose for which a meeting of the Members may be called for under these Bylaws. A General Meeting referred to as a Semi-Annual Meeting will be held once every year between the beginning of November and the end of January.

4.4 Notice and Address for Notice

- (a) Notice of the time and place of all General Meetings and Special Meetings, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and sufficient information for the Members to make an informed decision with respect to any decisions they are to make at the meeting shall be given to the auditor and each Director, Member, Associate Member and Life Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be given if sent by regular mail to the last known address of the auditor and each Director, Member, Associate Member and Life Member postmarked thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice and supporting material may be delivered by any other means, including personal delivery and delivery by electronic means that can be verified to any address that is provided by the auditor Director, Member, Associate Member or Life Member from time to time.
- (b) All Directors, Members, Associate Members, Life Members and the auditor shall notify Hockey Alberta in writing of any change in their address for notice. Until such notice has been received by Hockey Alberta, the address on the books and records of Hockey Alberta at the time will be considered the address for notice to such members for all purposes under these Bylaws.

4.5 Quorum

Twenty (20) Members in good standing and present in person or by proxy shall form a quorum at any General Meeting or Special Meeting. In the event that twenty (20) Members are not present within one (1) hour of the hour given in the Notice of the said meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall adjourn the meeting to a date and time not less than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the original meeting. The Executive Director shall give seven (7) days written notice to the auditor and each Director, Member, Associate Member and Life Member of the date and place to which the meeting has been adjourned. A quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be five (5) Members.

4.6 Right to Vote at Member's Meetings

- (a) Subject to subsection 4.6(b), at each General Meeting or Special Meeting, each Member Team shall have one vote and each Local Minor Hockey Association shall have one vote for each Hockey Team registered with Hockey Alberta in the Midget Division, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) votes; provided that, if a Local Minor Hockey Association has not registered a Hockey Team in the Midget Division, but has registered with Hockey Alberta a Hockey Team in any one (1) of the Initiation, Novice, Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions, that Local Minor Hockey Association shall have one (1) vote;
- (b) In order for a Member to qualify for voting privileges at a General Meeting or Special Meeting, the Member must:
 - (i) have had a Hockey Team(s) registered with Hockey Alberta in the year immediately preceding the said meeting which were involved in active competition;
 - (ii) pay the required annual dues payable for the forthcoming year if the meeting is an Annual Meeting;
 - (iii) have appointed a Member's Representative and established the authority of the Member's Representative to represent the Member to the satisfaction of the Board; and
 - (iv) be otherwise in good standing with the Board.

4.7 Voting

At all General Meetings and Special Meetings, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Member's Representatives present in person unless otherwise required by the Bylaws or by law. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands (having regard to the right of multiple votes of the Local Minor Hockey Association) unless a poll is demanded by a Member's Representative. Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn, but if a poll is demanded and not withdrawn, the question shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the Member's Representatives present in person, and such poll shall be taken in such manner as the chairman shall direct and the result of such poll shall be deemed the decision of the Members upon the matter in question.

ARTICLE 5 DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS MEETINGS

5.1 Board

- (a) The Board shall be comprised of seven (7) individuals being the Past Chair and six (6) Directors (including the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Finance Director and three (3) Directors at large). The Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Finance Director and the three (3) Directors at large are elected by the Members. Each Director will serve a term of three years from the date of election to the Board by the Members. The Chair may serve a maximum of two three year terms as Chair.
- (b) Reference to a year or a term in subsection 5.1(a) will mean the time between Annual Meetings.
- (c) The Board delegates to the Executive Director, subject always to the overriding authority of the Board, the authority to manage and direct the business and affairs of Hockey Alberta.

5.2 Nominations

The Directors will appoint a nominating committee, which will be charged with the task of preparing a suggested slate of Directors and Officers who are to be nominated for election at the Annual General Meeting. The suggested slate will be submitted to the Directors together with the recommendation of the nominating committee, the written nomination of each individual by a Member in good standing and the qualifications and written consent of the suggested individual candidates. The Directors may approve a recommended slate of Directors and Officers, after considering the recommendation of the nominating committee and accompanying information, which will be delivered to the Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting each year.

Nominations received too late for the nominating committee to consider in their recommendation to the Directors, but which are received in time to be sent with the notice of the Annual General Meeting or the supplemental materials, as described below, will not be accompanied by the recommendation of the Directors.

Any Member in good standing may nominate an individual to stand for election as a Director or Officer, provided the individual is properly qualified and has provided their written consent to act as a Director or Officer. Such nomination, together with the qualifications of the individual and their written consent must be delivered to the head office of Hockey Alberta by midnight on the 14th day preceding the Annual General Meeting. Nominations after such date will not be allowed, including nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, unless there are not enough nominations to fill the positions that are up for election at that Annual General Meeting. All nominations received in sufficient time before delivering notice of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to the Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. All nominations received after notice of the Annual General Meeting has been sent, will be delivered to the Members by way of supplemental materials as soon as is reasonably practical following the expiry of 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. The supplemental materials will include the nomination and the nominee's qualifications and written consent.

If there are no nominees other than the slate recommended by the Directors, the slate will be declared elected at the meeting. If there is more than one nomination for any position to be filled, an election will be held for that position at the Annual General Meeting.

Directors and Officers elected or appointed pursuant to these bylaws will take office, and the prior Directors and Officers will cease to hold office, commencing at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected or appointed.

5.3 Qualifications

- (a) The following persons are disqualified from being a Director of Hockey Alberta:
 - (i) anyone who is less than 18 years of age;
 - (ii) anyone who
 - (A) is a represented adult as defined in the *Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act* or is the subject of a certificate of incapacity that is in effect under the *Public Trustee Act*,
 - (B) is a formal patient as defined in the *Mental Health Act*,
 - (C) is the subject of an order under *The Mentally Incapacitated Persons Act*, RSA 1970 c.232, appointing a committee of the person or estate, or both, or
 - (D) has been found to be a person of unsound mind by a court elsewhere than in Alberta;
 - (iii) a person who is not an individual;
 - (iv) a person who has the status of bankrupt.
- (b) A person who is elected or appointed a Director is not a Director unless:
 - (i) the person was present at the meeting when the person was elected or appointed and did not refuse to act as a Director, or
 - (ii) if the person was not present at the meeting when the person was elected or appointed:
 - (A) the person gave written consent to act as a Director before the person's election; or
 - (B) the person has acted as a Director pursuant to the election or appointment.
- (c) For the purpose of this subsection, a person who is elected or appointed to be a Director and refuses or fails to consent to or act as a Director is deemed not to have been elected or appointed a Director.

5.4 Resignation

A Director may resign from office upon giving notice thereof in writing to the Board and such resignation becomes effective in accordance with its terms or upon acceptance by the Board, whichever may be the earlier date.

5.5 Removal

- (a) The Members may, by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a General Meeting or Special Meeting duly called for that purpose, remove any Director before the expiration of his term of office and may, by a majority of votes cast at the meeting, elect any person in his stead for the remainder of the term of the Director so removed.
- (b) The Board may remove a Director for failing to carry out his or her duties or for conduct that, in the sole opinion of the Board, reflects poorly on the Board or Hockey Alberta. A Director who fails to attend Board Meetings on two (2) consecutive occasions, without just cause, which shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Board, will be considered to have failed to carry out his or her duties.

5.6 Vacation of Office

The office of a Director is vacated if he or she:

- (a) resigns from the Board;
- (b) is removed from the Board; or
- (c) ceases to have the necessary qualifications.

5.7 Vacancies

Where a vacancy occurs in the Board or, in the event that the Members fail to elect a Director, the Directors then in office may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If there are fewer than five Directors in office at any time, the Director or Directors then in office shall forthwith call a Special Meeting to fill the vacancies and, in default or if there are no Directors then in office, the meeting may be called by any Member.

5.8 Place of Meetings

Meetings of the Board may be held at the head office of Hockey Alberta or at any other place within Alberta as determined by the Board from time to time.

5.9 Meetings by Telephone or Teleconference

Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and a Director participating in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed for the purposes of these Bylaws to be present in person at the meeting.

5.10 Calling of Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and on such day as the Chair or any three (3) Directors may determine. The Chair shall call meetings when directed or authorized by any three (3) Directors. Notice of every meeting so called shall be given to each Director not less than forty eight (48) hours (excluding any part of a Sunday and of a holiday as defined by the *Interpretation Act*) before the time when the meeting is to be held, except that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all the Directors are present or if those absent have waived notice of or otherwise signified their consent. Notice of the meeting may, but unless otherwise required by these Bylaws, need not state the business which is to be conducted at the meeting.

5.11 Regular Meetings

The Board may appoint a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings at a place and hour to be named. A copy of any resolution of the Board fixing the place and time of regular meetings of the Board shall be sent to each Director forthwith after being passed, but no other notice shall be required for any such regular meetings.

5.12 Quorum

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

5.13 Votes to Govern

Each Director present at a meeting of the Directors shall have one (1) vote. At all meetings of the Board, decisions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast in favour of the decision; and in case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second vote to break the tie.

5.14 Disclosure of Interests in Contracts

Every Director who has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract or transaction to which Hockey Alberta is or is to be a party, other than a contract or transaction limited solely to his remuneration as a Director, officer or employee, shall declare his interest in such contract or transaction at a meeting of the Directors and shall at that time disclose the nature and extent of such interest.

5.15 Remuneration

- (a) Directors shall be paid such sums in respect of their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board, Committee or Member meetings or otherwise in respect of the performance by them of their duties, as the Board may from time to time determine.
- (b) The Members shall, at the Annual Meeting, determine the honorarium that Hockey Alberta shall pay to the Directors.

5.16 Indemnity of Directors and Officers

Except in respect of an action on behalf of Hockey Alberta to procure a judgment in its favour, Hockey Alberta shall indemnify a Director or Officer and his heirs and legal representatives against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him in respect of being or having been a Director or Officer of Hockey Alberta, if he acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of Hockey Alberta and, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful.

ARTICLE 6 POWERS OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Powers of Board

For the purpose of carrying out the objects of Hockey Alberta, the Board shall manage the business and affairs of Hockey Alberta and shall exercise all of the powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by Hockey Alberta and are not by these Bylaws expressly directed or required to be done at a meeting of the Members or otherwise. The powers and duties of the Board includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power to borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems fit and, in particular, by the issue of bonds, debentures, security agreements, mortgage, charge or other security on the whole or any part of the present and future property (both real and personal) of Hockey Alberta, subject to the approval of the Members by way of Special Resolution.

6.2 Committees

The Board may create such committees with such mandate, authority and direction as it determines to be necessary or useful in the discharge of its duties and obligations.

6.3 Delegation of Authority

The Board may delegate authority to individuals, committees and others as it determines is in the best interests of Hockey Alberta subject to these Bylaws and the laws of Alberta.

ARTICLE 7 OFFICERS

7.1 Officers

The Officers of Hockey Alberta shall be and consist of the following:

- (a) Chair;
- (b) Vice-Chair;
- (c) Finance Director;

7.2 Chair

The Chair shall preside and chair all General Meetings and Special Meetings and meetings of the Board and shall represent Hockey Alberta at all Hockey Canada meetings.

7.3 Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence or inability of the Chair, assume the duties of the Chair and shall, in that event, have all the powers, authority and restrictions of the Chair.

7.4 Finance Director

The Finance Director will be responsible for ensuring that proper books and records are kept and maintained and that audited financial statements for Hockey Alberta are prepared and available to the Members.

ARTICLE 8 RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1 Rules and Regulations

The Board may from time to time create rules, regulations and policies, or delegate the authority to create rules, regulations or policies for the betterment of Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Amateur hockey as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion, may consider desirable.

ARTICLE 9 GENERAL

9.1 Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year of Hockey Alberta shall commence the 1st day of May of every year to and including the 30th day of April of the following year.

9.2 Books and Records

The Executive Director will maintain a record of the decisions and proceedings of the Members and the Directors in the form of minutes and will maintain such minutes together with its financial statements, auditor's reports and other books and records at the head office of Hockey Alberta. To the extent to which Members are entitled to inspect the books and records of Hockey Alberta, they will be available for inspection by Members on reasonable notice during regular business hours at the head office of Hockey Alberta.

9.3 Audit and Auditors

- (a) The Financial Statements of Hockey Alberta shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Members (the "Auditor") each year at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The Auditor shall report to the Members at the Annual Meeting regarding the Financial Statements of Hockey Alberta and shall state in his report whether in his opinion the Financial Statements presents fairly the financial position of Hockey Alberta and the results of its operations for the period under review, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.
- (c) The Auditor, in his report, shall also make appropriate statements in any instance that:
 - (i) the Financial Statements of Hockey Alberta are not in agreement with the accounting records, or
 - (ii) it has not received all the information and explanations that it had required, or
 - (iii) proper accounting records have not been kept, so far as appears from its examinations.

- (d) The Auditor shall have access at all times to all records, documents, books, accounts and vouchers of Hockey Alberta and is entitled to require from the Directors and Officers such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties as Auditor.

9.4 Custody and Use of the Seal

- (a) The Board shall adopt a corporate seal which shall be kept by the Executive Director at the head office of Hockey Alberta.
- (b) The Board shall determine the appropriate use of corporate seal from time to time.

9.5 Amendments to Bylaws

Subject to compliance with the requirements of the laws of the Province of Alberta, the Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution. The change or changes to the Bylaws that are approved by Special Resolution shall not take effect until they have been registered by the Registrar of Corporations in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta.

9.6 Hockey Canada Membership

Hockey Alberta is a member of Hockey Canada and subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada.

HOCKEY ALBERTA

REGULATIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Definitions

- 1.1 All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the Bylaws, shall (unless separately defined herein) have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the Bylaws.
- 1.2 That when the context so intends, words in the singular include the plural and words implying the masculine gender include the female.
- 1.3 Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Regulations, have the following meanings:

- a) "Affiliated Player" shall mean a Player, referred to and approved by Hockey Alberta, as eligible to play for a team in a higher Category/Division than the team in the Category/Division with whom the Player is registered;
- b) "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- c) "Boundary" shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one member association from another, and defines that area from which each member association may register participants as "Resident" Players;
- d) "Branch" means a provincial association which is a member of Hockey Canada and is recognized by Hockey Canada as the association responsible for the administration of hockey in a particular Province of Canada;
- e) "Category" in the case of a Hockey Team means one of the following subdivisions of Divisions as follows:

AAA, AA, A, B, C and/or D

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

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

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

- k) "Executive Director" means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the executive director of HA;
 - l) "Forms" means, without exception, any document created, approved and designated by the Executive Director for use by all members in meeting Hockey Alberta's requirements for the administration of the game;
 - m) "Hockey Alberta" or "HA" means Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
 - n) "HC" means Hockey Canada;
 - o) **"Hockey Team" or "Team" means a group of persons comprised of:**
 - (i) A maximum of nineteen (19) Players **for Minor Hockey** (See Minor Regulation 3.7 for exceptions);
 - (ii) **A maximum of twenty-five (25) Players for Junior and Senior Hockey (see Junior and Senior Team Registration Regulations for exceptions);**
 - (iii) (A) For Teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of fifteen (15) Players (at least two of whom must be registered as a goaltender) (see HC Regulation E.1.a.);
(B) For all other Junior and Senior Teams, a minimum of twelve (12) players (at least one of whom must be a registered goaltender);
(C) For Teams competing in **Minor** Provincials, a minimum of ten (10) Players (at least one (1) of whom must be registered as a goaltender);
(D) For all other Minor Teams, a minimum of eight (8) Players;
(E) For Teams within the Division of Initiation, there is no maximum number of players;
 - (iv) Coaches who have completed course requirements in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA Regulations;
 - (v) A Team Official who has completed the course requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program;
 - (vi) Team Officials who have completed the course requirement for the Respect In Sport Program as required by Hockey Canada and HA regulations;
 - (vii) Adult Recreational Hockey Teams are comprised of players who are registered with CANLAN;
- For further clarification on Coach Education Requirements see Section E.
- p) "Hockey Season" means the period commencing August 1 and ending April 30 of the following year;
 - q) "IIHF" means the International Ice Hockey Federation;

- r) "Imports" means the designated status assigned to a Player who has obtained a transfer from one HC Branch to another (Inter-Branch Transfer) from a foreign Ice Hockey Federation to HA (USA/International Transfer);
- s) "Indefinite Suspension" means an immediate suspension issued by Hockey Alberta until dealt with by HA General Regulations 2. and 3.;
- t) An "Ineligible Player" includes, without limitation:
 - (i) A Player improperly registered with Hockey Alberta in contradiction of the Bylaws and/or Regulations of Hockey Alberta;
 - (ii) A suspended Player;
 - (iii) A Player not properly released in accordance with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations;
- u) "League" means a group of three or more Hockey Teams recognized by HA as a League;
- v) "League Game" means a scheduled game in a League recognized by HA (including tiering games but excluding pre-season games, exhibition games);
- w) "Legal Guardian" shall be defined as a person who is granted guardianship of a Player under the age of eighteen (18) years by the law courts of competent jurisdiction;
- x) "LMHA" or "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of HA, are approved by the Board of HA and operates in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:

Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice, Initiation

The Bylaws and Regulations of LMHA may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than those of HA;
- y) "Manager" means a person registered with HA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
- z) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- aa) "Non-Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides outside of the boundaries of the LMHA that the Player is registered with in any playing season;
- bb) "Off-Ice Officials" means those persons who work as time-keepers, goal judges, penalty-box attendants and other persons who may be required off the ice from time to time for the organized conduct of a game of hockey;
- cc) "On-Ice Officials" means those persons registered with HA qualified to officiate Hockey games as determined from time to time by HA;

- dd) "Parent Declaration Form" means the designated HA form used by Players whose parent(s) change residence in situations where the Player continues to reside with the parent;
- ee) "Permission to Try-Out" means the approval, by designated HA form, used by Players to try out or condition with teams in other than their resident LMHA;
- ff) "Physical Limits" means the area of a LMHA that has been defined by boundaries, mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that defines Player residency;
- gg) "Player" or "Hockey Player" means a person registered with HA as a Player with a Hockey Team;
- hh) "Pre-Registration" means the act of activating a player's official record in the Registry for the current Hockey Season;
- ii) "Pre-Season Game" means any game which is not part of the regular season, including Tiering, Exhibition or Tournament Games that take place prior to the start of regular scheduled League play;
- jj) "Provincials" means the HA playoff competition;
- kk) "Provincial Team" means a Team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, that has submitted its' intent to participate in provincials;
- ll) "Registry" means the electronic registration system used by Hockey Alberta to register players and coaches;
- mm) "Regulations" means those regulations of HA for the administration and advance of hockey;
- nn) **"Release" means the unconditional discharge of a Player from a Team or Club registration;**
- oo) "Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a Player who resides within the boundaries **of that particular LMHA;**
- pp) "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- qq) "Suspension" means a temporary debarring of a person from the privileges of playing hockey games or association with a Hockey Team or Member provided that suspension must stipulate a length of time or number of hockey games, or type of hockey games or any combination of thereof;
- rr) "Team Official(s)" means all or any of the persons involved in the management of a Hockey Team including, without limitation, the Coach, Manager, Stickboy and Trainer; and
- ss) "Tiering Game" means those games used by a League prior to the start of the League's regular season that are used for the purpose of placing Hockey Teams in an appropriate tier or Category within a Division.

2. Rules and Regulations

- 2.1 The Board may from time to time pass rules and regulations for the betterment of Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Amateur hockey, as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion may consider desirable.
- 2.2 Each Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Referee and Linesman shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta as published by Hockey Alberta from time to time.
- 2.3 Upon the Board approving and adopting a Rule and/or Regulation, the Executive Director shall forthwith give notice in writing of the said rule and/or regulation to the Members and the Hockey Teams.
- 2.4 All Members, Players, Coaches, Managers, Stick-boys, Referees and Linesmen, as a condition precedent to registration with Hockey Alberta, unconditionally agree to obey and abide by the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada as the same may be amended or added to from time to time.

3. Violations of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

3.1 Violation and Discipline

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that violates or breaches a Bylaw, Rule and/or a Regulation is subject to discipline as set out herein.

3.2 Report and Investigation

Upon learning of an alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations, the Executive Director shall forthwith:

- (a) report the same to the Discipline Committee Chair; or
- (b) investigate the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations as to the particulars thereof and report the findings to the Discipline Committee Chair.

3.3 Discipline Committee Chair's Authority

The Discipline Committee Chair, upon receiving the report of the Executive Director made pursuant to Regulation 3.2 above, shall:

- (a) refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to an Investigations Committee, or
- (b) without further investigation, determine whether there was a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose such disciplinary measures and sanctions as the Discipline Committee Chair may deem appropriate.

3.4 Following Investigation

In the event that the Discipline Committee Chair should refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to an Investigations Committee as contemplated by Regulation 3.3(a), the Investigations Committee shall, within ten (10) days of receiving the Discipline Committee Chair's direction, investigate the circumstances of the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and report its findings in writing to the Discipline Committee Chair, at which time the Discipline Committee Chair shall determine whether there has been a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose or levy such discipline measures and sanctions as the Discipline Committee Chair may deem appropriate.

3.5 Right of Appeal

The decisions of the Discipline Committee Chair, pursuant to Regulations 3.3(b) and 3.4, shall be subject to appeal only as provided for in Appendix "VIII".

SECTION A - MINOR HOCKEY

1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation (Minor Regulation 4.).

- 1.2 **October 15:** LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season (see Minor Regulation 3.2).

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

- 1.3 **November 1:** Midget aged Players registered in the division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director (see Minor Regulation 6.2).

1.4 **November 15:**

- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition (see Minor Regulation 3.3(a)).
- (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
- (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification (see Section E) is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

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

- 1.6 **December 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate not later than December 15 (see Minor Regulation 7.).

1.7 **January 10:**

- (a) The final date for Player registration is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
- (b) A Player may be released to another LMHA for which he is eligible to play up to and including January 10.

- 1.8 **February 10:** Notwithstanding the above, Players may apply to HA through the HA Executive Director for special permission to register with a LMHA if they or their family have been transferred to another locale by the employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to HA up to and including February 10 (see Minor Regulation 2.5 (d)).

2. **Player Registration**

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

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Player Registration Regulations for players involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

- 2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in various divisions, including:
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| (a) | Midget
Male/Female | For the 2015-16 season, open to Players born in 1998 and subsequent years |
| (b) | Bantam
Male/Female | For the 2015-16 season, open to Players born in 2001 and subsequent years |
| (c) | Peewee
Male/Female | For the 2015-16 season, open to Players born in 2003 and subsequent years |
| (d) | Atom
Male/Female | For the 2015-16 season, open to Players born in 2005 and subsequent years |
| (e) | Novice | For the 2015-16 season, open to Players born in 2007 and subsequent years |
| (f) | Initiation | For the 2015-16 season, open to Players born in 2009 and subsequent years |
- 2.2 (a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its LMHAs shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry.
- (b) In addition to the current information required for registration a Player Movement Form must be submitted to the Zone Minor Administration Coordinator for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 2.3 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 2.4 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
- (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.

- (c) In cases where it is Impossible to secure birth certificates, the Executive Director may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- 2.5
- (a) All Local Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Local Minor Hockey Association. A Player may only be registered on one Team.
 - (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the LMHA he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director.
 - (c) Same as set out in Minor Regulation 2.5(d), below, no Player may be registered after January 10 in any Hockey Season with any Local Minor Hockey Association.
 - (d) Players who move within the borders of the Province after January 10 and up to and including February 10 may apply to the Executive Director for special permission to register with a local member if they or their family have been transferred by employer or for any other extenuating reason acceptable to Hockey Alberta. Such Players are not eligible for Provincials.
- 2.6
- A Player may not register in another Local Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category as or a lower Category than the Local Minor Hockey Association in which the Player resides (Residency as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3).

Exceptions

- (a) There is not a Hockey Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident Local Minor Hockey Association by October 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- (b) The Player does not have a place to play in his age division in his resident Local Minor Hockey Association in the current Hockey Season due to all positions being full at 19. For this exception to apply, the Hockey Team or Hockey Teams at the Player's age Division must be full (19 Player allotments occupied).
- (c) More than one LMHA must combine their registration numbers to attain the minimum number of Players required to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age Division for the current Hockey Season. The Hockey team formed will be eligible for the Provincials at the Category of the highest of the LMHAs forming the Hockey Team. Any player living within the boundaries of the LMHA's forming the hockey team that choses to play outside of these combined LMHA's will be deemed a non-resident player and may be subject to player movement regulations.
- (d) Any Player may register with an **"Elite" (AAA) member Team for which the Player is eligible, provided:**
 - (A) he/**she** has obtained a Notification to Try Out (NTO);
 - (B) the Team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.

(e) In circumstances where in the discretion of the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator it is appropriate to allow a LMHA to acquire a Player from one or more LMHAs of an equal or higher Category, then upon application being made to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, an exception may be made. The application must be accompanied by:

- (i) A valid player release or movement form;
- (ii) a letter from the president of the resident LMHA or his designate advising that it supports the Player in question registering with the LMHA of equal or lower category;
- (iii) a letter from the Player requesting the granting of an exception; and
- (iv) a letter from any closer LMHAs the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player.

Numbers will be carried in accordance with the appropriate procedure.

All exceptions: Must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator.

2.7 (a) Players wishing to register with a LMHA other than **their Resident LMHA** must first obtain a Player Movement Form or release from the LMHA in which the Player was last registered.

(b) In the case of permission to try out, it must specify the LMHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the **Resident** LMHA shall, on the Player meeting the prerequisites, grant permission to play. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return **to his/her Resident LMHA**.

2.8 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit **an Appeal to Transfer under Hockey Canada Bylaw 56 and must pay any applicable fees charged by HC and HA**.

(a) total fee for an incoming International Transfer may be up to a maximum of \$2,400.

Contact the Hockey Alberta office for further details.

3. Team Registration

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

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Team Registration Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

- 3.1 (a) All LMHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the Executive Director or his designate.
- (b) Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" (see attached) are payable with application for Teams.
- (c) In addition to the current information required at the time of registration a Player Movement Form must accompany the registration for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 3.2 LMHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.
- 3.3 a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
- b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
- c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 3.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a LMHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.
- 3.6 Team Player allotments in the Registry shall be provided in the following numbers (except where pilot projects otherwise provide):
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| Midget | Not more than 25 allotments |
| Bantam | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Peewee | Not more than 23 allotments |
| Atom | Not more than 23 allotments |

3.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team

- (a) All Hockey Teams may register at one time a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Of those nineteen (19), 2 must be goaltenders.

Exception: Teams that are not eligible to compete for a Regional or National Championship may be permitted to register, at one time, a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players upon consideration of application to the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, in consultation with the Executive Director; or designate.

Exception: Teams within the Division of Initiation do not have a minimum number of Players that can be registered at any one time.

Exception: Atom Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For Peewee, Bantam and Midget Divisions only, Players designated in the registry as goalkeepers may play only in goal.

For clarification, when eighteen (18) Players are registered, one (1) must be designated as goaltender. When seventeen (17) Players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender.

- (b) Member Teams being recognized as "AAA" Midget by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

3.8 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled Exhibition, League, Provincial or Tournament Game the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator.

- 3.9 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any duly registered Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.
- 3.10 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season shall be duly registered with each and every Team of which he/she is a member prior to participating with the respective team(s).
- 3.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director or his designate.

4. Leagues

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with a LMHA.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

5. Player Movement

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

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

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Player Movement Regulations for players involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

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

5.1 Residency

- (a) Except as hereinafter provided, no Player shall be registered as a member of or compete for a Hockey Team in any LMHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of the LMHA.
- (b) A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of his or her parents/legal guardians (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3).
- (c) Players must play in the LMHA within those Boundaries they reside where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
 - (i) In all other cases, including those where there is no Hockey Team in a Player's resident LMHA at his age division, a Player shall play in the LMHA whose recognized physical limits are closest to their place of residence when measured along recognized, all weather government roadways.
 - (ii) If a Player chooses to play in another LMHA other than the closest LMHA, he may be subject to Minor Regulation 5.1(g).
- (d) A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practising hockey.

- (e) A Player who prior to the establishment of Boundaries was registered with a particular LMHA and who has played all of his minor hockey with that LMHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that LMHA.
- (f) Siblings of such Players registering in Minor Hockey for the first time shall have the one time choice of registering as a "Resident" Player with either the LMHA with which the older sibling is registered or the LMHA in which the Player resides.
- (g) **Subject to the exceptions contained in Minor Regulation 5.6:**
 - (i) Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA will automatically add his Resident LMHA's median Provincial Categorization number from the LMHA within whose Boundaries he/she resides, of the Division for which the Player is eligible to the new LMHA's Division registration numbers effective immediately.
 - (ii) In addition, each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA shall also add the median Provincial Categorization number of the Division for which the Player is eligible, of all LMHA's by-passed in the direction of travel from the Player's resident LMHA to the new LMHA.

i.e. If the Player leaves LMHA "X" (B Categorization for Player Movement) to play in LMHA "Y" (AA Categorization for Player Movement), the following will occur. Given that LMHA "X" has a Categorization for Player Movement of "B", 32 will be added to the Division in which the Player is registering in LMHA "Y". This movement will only affect the Division in which the movement occurred.
- (h) No player of Midget age or under can be transferred from Branch to Branch to register and play other than Major Junior hockey unless such Player transfers with his parents or legal guardian and continues to live with his parents or legal guardian.

5.2 Permission for Player Movement

- (a) **A Player must first obtain a Player Movement Form from his/her Resident LMHA prior to being transferred, in the Registry, to any other LMHA.**
- (b) Prerequisites

In order to obtain permission for Player Movement, a Player must first:

- (i) obtain **a Player Movement Form** from their **Resident** LMHA;
- (ii) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Player Movement form;
- (iii) obtain permission from the LMHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player and accept the potential import numbers the Player brings with him/her;
- (iv) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the LMHA being asked for the permission;

- (v) provide written confirmation of **the prerequisites being met** to the LMHA being asked for the permission.

5.3 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the permission has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the proper form is completed and submitted at the time of registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta.

- (a) failure to complete and submit the proper form at the time of registration will result in the Player being not registered and ineligible to play in any game;
- (b) in cases where a Player is found to have played in game without first having completed or submitted a required form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with Minor Regulation 12.

5.4 All player movement will result in players returning to their Resident LMHA at the end of the current Hockey Season.

5.5 Permission to Try Out **Refusals**

Permission to Try Out may be refused in situations where:

- (a) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the LMHA with insufficient numbers to field a Hockey Team at the Player's age division to participate in Provincials for the current Hockey Season. This applies to the first team and any other team in the Player's age Division proposed by the LMHA.
- (b) The Player requesting the permission intends on registering with a new LMHA that is at the same or lower Category as his resident Local Minor Hockey Association or, if applicable, the LMHA with which he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.
 - * **See Provincial Categorization by Division Appendix "VI"**
- (c) The Player is requesting the permission for reasons other than playing at the highest Category of which he is capable (i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.).

5.6 **Player Movement Exceptions**

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

- (c) In these circumstances, at the end of the current Hockey Season, these Players will return to their resident LMHA.

6. Releases

- 6.1 A Release (as defined in General Regulation 1. – Definitions) is available to be issued, via the Standard Release Form, as a method of permanent movement for special circumstances within Minor Hockey (ie – conduct).**
- 6.2** Midget aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Officer or Executive Member of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director.

7. Affiliation

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

The "AA" Hockey Model determines Affiliation Regulations for Teams involved in participation within the "AA" Hockey stream (see Appendix "III").

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

- 7.1** Affiliation must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 7.2** Affiliation will only be recognized where:
 - (a) Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates";
 - (b) the Executive Director or his designate(s) acknowledge receipt and identify said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated;
 - (c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA.

Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.
- 7.3** Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the Executive Director or his designate(s) shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with Minor Regulation 12.
- 7.4** A Hockey Team may have affiliated with it one or the other of:
 - (a) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA;
 - (b) up to nineteen (19) Specially Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category within their LMHA.
- 7.5** Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically, i.e. Hockey Team to Hockey Team without filing said affiliation with the Executive Director or his designate(s).

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

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

7.7 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

7.8 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

7.9 Novice Affiliation

Novice to Novice and Initiation to Novice Affiliation only

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

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

- (b) When a Team has less than twelve (12) registered players Affiliated Players may be used to increase the number of players on a game sheet to a maximum of twelve (12) players (i.e. - when Affiliated Players are used in a game the maximum number of players allowed to be placed on a game sheet is twelve (12)). This maximum number of twelve (12) includes the total of both registered team players and Affiliated Players.
- (c) Prior to playing any Affiliated Players the use of such Players must be endorsed by the President (or his/her designate) of the LMHA. This shall be done by registering an "Affiliated Player" in the Registry and in compliance with Minor Regulation 7.9(g), below.
- (d) Only team to team method of affiliation is allowed. Affiliations must be from a lower tier or age group within the LMHA, except:
 - (i) in LMHAs where ALL Novice Hockey Teams are equal (balanced) the teams MAY affiliate with another equal novice team;
 - (ii) note that if an individual player on a team is affiliated to an Atom or higher team in accordance with HA regulations, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a team to team affiliation agreement with any team;
 - (iii) only one team can affiliate with and be affiliated with each team.
- (e) Novice Affiliations must be added to the Teams in the Registry by the LMHA and identified as approved by the Executive Director or his designate(s) prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate in any game with the hockey team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- (f) **A Player Affiliated to or within the Division of Novice** may not play more than five (5) games with the affiliated team in the current Hockey Season, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Note: after five (5) games, such player will be an ineligible player and HA rules respecting playing an ineligible player will be enforced.
- (g) All Affiliation rules set out by Hockey Alberta must be followed for using affiliated players, subject to the exceptions listed above.

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

8. Provincial Categorization

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

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

- 8.1 No LMHA may declare a Player "ineligible for Provincial Play" in order to avoid taking that Player's resident LMHA's median Provincial Categorization number, pursuant to Minor Regulation 5.1(g), to the Team he is registered on; therefore not moving them up a category for Provincial Play. January 10 is the deadline to release Players.

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

9. Minor Hockey Provincials

9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in minor hockey for the following Divisions and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship member in any category.
- (i) Midget "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 18 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
 - (ii) Bantam "AAA", "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 15 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
 - (iii) Pee wee "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" – this category is open to Players who are under 13 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
 - (iv) Atom "AA", "A", "B", "C" and "D" - open to Players who are under 11 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.

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

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

Note: Reclassification requests (upward only) shall be placed in the hand of the appropriate Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator.

- (d) All LMHAs with teams entered in Provincial Play shall participate in Provincial Playdowns, unless written notice is given to Hockey Alberta that their Team(s) will not be participating on or before January 10th of the current Hockey Season. Any LMHA, whose team(s) have been scheduled by the Minor Regulation Committee for Provincial Playdowns, but fail to fulfill its' commitment to participate shall be ineligible for Provincials in the subsequent season, unless a reinstatement fee of \$700.00 is paid to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15th of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its' commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1st of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor Regulation Committee Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the LMHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA's reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.
- (e) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (f) Registered referees must be used in all HA Playoff competitions and must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (g) All Provincial Playoffs in Minor Hockey shall be refereed by a three (3) man system where possible.
- (h) The official Scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name (see Definitions).
- (i) LMHAs wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
 - (i) Under special circumstances, LMHAs may apply for and make submissions to the HA office by November 15 of the previous hockey season (one year earlier than the current season) to host a Provincial tournament which may be awarded at that time.
- (j) Any Team Official may be suspended by the Discipline Committee Chair or his appointee for conduct or actions considered detrimental to hockey.
- (k) Each team shall be permitted to take one time out of thirty seconds during the course of regular play time or overtime (see Hockey Canada Rule 10.17(f)).

9.2 Minor Zone Playoff Regulations

FIRST NAMED TEAM HAS CHOICE OF VENUE FOR OPENING GAME SERIES

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

- (b) Teams wishing to cancel a playoff game are required to give at least 48 hours notice, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. The Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (c) If a Team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or any unforeseen contingency, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing Team. The Team Officials and/or Players of the team which is responsible may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of the Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) No change in the game report or addition to the list shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except under the following conditions:
 - (i) Where a Player is late for the game because of unforeseen circumstances and his name has been included in the playing roster prior to the game, he will be permitted to participate.
 - (ii) When a Player has been inadvertently omitted from the Official Game Report, the Referee shall permit the name to be added to the Game Report before the game has ended; providing such Player was in uniform and on the ice or on his players' bench at the start of the game.

NOTE: Minor teams may dress 19 Players

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

Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16 — Tied Game

- a) If at the end of the three regulation twenty-minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place.
 - 1) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends
 - 2) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period.
 - 3) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play 20 minute sudden victory periods The teams will now change ends.
- b) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties still remain in force.

- c) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) Provincial Team rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported on the game sheet and communicated within 48 hours of the completion of the game to the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator by fax or email.
- (h) Officials of Teams participating in playoffs are required to have approved Provincial Team rosters in their possession at all games played by the team. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
- (i) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. Extending a playoff series will not be allowed unless for special circumstances appealed by the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator. If an extension is given, the team requesting the above must be prepared to travel during the week or use another arena.
- (j) All LMHAs participating in Provincials shall be ready to proceed with the playoffs by January 25 or such earlier date as designated by HA and the Minor Regulation Committee will meet no later than January 22 to arrange said playoffs.
- (k) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time.
- (l) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series the winning Team shall be responsible for notifying, by phone, fax or email, the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
- (m) The Teams that represent the Zone for all Categories and Divisions must be declared no less than 14 days prior to the end of Provincials.
- (n) If in the case of a home and home series, should one Team win the first game by a ten goal differential, the Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator will cancel the second game.
- (o) Any Zone having only one Team of any Category shall have an automatic entry into the Provincials. Therefore this Team shall not be allowed to play in other Zone Playdowns.
- (p) The Team hosting a Provincial tournament shall be allowed to participate in the final series of their particular Category playdowns. If the hosting Team should win the Zone title, the runner-up shall also represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (q) Should the hosting community team lose in Zone playoffs, the winning team shall represent the Zone in Provincials.
- (r) A Zone having received a "Wild Card" selection prior to Provincial Playdowns shall be eligible to send two (2) teams to the Provincial Championship Tournament in the applicable Division/Category. The final series shall be played. At the conclusion of the final series in Zone Playdowns, the Team winning the series shall represent the Zone as Champion and the Team losing the final Series shall participate as the "Wild Card".

- (s) In all centers hosting Minor Zone Provincial Playoff Games, only Level 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 certified officials shall be eligible to referee all levels of Hockey.

The home team will pay for all officials in the Minor Zone Provincial Playoffs.

- (t) Referees are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone or fax to the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Said Player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- (u) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (v) All Teams requiring referees must contact the closest Referees Zone Assignor at least 72 hours prior to the game.

9.3 Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincials will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their Association Affiliation and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-three (23) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of Players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator to determine "Home" and "Away" Teams for Provincial Tournament Draw (coin toss to be used for the Championship Game). Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time.
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- (e) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (f) The disciplinary rulings in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.

- (g) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.

- (h) In the event a Team wins a game by more than ten (10) goals, that team will only be granted a goal differential of ten (10) for that game and a maximum of a ten (10) goal differential will be recorded in the statistics.

Example: For = 14 goals Against = 2 goals

Goal Differential = 10 goals

- (i) In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

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

- (A) The team with the most wins in the round-robin gains the highest position.
- (B) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulation 9.3(h)(i)(A) above, the winner of the round-robin game between the two tied teams gains the highest position.
- (C) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(h)(i)(A) and 9.3(h)(i)(B) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the follow manner:

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

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

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

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

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (D) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 9.3(h)(i)(A), 9.3(h)(i)(B) and 9.3(h)(i)(C) have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games gains the highest position.
- (E) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 9.3(h)(i)(A), 9.3(h)(i)(B), 9.3(h)(i)(C) and 9.3(h)(i)(D) have been applied, then the team that scored the first goal in the game between the two (2) tied teams gains the highest position.
- (F) If the two teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 9.3(h)(i)(A), 9.3(h)(i)(B), 9.3(h)(i)(C), 9.3(h)(i)(D) and 9.3(h)(i)(E) have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the highest position.

- (I) For the coin toss for two (2) teams tied, a single coin will be tossed with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails". The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the first (1st) placed team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team places second (2nd).
- (ii) If three (3) teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games **AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY** will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) will advance.
 - (A) The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
 - (B) If teams are still tied after Minor Regulation 9.3(h)(ii)(A) above has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

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

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

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

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

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.

- (I) If all three percentages are different for the three (3) teams that are tied, then first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place is decided with the highest percentage gaining first (1st) place and the lowest percentage gaining third (3rd) place. The tie-breaking procedure will not go back to two teams tied.
- (C) If two teams or more are still tied after Minor Regulations 9.3(h)(ii)(A) and 9.3(h)(ii)(B) have been applied, the team(s) to qualify would be the team(s) that receive the least number of minutes in penalties throughout **all of the round-robin games**.
- (D) If three teams are still tied after Minor Regulations 9.3(h)(ii)(A), 9.3(h)(ii)(B) and 9.3(h)(ii)(C) have been applied, a coin toss will determine the highest positions.
 - (I) For the coin toss involving three (3) teams tied, all three teams will each toss a coin. The team that tosses the first odd coin is declared the first (1st) place position of the three tied teams.
 - (II) The two (2) remaining teams will now toss a single coin with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the second (2nd) place team. If the team that declared the loss is unsuccessful, that team is placed third (3rd).

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

Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16 – Tied Game

- (A) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
 - (I) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
 - (II) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
 - (III) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden play periods. The teams will now change ends.
- (B) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
- (C) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (j) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game.
- (k) HA will award twenty-four (24) medallions to winners of Provincial Championships and the runners up in a final series, namely gold and silver. Medallions will not be awarded when a series is not held. The Executive Director shall determine how many medallions will be required from season to season and will approve accordingly.
- (l) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
- (m) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as a part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

10. Exhibition Games

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from Hockey Alberta for all out of province exhibition games or exhibition games with U.S. based Teams. Permission must be granted by the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.
- 10.2 Application for permission will only be considered from LMHAs for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.3 Permission may not be given to any LMHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 10.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission must be granted by the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.
- 10.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.7 Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules

11.1 Tournaments within Alberta

- (a) No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has been given the written permission of Hockey Alberta or its LMHA. In granting such permission, Hockey Alberta and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.
- (b) No LMHA, Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by HA. For tournaments within Alberta involving two (2) or more Hockey Canada Branches, HA shall notify the Hockey Canada office sixty (60) days in advance of any sanction being issued for a tournament.
- (c) All Minor Hockey Players registered with HA will be charged a \$1 surcharge at registration to cover the cost of Tournament Sanctions. All tournaments must still be approved by the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.
- (d) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any LMHA which has been found to have conducted a sanction tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or HA regulations which apply.
- (e) All Inter-Branch tournaments involving four (4) or more Branches and all International tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada and HA. An application form must first be submitted by the LMHA requesting the tournament to HA for approval. All applications must be made sixty (60) or more days in advance to the Hockey Alberta Office.

- (f) No LMHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- (g) LMHA tournaments shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the event.
- (h) Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered, in the Registry, with that Team or be affiliated to that team. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments.
- (i) The host LMHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (j) All Teams must fulfill all prior commitments (i.e. league play, provincial play) or seek readjustment of same. Failing this, the Teams concerned must be prepared to forfeit any further privileges they currently hold.
- (k) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator, the LMHA, Player(s) and/or Team Official(s) involved.
- (l) All LMHAs hosting sanctioned tournaments will be responsible for keeping a copy of the tournament's official game reports for a period of one year.
- (m) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linesmen registered with Hockey Alberta.
- (n) All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
- (o) No Team or Players may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one (1) day. Where tournaments do require Teams or Players to play three (3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three (3) periods of 15 minutes, the first two (2) of which must be straight time. When a Team is required to play three (3) games in one (1) day, there shall be an interval of one and a half (1-1/2) hours between the second and third games.

No games in any tournament shall start before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:15 p.m.

11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside HA unless it has been given written permission by its LMHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the LMHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) The Branch in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose a suspension pending action by HA against the Team, Player(s) or Team Officials involved.
- (c) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

- (d) No Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by HA.

12. Discipline

12.1 Fines – Minor Hockey

Under no circumstances will a LMHA, League or Team be allowed to assess cash fines to Minor Players for rule or regulation infractions. Violation of this policy will result in discipline as set out in General Regulations 2 and 3.

12.2 Minor Hockey Suspension Procedures

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

- (a) The Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and the Team Alberta Program).
- (b) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (c) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulation 3.

- (d) When a suspension is incurred in exhibition play, Provincials, tournament play and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (league, tournament, Provincial Play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.

When a suspension occurs during Provincials, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (Provincial, league, tournament play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Event).

Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for no more than one (1) game as outlined in Minor Regulation 12.4, the official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an On-Ice Official be suspended while participating as either a Player or Team Official for more than one (1) game as outlined in Minor Regulation 12.4, the official will be permitted to officiate assigned games during the day immediately following the suspension. At the conclusion of that day, the On-Ice Official will be required to serve his suspension as outlined in Minor Regulation 12.2(d).

- (e) If the suspension overlaps into league play, the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator must notify the LMHA President or their designate and the League Governor.

- (f) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition Games while serving a suspension.
- (g) The Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator will issue a suspension notice. A suspension must specify the following:
 - (i) Number of games.
 - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events)
 - (iii) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
 - (iv) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

League Responsibilities

- (h) The league is responsible for issuing/monitoring suspensions for league play only.
- (i) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate League representative by the specified time given by the League.
- (j) When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned events.
- (k) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the league representative must notify the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.
- (l) Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play exhibition games while serving a suspension.
- (m) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during League play, the League representative must notify the appropriate Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to HA General Regulation 3.
- (n) The League representative will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify:
 - (i) Number of Games.
 - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. league play, provincial play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
 - (iii) The League Appeal process.
 - (iv) The Player/team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

- (o) If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate is responsible for notifying the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.

General Responsibilities

- (p) Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach on a referee or linesman (Rule 9.6 or 9.7) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Officer(s).
- (q) No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room or within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.
- (r) Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered team or affiliated Team is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated Team. The Player and the suspension must be listed on game sheets.
- (s) Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team who incurs a suspension is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.
- (t) Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.

Hockey Canada Regulation O.6

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

- (u) Early Seasons End Suspensions

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

- (v) Carry-Over Suspensions

Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season may request in writing through their LMHA to the Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator to have that suspension deferred for any Exhibition, Pre-Season, Tiering, or Tournament game that is sanctioned to take place prior to October 15 of the current hockey season (Note: these deferred games will not count as games served for the incurred suspension).

(w) Pre-Season Suspensions

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

12.3 Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "IX")

12.4 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

12.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate or having been party to or having any knowledge of such shall be suspended until dealt with by the HA Discipline Committee.

12.6 Any Team Official who is party to or had knowledge of or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game:

(a) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the Discipline Committee, from playing or holding office with any team, club or association;

(b) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.

12.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name or having knowledge that same had been falsified or playing on other than his own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension.

12.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the Team may forfeit any games using an Ineligible Player or official.

13. Coach Education Requirements

See Section E for Details.

SECTION B - JUNIOR MALE HOCKEY

1. Critical Dates

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

- (c) the final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA.

2. Player Registration

- 2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions.
- 2.2 Every Player participating in the games sanctioned by HA shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season.
 - (a) Junior Hockey is open to players twenty (20) years of age and younger in the current playing season.
 - (b) A first year eligible Midget player fifteen (15) years old) shall only register and compete in Minor Hockey.
 - (c) A second year eligible Midget player sixteen (16) years old) registering and participating in Junior hockey shall do so under the following guidelines:
 - (i) Junior A: Each Team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
 - (ii) Junior B: Each Team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
 - (iii) Junior C: Each Team is allowed to register one (1) local player.
- 2.3 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players, the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 2.4
 - (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
 - (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
 - (c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the Executive Director may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- 2.5
 - (a) Player may only register on one (1) Team per season (unless released by the team he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director.
 - (b) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Junior Hockey Team.

2.6 Players wishing to register with another Junior Team other than the Junior Team which they registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release form the Team which the Player was last registered with.

2.7 Inter-Branch Transfer

- (a) A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application to the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
- (b) The Inter-Branch Transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA Executive Director before the first game in which the Player is to participate.
- (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees: \$100 plus GST.

2.8 USA/International Transfer (for more details please contact the HA office)

- (a) A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation wishing to register with a member Team of HA must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which he was registered.
- (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and HC shall be governed by the HC/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in Appendix K2 of the HC Regulations.
- (c) All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and HC shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF and HC Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in Appendix K1 of the HC Regulations.
- (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fees: \$150 plus GST.
- (e) Incoming International Transfer Fee may be up to a maximum of \$2,400 plus GST.
- (f) For Canadian players returning from an IIHF member, please contact the Hockey Alberta Office.

2.9 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Junior Regulation 3.8.

3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Junior Hockey. A Hockey Team may only register as a Provincial Team.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable upon application for Teams.
- 3.3 Junior Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4
 - (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players/Team Officials participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
 - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
 - (c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official, who is not properly registered to that Team, to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with HC and HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.6 Junior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and HC.
- 3.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team:
 - (a) Junior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. As per Regulation 3.3, Teams will be provided 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 allotments if required. Junior Teams may not register at any one time more than Twenty-five (25) eligible players.
 - (b) On December 1, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:
 - (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
 - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments. If twenty-five (25) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.

All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
 - (c) On January 10, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-three (23) the total of the following:
 - (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and

- (ii) the number of unused Player allotments. If twenty-three (23) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.

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

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

3.8 Imports

Junior Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed at any one time during the current Hockey Season a total of six (6) imported Players.

3.9 Substitute Goalkeeper

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

- 3.10 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director or his designate.

4. Leagues

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries must get permission from the Executive Director or his designate.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

5. Player Movement

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

6. Releases

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

6.2 Requirements

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

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

7. Affiliation

7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.

7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

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

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

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

7.4 All other Junior Hockey Teams may have affiliated with it one or the other of:

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

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

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

8. Categorization

Junior A Comprised of Member Teams of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL)

Junior B & C Open to all other teams wishing to compete for the Junior categories of Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

9. Junior Provincials

9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of the HC Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (b) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name (see Definitions).

9.2 Junior Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official HC Playing Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by the Association.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) players. Affiliated players may be used provided their affiliations were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta Representative will determine "Home" and "Away" teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (Hockey Canada Playing Rules - Rule 10.15).
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- (e) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (f) In the case of tied games, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16.

- (i) if at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods, the score is tied, the following shall take place:
 - (A) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
 - (B) the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
 - (C) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden victory Periods. The teams will not change ends;
- (ii) any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force;
- (iii) if either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (g) The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures, shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Junior Chair or designate.
- (h) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (i) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game. Only procedural items are considered eligible for protest. Referees' decisions are final.

10. Exhibition Games

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Junior Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-Province exhibition games.
- 10.2 For exhibition games with U.S. or International based Teams, permission must be granted by the Executive Director or designate and proof of registration with the appropriate International Federation must be provided.
- 10.3 Application for permission will only be considered for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of HC or appropriate International Federation.
- 10.5 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from both HC and Hockey Alberta.

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

11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules

- 11.1 **Tournaments within Alberta:** all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.1). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) All Tournaments must be approved **by Hockey Alberta and any applicable** Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
- (b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament;
- (c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (d) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be **forwarded to the applicable Division of hockey Chair or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.**

- 11.2 Tournaments outside Alberta: all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.2). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

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

12. Discipline

12.1 Junior Hockey Suspension Procedures

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

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

League Responsibilities

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

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

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

12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension.

13. Certification Requirements

NCCP Coaching Certification

For the 2016-2017 season, all Junior A teams must ensure that their Head Coaches have completed the NCCP High Performance I level.

All Head Coaches will have to be "Trained" in the High Performance I course by November 15 of that season and will have to have completed full "Certification" in the program by November 15 of the following season.

Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

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

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

Respect In Sport - Coach

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

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

See Section E for further details.

SECTION C – JUNIOR / SENIOR FEMALE HOCKEY

1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta Office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation. See Junior/Senior Female Regulation 4.1.
- 1.2 **October 15:** Junior and Senior Female Teams must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 **November 15:**
 - (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey
 - (b) Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition,
 - (c) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
 - (d) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.4 **December 1:** Last day to file a Junior or Senior Female Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Junior or Senior Female Provincial play, is December 1 of the current playing season.
- 1.5 **December 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate not later than December 15.
- 1.6 **January 10:** The final date to release a Hockey Player is January 10 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.7 **February 10:** The final date for Junior and Senior Female Teams to register a Player is February 10 of the current Hockey Season.

2. Player Registration

- 2.1 Hockey Alberta governs competition in amateur hockey in all divisions, including Senior Female which is open to Players of any age. Female Junior Hockey is open to players twenty-one (21) years of age and younger in the current playing season (as of December 31).

- 2.2 Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season.
- 2.3 A player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified in the primary address field of the Registry. In the case of urban Players, the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 2.4 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
- (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
- (c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the Executive Director may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- 2.5 (a) A Player may only be registered on one Team.
- (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the team she first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director.
- (c) No Player may register after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Junior or Senior Female Hockey Team.
- 2.6 Players wishing to register with another Junior or Senior (age graduating Juniors are exempt) Female Team other than the Team which they were registered during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a Permission to Try Out form or release from the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 2.7 In the case of Permission to Try Out form, it must specify the Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the LMHA and/or Hockey team which the Player was last registered with shall, upon the Player meeting the prerequisites, grant an unconditional release. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to the Team which the Player was last registered with.
- 2.8 Inter-Branch Transfer
- (a) A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application in the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
- (b) The Inter-Branch transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA Executive Director before the first game in which the Player is to participate.

- (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees \$100 plus GST (* Senior AAA, AA and A only).

2.9 USA/International Transfer (For more details please contact the HA Office)

- (a) A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation wishing to register with a member Team of HA must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which she was registered.
- (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and Hockey Canada shall be governed by the Hockey Canada/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in Appendix K2 of the Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (c) All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and Hockey Canada shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in Appendix K1 of Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fee: \$150 plus GST.
- (e) Incoming International Transfer Fee may be up to a maximum of \$900 plus GST.

2.10 For regulations pertaining to Imports, please see HA Junior/Senior Female Regulation 3.9.

3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Junior and Senior Female hockey Teams.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable with application for Teams.
- 3.3 Junior and Senior Female Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4
 - (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game on November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
 - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
 - (c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.

3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.

3.6 Junior and Senior Female Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.

3.7 Junior and Senior Female Teams will be provided with not more than 25 allotments in the Registry.

3.8 Number of Players on a Hockey Team

(a) **Junior and Senior Female Hockey Teams will be provided with not more than 35 Player allotments. Teams will be provided and charged 25 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required (please see Appendix "I").**

(b) **On January 10, all Junior and Senior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) the total of the following:**

- (i) **the number of registered players on their active list; and**
- (ii) **the number of unused Player allotments**

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

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

3.9 Imports

(a) Junior and Senior Female Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed at any one time during the current Hockey Season the numbers prescribed below:

- (i) A Senior Female "AAA" Team - Six
- (ii) A Senior Female "AA" Team - Six
- (iii) A Female Junior Team - Six
- (iv) All other Female Senior Teams - Four

(b) In the case of Senior AA and AAA Senior Female and Female Junior Teams, of the 6 imports permitted to register, a maximum of two (2) may be non-North American players. Of these non-North American players, one must be registered and playing in the Top IIHF Pool (the pool Team Canada competes in) and a second player from the second Pool or below. Of the six imports, all six may be Canadian but a maximum of two may be USA Hockey transfer players. For non-North American and USA Female players, such players retain their Import status when registering with HA or HC for subsequent Hockey Seasons.

3.10 Substitute Goalkeeper

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

- 3.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director or his designate.

4. Leagues

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the Officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be duly registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries must get permission from the Executive Director.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

5. Player Movement

- 5.1 Players shall be allowed to move to different teams provided they acquire a release.
- 5.2 A Minor Aged Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of her parents (as defined by Hockey Canada Regulation F4).

6. Releases

- 6.1 A Player who last Hockey Season was registered with a registered Junior or Senior Female Team and in the case of a female minor age player registered with a LMHA must first obtain a release from that Team and/or LMHA prior to registering for the current Hockey Season with any other Junior or Senior Female Team.
- 6.2 Requirements

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

- (a) who previously were registered on a team; and

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

6.3 Prerequisites

In the absence of an outright release, a Player must first:

- (a) obtain a Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form from the team with which she was previously registered;
- (b) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Permission to Try Out form;
- (c) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the team or Association being asked for the release; and
- (d) provide written confirmation of Junior/Senior Female Regulations 6.3(a), 6.3(b) and 6.3(c) to the team being asked for the release.

6.4 Procedure

Once the Player has met the prerequisites and the Release has been obtained, the Player must ensure that the Release is submitted with their registration for the current Hockey Season to Hockey Alberta:

- (a) failure to submit a release, if required, at the time of registration will result in the Player being not registered and ineligible to play in any game.
- (b) in cases where a Player is found to have played in a game without first having provided a required Release or Permission to Try Out Form, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with Junior/Senior Female Regulation 12.

6.5 Permission to Try Out Form

- (a) In the case of a Junior/Senior Female Player, a Permission to Try Out form may be refused in situations where:
 - (i) the Player requesting the release has outstanding fees or other financial obligations with the team or Association which she was registered with previously.
 - (ii) in the case of a Minor Aged Player, Minor Regulation 5.5 will apply.

7. Affiliation

- 7.1 Senior and Junior Female teams must declare their Division and Category to the Junior/Senior Female Representative prior to the filing of any affiliations with Hockey Alberta in the Registry.

7.2 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including December 15 of the current Hockey Season.

7.3 Minor Players may not affiliate outside of the Minor Zone in which they reside. For this purpose, the Senior or Junior Female team's Minor affiliation Zone will be determined by where the majority of the players on the team reside.

Exception: In the case of Senior Female "AAA" and Junior Female, minor zone boundaries will be removed, allowing these teams to access affiliated Players within the boundaries of the Province.

Note: Junior and Senior Female teams' affiliations that involve Minor aged players must adhere to the Respect In Sport requirements outlined in Section E.

7.4 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

- (a) **Players are added to Teams in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates".**
- (b) The Executive Director, or his designate(s), has acknowledged receipt and approved the affiliation prior to an affiliate Player participating in any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated.
- (c) The affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable LMHA or Senior Team Representative and the League.

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

Note: Registered Minor "AAA" Players are not eligible to affiliate to Senior "B" Categorized Teams.

7.5 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the Executive Director or his designate(s) shall be considered an Ineligible Player and Team Officials subject to discipline in accordance with Junior/Senior Female Regulation 12.

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

- (a) One (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category.
- (b) Up to 19 named Players from a lower Division or Category.

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

7.8 Hockey Teams may affiliate Players from a Hockey Team in a lower Division or Category. These Players may participate in League, Exhibition, Tournament and Provincial games.

- 7.9 Providing Affiliation has been properly filed prior to December 15 in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, she shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if her registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before her affiliated team or teams, she may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- 7.10 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
- 7.11 Affiliation shall not be used to strengthen a team.

8. Categorization

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| Senior AAA | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the National Championship. |
| Senior AA | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior AA Female Category of Provincials and the A category of the Western Canadian Shield. |
| Senior A | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Senior A Female Category of Provincials and the B category of the Western Canadian Shield. |
| Senior B | Open to all teams wishing to compete for the Provincial Senior B Female Category of Provincials. |
| Junior | Open to all Junior teams wishing to compete for the Provincial Female Junior Championship. |

9. Senior/Junior Female Provincials

9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of the Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (b) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name. (See Definitions).
- (c) Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

9.2 Provincial Play Procedure

- (a) **Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in the Senior Female and Junior Female Divisions for the following Categories and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship Team in any category:**

- (i) **Senior Female "AA": Teams that have registered as "AA", have participated within a League and have paid the Provincial Fee will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.**
- (ii) **Senior Female "A": Teams that have registered as "A", have participated within a League and have paid the Provincial Fee will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.**
- (iii) **Senior Female "B": Teams that have registered as "B", have participated within a League and have paid the Provincial Fee will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship.**

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

- (iv) **Junior Female: Teams that are registered members of the AJFHL will have the ability to compete for the Provincial Championship through the League Playoff structure.**
- (b) **Sanctioned Senior Female Leagues shall provide a listing of Teams and their corresponding Category, as well as submit a Bond payment of \$1,000 by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. The Categorization and Bond indicate the intent of the Teams within the League to Participate in Provincials in each respective Category. Leagues that do not fulfill their commitment to participate in Provincials will forfeit their Bond.**

Bond payments will be refunded in April should League(s) / team(s) meet the obligations of participation as directed.
- (c) **A Provincial Tournament Fee may be charged to teams that are identified to participate in the Championship Tournament. This fee will assist in covering the costs associated with hosting the Tournament (ice, officials) and will be determined annually by the Jr./Sr. Female Committee.**

9.3 Junior/Senior Female Provincial Playoff Regulations

- (a) **A Draw Meeting shall be held by December each year to determine the playdown format required for Senior Female "AA", "A", and "B" competitions.**
- (b) **Members entering provincial playoffs will be expected to complete the playoff series as directed. In the event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as it sees fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending member or members.**
- (c) **Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. No games shall be cancelled without prior consultation with the Junior/Senior Female Representative; extreme weather conditions are to be exempt from this rule. Junior/Senior Female Representative must be notified of any cancelled games.**

- (d) If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstance, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Manager, Coach or Official and/or players of the Team which is responsible may be suspended for one year or more.
- (e) Rules of play shall be the Hockey Canada hockey rules for the current season with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (f) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time) with a flood between every period, whenever possible.
- (g) Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone or email to the Junior/Senior Female Representative the same day or the day after the game. The player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta.
- (h) Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Junior/Senior Female Representative within 24 hours of the conclusion of each game.
- (i) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, the winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone or email) the Junior/Senior Female Representative of the results.

9.4 Senior Female Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players. Affiliated players may only be used provided their Association Affiliations and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-five (25) players is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament. *Hockey Canada Regulation F51 – Notwithstanding the preceding provisions in Regulation E, teams shall not be permitted to dress more than nineteen (19) players except for Senior teams (Male and Female), Junior teams and the highest registered level of Midget (Male and Female) hockey teams who may dress twenty (20) players for any game or pre-game warm up in accordance with the playing rules. The number of players must include two (2) goalkeepers.*
- (c) Hockey Alberta Provincial Team rosters will be checked by the Hockey Alberta Representative. If a player is late, she must sign prior to playing. Affiliates must be designated with "AP" on the game sheet.
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) twenty (20) minute stop-time periods with a flood between every period, whenever possible.

- (e) There will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team during round-robin play. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (*Hockey Canada Playing Rule 10.16*). Home team during play downs will also be determined by a coin toss.
- (f) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (g) Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Hockey Alberta Junior/Senior Female Representative.
- (h) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (i) In the event teams are tied for a playoff position, the procedure in Regulation 9.3(i) - Provincial Tournament Regulations of Section A - Minor Regulations will apply.
- (j) All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. Upon completion of three (3) periods where the score is tied, there shall be a 2 minute intermission followed by a 10 minute sudden victory overtime period. Should the score still be tied, the Game Winning Shoot-Out procedures will take effect.

10. Exhibition Games

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Hockey Alberta Junior/Senior Female Representative for all exhibition games with Hockey Canada or US based Teams.
- 10.2 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey. Proof of registration from Hockey USA or Hockey Canada must be provided.
- 10.3 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 10.5 All game sheets must be faxed within 24 hours to the Junior/Senior Female Representative by the Team.

11. Non-Provincial Tournament Regulations

- 11.1 **Tournaments Within Alberta** - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.1).

In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) All Tournaments must be approved **by Hockey Alberta and any applicable** Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
- (b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament;

- (c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (d) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded **to the applicable Division of hockey Chair or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.**

11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.2)

In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside the defined Boundaries of HA unless it has been given written permission by the Junior/Senior Female Representative. In granting such permission, HA will enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) All game sheets of the HA team must be faxed within 24 hours of the tournament's last game to the Junior/Senior Female Representative by the Team.

12. Discipline

12.1 Senior/Junior Female Hockey Suspension Procedures

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

- (a) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12.). The following regulations will also apply:
 - (i) The Junior/Senior Female Representative is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
 - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be faxed within 24 hours to the Junior/Senior Female Representative by the HOME Team.
 - (iii) The Junior/Senior Female Representative will issue a Suspension Notice Form. The Suspension Notice Form must specify the following:
 - (A) Number of games.
 - (B) Which games are to be served (i.e. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
 - (C) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
 - (D) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

League Responsibilities

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

12.2 Junior/Senior Female Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "IX")

12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincials Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Senior/Junior Female Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

13. Coach Education Requirements

Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

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

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

Respect In Sport - Coach

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

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

See Section E for further details.

SECTION D – SENIOR MALE HOCKEY

1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **June 1 *** (Previous to current season): The Final date for Senior "AAA" teams to file their Senior "AAA" Provincial Notice of Intent for participation in Allan Cup Playdowns, along with the appropriate bond payment.
- 1.2 **June 30:** In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta Office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation. See Senior Male Regulation 4.1.
- 1.3 **October 15:** Senior Teams must submit their order for Team Registration (Provincial Team) as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.4 **October 31:** Last day to file a Senior "AA" and "A" Provincial Notice of Intent, along with the appropriate bond payment to participate in Senior Provincial play, is October 31 of the current playing season.
- 1.5 **November 15**
 - (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
 - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
 - (c) Hockey Teams wishing to host Provincial Tournaments must make submission to the HA Office by November 15 of the current I-hockey Season,
 - (d) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.6 **January 10**
 - (a) By January 10, all Senior Teams must reduce their roster to not more than 25 (28 in Senior "AAA") the total of the following (the number of registered players on their active list and number of unused allotments in the Registry).
 - (b) The final date to release a player is January 10.
 - (c) Players participating with a professional hockey Team after January 10 of the current Hockey Season shall be ineligible for participation with a Hockey Alberta Team during the current Hockey Season.

1.7 **January 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per HC Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate not later than January 15.

1.8 **February 10**

- (a) February 10 is the final date for teams to register players and submit final roster list of not more than 25 (28 for Senior "AAA").
- (b) February 10 is the final date for the completion of player transfers.
- (c) The final date to return a player from professional hockey to HC/HA is February 10.

2. Player Registration

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

2.2 Every Player participating in the games sanctioned by HA shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry for the current Hockey Season.

2.3 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.

2.4 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.

(b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.

(c) In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the Executive Director may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.

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

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

2.6 Players wishing to register with another Senior Team other than the Senior Team which they were registered with during the last Hockey Season must first obtain a release from the Team which the Player was last registered with.

2.7 Inter-Branch Transfer

- (a) A Player desiring a transfer from a Team in one Branch to a Team in HA shall first obtain a release (if applicable, please review Hockey Canada Section H) from the Team of which he/she is a member. The Team in HA will then make application in the Registry to complete the transfer between the Teams involved.
- (b) The Inter-Branch Transfer must be completed in the Registry and approved by the HA Executive Director before the first game in which the Player is to participate.
- (c) Inter-Branch Transfer Fees \$100 plus GST

2.8 USA/International Transfer (For more details please contact the HA Office)

- (a) A Player who has previously registered with any other IIHF Member Federation wishing to register with a member Team of HA must first obtain a USA Transfer or an International Transfer from the last Federation in which he was registered.
- (b) All transfers between USA Hockey and HC shall be governed by the HC/USA Hockey Transfer Agreement. The agreement is contained in its entirety in Appendix K2 of the HC Regulations.
- (c) All transfers between other Registered members of the IIHF and HC shall be governed by the IIHF Transfer Regulations. The IIHF Transfer Regulations are contained in their entirety in Appendix K1 of the HC Regulations.
- (d) Incoming USA Transfer Fee: \$150 plus GST.
- (e) Incoming International Transfer Fee may be up to a maximum of \$2,400 plus GST.
- (f) For Canadian players returning from an IIHF member, please contact the Hockey Alberta Office.

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

3. Team Registration

- 3.1 There is one system of registration for Senior Hockey. A Hockey Team may only register as a Provincial Team.
- 3.2 Registration fees in accordance with Appendix "I" are payable upon application for Teams.
- 3.3 Senior Teams must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 3.4 (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Player/ Team Officials participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.

- (b) Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the Executive Director or his designate.
 - (c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official, who is not properly registered to that team, to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 3.5 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with HC and HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 3.6 Senior Teams will not enter into any player contracts or agreements except with HA and HC.
- 3.7 Number of Players on a Team:
 - (a) Senior Teams will be provided with not more than 45 Player allotments. Teams will be provided and charged 35 Player allotments in the Registry. A team may purchase up to 10 additional Player allotments if required.
 - (b) On January 10, all Senior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) (twenty-eight (28) in Senior "AAA") the total of the following:
 - (i) the number of registered players on their active list; and
 - (ii) the number of unused Player allotments.All registered players not indicated on this list are considered released.
 - (c) Teams having unused Player allotments as per the above may register eligible players on those allotments until February 10.
- 3.8 Player allotments by which goaltenders are registered shall be designated as "goaltenders". Players so designated as goaltenders shall not be permitted to play any other position (Ineligible Player). The final twenty-five (25) (twenty-eight (28) in Senior "AAA") registered players shall include at least two (2) goaltenders.
- 3.9 Imports
 - (a) Senior Teams will be permitted to register Imports only to the extent that the total number of such active Imports does not exceed at any one time during the current Hockey Season a total of six (6) imported Players.
 - (b) Senior Teams are permitted to register among their Imports a maximum of one (1) non-North American player in the current Hockey Season. Such Players retain their Import status when registering with HA or HC for subsequent Hockey Seasons.
- 3.10 Substitute Goalkeeper

Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled League Game or during any Provincial Zone Playoff or during any Provincial Tournament the use of a goalkeeper from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the Hockey Team concerned. Permission must be obtained from the Senior Male Chair.

- 3.11 Registered Hockey Teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Executive Director or his designate.

4. Leagues

- 4.1 In order for a League to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws and Regulations and a list of the names, phone numbers, fax numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses of the officers not later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations of any such League amending the approved Bylaws and Regulations must be registered with HA and approved prior to implementation.
- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered in the Registry. Teams from out of Province participating in a League that crosses Provincial Boundaries must get permission from the Executive Director or his designate.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

5. Player Movement

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

6. Releases

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

6.2 Requirements

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

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

7. Affiliation

7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.

7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

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

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

7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the Executive Director or his designate(s) shall be considered an Ineligible Player and Team Officials subject to discipline in accordance with Senior Male Regulation 12.

7.4 All Senior Hockey Teams may have affiliated with it one or the other of (see Hockey Canada Regulation E.12):

- (a) In Male Senior AAA, ten (10) specially affiliated players, from a lower Division or Category, at least one (1) of whom must be a goaltender; and

In all other Categories, nineteen (19) specially affiliated players, from a lower Division or Category, of whom at least two (2) must be goaltenders; or

- (b) one (1) Hockey Team from a lower Division or Category;

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

7.6 Providing Affiliation has been properly filed prior to January 15 in any Hockey Season, an affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which he is affiliated a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs. Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, he shall be considered an "Ineligible Player". However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

7.7 Appearance of a registered Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

8. Categorization

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

9. Senior Male Provincials

9.1 General Regulations

- (a) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada's Official Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of HA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by HA.
- (b) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Players name (see Definitions).
- (c) Teams wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 15 of the current Hockey Season.

9.2 Provincial Play Procedure

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

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

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

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

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

9.3 Senior Zone Playoff Regulations

- (a) Members entering provincial playoffs will be expected to complete the playoff series as directed. In event of ice being unavailable in a certain location, Hockey Alberta reserves the right to arrange the playoffs as they see fit. Failure to comply with such rearrangement of playoff dates and locations will result in forfeiture of the series by the offending member or members.
- (b) Provincial Playoff games have priority over League, League Playoffs, Exhibition and Tournament games. No games shall be cancelled without prior consultation with the Senior Male Chair, extreme weather conditions to be exempt from this rule. Senior Council Chair must be notified of any cancelled games.
- (c) If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen circumstance, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing team. The Manager, Coach or Official and/or players of the Team who is responsible, may be suspended for one year or more.
- (d) Rules of play shall be that of Hockey Canada's Official Playing Rules for the current season, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules as adopted by HA.
- (e) Series shall be played as determined by the Senior Council during the respective draw meetings held in December. Special Permission is required from the Senior Male Chair for any specific method used in determining League Rep team for the purpose of Playdowns.
- (f) If overtime is required during a playdown, refer to Rule 10.16 - "Tied Game" of the HC Official Playing Rules.
- (g) Provincial Team Rosters are to be checked by the opposing managers prior to each game and discrepancies are to be reported the same day or the day after the game to the Senior Male Chair by telephone.
- (h) The home team will pay for both ice requirements and all on-ice officials in the Zone Playoffs.
- (i) All divisions shall play three (3) twenty (20) minute periods of actual playing time (stop time) with a flood between every period.

- (j) Referees and team officials are to report Match Penalties, Game Misconducts and Gross Misconducts by telephone to the Senior Male Chair the same day or the day after the game. The player, coach or manager shall be suspended from ALL hockey until the case is reviewed and dealt with by Hockey Alberta,
- (k) After the conclusion of every Provincial Playoff series, winning team shall be responsible for notifying (by phone) the Senior Male Chair as to standings and time and place of next series. Game sheets are to be forwarded to the Senior Male Chair within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.

9.4 Senior Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincial Championships will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules, with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by the Association.
- (b) Each team may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players made up of a combination of properly registered and Affiliated Players. Affiliated players may only be used provided their affiliations were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-five (25) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta Representative to determine "Home" and "Away" teams for Provincial Tournament Draw. For Senior, there will be a coin toss at the coaches and managers meeting to determine home team for the first round. Coin tosses will also be used for subsequent rounds. Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time (Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.15) (home team will wear "light" coloured jerseys).
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period.
- (e) In the case of tied games: Use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 10.16.
 - (i) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
 - (A) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;
 - (B) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
 - (C) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden victory periods. The teams will now change ends.
 - (ii) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.

- (iii) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (f) The disciplinary rulings, in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures, shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Senior Male Chair.
- (g) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- (h) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game. Only procedural items are considered eligible for protest. Referees' decisions are final.
- (i) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
- (j) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the LMHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.

10. Exhibition Games

- 10.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from the Senior Male Chair for all out-of-league and out-of-province exhibition games.
- 10.2 For exhibition games with USA or International based Teams, permission must be granted by the General Manager or designate and proof of registration with the appropriate International Federation must be provided.
- 10.3 Application for permission will only be considered from Teams for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 10.4 Permission will not be given to any Team for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of HC or appropriate International Federation.
- 10.5 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from both HC and Hockey Alberta.
- 10.6 For exhibition games within Alberta, permission must be granted by the Senior Male Chair.
- 10.7 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.

- 10.8 All game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.

11. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules

11.1 Tournaments Within Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.1)

In addition, the following regulations will also apply:

- (a) All Tournaments must be approved **by Hockey Alberta and any applicable** Sanction fee payment must be made to Hockey Alberta prior to the start of the tournament.
- (b) Teams shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the start date of the tournament;
- (c) The host Team will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (d) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team official in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded **to the applicable Division of hockey Chair or designate, the Player(s) or Team Official(s) involved.**

11.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta - all Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 11.2)

In addition, the following regulation will also apply:

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

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

12. Discipline

12.1 Senior Hockey Suspension Procedures

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

- (a) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12.). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
 - (i) The Senior Male Chair is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events.
 - (ii) All game sheets that have suspendable infractions must be submitted within 24 hours to the Senior Male Chair by the Team.

- (iii) The Senior Male Chair will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify the following:
 - (A) Number of games.
 - (B) Which games are to be served, e.g. tournament, provincial, league or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events,
 - (l) The Senior/Junior Chairs, in consultation with the Minor Chair, may allow for the deferral of a participant's suspension which would allow them to continue participation as a Team Official in a lower Division while they serve their suspension with their registered team.
 - (C) The Hockey Alberta Appeal process.
 - (D) The Player/Team Official must not participate in any Hockey Games until a written suspension notice is received.

League Responsibilities

- (b) All Minor Regulations apply (see Minor Regulation 12.). In addition, the following regulations will also apply:
 - (i) If a suspension overlaps into tournaments, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate must notify the Senior Male Chair.
- 12.2 Senior Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendix "IX").
- 12.3 In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League/Playoff/Pre-Season/Tournament/Provincial Game. This is in addition to suspensions directed by HA Senior Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

13. Coach Education Requirements

Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

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

Teams must have a registered and eligible (as defined below) safety person by November 15 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program. This program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 1 of the third hockey season.

Respect In Sport - Coach

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

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

See Section E for further details.

SECTION E – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

LMHA's/Club Teams must ensure by November 15 that all Teams meet the requirements outlined in the chart below. Any Team that does not meet the requirements outlined within the Hockey Alberta Regulations is not an eligible team and therefore is not able to participate in sanctioned games.

Once the certification deadline passes, any team that does not meet the required certifications for their Team Officials will be notified that they are ineligible to participate until they have obtained the proper certifications.

	<u>COACH 1 - INTRO TO COACH</u>	<u>COACH 2 - COACH LEVEL</u>	<u>DEV. I</u>	<u>H.P. I</u>	<u>CHECKING SKILLS</u>	<u>RESPECT IN SPORT</u>	<u>SAFETY</u>
INITIATION	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL PER TEN PLAYERS					ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL PER TEN PLAYERS
NOVICE	HEAD COACH					ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
ATOM, ATOM FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
PEEWEE A, B, C, D, FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
PEEWEE AA			HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM A, B, C, D, FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM AA			* HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM FEMALE AAA			* HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
BANTAM AAA				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET A, B, C, D, FEMALE		HEAD COACH			HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET AA			* HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MINOR MIDGET AAA			* HEAD COACH		HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET FEMALE AAA				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
MIDGET AAA				HEAD COACH	HEAD COACH	ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL

- * For Bantam AA, Bantam Female AAA, Midget AA and Minor Midget AAA where Development I is required, any Head Coach that possesses the High Performance I Certification will also be deemed eligible.

	<u>COACH 1 - INTRO TO COACH</u>	<u>COACH 2 - COACH LEVEL</u>	<u>DEV. I</u>	<u>H.P. I</u>	<u>CHECKING SKILLS</u>	<u>RESPECT IN SPORT</u>	<u>SAFETY</u>
JUNIOR B, C, FEMALE						*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
JUNIOR A MALE				** HEAD COACH		*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
SENIOR FEMALE						*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL
SENIOR MALE						*** ALL TEAM OFFICIALS	ONE TEAM OFFICIAL

** For Junior A, the requirement for Head Coaches to have High Performance I Certification will come into effect for the 2016-2017 season.

*** The Respect In Sport requirement excludes Senior / Junior Teams, unless a Minor aged player is registered to and / or affiliated to the Team.

COACHING PROGRAMS

The requirements outlined above are based on a Team's categorization prior to November 15 of the current playing season.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure Assistant Coaches have completed the same course(s) as noted above.

Development I and High Performance I courses require a Coach to be "Certified" in order to meet the requirements. Head Coaches will have to be "Trained" in the course by November 15 of the current season and will have to have completed full "Certification" in the program by November 15 of the following season in order to remain eligible.

RESPECT IN SPORT

All Registered Team Officials must have completed the Respect In Sport - Activity Leader Program. This requirement excludes Senior / Junior Teams, unless a Minor aged player is registered to and / or affiliated to the Team.

HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM

All Registered Teams (including Junior and Senior Teams) must have a minimum of one (1) registered Team Official who has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP).

2. OFFICIALS RATES (2015-2016 SEASON)

Category	Maximum Rate	Rate Split
CIS (Male)	340	160-90-90
CIS (Female)	220	110-55-55
CWHL (Female)	320	90-90-70-70
ACAC (Male)	260	112-74-74
ACAC (Female)	165	69-48-48
AJHL	TBD	TBD
Senior Male (AAA)	210	88-61-61
Senior Male	195	83-56-56
Senior Female	150	62-44-44
Junior B	195	83-56-56
Junior C	165	69-48-48
Junior Female	140	58-41-41
Midget AAA	180	76-52-52
Minor Midget AAA (15 yr.)	160	66-47-47
Midget AA	145	61-42-42
Midget AAA Female	140	58-41-41
Midget A, B, C, D	130	52-39-39
Midget Female A, B	130	52-39-39
Bantam AAA	135	55-40-40
Bantam AA	125	51-37-37
Bantam AAA Female	125	51-37-37
Bantam A	120	48-36-36
Bantam B, C, D	105	43-31-31
Bantam Female A, B	105	43-31-31
Peewee	95	41-27-27
Atom	75	33-21-21
Novice	58	26-16-16
Adult Recreational (2 officials)	145	

- Mileage Rate: - As per Hockey Alberta Regulations @ 0.36/km
- Travel time: - Negotiable to a maximum of \$10.00/100km/Traveller (return trip)
- First 50 km are free
- Travel Rate = ((Total km - 50)/100) x \$10.00 (rate per traveller)
- Travel time applies to all travelling officials including the driver
- Late or Early Games: - Games scheduled to conclude after 11:00 p.m., start before 7:00 a.m., or start prior to 5:00 p.m. on a weekday (excluding Provincials) are negotiable to an additional \$10.00 per official.
- Tournaments: - Rates for all tournaments, except Provincial tournaments, are to be negotiated with applicable Referee Council Zone Chairperson or their designate.
- Maximum rates are not to be exceeded.
- Assigning fee may be charged to a maximum of \$6.00 per game (excluding Provincials).
- Assigning Fee: - \$100.00/team/season (excluding tournaments) for Exhibition, Regular Season & Playoffs.
- Warm-Ups: - \$10.00/official (maximum of \$20.00/game) for officials to monitor warm-ups.

These rates apply to the two (2) or three (3) official system. The rate for a one (1) official game is 70% of the rate listed in the applicable category above.

The rates above are for games that are 1.5 hours in length or longer. Games that are shorter in duration may have a lower negotiated rate between the LMHA and applicable Referee Zone Chairperson (or delegate).

THESE RATES ARE NOT TO BE EXCEEDED

3. INTERNATIONAL TRIPS/TOURS

3.1 General Tour Information

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play exhibition or tournament games, Inter-Branch games of any kind or games against teams from any other member federation of the IIHF without the written or faxed permission of Hockey Canada through HA. If HA does not object, it shall submit the request to the Hockey Canada President for his consideration and approval. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension of the Team Officials and/or Players involved.
- (b) In the case of Inter-Branch games and exhibition or tournament games between Teams affiliated with Hockey Canada and teams affiliated with USA Hockey, permission and travel permits shall be granted at the discretion of HA through the Zone Discipline & Sanction Coordinator.
- (c) Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may refuse application for sanctioning of International tours for any reason it deems detrimental to Hockey Canada, HA or the participants involved and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- (d) HA, clubs, teams, Players, coaches and officials who participate in the activities of international tours not sanctioned by Hockey Canada do so independent of Hockey Canada and HA and without access to benefits of Hockey Canada National Insurance Program and could be subject to suspension or other disciplinary measures as determined by HA.

3.2 Outgoing Trips/Tours

- (a) No Minor Team shall be allowed more than one outgoing International Tour during the same Hockey Season.
- (b) To obtain permission to take a HA team for an International trip, the following procedures must be followed:
 - (i) (A) A team must first obtain written invitations from the out-of-country or overseas team(s).
 - (B) The out-of-country or overseas team must be a member of its ice Hockey Federation and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF).
 - (C) The letter of invitation MUST include the full details of where and when the competition will be played.
 - (ii) (A) Upon receipt of the invitation, the Team's LMHA must notify by letter the Executive Director of HA requesting permission to travel which will include all items in (c)(i), above.
 - (B) The Team's LMHA must also send a copy of the above letter to the appropriate League Chairperson and/or appropriate HA Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator.
 - (C) A certified cheque, money order or cash in the amount of \$250 payable to HA is required before the Branch can consider a request.

- (D) A detailed schedule outline of dates and locations of all proposed games and team activities must be sent to HA from the LMHA before approval is given.
- (iii) Upon receipt of the official permission to travel from HA, the LMHA must then complete a Hockey Canada form titled "Hockey Canada Sanction Application for Team Tour in IIHF. (A fee of \$150 is included in above amount paid.) This form is to be completed and returned to HA no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the day of the event. If the application is not received within the minimum seventy-five (75) days, then HA will not support the trip.
- (d) An HA or Hockey Canada Official Representative must travel with all teams leaving Canada. The costs for this Representative must be borne by the traveling team Organization.

This Representative is to act as the "OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON" for the team.

- (i) The HA Representative, appointed by the Executive Director, will receive a letter from HA indicating such.
- (ii) LMHAs may recommend to the Executive Director any individual(s) they feel should be considered as the HA Representative. Letters of reference must be provided stating this person's involvement in the community and reasons why he/she should be considered.
- (iii) The Board of Directors reserves the right to make the final decision on this Representative.
- (iv) This individual represents HA and/or Hockey Canada; some of his/her responsibilities include:
 - (A) initiates and/or responds to: gift exchanges, toasts, welcomes, introduction of the official party, itinerary, etc.;
 - (B) control and discipline of the Players, coaches and managers;
 - (C) attends all meetings of the Team/Organization planning the trip;
 - (D) provides a written report to HA within 30 days of arriving back in Alberta.

3.3 Incoming Trips/Tours

- (a) All international tours or exhibition games involving teams from IIHF member federations other than USA Hockey must be approved by HA and sanctioned by Hockey Canada. It is understood that HA will first approve the tour and then submit a proposal to Hockey Canada for official sanctioning. The LMHA must produce a written invitation to HA and obtain written or faxed approval from Hockey Canada before traveling to Canada.
- (b) In the case of international tours which involve HA and more than one (1) Branch(es), both HA and the other Branch(es) must approve the tour and its conditions and then submit a proposal to Hockey Canada for official sanctioning.

- (c) Submissions for Hockey Canada sanctioning of an international tour must include the following:
 - (i) A certified cheque, money order or cash in the amount of \$250 payable to HA is required before the Branch can consider a request.
 - (ii) A detailed schedule outlining dates and locations of proposed games.
 - (iii) Written approval of both HA and any other Branch(es) involved.
- (d) Submissions for official sanctioning must be received in the Hockey Canada office no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the commencement of the first game of the tour. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic non-sanctioning of the tour.
- (e) Hockey Canada sanctioning of an international tour is conditional on the written approval of the IIHF member federation of which the traveling team is a member. Hockey Canada will not sanction any tour involving a team which does not have the approval of its federation or a team which is not a member of its federation. The visiting team must also submit proof of primary medical coverage and liability insurance which will be approved at the sole discretion of Hockey Canada. A federation representative must also travel with the visiting team at all times and act as its official spokesperson, team leader and team contact. The other federation must submit the name of this representative to Hockey Canada prior to the commencement of the tour.
- (f) Hockey Canada, HA, LMHA and Team making the application for sanctioning of an International tour is responsible for any damages, unpaid debts or other liabilities arising out of the operation of that tour. HA may, at their discretion, require with the application for an Incoming Tour that the LMHA must submit a letter of credit or other satisfactory security to a maximum of \$5,000 to be held in security toward any such damages, unpaid debts or other liabilities.
- (g) LMHA, clubs or teams contacted by organizers of tours involving teams from IIHF member federations must immediately contact the HA office before proceeding with or confirming arrangements for any games. Likewise, any minor hockey association, club or team interested in hosting a team or organizing a tour involving a team from other member federations must contact the HA office to initiate the process of official sanctioning.
- (h) The host team/association is responsible for obtaining documented proof of insurance coverage from the visiting team and coordinating in-country transportation, accommodations and meals. The aforementioned must be forwarded to Hockey Canada as part of the sanctioning submission.
- (i) Hockey Canada, HA, LMHAs, clubs and teams will not be responsible for remitting any fees, gate receipts or other funds to visiting IIHF member federation teams and its organizers, aside from the obligations outlined in (h), above.

4. TAMPERING

- 4.1 No Team Official of a Hockey Canada Branch team shall encourage Indirectly or invite in a direct manner a registered Player of another member from the previous season in the same or higher Category or of the current Season in any Division or Category without first having secured permission in writing in the manner set forth below from the member with which the Player is registered. For failure to comply with the above regulation, the responsible team and/or team official shall be sanctioned. Such sanction may include any or all of the following:
- (a) a fine up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the offending member, payable to the member who files the tampering charge within 30 days of notification;
 - (b) the return of two (2) unused player certificates for that season by the offending member to Hockey Alberta
 - (c) compensation to the club that may lose a Player to the offending member through subsequent appeal. The level of compensation shall be determined by Hockey Alberta;
 - (d) a minimum ten (10) game suspension (regular season or playoffs) to the head coach of the offending member/team; and
 - (e) a suspension for a period up to one (1) year to the responsible officials of the offending member.
- 4.2 The written permission referred to in Regulation 4 shall be a statement filed with HA, which statement shall be signed by the President of the member or by the designated signing Officers of the member/team with which the Player is registered.
- 4.3 The charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the HA procedure as established by General Regulations 2 and 3.

5. SPRING/SUMMER HOCKEY POLICY

Hockey Alberta's Spring / Summer Hockey Policy is currently under review. A new policy will be communicated to the membership upon its completion.

Hockey Alberta does not approve and will not sanction any structured or organized hockey leagues/teams/tournaments during the spring/summer months, outside the Hockey Alberta structure. This structure includes but is not limited to the Team Alberta Program, Regional Centre development programs and Coach Licensee partnerships and/or pilot programs. These programs will not interfere with the regular club system or regular hockey season unless they are part of a Hockey Canada or Government of Alberta competition or event. (IE Alberta Winter Games in February)

Spring/Summer months are defined as April 1 – August 1.

Rationale:

The rationale for this position is that this period (i.e. the time between the conclusion of one hockey season in the spring to the commencement of the next season in the fall) should be used for relaxation, training, development and participation in other sports in order to develop physical literacy in younger participants, foster a lifelong appreciation for sport and reduce the potential for burnout in all participants.

It is a known fact that highly organized programs do exist during the spring/summer months. However, these programs (teams, leagues and tournaments) are not conducted under the auspices of Hockey Alberta and those individuals participating do so at their own risk.

APPENDIX "I"

REGISTRATION & INSURANCE FEES 2015-2016

Division / Category	HA Team Fee	HC Team Liability Fee	Total Team Fees	HA Participant Fee	HC Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
Senior Male							
AAA	\$450.00		\$450.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
CIS	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$18.85	\$7.00		\$25.85
ACAC, AA, A	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* Available	\$37.50
Senior Female							
AAA, AA, A, B	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
CIS, ACAC	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Junior							
A	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
B	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$35.00	\$72.50
C	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	* \$10.00	\$47.50
Female	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Minor							
AAA	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
AA, A, B, C, D, Female	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Sport Schools	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$18.85	\$18.65		\$37.50
Division / Category	Level	HA Ref Admin Fee	HC Level Fee	HA Participant Fee	HC Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
Officials							
	Level 1	\$3.00	\$1.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$44.00
	Level 2	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$45.00
	Level 3	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$46.00
	Level 4	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$47.00
	Level 5	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$48.00
	Level 6	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	\$2.50	\$49.00
Division / Category			HA Program Fee	HA Participant Fee	National Participant & Insurance Fee	HC Additional Medical / Dental	Total Participant Fees
Other							
Pond Hockey			N/A	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$37.50
Inline Hockey			N/A	\$5.50	\$15.00	-	\$20.50
Sledge Hockey			N/A	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$37.50
Hockey Canada Skills Academy			\$20.00	\$18.85	\$18.65	-	\$57.50

* Additional Medical/Dental Insurance is offered to Junior and Senior Teams at the following:

- Half Shield at \$35.00/Player (Full Team Required)
- Facemask / Cage at \$10.00/Player (Full Team Required)

Hockey Alberta Participant Fee is comprised as follows:

Hockey Alberta Participant Fee	\$13.50
Hockey Alberta Facility Fee	\$ 1.35
Hockey Alberta Development Levy	\$ 3.00
Hockey Alberta Technology Fee	\$ 1.00

NOTE: Junior and Senior Teams not having used all the player allotments received will be eligible for a refund. Some Divisions will be eligible to purchase additional player allotments up to the maximum eligible for that Division, as per Hockey Canada Regulations.

NOTE: The Hockey Alberta Sanction Fee of an additional \$1.00 will be assessed for all registered players.

APPENDIX “II”

MINOR FEMALE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

All Female Minor Players will abide by the rules and regulations of the Hockey Alberta Minor Hockey Regulations (Section A) unless otherwise indicated within these Female Supplementary Regulations.

The winner of the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League will be the designated Provincial Champion representing the Branch at the National Midget Female Championship. These teams will be categorized as Female Midget AAA.

The winner of the Alberta Major Bantam Female Hockey League, whose teams will be Categorized Female Bantam AAA, will be the designated Provincial Champion.

1. Player Movement

The Female Alberta Development Model found in Appendix “III” for elite female hockey determines player movement rules and regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the AMMFHL and AMBFHL.

- 1.1 Players must play in the LMHA within whose boundaries they reside where said boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by LMHAs and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.

In all other cases, including those where there is no Female Team in a Players resident LMHA at her age Division, a Player shall play in the LMHA whose recognized Physical Limits are closest to their place of residence when measured along recognized all weather government roadways.

- 1.2 A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practising hockey.
- 1.3 A Player who, prior to the establishment of boundaries, was registered with an LMHA and who has played all of her Minor Female Hockey with said LMHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that LMHA (will be grand fathered). Siblings of such players will be required to register in their resident LMHA and not that of the (grand fathered) sibling.

When there is an issue between two LMHAs on where a player should be trying out, the LMHAs are to work cooperatively together to determine where the player should be playing. If the two LMHAs are unable to determine where the player should go based upon Hockey Alberta Rules and Regulations, then Hockey Alberta will become involved to facilitate a decision.

Exceptions must be approved in writing by the Minor Regulation Coordinator – Female.

- 1.4 Permission to Try-Out

- (a) Minor age Players wishing to register with a Female team in a higher category must first obtain permission, via a Player Movement Form, from the LMHA in which the Player resides, providing there is a minor Team of the Player's age Division in the Player's resident LMHA in the current Hockey Season.

- (b) Permission to Try Out may be refused in situations where:
- (i) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the LMHA with insufficient numbers (less than 12) to field a Female team at the Players age Division in the current Hockey Season.
 - (ii) The Player requesting permission intends to register with a new Team (female minor only) that is of the same or lower provincial Category as her resident LMHA Female team or the LMHA Female team with which she was registered in the previous Hockey Season.
 - (iii) The Player is requesting permission for reasons other than playing at highest level of which she is capable, i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.

1.5 All Players will be released back to their Resident LMHA at the end of every hockey season.

1.6 The Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female must approve all exceptions to Player Movement.

2. Provincial Categorization

2.1 All teams participating in Provincials must have filed their Notice of Intent in accordance with Minor Regulation 10.

Midget

2.2 Local Minor Hockey Associations that have Midget teams participating in the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League (AMMFHL) will have those teams categorized as Midget AAA. The AMMFHL will determine the provincial representative for the National Midget Female Championship. These import players on these teams will not be included in the categorization of the LMHA.

2.3 Local Minor Hockey Associations will be categorized according to the previous season's Midget Female registration numbers in the remainder of Midget Female Categorization excluding the import players of the Midget AAA registration numbers. The remaining Midget Female categorizations will be Midget A and Midget B.

2.4 Player movement defined under the Female ADM (see Appendix "III") will apply to players moving to AAA Midget Teams, The AMMFHL has established Elite Draw Zone Areas for the participating associations and will review these on an annual basis.

Any players moving to a designated Midget AAA team to play on the Midget AAA team would not count towards next year's Categorization for the AAA Centre.

Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

- 2.5 Midget Female Association Categorization, for the purposes of Player Movement, will be as follows:

Category	Number of Registered Midget Players from Previous Season in Association (Last year's registration number)
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A	25+
B	0 - 24

- (a) Midget Provincial Teams shall register following the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" according to the number of teams being registered for Provincial play. All Midget Teams are to be used in the determination of the minimum registration of the teams being categorized for provincials. Distribution of teams within the Midget category must be equal (within 1 team of each other) according to the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

Minimum Team Registration Breakdown:

# of Teams	Category of Registration
1	1 A team or 1 B team
2	1 A team – 1 B team
3	1 A team – 2 B teams
4	2 A teams – 2 B teams
5	2 A teams – 3 B teams
6	2 A teams – 4 B teams
7	3 A teams – 4 B teams
8	3 A teams – 5 B teams
9	4 A teams – 5 B teams
10	4 A teams – 6 B teams
11	5 A teams – 6 B teams
12	5 A teams – 7 B teams

Note: All teams within a category must be equally skilled.

- (b) Association may apply to the Minor Administration Coordinator to register their teams at a higher level than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" before they request their Teams.

Example: An association with a total of 8 teams may apply for approval to register 4 Midget A teams and 4 Midget B teams. Again, this example follows the rule of registering the teams higher than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown",

- (c) Associations that register more than twelve teams below the AAA level will be required to submit their team breakdown for approval to the Minor Administration Coordinator.

Bantam

- 2.6 LMHAs that have Bantam teams participating within the AMBFHL will have those teams categorized as Bantam AAA. The import players on these teams will not be included in the categorization of the LMHA.
- 2.7 LMHAs will be categorized according to the previous season's Bantam Female registration numbers in the remainder of Bantam Female Categorization excluding the import players of the Bantam AAA registration numbers. The remaining Bantam Female categorizations will be Bantam A and B.
- 2.8 Player movement defined under the Female ADM (see Appendix "III") will apply to players moving to AAA Bantam Teams who are participating within the AMBFHL. The Female ADM has established Elite Draw Zone areas for the participating associations and will review these on an annual basis.

Any players moving to a designated Bantam AAA team to play on the Bantam AAA team would not count towards next year's Categorization for the AAA centre. Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

- 2.9 To ensure that each zone has the opportunity to provide a center for their players to play at the highest level possible and qualify for Provincials:

Upon Application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, a zone may designate an association to be an "A" center in the Bantam Category - providing there are no other Bantam "A" centers within the zone. Determination will be done prior to the commencement of the next season (August 1).

Player movement rules would then apply; however, any players moving to a zone designated A Center to play on the A team would not count towards next year's categorization for the A Center.

Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

- 2.10 Bantam Female Association Categorization, for the purposes of Player Movement, will be as follows:

Category	Number of Registered Bantam Players from Previous Season in Association (Last years registration numbers)
A	16+
B	0 – 15

- (a) Bantam Provincial Teams shall register following the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" according to the number of teams being registered for Provincial play. All Bantam teams are to be used in the determination of the minimum registration of the teams being categorized for provincials. Distribution of teams within the Bantam category must be equal (within 1 team of each other) according to the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown":

Minimum Team Registration Breakdown:

# of Teams	Category of Registration
1	1 A team or 1 B team
2	1 A team - 1 B team
3	1 A team - 2 B teams
4	2 A teams - 2 B teams
5	2 A teams - 3 B teams
6	2 A teams - 4 B teams

Note: All teams within a category must be equally skilled.

- (b) Association may apply to the Minor Administration Coordinator to register their teams at a higher level than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" before they purchase their Teams.

Example: An association with a total of 2 teams may apply to the Minor Regulation Committee for approval to register 2 Bantam A teams. Again, this example follows the rule of registering the teams higher than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

- (c) Associations that ice more than six teams will be required to submit their team breakdown for approval to the Minor Administration Coordinator.

Peewee

- 2.11 Peewee Female teams will be categorized according to the previous season's Peewee Female registration numbers. Peewee Female will be categorized Peewee A and Peewee B.

- 2.12 To ensure that each zone has the opportunity to provide a center for their players to play at the highest level possible and qualify for Provincials:

Upon Application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, a zone may designate an association to be an "A" center in the Peewee Category — providing there are no other Peewee "A" centers within the zone. Determination will be done prior to the commencement of the next season (August 1).

Player movement rules would then apply; however, any players moving to a zone designated A Center to play on the A team would not count towards next year's categorization for the A Center.

Players moving from their home association would be included in their home association categorization numbers for the next season.

In this circumstance, at the end of the Hockey Season, all Players will be released back to their resident LMHA.

- 2.13 Peewee Female Association Categorization, for the purposes of Player Movement, will be as follows:

Category	Number of Registered Peewee Players from Previous Season in Association (Last years registration numbers)
A	16+
B	0 - 15

- (a) Peewee Provincial Teams shall register following the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" according to the number of teams being registered for Provincial play. All Peewee teams are to be used in the determination of the minimum registration of the teams being categorized for provincials. Distribution of teams within the Peewee category must be equal within 1 team of each other) according to the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

Minimum Team Registration Breakdown:

# of Teams	Category of Registration
1	1 A team or 1 B team
2	1 A team - 1 B team
3	1 A team - 2 B teams
4	2 A teams - 2 B teams
5	2 A teams - 3 B teams
6	2 A teams - 4 B teams

Note: All teams within a category must be equally skilled.

- (b) Association may apply to the Minor Administration Coordinator to register their teams at a higher level than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown" before they purchase their Teams.

Example: An association with a total of 2 teams may apply to the Minor Regulation Committee for approval to register 2 Peewee A teams. Again, this example follows the rule of registering the teams higher than the "Minimum Team Registration Breakdown".

- (c) Associations that register more than six teams will be required to submit their team breakdown for approval to the Minor Administration Coordinator.

Atom

- 2.14 Atom Female teams will be Categorized as Female Atom.

- 2.15 **All Female Atom Teams within an LMHA are encouraged to be equally skilled.** If there is more than one Female Atom team within an LMHA, they should be picked equally and fairly. Tiering of teams by skill level is not acceptable and is contrary to the development of Atom aged players and teams.

- 2.16 For LMHAs that tier their teams by skill level, a decision will be made by the Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female to determine their eligibility for Female Atom Provincials.
- 2.17 LMHAs must submit their order for Teams as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season. LMHAs must declare their team's categorization at the time of purchase.
- 2.18 All Minor Female teams must register prior to their first league game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All players participating in such games must be duly registered in the Registry. All teams registered after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial Playoffs.
- 2.19 To be eligible for Female Provincials teams must be registered on or before November 15 of the current year.
- 2.20 The Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female reserves the right to place Teams in whatever Category and series that it may deem is in the best interest of Hockey Alberta. After midnight on January 31, no Team will be reclassified nor will any appeals be accepted regarding classification. Female Atom teams that are tiered by skill level within their LMHA may be deemed ineligible for Female Atom Provincials.
- 2.21 There will be no downward movement for any reason; however Female Midget, Bantam and/or Peewee Teams may apply to the Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female to be reclassified upward in writing before the pre-draw meeting in January. Reclassification would take place at the Zone Draw meeting.
- 2.22 A Pre-Draw meeting shall be held within each Minor Hockey Zone at least one (1) week prior to the Annual Draw Meeting for the purpose of potential reclassification of Teams within the Zone.
- 2.23 The Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female should be at the Zone Pre-Draw meeting due to the fact that affiliations could be declared null and void due to reclassification of Teams.

3. Affiliation

The Female Alberta Development Model, found in Appendix "III" for elite female hockey determines Affiliation rules and regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the AMMFHL and AMBFHL.

- 3.1 Female Players playing on Minor Male hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female.
- 3.2 Final approval of all Female Minor affiliations rests with the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female.
- 3.3 Minor Female affiliations are only allowed within their LMHA with the exception of affiliation to designated AAA Female Midget and Bantam Teams (see Appendix "III").
- 3.4 For designated Female Midget AAA and Bantam AAA teams, affiliation will be allowed from teams within their established draw zones (see Appendix "III").

The Minor Administration Coordinator must approve these "out of LMHA" affiliations, in consultation with the Minor Regulation Coordinator - Female.

3.5 Affiliation will only be recognized where:

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

3.6 Associations that have more than 1 Category (Tiered) within a Division within their LMHA will be allowed to affiliate upwards. Hockey Alberta must approve Categories.

Example: Peewee A and Peewee B. If an LMHA runs three (3) Leagues of Tiered Teams, then the Teams will be allowed to affiliate upwards within their LMHA.

3.7 Affiliation should NEVER be used to strengthen a team.

3.8 Exceptions will be considered on application to the Minor Administration Coordinator, in consultation with the Minor Regulation Coordinator.

APPENDIX “III”

ALBERTA “AA” HOCKEY MODEL





“AA” HOCKEY MODEL

In 2014, at the direction of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors, a committee was formed with the intent of reviewing Minor Hockey, below the Elite level, and developing a process that would enable Alberta's hockey athletes to compete at a level that is fair and equitable for the specific skill level of each athlete. The focus of the process deals with the “competitive” system within Hockey Alberta and provides for the development of athletes at a Regional level, acting as a “feeder system” for Elite hockey.

This “AA” Hockey Model provides guidance and direction so that player opportunity and movement is done in recognition of the needs of the player and the MHA's involved. The philosophy behind this model is the agreement that responsible decisions would be made in order to act in the best interest of the athlete. This model further recognizes and supports that each athlete has the right to consider his/her options and should be provided the opportunity to access a level of hockey that is consistent with the skill level of each player.

This document is based on five (5) principles that support the philosophy in order to create a system that better meets the needs of the athletes as they progress through the system of development. This document creates a development system targeted to providing a positive experience for all participants through improved communications and a better understanding of the principles.

PRINCIPLES OF THE “AA” HOCKEY MODEL

The principles of the “AA” Hockey Model are as follows:

1. The best philosophy for developing players is to create an environment where similarly skilled players are able to compete together and against each other. This “AA” Hockey Model provides a structure where players are provided the opportunity to access the level of hockey they are capable of playing at.
2. A standardized Province wide system of hockey that creates a competitive balance at the Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels. It provides players with a “developmental” system that focuses on skill development and acts as a “feeder” system bridging the gap between grassroots hockey and Elite (AAA) hockey.
3. A Regionalized Hockey System that provides opportunities for players to access the “AA” level of hockey within a reasonable distance of travel from their Resident LMHA. The “AA” Hockey Model is designed to balance the needs of the player with that of the LMHA and family.
4. The “AA” Model uses established criteria to determine the appropriate number of Teams within the Province as well as the terms and conditions under which these Teams operate. Identified “AA” Teams provide opportunities for all the players within their “Recruitment Area”.
5. The “AA” Hockey Model is the only system of hockey at this particular level within Alberta and is designed to provide an option for players without negatively impacting the local Minor Hockey Associations with respect to player movement or Provincial Categorization.



“AA” HOCKEY MODEL

This document provides specific rules and regulations that apply to the MHA's and Teams operating within the “AA” Hockey Model. All Minor Hockey Regulations apply, unless regulations within this model alter the meaning of said Regulations for the purpose of “AA” Hockey.

CRITICAL DATES

September 1st	“AA” Recruitment Area Evaluation Camps start; Deadline for “AA” Player Movement Applications;
September 20th	All First Try-Outs must be completed;
October 1st	All approved Second Try-Outs must be completed; Regular Season schedule can begin;
December 15th	Deadline for MHA's to file Affiliation.
January 10th	Final date to Register a Player to or Release a Player from a Team;
February 28th	League Playoffs complete; Representatives for Provincial Tournaments determined;
March	Provincial Championship Tournaments.

RECRUITMENT AREAS

In order to make it fair and equitable for all teams within the “AA” Hockey Model, Recruitment Areas have been established. These Recruitment Areas ensure there is an opportunity for all players that want to play, and have the skill to play, within the “AA” Hockey Model the ability to do so. The Recruitment Areas establish a consistent development system for players of all levels throughout the Province.

Hockey Alberta has established Recruitment Areas that allow for the progression of players from Minor Hockey Association programs, through to the “AA” Hockey Model and up to the Alberta Development Model (ADM).

- Recruitment Areas for each Division/Category within the “AA” Hockey Model do not overlap.
- Entire Minor Hockey Associations are within specific Recruitment Areas and not split.
- Hockey Edmonton and Hockey Calgary, as MHA's, have structured smaller Recruitment Areas within their boundaries.
- Each Recruitment Area has had a Host Minor Hockey Association identified within it and this Host MHA is responsible for operating the “AA” Team(s) as identified for the area, in accordance with this “AA” Hockey Model.
- Recruitment Areas are based on registration numbers, geographic location and travel time to the Host Minor Hockey Association.
- Taking the age of the players into consideration, the Recruitment Areas and Host Minor Hockey Association's for the Peewee AA Division vary from the Bantam and Midget AA Divisions based on registration numbers, geographic location and time of travel.



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“AA” HOCKEY MODEL RECRUITMENT AREAS

MIDGET “AA”

Grande Prairie	Peace River	Wainwright	Fort Saskatchewan
Grande Prairie Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Grande Cache Grovedale Horse Lake Hythe La Glace Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Spirit River Valleyview Wembley	Peace River Fairview Grimshaw High Level Hines Creek La Crete Manning Nampa Rainbow Lake Smoky River	Wainwright 3C's Chauvin Edgerton Hardisty Hughenden Irma Mannville Provost Vermilion	Fort Saskatchewan Andrew Bruderheim Josephburg Lamont Mundare Redwater Thorhild Two Hills Vegreville
Bonnyville	Lac La Biche	Camrose	Whitecourt
Bonnyville Cold Lake Elk Point Frog Lake Glendon Mallaig Saddle Lake St. Paul	Lac La Biche Athabasca Boyle Goodfish Lake Kikino Plamondon Smoky Lake	Camrose Bashaw Holden Killam Rosalind Sedgewick Thunderstars Viking	Whitecourt Edson Fox Creek Hinton Jasper Mayerthorpe Sangudo Swan Hills
Sturgeon	Lloydminster	Spruce Grove	Leduc
Sturgeon Barrhead CR Knights CNN Westlock	Lloydminster Dewberry Kitscoty Marwayne Paradise Valley	Spruce Grove Enoch Onoway Pembina Stony Plain Wabamun	Leduc Calmar Drayton Valley Thorsby Warburg
Wetaskiwin	Slave Lake	Beaumont	Strathcona
Wetaskiwin Maskwacis Millet Ponoka Winfield	Slave Lake Fort Vermilion High Prairie Wabasca	Beaumont Devon New Sarepta	Strathcona Tofield
St. Albert	Sherwood Park	Fort McMurray	Edmonton
St. Albert	Sherwood Park	Fort McMurray	** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **
Two Teams			



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MIDGET “AA”

Strathmore	Olds	Lacombe	Taber
Strathmore Bassano Chestermere Drumheller Hanna Hussar Indus Morrin Rockyford Siksika	Olds Bowden Carstairs Didsbury Innisfail Kneehill Spruce View Sundre	Lacombe Alix Big Valley Blackfalds Clive Delburne Endmoor Stettler	Taber Bow Island Coaldale Foremost Lomond Picture Butte Raymond Vauxhall Warner
Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Foothills	Sylvan Lake
Lethbridge Cardston Crowsnest Pass Fort MacLeod Kainai Magrath Pincher Creek	Medicine Hat Brooks Duchess Irvine Oyen Redcliff	Foothills Blackie Claresholm High Country Nanton Vulcan	Sylvan Lake Bentley Caroline Eckville Rimbey Rocky Mountain House
Cochrane	Airdrie	Red Deer	Okotoks
Cochrane Banff Canmore Cremona Mini Thni	Airdrie Beiseker Crossfield	Red Deer **Two Teams**	Okotoks **Two Teams**
Calgary			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



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BANTAM “AA”

Grande Prairie	Peace River	Wainwright	Fort Saskatchewan
Grande Prairie Beaverlodge Clairmont East Smoky Grande Cache Grovedale Horse Lake Hythe La Glace Rycroft Savanna Sexsmith Spirit River Valleyview Wembley	Peace River Fairview Grimshaw High Level Hines Creek La Crete Manning Nampa Rainbow Lake Smoky River	Wainwright 3C's Chauvin Edgerton Hardisty Hughenden Irma Mannville Provost Vemilion	Fort Saskatchewan Andrew Bruderheim Josephburg Lamont Mundare Redwater Thorhild Two Hills Vegreville
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Sturgeon	Lloydminster	Spruce Grove	Leduc
Sturgeon Barrhead CR Knights CNN Westlock	Lloydminster Dewberry Kitscoty Marwayne Paradise Valley	Spruce Grove Enoch Onoway Pembina Stony Plain Wabamun **Two Teams**	Leduc Calmar Drayton Valley Thorsby Warburg
Wetaskiwin	Slave Lake	Beaumont	Strathcona
Wetaskiwin Maskwacis Millet Ponoka Winfield	Slave Lake Fort Vemilion High Prairie Wabasca	Beaumont Devon New Sarepta	Strathcona Tofield
St. Albert	Sherwood Park	Fort McMurray	Edmonton
St. Albert **Three Teams**	Sherwood Park **Two Teams**	Fort McMurray	** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **



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BANTAM “AA”

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Calgary			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



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PEEWEE “AA”

Grande Prairie	Peace River	Wainwright	Fort Saskatchewan
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Two Teams			
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		Two Teams	
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Wetaskiwin Maskwacis Millet Ponoka Winfield	Slave Lake Fort Vermilion High Prairie Wabasca	Beaumont Devon New Sarepta	Strathcona Tofield
St. Albert	Sherwood Park	Fort McMurray	Edmonton
St. Albert	Sherwood Park	Fort McMurray	** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **
Three Teams	**Two Teams**		



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PEEWEE “AA”

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Calgary			
** Teams To Be Determined by “AA” Committee **			



“AA” HOCKEY MODEL

EXPANSION / REDUCTION OF RECRUITMENT AREAS

The “AA” Hockey Model has defined the maximum number of “AA” Teams that are permitted at each Division within Alberta. Teams have been allotted within each Recruitment Area based on registration statistics and historical data. The annual review process provides an opportunity to identify any need to expand or contract the number of teams within this model.

By **March 1**, a Recruitment Area has the ability to apply to the “AA” Hockey Committee for expansion or reduction of the number of teams within their area for the upcoming season. The application must be based on the following criteria:

1. Registration numbers have been reviewed to determine the appropriate number of players available for the Division.
2. Each Recruitment Area must include a minimum of one team for each Division (Peewee, Bantam and Midget).
3. Historical statistics have been reviewed to determine how competitive the teams have been within the Province.
4. Player development is the most important factor in the rationale.

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Hockey Alberta has identified Leagues / organizations to operate the “AA” Hockey Model across the Province. The identified Leagues / organizations have agreed to the philosophy and principles of the Model and agree to govern and operate “AA” Hockey at each included level of Minor Hockey (Peewee AA, Bantam AA, Midget AA). The Leagues / organizations are:

- **Northern Alberta Hockey League (NAHL)**
- **South Central Alberta Hockey League (SCAHL)**
- **Hockey Edmonton**
- **Hockey Calgary**

Each League / Organization must be a sanctioned League or member MHA of Hockey Alberta and must be registered under the “Societies Act”. League / Organization membership will consist of the MHA’s identified as Host MHA’s within the “AA” Hockey Model and they will operate under the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.

The Leagues / Organizations identified above will be the only groups sanctioned to operate “AA” Hockey under the governance of Hockey Alberta.

In an attempt to lower costs, the Leagues / Organizations have established Conferences / Divisions to minimize the amount of travel required throughout the season. These Conferences / Divisions are outlined in the League Regulations and Policies and vary amongst the Divisions of hockey.

- Maximum travel distances for game play have been established for each Division of hockey.
- Restricted amounts of game play will occur outside of each conference prior to playoffs.



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The Leagues / Organizations will each follow their own Bylaws, Regulations and Policies to govern and manage hockey within the “AA” Hockey Model. They will also abide by and follow Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations, including this “AA” Hockey Model. The member MHA’s and/or Teams that have been assigned to each specific League / Organization will have voting rights assigned to them within those specific Bylaws.

Each approved “AA” League / Organization shall have a Board of Directors, which will conduct the day-to-day operations of the League / Organization in accordance with the established Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures. Each League / Organization may have slight variations of rules with regard to how they operate day to day (i.e. – game times). As an approved partner in the “AA” Hockey Model, each approved “AA” League / Organization will:

- (a) Ensure the identified “AA” Host LMHA’s are recognized members of the League / Organization;
- (b) Set and operate a Regular Season League schedule based on guidelines as outlined in the “AA” Hockey Model;
- (c) Coordinate Playoffs to determine a Champion that will attend Provincials;
- (d) Administer Discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Regulations for conduct and rule violations;
- (e) Host League / Organization meetings for the members to discuss the game and make decisions related to the game;

“AA” PLAYER MOVEMENT

Players are expected to try out for the Recruitment Area Team that recruits from the Local Minor Hockey Association the player is resident in.

- Players will obtain the necessary permission from their Resident LMHA, via the Minor Hockey Player Movement Form, to try out for the “AA” Hockey Team that operates in the area in which they reside.
- Players will not be considered “Import” Players to the Recruitment Area Team in which their Resident Local Minor Hockey Association is located.
- The Players’ Resident Minor Hockey Association may not refuse to give permission to a player that wishes to try out for his/her Resident Recruitment Area Team.

Players are only permitted to try out within a Recruitment Area that is not their Resident LMHA’s Recruitment Area with special permission from the Player Movement Review Committee.

- Players should only request this movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. Considerably closer for travel, move without parent transfers).
- Players file an application, using the Minor Hockey Player Movement Form and supporting documentation, through the Hockey Alberta office prior to **September 1** if they wish to request this “special permission” to move.
- The Committee reviews the application and renders a decision on or prior to September 15.

Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON



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NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE

Any Player may try out for the team for which the Player is eligible within his/her Recruitment Area, provided:

- a) the player has filed a completed Minor Hockey Player Movement form;
- b) the team has been approved to participate, by Hockey Alberta, in the “AA” Hockey Model.

“AA” Teams must allow Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA’s boundaries, but within the teams Recruitment Area, to have the opportunity of registering with the team. The top players should be selected for each team, regardless of where they reside within the Recruitment Area.

Players wishing to try out with a “AA” Team (as defined) must first complete a Minor Hockey Player Movement Form and submit to their Resident LMHA (the LMHA within whose boundaries the player resides) and the applicable host LMHA of the “AA” Team to which the player wishes to try-out for.

Residency of the player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications.

Players will be given the opportunity to try out for the Team identified within the “AA” Hockey Model as their “Resident Recruitment Area Team”. If the player does not make their Resident Recruitment Area Team, they must return to their Resident LMHA.

A second try-out **may** be granted by the League based on the needs of the teams in surrounding recruitment areas. Second try-outs are only permitted in cases where specific circumstances dictate the need for movement in order to improve the competitiveness of another Recruitment Area team and are not intended to permit players the opportunity for multiple try-outs. A second try-out will only be entertained if:

- a) Prior to September 1, a Recruitment Area has declared to the League that they are in need of players due to a low turn-out of eligible players registering for try-outs; or
Prior to September 15, a Recruitment Area has declared a low number of players attending try-outs that are capable of playing at the “AA” level;
- b) The Recruitment Area must have gained support in accepting “Import” Players from its participating LMHA partners prior to being able to request players for a second try-out;
- c) The player’s Resident LMHA has a sufficient number of players in order to be able to offer a Team at the specific Division without said player;
- d) The player has been cut and has obtained a Letter from his/her Resident Recruitment Area team;
- e) The player has submitted a new Minor Hockey Player Movement Form, along with the Letter from the Resident Recruitment Area, to the League;



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The League will notify the player whether or not the request will be granted and which nearby Recruitment Area the try-out has been granted for.

If approved, a player on a second try-out must be evaluated by independent evaluators for a minimum of two (2) ice times and it must be determined as to whether or not the player has made the team within seven (7) days;

A player making the designated “AA” Team will receive permission to play for the season and will be returned to his/her Resident LMHA at the end of the season.

PLAYER ACCELERATION

The objective of the “AA” Hockey Model is to develop players within their specific age group, and not to displace the players from their age Division by facilitating the movement of underage players. All underage players will only be considered as an exception.

- (a) Underage players will only be considered if they are one year younger than the age Division they are applying to participate in;
- (b) A formal application must be submitted prior to the Evaluation Camp beginning. The player’s Resident LMHA must support the request for an Underage Player Exception by providing the necessary Player Movement form;
- (c) Along with the Player Movement Form, the Player must submit a letter outlining the rationale for being considered as an Underage Player;
- (d) No underage players will be granted a second try-out;
- (e) An underage player approved for participation in the Evaluation Camp, must evaluate in the top third of skaters by position;

i.e. The player must evaluate as a top three forward, top two defenseman, or the top goaltender, to make the “AA” team in question.
- (f) The underage player’s participation with the “AA” team must be determined within the first seven days of the Evaluation Camp, through a minimum of two ice times.



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TEAM REGISTRATION

All Regional “AA” Teams will be registered in the Registry by the MHA that has been identified as the Recruitment Area Host LMHA. The Recruitment Area Host LMHA will register the team(s) in accordance with the Hockey Alberta Minor Hockey Regulations.

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players and Team Officials participating with a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before participating in their first League game. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible to compete in Provincial Play.

In order to support the ADM and to align the system of player development within Alberta, Regional “AA” Teams are not permitted to begin the player evaluation and selection process for the current season until **September 1**. Each Regional “AA” Team is provided the opportunity to utilize Exhibition and Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration. Provided that these Exhibition and Pre-Season games take place prior to the first scheduled League Game and prior to November 15, Teams will not be required to have all players identified on the roster in the Registry when playing these games.

Each Regional “AA” Team must register a minimum of 13 skaters and 2 goaltenders and will be permitted to register a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goaltenders at any one time during the season.

Upon receiving permission from their Branch, Team(s) from a Branch other than Hockey Alberta may apply to Hockey Alberta to be permitted to participate within the “AA” Hockey Model for league play. If approved, these inter-branch Teams will not be eligible to represent the League or Branch at a Provincial, Regional or National Championship.

COACH AND PLAYER SELECTION

Coach and Player selection is the responsibility of the Recruitment Area's Host MHA.

One principle of the “AA” Hockey Model is for each Recruitment Area to consider all eligible coaches and players from the MHA's within their Recruitment Area when selecting their team(s). Regardless of where a coach or player resides within the Recruitment Area, they should all be treated equally during the evaluation and selection process.

There are no “quotas” permitted to be exercised within the “AA” Hockey Model and there shall be no restrictions, based on place of residence, placed on the coaches or players. It is the expectation that Recruitment Areas build Teams with the best possible players and coaches available to them.



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AFFILIATION POLICY

The Affiliation Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the “AA” Hockey Model. To allow for Affiliation within each Recruitment Area, the Regional “AA” Teams are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Recruitment Area. All players to be registered for affiliation within the “AA” Hockey Model must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Recruitment Area Host LMHA is located within.

- An “AA” minor hockey team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team’s designated geographic region (Team to Team Affiliation is not permitted).
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player’s name must appear on the team’s affiliation list filed within the Branch.
- Once a player’s affiliation is approved, the player’s name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- A player, registered with a team which has a “team to team” affiliation with a higher Division/Category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.
- Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a “team to team” affiliation agreement with a higher Division /category team.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.

NOTE: All Affiliated players must reside in the Recruitment Area of the team they will be Affiliated with, in the “AA” Hockey Model.

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

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the “AA” Hockey Model from any LMHA in the Recruitment Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the “AA” Hockey Model within their Recruitment Area.



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REGIONAL TEAM MANAGEMENT

The following model guides the management of the regional teams within each Recruitment Area and establishes the communication protocol that will be used in order to ensure the success of the “AA” Hockey Model.

Each Recruitment Area Host LMHA is responsible for identifying a representative that will attend regular League Meetings throughout the season in order to ensure proper communication between the League and their Regional Team(s).

Seasonal reviews have been established in order to highlight how the model is operating within the Province as well as within each Recruitment Area. Utilizing the feedback from these reviews will provide the opportunity to make amendments as necessary and ensure parity within the “AA” Hockey Model.

Communication with Regional “AA” Teams

- Each Recruitment Area will host meetings a minimum of two (2) times per year to discuss “AA” hockey within their area. These meetings will be chaired by a representative from the Host LMHA of the Recruitment Area. The Host LMHA will be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting to all Teams within the Recruitment Area as well as reporting feedback from the meeting back to the Hockey Alberta “AA” Hockey Committee.
- These meetings will occur at the start of the season and end of the season, with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback would be gathered and reviewed by the “AA” Hockey Committee prior to the end of the season so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, these meetings would be hosted by the member Minor Hockey Association.
- Some agenda items for these meetings will be submitted by the “AA” Hockey Committee so that there is consistency throughout the Province in the information that is being provided to / gathered from the stakeholders.

Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- The “AA” Hockey Model encourages MHA’s to work together to provide the best possible developmental experience for the players. The model supports moving practices and games around within the Recruitment Area in order to include the MHA’s in hosting the Regional “AA” Team and to promote the program within each community.
- Each Recruitment Area will meet a minimum of one (1) time per year with all of the MHA’s within their area to discuss “AA” hockey. This meeting would occur at the end of the season so that the feedback could be gathered and reviewed by the “AA” Hockey Committee and adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.



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- This Recruitment Area Meeting will be chaired by the Recruitment Area Host LMHA and they would be responsible for communicating the date and time of the meeting as well as reporting any feedback that is received to the Hockey Alberta “AA” Hockey Committee.
- Feedback will also be gathered from the LMHA’s every so often through the use of an on-line survey. The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the Hockey Alberta “AA” Hockey Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the next season.

In each of the cases above, information will be gathered through the means listed above, reviewed by the “AA” Hockey Committee, with recommendations then being sent to the Executive Director of Hockey Alberta.

PROVINCIALS

Provincial Championships for each Division within the “AA” Hockey Model will be operated by Hockey Alberta in the same manner as other Minor Hockey Provincials. Only Hockey Alberta Teams approved to participate within the “AA” Hockey Model’s Leagues / Organizations will be eligible to play in the Provincial Championship. League play will determine which Team(s) earn the right to represent their League / Organization at Provincials.

ARBITRATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The “AA” Hockey Model requires issues by arbitration and/or conflict resolution to be reviewed and remedied within a timely manner. The Host MHA can refer to the Hockey Alberta Game and Conduct Management Guidelines if they do not have their own clearly defined steps for an arbitration and/or conflict resolution process.

Any requests for arbitration or conflict resolution that are submitted to the MHA, in writing, need to be dealt with accordingly. Due process is required to complete a review of the situation, and upon completion of the review a written response shall be sent to the complainant.

If, after all process is exhausted at the level of the MHA, further review is required, a second level of arbitration and/or conflict resolution can be accessed at the League level. The first level of review, within the MHA, may not be bypassed in favor of League review.

In the event both levels of review were not completed to the satisfaction of the complainant, the matter may be able to be turned over to Hockey Alberta.



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“AA” HOCKEY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the “AA” Hockey Committee will be to encourage communication and development between the Regional Teams, MHA's and Leagues and communicate those concerns and ideas to Hockey Alberta.

It shall be the responsibility of the “AA” Hockey Committee to monitor, formulate and recommend changes and improvements to the “AA” Hockey Model. Upon Hockey Alberta approving a recommendation from the Committee, they shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the implementation of that decision.

The “AA” Hockey Committee shall consist of a representative from each “AA” Hockey League / Organization as well as two representatives from Hockey Alberta's Minor Regulation Committee. The Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times per year to discuss the “AA” Hockey Model and any topics that have been brought forth through the Recruitment Area meetings.

The Terms of Reference of the “AA” Hockey Committee are:

- Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Players, Teams and Leagues related to the “AA” Hockey Model;
- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) on the Recruitment Areas based on recommendations and statistics;
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance amongst the leagues involved;
- Make recommendations in areas of expanding and/or reducing of Recruitment Areas to ensure that they fit within the established criteria;
- Make recommendations in areas of reduction and additions of Teams within the Recruitment Areas with input from the Teams ensuring that they fit within the established criteria;
- Develop a mechanism to encourage communication between Leagues on matters related to the development of players.



FEMALE ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL

“Female Elite Hockey Development”



FEMALE ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL ELITE HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

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This model is based on the Alberta Development Model from the male side of the program and the principles remain the same.

The document is based on three (3) principles and uses these principles to create a system that better meet the needs of the athlete as they progress through the system of development. This document creates an improved development system providing a positive experience for all participants through improved communications and a better understanding of the principles.

PHILOSOPHY OF LEAGUES WITHIN THE ELITE STREAM OF HOCKEY

PRINCIPLES

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EXPANSION & REDUCTION OF TEAMS IN THE LEAGUES

Expansion and reduction of teams in the Leagues within the Elite Stream will be based on the following criteria

Female Midget “AAA”

1. Hockey Alberta registration numbers are to be used, in conjunction with other factors in determining an appropriate draw ratio of available Midget aged players.
2. Teams within the existing Boundaries of Edmonton and Calgary remain the same until such time as they feel an expansion and reduction of teams is required.
3. Each Female Elite Draw Zone Area will include a minimum of one Midget “AAA” team.
4. Expansion Criteria include considerations:
 - (a) Detrimental effects on existing teams
 - (b) Number of same category teams
 - (c) Female feeder system
 - (d) Analysis of Midget, Bantam and Pee wee numbers to confirm long term sustainability
5. All changes to the draw zones, expansion and contraction of teams will be the responsibility of the Female Elite Stream Committee. All submissions for changes must be submitted to the committee in writing prior to January 1st of the current season.

Female Bantam “AAA”

1. There is a minimum of at least one Female Bantam AAA Team within an Elite Draw Zone Area.
2. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best Bantam players from within a Team's Draw Zone.
3. Expansion or contraction of a Bantam AAA team within a draw zone is possible by application to the Female Elite Stream Committee by the 1st of January of the current season.
4. Consideration for the application will be based on:
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 - b) Number of same category teams
 - c) Female feeder system
 - d) Commitment to the Hockey Alberta Development Model
 - e) Analysis of Midget, Bantam and Pee wee numbers to confirm long term sustainability.

MIDGET AAA DRAW AREAS & FEEDER SYSTEM

Medicine Hat		Red Deer	
LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES		LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES	
3C's	Lethbridge	Alix	Innisfail
Bassano	Lomond	Bashaw	Lacombe
Bow Island	Magrath	Bentley	Maskwacis
Brooks	Medicine Hat	Big Valley	Olds
Cardston	Morrin	Blackfalds	Ponoka
Coaldale	Oyen	Bowden	Red Deer
Duchess	Picture Butte	Caroline	Rimbey
Foremost	Raymond	Clive	Rocky Mtn House
Hanna	Redcliff	Delburne	Spruce View
Hussar	Taber	Didsbury	Stettler
Irvine	Vauxhall	Drumheller	Sundre
Kainai	Warner	Eckville	Sylvan Lake
		Endmoor	
Okotoks		Spruce Grove	
LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES		LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES	
Airdrie	Fort MacLeod	Barrhead	Onoway
Banff	High Country	Calmar	Pembina
Beisker	Indus	Devon	Sangudo
Blackie	Kneehill	Drayton Valley	Spruce Grove
Canmore	Mini Thni	Edson	Stony Plain
Carstairs	Nanton	Enoch	Swan Hills
Chestermere	Okotoks	Hinton	Thorsby
Claresholm	Pincher Creek	Jasper	Wabamun
Cochrane	Rockyford	Leduc	Warburg
Cremona	Siksika	Mayerthorpe	Whitecourt
Crossfield	Strathmore		Winfield
Crowsnest Pass	Vulcan		
Foothills			

Lloydminster	Sherwood Park
<p>LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES</p> <div> <div>Bonnyville</div> <div>Chauvin</div> <div>Cold Lake</div> <div>Dewberry</div> <div>Edgerton</div> <div>Elk Point</div> <div>Frog Lake</div> <div>Glendon</div> <div>Hardisty</div> <div>Hughenden</div> <div>Irma</div> </div> <div> <div>Kikino</div> <div>Kitscoty</div> <div>Lloydminster</div> <div>Mallaig</div> <div>Mannville</div> <div>Marwayne</div> <div>Paradise Valley</div> <div>Provost</div> <div>Saddle Lake</div> <div>St. Paul</div> <div>Vermilion</div> <div>Wainwright</div> </div>	<p>LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES</p> <div> <div>Andrew</div> <div>Beaumont</div> <div>Bruderheim</div> <div>Camrose</div> <div>Holden</div> <div>Josephburg</div> <div>Killam</div> <div>Lamont</div> <div>Fort Saskatchewan</div> <div>Millet</div> </div> <div> <div>Mundare</div> <div>New Sarepta</div> <div>Rosalind</div> <div>Sedgewick</div> <div>Sherwood Park</div> <div>Strathcona</div> <div>Thunderstars</div> <div>Tofield</div> <div>Two Hills</div> <div>Vegreville</div> <div>Viking</div> <div>Wetaskiwin</div> </div>
St. Albert	Grande Prairie
<p>LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES</p> <div> <div>Athabasca</div> <div>Boyle</div> <div>CNN</div> <div>CR Knights</div> <div>East Smoky</div> <div>Fort McMurray</div> <div>Fox Creek</div> <div>Good Fish Lake</div> <div>Lac La Biche</div> </div> <div> <div>Plamondon</div> <div>Redwater</div> <div>Slave Lake</div> <div>Smoky Lake</div> <div>Sturgeon HC</div> <div>St. Albert</div> <div>Thorhild</div> <div>Wabasca</div> <div>Westlock</div> </div>	<p>LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES</p> <div> <div>Beaverlodge</div> <div>Clairmont</div> <div>Fairview</div> <div>Fort Vermilion</div> <div>Grande Cache</div> <div>Grande Prairie</div> <div>Grimshaw</div> <div>Grovedale</div> <div>High Level</div> <div>High Prairie</div> <div>Hines Creek</div> <div>Horse Lake</div> <div>Hythe</div> <div>La Crete</div> </div> <div> <div>La Glace</div> <div>Manning</div> <div>Nampa</div> <div>Peace River</div> <div>Rainbow Lake</div> <div>Rycroft</div> <div>Savanna</div> <div>Sexsmith</div> <div>Smoky River</div> <div>Spirit River</div> <div>Valleyview</div> <div>Wembley</div> </div>

Edmonton	Calgary
LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES Edmonton	LMHA'S WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES Calgary

ELITE PLAYER MOVEMENT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR PLAYER MOVEMENT PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON

Upon application, players that are required to move in order to have access to the Elite Stream, the following process is in place.

1. Complete "Player Movement Application Form" stating reasons why player cannot try out for designated Elite Zone Team.
2. Indicate where player will be residing if making the team.
3. Must make application prior to July 1 of the upcoming hockey season.
4. Player will return to his resident Local Minor Hockey Association at the end of the playing season.
5. Submit completed form and supporting documentation to Elite Stream Committee for review. Committee will approve or deny within an appropriate period of time.

NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE

Any Player may try-out for the team for which the Player is eligible of the: AMMFHL (Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League) or AMBFHL (Alberta Major Bantam Female Hockey League) provided that:

- a) the player has filed a completed Notification of Try-Out form;
- a) the team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the Female Elite Development stream.

Players wishing to try-out with an Elite Team (as defined) must first complete a Notification of Try-Out Form and submit to their resident LMHA (the LMHA of which the player resides), the applicable league for which the team is a member of and the Team to which the player wishes to try-out for.

Residency of the player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications.

A player must first try-out for the team in the Female Elite Draw Zone Area where the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained via Elite Player Movement Application).

If the player does not make the team they are trying out for, they may have the option to try-out for the next closest Female Elite Team as defined by the Female Elite Draw Zone Areas. (If there is any dispute with the next closest Elite Team, the dispute shall be settled by Hockey Alberta upon application).

1. The player must first obtain a waiver from the team of whichs he did not make and then return to her resident LMHA.
2. The player would then submit an additional Notification of Try-out form for the next closest Elite team. This Notification of Try-out form is required in order to try-out for the next team. Her previous waiver(s) and Notification of Try-Out forms must accompany the request.

A player making the designated Female Elite Team will receive Permission to Play from the LMHA of which the player was registered in the previous season and/or their resident LMHA. The player must pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the previous registered Team

Once a Player has made the Female Elite Team of which she was trying out for, the Player must ensure that her Notification of Try-out Forms and all applicable Waivers are submitted together at the time of registration to Hockey Alberta.

Failure to submit the Notification of Try Out form and applicable waivers (as required for an Import Player), at the time of registration, will result in that player being not registered.

In cases where a Player is found to have played in a game, without first having submitted his Notification of Try Out form and applicable waiver(s) at the time of registration, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played, will be subject to discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation A. 12 – Discipline.

Notifications of Try-Out are only applicable to players trying out for teams in the AMMFHL and AMBFHL. Normal Permission to Try-Out is required for all other levels of Female play (see Hockey Alberta Rules and Regulations).

The Minor Hockey Association's of Calgary and Edmonton governs the rules regarding residence and the movement of players released from teams under their jurisdiction.

Please Note: Players trying out for any of the Female Elite Teams, should also be cognizant of the fact that IF they don't make these Female Elite Teams, they should ensure that they determine which team and apprise them of their possibility of playing for the team at the next level of which they are eligible for. The worst situation for a player to be in is to Try-Out for the Female Elite Teams, not make one of them, and then not have an appropriate team of their skill level to try-out for within the appropriate time frame. Timely and informed decisions must always be kept in consideration.

TEAM REGISTRATION

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry with Hockey Alberta, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before their first league game.

Any Hockey Team, whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincials.

AFFILIATION POLICY

The Affiliation Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the “Alberta Development Model” (ADM). To allow for Affiliation within each Elite Draw Zone Area for the Teams currently playing in the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League (AMMFHL) and the Alberta Major Bantam Female Hockey League (AMBFHL). The Teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Elite Draw Zone Area. All players to be registered for affiliation within the ADM must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Elite Draw Zone Area Host LMHA is located within.

- **An Elite team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team's designated geographic region (Team to Team Affiliation is not permitted).**
- **Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player's name must appear on the team's affiliation list filed within the Branch.**
- **Once a player's affiliation is approved, the player's name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.**
- **No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.**
- **A player, registered with a team which has a "team to team" affiliation with a higher Division/Category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.**
- **Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a "team to team" affiliation agreement with a higher Division /category team.**
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NOTE: All Affiliated players must reside in the Elite Draw Zone Area of the team they will be Affiliated with, in either the AMMFHL or AMBFHL.

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

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the Elite Stream from any LMHA in the Elite Draw Zone Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the Elite Stream within their Elite Draw Zone Area as per this ADM.

FEMALE ELITE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Female Elite Development Committee will be to encourage communication and development between the Elite Level Leagues and communicate those concerns and ideas to Hockey Alberta.

It shall be the responsibility of the Female Elite Development Committee to monitor, formulate and recommend changes and improvements in the Female Elite Stream of Hockey.

The Female Elite Development Committee will report directly to the Executive Director. Upon making a decision regarding the recommendations, the Elite Development Committee shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the decisions.

The Female Elite Development Committee shall consist of two (2) representatives from each of the Elite Level Leagues involved. Each Elite Level League will submit a list of 5 names of proposed representatives, with the decision on who sits on this committee residing with Hockey Alberta. To ensure consistency, appointments will be based on a two (2) year team. Hockey Alberta will approve the selections. Hockey Alberta will appoint the chair of the committee, one (1) Minor hockey representative and one (1) Female hockey representative. There will also be two (2) committee positions available for appointment as a "Committee Member at large". This position is available for interested parties for the purpose of continuity and or growth. Members of the CIS, ACAC or HA Development could be potential candidates.

The Female Elite Development committee will meet a minimum of 2 times per year. Meetings to be held at the start of the season, and again at the conclusion of the season (September and January are potential dates). Leagues to be responsible for cost associated for their representative's travel and accommodations.

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The Terms of Reference of the Female Elite Development Committee are:

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- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) on the Draw Zones of Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas from recommendations and statistics from the Elite Draw Zone Teams.
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance amongst the leagues involved.
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MALE ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT MODEL

“A Partnership in Elite Hockey Development”



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ELITE PLAYER MOVEMENT

The following are Elite Player Movement Procedures for any player who wishes to move from his permanent residence **to access his first try out with an Elite team** outside his resident draw zone.

- Players are expected to play for the Elite Draw Zone Team that draws from the Team/Local Minor Hockey Association the player is resident in. If, however, a player wishes to move the following application process must be followed:
 - The player should only request movement for extenuating circumstances (i.e. considerably closer for travel).
 - The player completes a Player Movement Application Form and has it signed by all necessary parties (as outlined on the form).
 - Player submits the Player Movement Application and supporting documents by July 1st (no exceptions) to the Hockey Alberta office.
 - Hockey Alberta Office notifies the players resident Elite Draw Zone Team and Local Minor Hockey Association that the player has submitted an application to move.
 - The resident Elite Draw Zone Team / Local Minor Hockey Association **is asked to respond within Five (5) days** with their comments on the application.
 - The HA office insures documentation is complete and submits the request to the Player Movement Committee (PMC) in July (a decision will be rendered prior to August 1).
 - The PMC reviews the application which includes the Local Minor Hockey Association and Elite Draw Zone Team's comments.
 - The Player Movement Committee approves or denies movement.
 - Notification of decision will be sent out from the Hockey Alberta Office to the Player, LMHA, Elite Draw Zone Teams involved, and the appropriate League(s).
 - **If approved, the Player MUST access their first try out within the Elite Draw Zone they have been approved to attend. Players will not be permitted to try out for another Elite Team unless this newly approved first try out is exhausted first.**
 - In the case that an affected member is dissatisfied with the decision, the Hockey Alberta Appeals process may be accessed.

Note: ALL PLAYERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENT LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON

Application Forms can be found on the Hockey Alberta website

www.hockeyalberta.ca

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ADM COMMUNICATION MODEL

The following communication model will be used for communications with LMHA's and elite teams as outlined by the ADM.

Communication with Local Minor Hockey Associations

- Feedback is to be gathered from the LMHA's every year.
- This feedback will be done through a on-line survey that will be used to gather feedback from the general membership in regards to how the ADM is doing with their LMHA and the draw area of which they are apart of.
- The feedback will be gathered and reviewed by the Elite Development Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season. This feedback survey will be similar to the agenda for the Elite Draw Zone team meetings

Communication with Elite Draw Areas and Elite Teams

- Each Draw Zone Area will meet two (2) times per year to discuss elite hockey within their area and the ADM in general. These meetings would occur at the start and end of the season with the second meeting taking place so that the feedback would be gathered and reviewed by the Elite Development Committee so that adjustments could be dealt with prior to the following season.
- **The purpose of the meetings is to ensure that the development of the players within their Elite Draw Zone Area is being handled in the most efficient and productive manner. Each of the Elite Draw Zones will be permitted to make recommendations and suggestions with respect to Draw Zone Areas, formation of teams, locations of teams and development opportunities within their Elite Draw Zone Area.**
- In the case of Edmonton and Calgary, this would be done through their respective "AA" Councils.
- The meeting would be chaired by the AMHL team director/governor and he/she would be responsible to communicate the date and time of the meeting and report any feedback that is received to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- The meetings would be made up of one representative from each of the assigned elite teams within the Draw Zone Area.
- The agenda for these meetings would be built as templates by the Elite Development Committee so that there is consistency relative to the information that is being brought forward from the stakeholders.

In each of the cases above, information will be gathered through the two means listed above, reviewed by the Elite Development Committee, with recommendations then being sent to Hockey Alberta.

NOTIFICATION OF TRY-OUT PROCEDURE

Any Player may try-out for the team for which the Player is eligible of the: AMHL (Alberta "AAA" Midget Hockey League, AMMHL (Alberta Minor Midget AAA Hockey League), or AMBHL (Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League) provided;

- a) the player has filed a completed Notification of Try-Out form;
- b) the team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the Elite Development stream.

Elite Teams must allow for Non-Resident Players from outside the host LMHA's boundaries, but within the teams Elite Draw Zone area, to have the opportunity to try out with the team. The objective is to provide opportunities for the best players from within a Team's Draw Zone.

LMHA's hosting Elite Draw Zone Teams must ensure that there are no restrictions on the number of Non-Resident Players that are eligible to make and register with the Elite Draw Zone Team. The top 19 or 20 players, by position, should be selected, regardless of where they reside.

It is incumbent upon the Host LMHA to insure they have a plan for accommodating non-resident players in their Elite Draw Zone. This would include information on the following:

- Living arrangements for players that need to be billeted if they make the team
- Schooling so the player can maintain their academics
- Tryouts scheduled on weekends to insure it is convenient for the out of town player to properly participate?

Players wishing to try-out with an Elite Team (as defined) must first complete a Notification of Try-Out Form and submit to their resident LMHA (the LMHA of which the player resides), and the Team to which the player wishes to try-out for.

Residency of the player is determined as per Hockey Canada Residency Qualifications.

A player must first try-out for the team in the Elite Draw Zone Area where the player resides (unless previous approval has been obtained via Elite Player Movement Application).

If the player does not make the team they are trying out for, they may have the option to try-out for the next closest Elite Team as defined by the Elite Draw Zone Areas. (If there is any dispute with the next closest Elite Team, the dispute shall be settled by Hockey Alberta upon application).

1. The player must first obtain a **Waiver** from the team of which he did not make.
2. The player would then submit the amended Notification of Try-out form for the next closest Elite team. This Notification of Try-out form is required in order to try-out as a non-resident / Import player for the next team. His previous waiver(s) must accompany the request.

Note: 15 Year Old Midget Players are permitted to try out with the Midget AAA (AMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area only. If the player does not make the Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area they have the ability to try out for the Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Team within their Resident Draw Zone Area. A 15 Year Old Player may travel to the next closest Draw Zone Area to try out for an additional Minor Midget AAA (AMMHL) Team only.

A player making the designated Elite Team will receive Permission to Play from the LMHA of which the player was registered in the previous season and/or their resident LMHA. The player must pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the previous registered Team.

Once an Import Player (by definition) has made the Elite Team of which he was trying out for, the Player must ensure that his Notification of Try-out Forms and all applicable Waivers are submitted together at the time of registration to Hockey Alberta.

Failure to submit the Notification of Try Out form and applicable waivers (as required for an Import Player), at the time of registration, will result in that player being not registered.

In cases where an Import Player is found to have played in a game, without first having submitted his Notification of Try Out form and applicable waiver(s) at the time of registration, the Team Officials of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played, will be subject to discipline in accordance with Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation A. 12 – Discipline.

Please Note: Players trying out for any of the Elite Teams, should also be cognizant of the fact that IF they don't make these Elite Teams, they should ensure that they determine which team and apprise them of their possibility of playing for the team at the next level of which they are eligible for. The worst situation for a player to be in is to Try-Out for the Elite Teams, not make one of them, and then not have an appropriate team of their skill level to try-out for within the appropriate time frame. Timely and informed decisions must always be kept in consideration.

Check out the Hockey Alberta website to view the Elite Player Movement Process

www.hockeyalberta.ca

TEAM REGISTRATION

All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered in the Registry with Hockey Alberta, prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry before their first league game. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15, will not be eligible for Provincials.

MAJOR MIDGET AAA (AMHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register a maximum of a **“40 man roster”** in the HCR. All players playing in exhibition games and preseason tournaments will be listed as tryout players on this roster. This is not applicable to those players skating at tryout sessions, only those players in exhibition games.

- The transfers will be entered into HCR with the NTO uploaded to the transfer and the transfer will be approved using “Approve (Share)” so that both the Resident MHA and the MHA in which the Midget AAA Team is hosted can view the player’s profile.
- Once the player makes the Midget AAA team, the primary association of the player will be changed to the MHA of the Midget AAA team he is now registered with.
- All players that don’t make the Midget AAA team will be released off the team in the Registry and will return to their resident LMHA.

The AMHL has declared 5 games at the beginning of the season as being Pre-Season games for the purpose of Team roster declaration. This structure was developed to better reflect the current Hockey Alberta Regulations and to address the dates by which players are released from higher divisions. To follow is the structure by which Teams in the AMHL will register:

- The first 5 games of the AMHL scheduled season have been declared as Pre-Season games for the purposes of Team roster declaration.
- AMHL Teams will register a minimum of 15 players in the Registry by their first Pre-Season game.
- Beyond the minimum 15 players registered in the Registry, teams will have access to a floating 10 player auxiliary list during the course of the 5 scheduled Pre-Season games.
- Upon the commencement of the scheduled 6th league game all players will be registered in the Registry.
- All Discipline matters will be administered by the AMHL with all notifications of suspensions during the AMHL Pre-Season to be forwarded to the respective Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator for review.

MINOR MIDGET AAA (AMMHL Teams) and BANTAM AAA (AMBHL Teams)

During the Try Out portion of the season, Teams are to register a maximum of a **“30 man roster”** in the HCR. All players playing in exhibition games and preseason tournaments will be listed as tryout players on this roster. This is not applicable to those players skating at tryout sessions, only those players in exhibition games.

- The transfers will be entered into HCR with the NTO uploaded to the transfer and the transfer will be approved using “Approve (Share)” so that both the Resident MHA and the MHA in which the Midget AAA Team is hosted can view the player’s profile.
- Once the player makes the AAA team, the primary association of the player will be changed to the MHA of the AAA team he is now registered with.
- All players that don’t make the AAA team will be released off the team in the Registry and will return to their resident LMHA.

AFFILIATION POLICY

The Affiliation Policy is used to accommodate athlete development under the “Alberta Development Model” (ADM). To allow for Affiliation within each Elite Draw Zone Area for the Teams currently playing in the Alberta Midget Hockey League (AMHL), the Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League (AMMHL) and the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL). The Teams within the Elite Stream of Hockey are eligible to Affiliate players that reside within the boundaries of an MHA within that specific Elite Draw Zone Area. All players to be registered for affiliation within the ADM must meet and qualify in accordance with the Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.

Affiliation needs to be filed in the Registry and approval will come from the Minor Zone Administration Coordinator for the Zone in which the Elite Draw Zone Area Host LMHA is located within.

- An Elite team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the team’s designated geographic region (Team to Team Affiliation is not permitted).
- Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player’s name must appear on the team’s affiliation list filed within the Branch.
- Once a player’s affiliation is approved, the player’s name may not be dropped from the affiliation list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which the player registered releases him/her on or before January 10.
- No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players list at any time during the current season.
- A player, registered with a team which has a “team to team” affiliation with a higher Division/Category team may not be selected as a specially affiliated player.
- Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which that player is registered may not enter into a “team to team” affiliation agreement with a higher Division /category team.
- An affiliated player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.

NOTE: All Affiliated players must reside in the Elite Draw Zone Area of the team they will be Affiliated with, in either the AMHL, AMMHL or AMBHL.

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

For clarification purposes, the intent of this policy is to allow Players to Affiliate to Teams in the Elite Stream from any LMHA in the Elite Draw Zone Area regardless of the LMHA Categorization. The reason is to provide for the development of Players in the Elite Stream within their Elite Draw Zone Area as per this ADM.

ELITE STREAM COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Elite Development Committee will be to encourage communication and development between the Elite Level Leagues and communicate those concerns and ideas to Hockey Alberta.

It shall be the responsibility of the Elite Development Committee to monitor, formulate and recommend changes and improvements in the Elite Stream of Hockey.

The Elite Development Committee will report directly to the Executive Director. Upon making a decision regarding the recommendations, the Elite Development Committee shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the decisions.

The Elite Development Committee shall consist of two (2) representatives from each of the Elite Level Leagues involved. Each Elite Level League will submit a list of 5 names of proposed representatives, with the decision on who sits on this committee residing with Hockey Alberta. To ensure consistency, appointments will be based on a two (2) year team. Hockey Alberta will appoint the chair of the committee, one (1) member at Large as well as one (1) representative from the Minor Regulation Committee. **There will also be the opportunity to meet with representatives from each of the Junior Leagues (AJHL and WHL) as needed.**

The Elite Development committee will meet a minimum of 3 times per year. Meetings to be held at the start of the season, middle of the season and again at the conclusion of the season (August, November & May are potential dates). Leagues to be responsible for cost associated for their representative's travel and accommodations.

The Terms of Reference of the Elite Development Committee are:

- Make recommendations to encourage development opportunities to the Elite Level Players, Teams and Leagues related to the Elite Stream of Hockey.
- Review and recommend changes (if necessary) on the Draw Zones of Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas from recommendations and statistics from the Elite Draw Zone Teams.
- Establish a communications protocol and conflict resolutions procedure to ensure good governance amongst the leagues involved.
- Make recommendations in areas of expanding and/or reducing of Elite Draw Zone Areas to ensuring that they fit within the established criteria.
- Make recommendations in areas of reduction and additions of Elite Teams within the Elite Draw Zone Areas with input from the Elite Draw Zone teams ensuring that they fit within the established criteria.
- Make recommendations to deal with areas of player movement from the different levels of the Elite Stream throughout the hockey season.
- Develop a mechanism to encourage communication between Elite Level Leagues on matters related to the Development Model.

APPENDIX “VI”



Provincial Categorization by Division

PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION BY DIVISION

This Provincial Categorization by Division Model was approved for a trial by Hockey Alberta's Minor Council and Board of Directors in the Fall of 2008 and was adopted as a Regulation in the Spring of 2011.

*Note: Calgary and Edmonton Minor Hockey Associations are exempt from this process. Their participation in Hockey Alberta Provincials will be determined appropriately in conjunction with Hockey Alberta's Minor Regulation Committee.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY: The philosophy of Minor Hockey Provincials in Alberta is that it is a competition for associations with like sized Divisions competing their programs against one another.

A. PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION

1.0 Provincial Categorization is based on the number of Players registered in each LMHA, in each Division, based on actual registration (excluding; Players registered on Elite Hockey teams, and adjustments for Player Movement) in the current Hockey Season.

Clarification: Those associations with Elite Stream teams will not have those numbers count towards their Provincial Categorization as outlined in A 2.0 below.

2.0 Categorization for Provincials will be as follows:

Category Number of Registered Players in an Association's Division

AA Major	115 and up	B	24-40
AA Minor	58-114	C	17-23
A	41-57	D	10-16

Clarification: The Categorization for Provincials for an LMHA's Division will be determined on January 10th of the current Hockey Season.

3.0 Each Division within an LMHA will have the top Team placed in the appropriate Category according to the current Hockey Season's registration numbers. The remaining Teams within the Division will be automatically placed in the next lowest Category. There will be no movement down in Category for any reason.

i.e. An association's Midget Division has a registration of 36 with a total of 2 teams. The top team will be provincially categorized 'B' and the second team will automatically be provincially categorized 'C'. Further, the same association's Atom Division has a registration of 65 with a total of 4 teams. The top team will be provincially categorized 'AA Minor', second team automatically provincially categorized 'A', third team automatically provincially categorized 'B', and the fourth team automatically provincially categorized 'C'. These teams may only move up.

In the case where an LMHA creates multiple "equal" teams within the same Division of hockey, and enters them as so during Regular Season Play, the "equal" team will all be placed at the same Provincial Categorization. Remaining team(s) within the Division will be placed in the next lowest division.

i.e. An association's Pee wee Division has a registration of 50 with a total of 4 teams. One team is created as the top team, the next two teams are created equal and play as equals in regular season, the 4th team is created as the lower team. The top team is categorized as "A", the next two equal teams are categorized as "B" and the forth team is categorized as "C".

4.0 Minimum Team Registration Breakdown (AA Major)

The following minimum team registration breakdown will be in effect for Associations with Divisions of 'AA Major' Categorization.

<u>Number of Registered Players:</u>	AA Major	289 and up (3 Equal Teams)
	AA Major	202 – 288 (2 Equal Teams)
	AA Major	115 – 201 (1 Team)

The numbers for the Minimum Team Registration Breakdown shall be determined as follows:

ATOM: Number of second year Registered Novice Players from the previous Hockey Season plus the number of first year Registered Atom Players from the previous Hockey Season.

PEEWEE: Number of second year Registered Atom Players from the previous Hockey Season plus the number of first year Registered Pee wee Players from the previous Hockey Season.

BANTAM: Number of second year Registered Pee wee Players from the previous Hockey Season plus the number of first year Registered Bantam Players from the previous Hockey Season.

MIDGET: Number of second year Registered Bantam Players from the previous Hockey Season plus the number of first and second year Registered Midget Players from the previous Hockey Season.

B. PLAYER MOVEMENT

The current principles of Player Movement are to remain the same therefore the process for Player Movement will be based on an Associations size as per Regulation 1.0, below.

1.0 LMHA Categorization for the sole purposes of Player Movement shall be as follows:

Category Number of Registered Players in Association

AAA	451 and up
AA	201-450
A	136-200
B	101-135
C	66-100
D	65 and below

2.0 Categorization for the sole purpose of Player Movement is based on the number of Players registered in each LMHA based on actual registration (excluding adjustments for Player Movement) in the previous Hockey Season.

Clarification: As the majority of Player Movement occurs prior to the actual registration of any participants as outlined in Hockey Alberta Minor Regulation 4.3 there needed to be a pre-determined reference point for the principles of Player Movement to remain. Therefore the previous season's numbers must be used.

- 3.0** Minor female Players registered on minor male Teams will be included in the numbers used to determine registered Players in an LMHA. Female Player numbers registered on female Teams will not be used in the registered Player numbers used to determine male categorization for the purposes of Player Movement.
- 4.0** Novice and Initiation Program registered Players will not be used in the registered player numbers used to determine categorization for Player Movement.
- 5.0** Junior C registered Players will not be used in the registered Player numbers used to determine categorization for Player Movement.
- 6.0** A Player may not register in another Local Minor Hockey Association that is of the same Category for Player Movement as or a lower Category for Player Movement than the Local Minor Hockey Association in which the Player resides.
- 7.0** PERMISSION TO TRY OUT

A Permission to Try Out form may be refused in situations where:

- i. The Player requesting the release intends on registering with a new LMHA that is at the same or lower Category for Player Movement as his resident Local Minor Hockey Association or, if applicable, the LMHA with which he was registered in the previous Hockey Season.

Clarification: The categorization for Player Movement is not to be confused with the categorization for Provincials.

B. PLAYER MOVEMENT continued: (Application of Player Movement)

To be as reflective as possible of an Association's Division's current seasons status the application of Player Movement reflects the numbers used in Provincial Categorization.

8.0 APPLICATION OF PLAYER MOVEMENT

Subject to the exceptions contained in Paragraph 7.6:

- i) Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA shall take the median Provincial Categorization number, from the LMHA within whose Boundaries he/she resides, of the Division for which the Player is eligible. (See A 2.0)
- ii) Each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA will automatically add the median Provincial Categorization number, from the LMHA within whose Boundaries he/she resides, of the Division for which

the Player is eligible to the new LMHA's Division registration numbers effective immediately.

- iii) In addition, each Player who leaves his resident LMHA to play in another LMHA, shall also add the median Provincial Categorization number of the Division for which the Player is eligible, of all LMHA's by-passed, but only those registration numbers of such LMHA's by-passed in the direction of travel from the Players resident LMHA to the new LMHA.
- i.e. If the Player leaves LMHA "X" (B Categorization for Player Movement) to play in LMHA "Y" (AA Categorization for Player Movement) the following will occur. Given that LMHA "X" has a Categorization for Player Movement of "B" 32 will be added to the Division in which the Player is registering in LMHA "Y". This movement will only effect the Division in which the movement occurred.

Clarification*: The following are the predetermined median numbers of each category that a player would carry as previously mentioned. (B 8.0)

***Median Numbers of Provincial Categorization**

AA	-	86
A	-	49
B	-	32
C	-	20
D	-	12

Clarification: The median of D was determined as 12 as the bottom of the D Category for Provincial Categorization is technically 0; however in order to have a Team the registered number required is 8 therefore the median was taken between 8 and 16.

Clarification: There is the potential within the mechanics of this model that a player may move from an Association with a Categorization for Player Movement that is higher than the Categorization for Provincials to where the player is going.

9.0 In addition to B. 8.0, each Team within the Division will assume the registration number of any Non-Resident Player taken on that particular Team. This may result in that Team being moved up in category. Top Teams add non-resident numbers to that particular Division's total registration number. Any subsequent Teams will add non-resident numbers to the lowest limit of the Category that Team is in.

- i.e. An Association's Pee wee Division has 45 registrants for a total of three (3) Teams. The top and second teams have Non-Resident Players. Each Non-Resident Player, coming from Associations with "B" Categorization for Player Movement, brings a number of 32 to the Teams. The top Team will add 32 to 45 for a total of 77, which reclassifies them to "AA Minor". The second Team now reclassified "A" adds 32 to the lowest limits of "A" (41) for a total of 73 which reclassifies them to "AA Minor" as well. The third team is automatically reclassified "A".

APPENDIX “VII” ZONES

To assist in the administration of Hockey Alberta, and to assist in carrying out the objectives of Hockey Alberta, the Province of Alberta will be divided into Zones, the number and jurisdiction of which shall be determined or revised from time to time by the Board.

1. Minor Hockey Zones

The Minor Hockey Zones shall be as follows:

(a) Zone 1

North Boundary

Commencing at the north west corner of the province, (B.C.-N.W.T. and Alberta), then east along the north boundary of the province to the 5th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 5th meridian, from the north boundary of the province to the south boundary of township 74.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west diagonally from the south boundary of township 74 and the 5th meridian to the north boundary of township 52, range 13, west of the 6th meridian (Alberta-B.C. border).

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border, to the point of commencement.

(b) Zone 2

North Boundary

Commencing at the 5th meridian and the north boundary of the province (Alberta-N.W.T.), then east to the 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the north boundary of township 126 to the south boundary of township 44.

South Boundary

Proceeding diagonally north west from the south boundary of township 44 and the 4th meridian, to the north boundary of the north west corner of township 53, range 20, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west along the north boundary of township 53 until it intersects with the east boundary limits of the City of Edmonton.

West Boundary

Proceeding north from a point of the north boundary of the City of Edmonton and Highway 28 (97 Street) until it intersects with Highway 18 (5 miles east of Clyde) between sections 34 and 35, township 59, range 24, west of the 4th meridian then east along Highway 18 for 13 miles to the road allowance between sections 2 and 1, township 60, range 22, west of the 4th meridian (2 miles west of Thorhild) then north to the south boundary of township 74 between sections 3 and 4, range 21, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west to the 5th meridian. The remaining west boundary is the same as the east boundary of Zone 1.

(c) Zone 3

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 1.

East Boundary

Same as the west boundary of Zone 2 until it intersects with Zone 1.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west from the west boundary of the City of Edmonton between sections 13 and 24, township 51, range 26, west of the 4th meridian, to a point on the Alberta-B.C. border and the 6th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west from the 6th meridian along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects the south boundary of Zone 1.

(d) Zone 4

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 3.

East Boundary

Commencing at the south east corner of the City of Edmonton boundary, south east 1/4 section 17, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian and proceeding east for one mile to the north/south road allowance between the north east 1/4 section 9 and the north west 1/4 section 10, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding south to the south boundary of township 34, range 24, west of the 4th meridian.

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the south boundary of township 34, range 19, west of the 5th meridian, then projected in a straight line until it intersects with the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 3.

(e) Zone 5

North Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta-B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23 until it intersects with the west boundary of the City of Calgary, section 4, township 23, range 2, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east from the south boundary of the City of Calgary and the west road allowance of section 3, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 9 to the south boundary of township 1 (Alberta-U.S. border).

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the Alberta-U.S. border until it intersects the B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the north boundary.

(f) Zone 6

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 4, then proceeding east along the south boundary of township 34, until it intersects with 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9.

South Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta –B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23, west of the 5th meridian until it intersects the east road allowance of section 1, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding north in a straight line to the south east corner of section 24, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then west in a straight line to the south east corner section 22, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then north in a straight line until it intersects Highway #1, (TransCanada Highway) between sections 2 and 3, township 25, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along Highway #1, until it intersects the east road allowance of section 36, township 24, range 4, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed north in a straight line until it intersects the Bow River between section 25, township 25, range 4 and section 30, township 25, range 3, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along the Bow River to the west boundary of the City of Calgary, then proceed north along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary, east and south along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary to the west road allowance of section 12, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east until it intersects the Alberta – Saskatchewan border, south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 4.

(g) Zone 7

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 2.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 44 to the south boundary of township 34.

South Boundary

Same as the north boundary of Zone 6 until it intersects the east boundary of Zone 4.

West Boundary

Same as the east boundary of Zone 4.

(h) Zone 8

All of that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Edmonton as of October 1, 1992, which area may be subject to change from time to time.

(i) Zone 9

All that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Calgary as of October 1, 2010, which are may be subject to change from time to time and including areas outside the boundaries of the City of Calgary as described as follows:

North Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary corporate limits proceed west along south bank of the Bow River to the East boundary 13 of the SE ¼ Section 25, township 25, Range 4 W5W; then proceed south along Range Road 40 W5M to the point in Section 26, Township 24, Range 4 W5M which intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway); then proceed west along Highway #1 to the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5W.

West Boundary:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 22, Township 23, Range W5M proceed north to the point where the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5M intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway).

South Boundary

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M proceed west along the boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145 to the south-east corner of Section 1, Township 24, Range 5 W5M; then south to the southeast corner Section 24, Township 23 Range 5 W5M; then west to the southeast corner Section 22, Township 23, Range 5 W5M.

East Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits proceed south along west boundary of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits to the southeast corner Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M (north boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145).

2. Referee Zones

The Referee Zones shall be as follows:

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| (a) Peace Zone | } | |
| (b) North Zone | } | |
| (c) North-East Zone | } | |
| (d) North-Central Zone | } | |
| (e) Central Zone | } | |
| (f) South Zone | } | |
- All Zones as depicted in the online Map

3. Management of Zone Business

The affairs and business of each Zone shall be completed by a group of individuals (said group being hereafter referred to as the “Zone Team”). The Zone Team shall consist of the following persons (collectively, the “Zone Team Members”).

- (a) The Operations Advisory Committee (OAC) Representative, to be elected in accordance with HA Policy;
- (b) A Zone Minor Regulation Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (c) A Zone Minor Administration Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (d) A Zone Discipline / Sanction Coordinator, to be appointed in accordance with HA Policy;
- (e) A Referee Representative, to be appointed by the Referee Committee;

4. The Zone Team Shall:

- (a) Assist in the administration of Hockey in the respective Zone as may be required from time to time;
- (b) Establish a work plan for the respective Zone that meets with the approval of the Executive Director; and
- (c) Perform any tasks or functions for the respective Zone as may be required of it by the Executive Director from time to time.

5. Operations Advisory Committee Representative

Each OAC Representative shall be elected by those Members that are located within the respective Zone in accordance with HA Policy.

Each of the OAC Representatives shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall reside in the Zone for which he/she was elected during his/her term of office. In the event that during his/her term, a Zone Representative ceases to reside in the Zone which he/she represents, the said Zone Representative shall be deemed to have resigned the office of Representative, effective on the 30th day following the date on which he/she ceased to reside within the Zone.

6. Minor Regulation Coordinator

Each Minor Regulation Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Regulation Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

7. Minor Administration Coordinator

Each Minor Administration Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Minor Administration Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

8. Discipline / Sanction Coordinator

Each Discipline / Sanction Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with HA Policy. The Discipline / Sanction Coordinator for ALL Zones shall be appointed each and every year for a one (1) year term.

9. Referee Representative

Each Referee Representative shall be assigned, by the Referee Committee, to liaise with the Zone Team on a yearly basis.

APPENDIX “VIII” APPEALS

1. APPEALS OFFICER

The Appeals Officer shall hear appeals as provided for in this Regulation and adjudicate on the issues arising from the appeals, which are heard by him.

2. APPEALS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DECISIONS

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling, in whole or in part, of the Executive Director made pursuant to the Rules and Regulations, or a decision of the Executive Director regarding registration of a Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, Official or Branch to Branch transfer, has the right of appeal to the Appeals Officer.

3. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

In the event that a Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling made by a Local Minor Hockey Association or League, and provided that:

- (a) the decision or ruling arises from the Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) all Appeals as provided or allowed by the Local Minor Hockey Association and/or League have been exhausted;

the said Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, or Official may appeal the aforesaid decision or ruling to the Appeals Officer.

4. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF APPEALS OFFICER – APPEALS COMMITTEE

An Appeal lies to the Appeals Committee from the whole or any part of any decision or ruling made by the Appeals Officer pursuant to the Bylaws & Regulations.

5. APPEAL TO BOARD

An Appeal lies to the Board from the whole or any part of a decision or ruling made by the Appeals Committee pursuant to Regulation 4 (above).

6. EFFECT OF APPEAL

An Appeal to the Appeals Officer, Appeals Committee and the Board does not operate as a stay of the decision or ruling appeals from, except so far as the authority appealed from may direct.

7. NOTICE OF APPEAL

All Appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing ("Notice of Appeal") addressed to the Executive Director and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision or ruling being appealed. The Notice of Appeal may be filed by ordinary mail, courier or telecopier.

8. CONTENTS OF NOTICE

The Notice of Appeal shall include and contain the following:

- (a) a statement of the decision which is being appealed, including a copy of the written decision, if any;
- (b) concise statements of the grounds for appeal in numbered paragraphs;
- (c) concise statements of the facts, in numbered paragraphs, alleged by the Appellant;
- (d) if an Appeal Hearing is provided for in these Regulations, a summary of the evidence which the Appellant intends to produce at the Appeal Hearing, whether by document or viva voce (with the living voice) evidence.

9. APPEAL DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director, upon receiving a Notice of Appeal, shall:

- (a) if the Appeal is made pursuant to Regulations 2 and 3 (above), forthwith notify in writing the Appeals Officer and serve a copy of the same on the party whose decision is being appealed (the "Respondent"). Further, the Executive Director shall serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on such persons as the Appeals Officer shall reasonably direct;
- (b) if the Appeal is made pursuant to Regulations 4 and 5 (above), forthwith notify in writing the Appeals Officer and such other parties as either the Appellant, Respondent or the Appeals Officer shall reasonably direct.

10. APPEAL FEES

Appellants shall be required to pay to Hockey Alberta a fee of an Appeal, which fee shall be payable with the filing of the Notice of Appeal as contemplated in Regulation 7 (above), in the following amounts:

- (a) Appeals Fee pursuant to Regulations 2 and 3 (above) shall be **Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars + GST**;
- (b) Appeals Fee pursuant to Regulation 4 (above) shall be **Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars + GST**;
- (c) Appeals to decisions made pursuant to **Rule 9.6** of the Rules, the Appeal Fee shall be **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) + GST**;
- (d) Appeals Fee pursuant to Regulation 5 (above) shall be **Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars + GST**

11. APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS UNDER REGULATIONS 2, 3 AND 4

Appeals made pursuant to Regulations 2, 3 and 4 (above), at the sole discretion of the Appeals Officer, shall be conducted with one of the following procedures:

- (a) an informal meeting of parties to the Appeals Officer or Appeals Committee, as the case may be, and with the evidence and arguments produced as the Appeals Officer or Appeals Committee, as the case may be, may reasonably determine necessary; or
- (b) a Quasi-judicial Hearing.

12. APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS UNDER REGULATION 5.

Appeals made pursuant to Regulation 5 (above) shall be conducted as a Quasi-judicial Hearing.

13. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

At Quasi-judicial Hearings, the procedures shall be conducted according to the laws of the Province of Alberta for such hearings, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) the Appellant and other parties to the Appeal may be represented by a barrister and solicitor or an agent;
- (b) Witnesses shall be called to give evidence under oath;
- (c) Witnesses may be examined and cross examined by the parties to the Appeal, the Appeals Committee and by other parties to the Appeal;
- (d) at the sole discretion of the Chairperson of the Appeal, have all proceedings recorded by an official court reporter or have the proceedings recorded by the Executive Director or his appointee.

14. DATE FOR APPEAL HEARING – REGULATIONS 2 AND 3

Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Regulations 2 and 3 (above), the Executive Director, in consultation with the Appeals Officer, shall set a date for the Hearing which date shall be no later than the 10th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.

15. DATE FOR APPEAL HEARING – REGULATIONS 4 AND 5

Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Regulations 4 and 5 (above), the Executive Director shall set a date for the Hearing of the Appeal, which date shall be no later than the 30th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.

16. NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE

Notice of the date for the Hearing of the Appeal shall be given by the Executive Director to Parties to the Appeal either in writing (letter or telecopier) or by telephone.

17. DISQUALIFICATIONS OF ADJUDICATORS

Those persons disqualified from adjudicating an Appeal pursuant to Regulations 4 and 5 (above) are as follows:

- (a) in the event of an Appeal under Regulation 4 (above), the Appeals Officer;
- (b) in the event of an Appeal under Regulation 5 (above), the Appeals Officer and those persons that made up the Appeals Committee.

18. DECISION OF ADJUDICATOR(S)

The adjudicator(s) of the Appeals provided for in this Regulation shall give the decision in writing within ten (10) days from the date the Hearing or Quasi-judicial Hearing concluded and may:

- (a) allow the Appeal;
- (b) dismiss the Appeal;
- (c) give any decision or ruling which ought to have been made and make such further or other decision and/or ruling as the circumstances require;
- (d) make such order as to costs as it seems just, and unless otherwise specified, the costs shall follow the event of the Appeal.

19. BOARD DECISIONS - FINAL AND BINDING

All Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, shall accept as final and binding the decisions of the Board, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board's interpretation or construction of the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws subject only to a right of Appeal to Hockey Canada as provided for in the Bylaws of Hockey Canada.

20. COURT ACTIONS

All Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen, and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, agree that any recourse to the law courts of any jurisdiction before all rights and remedies as provided by these Bylaws and the Bylaws of Hockey Canada have been availed and utilized, shall be prohibited. Further, any such recourse to the law courts as aforesaid shall be deemed by the AAHA to be unsportsmanlike conduct enabling the President to suspend and/or disqualify the said persons.

APPENDIX "IX" MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
<u>Minimum Suspensions for Players</u>					
3.6	<i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i>				
	Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	If a player removes his/her helmet and releases the chinstrap to fight, and the opposing player does not, and the former is assessed an additional two minute minor penalty and a Game Misconduct.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	If the player removes his/her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight. Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
4.1	<i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i>				
	Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game (Max 5/Team)
	Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
4.6	<i>Game Ejection/Game Misconduct</i>				
	A Player assessed two (2) Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 Game
	A player assessed three (3) or more Game Misconducts in the same stoppage of play.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Indefinite
4.7	<i>Gross Misconduct</i>	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
6.1	<i>Attempt to Injure (Match)</i>				
(a)	Deliberate Injury	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
(b)	Head Butting	2 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
(c)	Kicking	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
(d)	Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
(e)	Using Facial Protector as a Weapon	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
	Kneeing	3 Games	N/A	3 Games	N/A
	Use of Blocker	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
	<i>Boarding and Body Checking</i>				
6.2	Boarding or Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Boarding or Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	N/A	3 Games	N/A

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
6.3	<i>Charging</i> Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	N/A	3 Games	N/A
6.4	<i>Checking from Behind</i> Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.	4 Games	4 Games	4 Games	2 Games
6.5	<i>Head Contact</i> Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.	4 Games	4 Games	4 Games	2 Games
6.6	<i>Elbowing and Kneeing</i> Elbowing or Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
6.7	<i>Fighting</i> Any player who engages in their 1 st fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Any player who engages in their 2 nd fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games	N/A	2 Games	N/A
	Any player who engages in their 3 rd fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	Indefinite	1 Game	Indefinite	1 Game
	Any player who engages in their 4 th fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	N/A	2 Games	N/A	2 Games
	Any player who engages in their 5 th fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	N/A	3 Games	N/A	3 Games
	Any player who engages in their 6 th fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.	N/A	Indefinite	N/A	Indefinite
	Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight.				
	First Offence	1 Game	Game Misc.	Game Misc.	Game Misc.
	Second Offence	2 Games	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
	Third Offence	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games
	Any Player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on his/her hands who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury shall be assessed a Match Penalty in addition to any other penalties he/she may incur.	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
	Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game
	Any Player receiving a fighting major and Game Misconduct penalty which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 Game	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
7.4	Tripping Slew Footing / Tripping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
8.1	Butt Ending Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.2	Cross Checking Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.3	High Sticking High Sticking where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.4	Slashing Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.	1 Game	N/A	1 Game	N/A
	Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
8.5	Spearing Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
9.2	Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct				
	Verbal Abuse of Officials (Zero Tolerance) when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game
	Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
9.5	Leaving a bench for the Purpose of Fighting				
	Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games	2 Games	3 Games	2 Games
	Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	4 Games	3 Games	4 Games	3 Games
9.6	Physical Harassment of Official (Match)				
	Threaten or attempt to strike	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*
	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*
	Intentionally strike, trip or body check	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*
	* Length of suspension may be within the identified range.				
9.7	Spitting (Match)				
	Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	Spitting on or at an Opponent	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games

Accumulation Sanctions for Minor and Female Hockey Players

Players that are assessed multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will also be assessed additional suspensions in accordance with the following listing.

Any player accumulating 2 Major penalties in the same season for a violation any of the following:

6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	6.6 Elbowing or Kneeing	2 Games
6.3	Charging	7.4 Tripping	
6.4	Checking from Behind	8.2 Cross-Checking	
6.5	Head Contact	8.4 Slashing	

Any player accumulating 3 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:

6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	6.6 Elbowing or Kneeing	4 Games
6.3	Charging	7.4 Tripping	
6.4	Checking from Behind	8.2 Cross-Checking	
6.5	Head Contact	8.4 Slashing	

Any player accumulating 4 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:

6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	6.6 Elbowing or Kneeing	Indefinite
6.3	Charging	7.4 Tripping	
6.4	Checking from Behind	8.2 Cross-Checking	
6.5	Head Contact	8.4 Slashing	

Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:

6.1	Deliberate Injury	4 Games
6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	
6.3	Charging	

Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:

6.4	Checking from Behind	5 Games
6.5	Head Contact	

Any player accumulating 3 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:

6.1	Deliberate Injury	6.4 Checking from Behind	Indefinite
6.2	Boarding or Body Checking	6.5 Head Contact	
6.3	Charging		

Any player who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.

4 Games

Any player who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.

Indefinite

RULE #	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION LENGTH			
		MINOR	JUNIOR MALE	SR./JR. FEMALE	SENIOR MALE
<u>Minimum Suspensions for Coaches</u>					
1.9	<i>Ineligible Players/Team Officials</i>				
2.2	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team and/or allowing a Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate on the bench.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player or allows a Team Official to participate on the bench who is under suspension.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
4.1	<i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i>				
	Coach of the Team whose Player(s) are assessed Majors, Game Misconducts or Match Penalties during an altercation prior to or after the game.	Indefinite	3 Games	Indefinite	3 Games
	Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
6.7	The coach of the Team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 Games
9.2	<i>Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct</i>				
	Verbal Abuse of Officials (Zero Tolerance) when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games	1 Game	2 Games	1 Game
	Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
9.5	The Coach of the team whose player is penalized for leaving the players bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 Games	3 Games	3 Games	2 Games
	The Coach of the team whose player left the players bench or penalty box during a fight or for the purpose of fighting but was not identified as the first to leave during the altercation.	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game	1 Game
9.6	<i>Physical Harassment of Official (Match)</i>				
	Threaten or attempt to strike an Official	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*	Indefinite (6-10 games)*
	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes an Official	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*	Indefinite (11-30 games)*
	Intentionally strike, trip or body check an Official	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*	Indefinite (1 Year)*
	* Length of suspension may be within the identified range.				
9.7	<i>Spitting (Match)</i>				
	Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite
	Spitting on or at an Opponent	3 Games	2 Games	2 Games	2 Games
10.14	<i>Refusing to Start Play</i>	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite

Accumulation Sanctions for Minor and Female Hockey Coaches

Coaches that are assessed multiple infractions of the same nature over the course of the season will also be assessed additional suspensions in accordance with the following listing.

The Coach of any Team that receives a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	1 Game
The Coach of any Team that commits a second violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	3 Games
The Coach of any Team that commits a third violation of receiving a combination of three (3) Major (including Fighting) or Match penalties in the same game.	Indefinite
Any Coach who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.	4 Games
Any Coach who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.	Indefinite

Additional Sanctions

In all Hockey, any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct or a Major and a Game Misconduct or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct penalty that occurs in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time or any overtime or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League / Playoff / Pre-Season / Tournament / Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by HA Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions.

APPENDIX "X"
REFEREE COMMITTEE BYLAWS & REGULATIONS

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REFEREES' COMMITTEE BYLAWS

1.0 **INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 Index and Headings. The insertion of headings and the provision of an Index, are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.
- 1.2 Singular, Plural, Gender. Words importing the singular number only include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender include all genders.
- 1.3 "In Writing". "In writing" or "written" include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visibly reproduced at a distant point of reception, including telecopier (fax), telex or telegraph.
- 1.4 Notice. Whenever a period of notice is required under these Bylaws, the day on which notice is given shall not be counted as part of the notice period, but the day appointed by the notice for the event to which the notice relates shall be counted as part of the notice period.
- 1.5 Definitions
- 1.5.1 "AAHA" means the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- 1.5.2 "AAHA Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the AAHA;
- 1.5.3 "AAHA President" means the President of the AAHA;
- 1.5.4 "Annual General Meeting" means the general meeting of Members of Referees' Council as contemplated in Section 6.1.1;
- 1.5.5 "Arbitration Board" means the body hearing a grievance in accordance with Section 9.2;
- 1.5.6 "Associate Membership" shall have the meaning set out in Section 3.3;
- 1.5.7 "Board" means the board of directors of the AAHA;
- 1.5.8 "Board's Representatives" means the two (2) people appointed by the President to Referees' Council Executive;
- 1.5.9 "CHA" means Canadian Hockey Association;
- 1.5.10 "CHOP" means the Canadian Hockey Officiating Program as developed and operated by the CHA;
- 1.5.11 "CHOP Levels" means those levels of efficiency and competency as provided for in CHOP;
- 1.5.12 "Council Bylaws" or "hereof", "hereto", "herein", "hereunder" and similar expressions when used in this document refer to this document, and reference to "Section", unless the context otherwise requires, shall refer to the appropriate Section of this document;

- 1.5.13 "Council Rules and Regulations" means those rules of conduct and game procedures as may be determined from time to time by Referees' Council Executive taking into consideration the requirements of the AAHA and CHA;
- 1.5.14 "Disciplinary Committee" means that Special Committee as provided for in Section 4.9;
- 1.5.15 "Extraordinary Resolution" means a resolution which requires a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the persons present at the meeting;
- 1.5.16 "Good Standing" means a state in which any particular Member is not being disciplined under the Council's Bylaws, Council's Rules and Regulations, the AAHA Bylaws, the AAHA Rules and Regulations or the CHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.17 "Grievance Hearing" shall be the hearing of the matter under grievance where the Griever, the Respondent and all other persons having an interest in the proceedings may attend for the purpose of presenting evidence and information relevant to the matter under grievance to the Arbitration Board;
- 1.5.18 "Grievance Notice" means a notice in writing setting out the circumstances of the grievance, the decision which is being grieved and such other information as may be relevant to the grievance;
- 1.5.19 "Griever" means a Member proceeding with a grievance under Section 9;
- 1.5.20 "Honorary Membership" shall have that meaning set out in Section 3.4;
- 1.5.21 "Life Membership" shall have the meaning set out in Section 3.4;
- 1.5.22 "Linesman" shall have the same meaning as that provided for in the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.23 "Member" shall mean those persons as provided for in Section 3.1;
- 1.5.24 "President" means the President of the AAHA;
- 1.5.25 "Referee" shall have the same meaning as that provided for in the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.26 "Referee Zones" shall have same meaning as defined in Bylaw 5.01.2 of the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.27 "Referees' Council" means the Referees' Council as authorized and defined by the AAHA Bylaws;
- 1.5.28 "Referees' Council Executive" means those persons elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of the AAHA Bylaws from time to time;
- 1.5.29 "Respondent" is the person or persons which made the initial decision being grieved pursuant to Section 9;
- 1.5.30 "Satellite Zone Committee" shall have that meaning set out in Section 4.10.1;

- 1.5.31 "Special General Meeting" shall mean the meeting of Members as contemplated in Section 6.1.3;
- 1.5.32 "Zone" shall mean a Referee Zone;
- 1.5.33 "Zone Committee" means that committee provided for in Section 4.2 and 4.3 hereof;
- 1.5.34 "Zone Committee Executive" shall mean those persons as contemplated in Section 4.6.1.

2.0 **OBJECTIVES AND BUSINESS OF REFEREES' COUNCIL**

2.1 The objectives of Referees' Council shall be as follows:

- 2.1.1 to recruit and train Referees and Linesmen to officiate hockey games within the jurisdiction of the AAHA;
- 2.1.2 to select and appoint Referees and Linesmen for hockey games in consultation with the authority(ies) scheduling hockey games;
- 2.1.3 to classify Referees and Linesmen under the CHOP Levels;
- 2.1.4 to conduct all Referees' Council business with Leagues, Local Minor Hockey Associations and other persons;
- 2.1.5 to conduct all matters with the object of improving the game of hockey;
- 2.1.6 to supply Referees for all AAHA championship games.

2.2 Council Bylaws and Council Rules and Regulations shall be maintained and enforced by the AAHA through the Referees' Council and/or Referees' Council Executive.

3.0 **MEMBERSHIP IN REFEREES' COUNCIL**

3.1 Except as provided for in Section 3.2 below, membership in the Referees' Council shall be available to all persons that apply for membership and that:

- 3.1.1 are ordinarily resident in that area of land under the jurisdiction of AAHA;
- 3.1.2 in the current hockey season have attended a minimum of one (1) referees' school sanctioned by a Zone Committee or the Referees' Council;
- 3.1.3 have paid all dues and assessments of the Referees' Council and relevant Zone Committee;
- 3.1.4 have registered with the Referees' Council on or before the date in each year established for registration by Referee's Council Executive;
- 3.1.5 are in good standing.

3.2 A person applying for membership in the Referees' Council is not eligible for membership if:

3.2.1 the Zone Committee of the Zone in which the applicant resides or the Referees' Council Executive has passed a resolution by two-thirds (2/3) majority that the applicant should not be a member of Referees' Council.

3.3 Associate Membership: Referees' Council Executive may by ordinary resolution appoint persons as associate members of Referees' Council. Associate Membership is open to individuals who have previously been Members and no longer wish to participate as Referees and/or Linesmen. Associate Members shall be required to annually meet the requirements (including, without limitation, the payment of fees) as determined from time to time by resolution of the Referees' Council Executive. Associate Members shall have the same rights at meetings of Referees' Council excepting out the following:

3.3.1 they shall not act as Referees or Linesmen.

3.4 Honorary and Life Membership: The members of Referees' Council may by ordinary resolution appoint persons as:

3.4.1 Honorary Members of Referees' Council; or

3.4.2 Life Members of Referees' Council.

Persons that have made outstanding contributions to Referees' Council or persons who, in the opinion of the members of Referees' Council, would be beneficial to the operation and well-being of Referees' Council, are eligible to be appointed as Honorary Members or Life Members.

The appointment of an Honorary Member shall be for a term of one (1) year.

The appointment of a Life Member may only be rescinded by extraordinary resolution of the Members at an Annual General Meeting.

4.0 **REFEREE ZONES AND ZONE COMMITTEES**

4.1 The Referee Zones shall be those as may be determined from time to time by the AAHA Bylaws;

4.2 To assist in the administration of the Referees' Council and the operation of the business of Referees' Council, each Referee Zone shall have a committee (herein referred to as the "Zone Committee").

4.3 Each Zone Committee shall consist of all Members of Referees' Council residing within the relevant Referees' Zone.

4.4 Each Zone Committee shall hold meetings as follows:

4.4.1 an annual general meeting (herein called the "Zone Committee Annual Meeting") in March, April or May of each calendar year;

- 4.4.2 in addition to the Zone Committee Annual Meeting, five (5) general meetings in each calendar year (herein referred to as the "Zone Committee General Meeting"), said Zone Committee General Meeting to be held during the months of September to May in each calendar year;
- 4.4.3 such special meetings as may be called from time to time (herein referred to as "Zone Committee Special Meetings");
- 4.4.4 Each Zone Committee Annual Meeting, Zone Committee General Meeting and Zone Committee Special Meeting shall be called upon seven clear days prior written notice;
- 4.4.5 In the event that neither the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson are present at a properly called meeting, those persons present and entitled to vote shall elect a Zone Committee Director to chair the meeting, provided that in the event that there is not a Zone Committee Director present, those persons present and entitled to vote shall elect a chairperson of the meeting from those persons present;
- 4.4.6 A quorum at Zone Committee meetings shall be those number of persons as may be the lesser of:
 - (a) Fifty (50) Members; or
 - (b) Members of the Zone equal to three (3%) per cent of the Members of that Zone.
- 4.5 At the Zone Committee Annual Meeting, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - 4.5.1 Reading of the Minutes;
 - 4.5.2 Business arising from the Minutes;
 - 4.5.3 Chairperson's Report;
 - 4.5.4 Financial Report and Approval;
 - 4.5.5 Report of Zone Committee Directors;
 - 4.5.6 Election of Zone Committee Executive;
 - 4.5.7 Appointment of Persons to Audit Special Committee;
 - 4.5.8 New Business;
 - 4.5.9 Adjournment.

4.6 Zone Committee Executive

- 4.6.1 The Zone Committee shall, at each Zone Committee Annual Meeting, elect a Zone Committee Executive. Subject to Bylaw 4.6.2 below, the Zone Committee Executive shall consist of a minimum of eight (8) persons. Each person nominated for election to the Zone Committee Executive must be a Member of the Referees' Committee residing in the relevant Referees' Zone and be in good standing with the Referees' Committee. **Nominations for the Zone Committee Chairmen must be signed by two members of the Referee Committee who are in good standing and submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. The person nominated for Zone Committee Chairman shall have served a minimum of one year on a Zone Committee Executive.** The Zone Committee Executive shall be composed of the following:
- (a) Zone Committee Chairman;
 - (b) Zone Committee Secretary;
 - (c) Zone Committee Treasurer;
 - (d) Zone Committee Vice-Chairman;
 - (e) three (or more) elected Zone Committee Directors;
 - (f) Zone Committee Past Chairman;
 - (g) appointed Zone Committee Directors as contemplated in Section 4.6.2.
- 4.6.2 The Zone Committee Executive may appoint individuals to the Zone Committee Executive as they may deem appropriate.
- 4.6.3 The term for each individual elected to the Zone Committee Executive shall be as follows:
- (a) Zone Committee Chairman - 2 years;
 - (b) Zone Committee Secretary - 2 years;
 - (c) Zone Committee Treasurer - shall be initially elected for a one (1) year term and thereafter for two (2) year terms;
 - (d) Zone Committee Vice-Chairman - shall be initially elected for a one (1) year term and thereafter for two (2) year terms;
 - (e) elected Zone Committee Directors - shall be for a term of one (1) year, provided that the Members at the Zone Committee annual meeting may by extraordinary resolution increase the term of elected Zone Committee Directors to a term of two (2) years and in that event:

- (i) in the year that the said extraordinary resolution is passed, one-half (1/2) [or where there is an odd number of elected Zone Committee Directors, then one (1) less than half] of the Zone Committee Directors shall have a term of two (2) years and the other half a term of one (1) year;
- (ii) in each subsequent year, the elected Zone Committee Directors shall have terms of two (2) years.

The aforesaid extraordinary resolution may be rescinded by the Members at the Zone Committee annual meeting by a further extraordinary resolution;

- (f) appointed Zone Committee Directors shall have a term expiring on the day following the next Zone Committee Annual Meeting.

The term of each shall commence on the day following the Zone Committee Annual Meeting at which the individual is elected.

- 4.6.4 Each person elected (or appointed) to the Zone Committee Executive, excepting thereout the Zone Committee Chairman, shall have one (1) vote at all Zone Committee Executive meetings. In the event of a tie vote on a resolution before the Zone Committee Executive, the Zone Committee Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 4.6.5 In the event that any person elected (or appointed) as a Zone Committee Executive vacates his position on the Zone Committee Executive, for any reason whatsoever, the remaining Zone Committee Executive at their next meeting or within thirty (30) days, whichever is the sooner, may appoint by resolution a person to complete the term of the vacated seat on the Zone Committee Executive. Notwithstanding the power to appoint as aforesaid, the remaining Zone Committee Executive may resolve to call a bi-election at the following Zone Committee Annual Meeting to fill the vacated position for the unexpired term. **The elected or appointed member (including Chairman) who resigns shall cease to be part of the Referee's Committee Executive or Zone Committee Executive in any manner effective immediately.**
- 4.6.6 If any person on the Zone Committee Executive fails to attend at two (2) consecutive meetings of the said Executive and in the opinion of the other Executive the said person does not have a good and sufficient reason for his absence, the said person shall be deemed to have resigned from the Zone Committee Executive.
- 4.6.7 In the event that the number of individuals forming the Zone Executive Committee should not be sufficient to form a quorum (taking into consideration the maximum number of individuals that are to form that particular Zone Executive Committee) those individuals then remaining on the Zone Executive Committee may appoint individuals to the Zone Executive Committee and said appointments shall be for a term expiring at the conclusion of the next Zone Committee Annual Meeting.

4.7 Duties of the Zone Committee Executive and Officers

4.7.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Zone Committee Executive shall be as follows:

4.7.1.1 to conduct the business of the Zone Committee;

4.7.1.2 to present to the Zone Committee at a Zone Committee General Meeting prior to the commencement of a hockey season, a proposed policy to be in effect for the then current hockey season regarding the following:

(a) Game fees which shall include:

(i) Officials showing up for games which were cancelled and they were not notified by the League or Team;

(ii) Officials showing up for games which were cancelled and were not notified by the assignor;

(b) Travel arrangements for Referees and Linesmen;

(c) Assignment of Referees and Linesmen;

(d) Clinics;

(e) Match Penalties on Referees and Linesmen;

(f) Missed assignments and late arrivals by Referees and Linesmen to games which they were assigned;

(g) Such other policy matters as the Zone Executive deems pertinent.

4.7.1.3 act as the Zone finance committee;

4.7.1.4 set and establish a fee to be paid by the Members of the Zone (the "Zone Fee") which the Zone Committee Executive believes is necessary to effectively conduct the business of the Zone Committee;

4.7.1.5 call an extraordinary general meeting of the Members of the Zone for the purpose of passing an extraordinary resolution authorizing an assessment of money to be levied on the Members of the Zone for the purpose of paying for operations of the Zone Committee;

4.7.1.6 approve expenditures for the benefit of the Zone Committee to a maximum amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars on any single occasion;

- 4.7.1.7 in the event that the Zone Committee collects fees on behalf of its Members, the Zone Committee Executive shall pay the fees collected to the appropriate Members, by cheque, at:
 - (a) regular meetings of the Members of the Zone Committee;
 - (b) the conclusion of the hockey season by regular mail;
 - 4.7.1.8 carry out all negotiations with hockey leagues and hockey teams within the Zone regarding:
 - (a) fees payable for Referees and Linesmen that work at the relevant hockey games;
 - (b) working conditions within the Zone;
 - 4.7.1.9 report to Members of the Zone as to the agreements and arrangements made with hockey leagues and teams within the Zone;
 - 4.7.1.10 designate an individual(s) that shall be responsible for all appointments of Referees and Linesmen to work hockey games;
 - 4.7.1.11 subject always to the authority of the AAHA to discipline Referees and Linesmen pursuant to the AAHA Bylaws and the right of appeal under the AAHA Bylaws, to impose and enforce appropriate penalties (including, without limitation, suspension for a period not to exceed three [3] years) upon Referees, Linesmen and Members for violations or breaches of Council Bylaws, Council Rules and Regulations, CHA Bylaws, CHA Rules and Regulations, AAHA Bylaws and AAHA Rules and Regulations;
 - 4.7.1.12 to select and appoint the Referee Zone Representatives on Referee Council Executive as contemplated in Section 5.1.1(f) of these Bylaws and the AAHA Bylaws. The appointment of the Referee Zone Representatives shall be made prior to the Referees' Council Annual General Meeting and in the event that the Zone Committee Chairman has been recently elected, the outgoing Zone Committee Chairman shall (subject to his consent) be appointed as one of the Referee Zone Representatives.
- 4.7.2 The duties and responsibilities of the officers of the Zone Committee Executive shall be as follows:
- 4.7.2.1 Zone Committee Chairperson:
 - (a) to preside and chair all meetings of the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive;
 - (b) except as otherwise provided for herein, to chair all committees struck or appointed by the Zone Committee Executive;

- (c) shall be the chief executive officer of the Zone Committee Executive, subject to the authority of the Zone Committee Executive;

4.7.2.2 Zone Committee Vice-Chairperson:

- (a) shall perform the duties of the Zone Committee Chairperson in the absence, resignation or death of the Zone Committee Chairperson;

4.7.2.3 Zone Committee Secretary:

- (a) shall attend all meetings of the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive and act as secretary of the said meetings, and shall enter or cause to be entered in records kept for that purpose minutes of all proceedings thereat;
- (b) shall give or cause to be given, as and when required, all notices to those entitled to receive notice;
- (c) act as custodian of all minute books and records, documents, books and papers of the Zone Committee and the Zone Committee Executive;

4.7.2.4 Zone Committee Treasurer:

- (a) shall keep proper accounting records;
- (b) be responsible for deposit and disbursement of money of the Zone Committee;
- (c) shall render to the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive, whenever required, an account of all his financial transactions on behalf of the Zone Committee and Zone Committee Executive;

4.8 Meetings of the Zone Committee Executive

- 4.8.1 The Zone Committee Executive shall meet at least once a month during the months of September to March in each calendar year and these meetings should be scheduled to be held prior to the Zone Committee General Meetings.
- 4.8.2 The Zone Committee Chairperson or the Zone Committee Secretary at the request of three (3) of the Zone Committee Executive, may call other Zone Committee Executive meetings as he may from time to time believe necessary upon three (3) days prior written notice.
- 4.8.3 A quorum at each Zone Committee Executive meeting shall be a majority of persons entitled to vote at Zone Committee Executive meetings.

4.9 Zone Committee Special Committees

4.9.1 Each Referee Zone may have the following Special Committees:

- 4.9.1.1 Senior Hockey;
- 4.9.1.2 Minor Hockey;
- 4.9.1.3 Commercial Hockey;
- 4.9.1.4 Classification;
- 4.9.1.5 Grievance;
- 4.9.1.6 Discipline;
- 4.9.1.7 Social;
- 4.9.1.8 Clinics;
- 4.9.1.9 Nominating;
- 4.9.1.10 Audit;
- 4.9.1.11 Assignments.

4.9.2 The Zone Committee Executive may appoint Standing Committees as they may deem necessary from time to time to carry out the business and activities of the Zone Committee.

4.10 Satellite Zone Committees

4.10.1 Subject to the written approval of the AAHA Board of Directors, a Zone Committee may by resolution passed at a Zone Committee General Meeting allow for a standing committee called a Satellite Zone Committee, which standing committee shall be in existence until cancelled. The Satellite Zone Committee is struck for the purpose of providing administration to those Referees and Linesmen within a specific area of a Referees' Zone, said area to be defined by the creating resolution.

4.10.2 Subject to the limitations set out herein, a Satellite Zone Committee shall operate its business in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4 as though it were a Zone Committee.

4.10.3 Satellite Zone Committees shall allow an individual from the Zone Committee Executive to attend its meetings.

4.10.4 Satellite Zone Committees shall keep minutes and records of its meetings and shall, within twenty-one (21) days of each meeting send copies of the said minutes to the Secretary of the Zone Committee Executive.

5.0 REFEREES' COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

- 5.1 5.1.1 The business and affairs of Referees' Council shall be managed and conducted by Referees' Council Executive which shall consist of the following:
- (a) Council Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary-Treasurer;
 - (c) Two (2) people appointed by the President to represent the Board ("Board's Representatives");
 - (d) Referee Zone Chairperson for each Referee Zone;
 - (e) Immediate past Council Chairperson;
 - (f) Referee Zone Representatives, the number of which will vary depending upon the number of Referees and Linesmen registered in each Referee Zone as follows:
 - (i) 100 to 649 Referees and Linesmen in a Referee Zone shall entitle that Referee Zone to two (2) Representatives;
 - (ii) 650 to 799 Referees and Linesmen in a Referee Zone shall entitle that Referee Zone to three (3) Representatives;
 - (iii) 800 to 999 Referees and Linesmen in a Referee Zone shall entitle that Referee Zone to four (4) Representatives;
 - (iv) for each 200 Referees and Linesmen in excess of 800 in a Referee Zone, the Referee Zone shall be entitled to one (1) additional Representative.
- 5.1.2 The persons forming the Referees' Council Executive shall be those persons provided for by the AAHA Bylaws as may be amended from time to time.
- 5.1.3 The term of appointment or election of each person forming the Referees' Council Executive shall be as provided for by the AAHA Bylaws, as may be amended from time to time.
- 5.1.4 The Referees' Committee shall elect the Committee Chairman for a term of two (2) years. In the event that the individual elected should resign, die, or become incapacitated during his/her term, the Referees' Committee Executive shall appoint by resolution an individual which is then on the Referees' Committee Executive to serve as Committee Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term of the original Council Chairman. **Nominations for Committee Chairman must be signed by two members of the Referee Committee who are in good standing and submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. The person nominated for Committee Chairman shall have served a minimum of one year on a Zone Committee Executive or Referee Committee Executive.**
- 5.1.5 Annually the Referees' Council shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer. The person elected shall be a Member of Referee Council.
- 5.2 Referees' Council Executive shall, subject always to the AAHA Bylaws, have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 5.2.1 those duties and responsibilities as may be specified by the Bylaws of the AAHA, as may be amended from time to time;

- 5.2.2 to foster the aims and objectives of Referees' Council;
- 5.2.3 to supervise the operations of the Zone Committees and Zone Committee Executives in an effort to ensure that all matters are conducted in accordance with the Referees' Council Bylaws and the Referees' Rules and Regulations, and policies as may be established by Referees' Council Executive from time to time;
- 5.2.4 to manage the finances and financial affairs of Referees' Council and in so doing shall always ensure that:
 - (a) at the fiscal year end of Referees' Council, the equity on the balance sheet shall not decrease more than twenty (20%) per cent of the equity in the previous year provided that the Members at the annual meeting of Referees' Council may pre-approve a decrease in excess of twenty (20%) per cent.
- 5.3 In order to carry out its duties and responsibilities, the Referees' Council Executive shall have the following powers:
 - 5.3.1 from time to time to suspend the operations of a Zone Committee which has not complied or is not complying with and abiding by the Bylaws of the AAHA, the AAHA Rules and Regulations or Council Bylaws. Any suspension of a Zone Committee shall be subject to the approval and/or ratification of the AAHA Board;
 - 5.3.2 to manage and direct the affairs of a Zone Committee which has been suspended or discontinued including, without limitation, management of money held by the Zone Council;
 - 5.3.3 to establish and set fees to be paid by Referees and Linesmen, said fees to be collected by the Zone Committee and remitted to Referees' Council;
 - 5.3.4 to cause Referees' Council to purchase goods that are required to conduct the business of Referees' Council, including, without limitation, crests, arm bands, case books, rule books, and level books;
 - 5.3.5 provided that the Referees' Council Executive obtains the prior written consent of the AAHA Board, to borrow money from time to time;
 - 5.3.6 to appoint standing committees as is deemed necessary and the persons appointed to these committees shall be appointed for a term ending on the earlier of:
 - (a) one (1) year; or
 - (b) replacement by the Referee Council Executive;
 - 5.3.7 to pass, amend, or delete rules and regulations for the conduct and decorum of Referees and Linesmen, subject always to the approval of the AAHA Board of Directors;

5.3.8 subject to the provisions of the AAHA Bylaws, to discipline Members including, without limitation, suspensions for periods of time not to exceed twenty (20) years.

5.4 The duties of the officers of the Referees' Council Executive are as follows:

5.4.1 Council Chairman shall:

- (a) chair all annual and special meetings of Referees' Council and meetings of Referees' Council Executive;
- (b) present the Chairman's Report at Annual Meetings of Referees' Council;
- (c) shall cause to be called all meetings of Referees' Council and Referees' Council Executive;
- (d) subject to the overall management and supervision of Referees' Council Executive, provide general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of Referees' Council;
- (e) be an ex-officio member of all standing committees of Referees' Council;
- (f) assign Referees and/or Linesmen to officiate at those hockey games specified by Referees' Council Executive.

5.4.2 Council Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- (a) attend all meetings of Referees' Council and Referees' Council Executive and record the proceedings and matters dealt with at those meetings, keeping the records in a minute book;
- (b) keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and payments of Referees' Council;
- (c) deposit or cause to be deposited in a bank account in the name of Referees' Council (ie., "AAHA Referees' Council"), all revenue including, without limitation, all fees, dues, assessments, and fines;
- (d) pay, in a timely fashion, all debts and liabilities of Referees' Council;
- (e) prepare or cause to be prepared annual financial statements and such other financial statements, budgets, and other financial data as Referees' Council Executive may require from time to time;
- (f) keep all receipts, vouchers and other documents at such place or places as may be approved by Referees' Council Executive from time to time, and shall not destroy these financial records until approval is obtained from Referees' Council Executive;
- (g) deliver the books, records and all financial records to the auditors of the AAHA or Referees' Council Executive forthwith upon their request;

- (h) deliver a copy of the audited financial statement for the year to the AAHA following approval of the statement at the Annual General Meeting;
- (i) deal with and obtain from Zone Committee Treasurers financial information and statements of the Zone Committees and prepare or cause to be prepared by September 1 of each year a statement of the same for delivery to the AAHA Board;
- (j) deliver or cause to be delivered audited financial statements at each Annual General Meeting with the report of Referees' Council Executive as to the state and condition of the financial affairs of Referees' Council.

5.5 An individual that has been elected or appointed to the Referees' Council Executive shall cease to be part of the Referees' Council Executive forthwith upon any one or more of the following events:

- 5.5.1 if the individual is adjudged bankrupt or should make an assignment in bankruptcy;
- 5.5.2 if the individual becomes of unsound mind;
- 5.5.3 if the individual is convicted of an indictable criminal offence;
- 5.5.4 if the individual resigns by notice;
- 5.5.5 except for the appointees of the AAHA Board, if the individual ceases to be a Member in good standing;
- 5.5.6 upon the expiration of his term.

5.6 In the event that the number of individuals forming the Referees' Council Executive should not be sufficient to form a quorum (taking into consideration the maximum number of individuals that should form the Referees' Council Executive) those individuals then remaining on the Referees' Council Executive may, with the exception of those individuals to be appointed by the AAHA Board, appoint individuals to the Referees' Council Executive and said appointments shall be for a term expiring at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

5.7 All acts of the Referees' Council Executive shall be valid and binding notwithstanding that it may later be discovered that there may be some defect in any one or more of the appointments or election of an individual to the Referees' Council Executive.

5.8 In the event that the Council Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Referees' Council Executive at the time appointed for commencement of the meeting, those individuals then present shall elect from their midst an individual to act as Chairman of that meeting until such time as the Council Chairman shall be in attendance.

- 5.9 Excepting those individuals appointed by the AAHA Board, Members may at a Special General Meeting by Extraordinary Resolution, remove one or more individuals from Referees' Council Executive and by ordinary resolution elect an individual(s) to replace the individual(s) so removed, and the individual(s) so elected shall be elected for a term expiring at the same date that the term of the individual that was removed would have expired.
- 5.10 Referees' Council shall indemnify an individual, his heirs and legal representatives from and against all costs, charges, expenses, judgments, claims, and damages reasonably incurred by him in respect of all acts and decisions made by an individual when acting in his/her capacity of Council Executive, provided that the aforesaid indemnity shall not apply or be effective if the individual did not act honestly and in good faith.

6.0 **MEETINGS**

6.1 **General Meeting of Referees' Council:**

- 6.1.1 The annual meeting of Referees' Council shall normally be held annually on the first Sunday in June of each year at a location determined by the Referees' Council Executive upon 21 days notice in writing to all Members.
- 6.1.2 In the event circumstances warrant holding the Annual General Meeting on a day other than the first Sunday of June in each year, Referees' Council Executive may specify another day of the relevant year upon 30 days notice in writing to the Members.
- 6.1.3 Special General Meetings shall be all meetings of the Members other than the Annual General Meeting and all resolutions considered at a Special General Meeting shall, other than as is specifically provided otherwise herein, require an Extraordinary Resolution.
- 6.1.4 A quorum at an Annual General Meeting or at Special General Meetings shall be thirty-five (35) Members. In the event that a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour following the time appointed for the commencement of a meeting, and provided that the Special General Meeting was not convened under Article 6.1.9 below, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day of the following week at the same time and place, and at the adjourned meeting a quorum shall be twenty-five (25) Members. If the Special General Meeting was convened pursuant to Article 6.1.9 below, and a quorum is not present, the Special General Meeting shall be deemed to be dissolved.
- 6.1.5 At each Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting each Member present in person shall be entitled to one (1) vote. There shall be no proxies allowed. Unless a Member requests voting by secret ballot, every resolution shall be decided by a show of hands. A Member may request a poll on any question. If a poll is requested it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman of the meeting may direct. A request for a poll may be withdrawn by the individual initially requesting the poll.
- 6.1.6 In the event of any issue as to the admission or rejection of any particular ballot, the chairperson of the meeting shall resolve the same, and such resolution shall be final and conclusive.

- 6.1.7 In the event of an equality of votes on any question, the chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 6.1.8 The chairperson of an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting may, with the consent of the Members present, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished from the meeting which was adjourned.
- 6.1.9 A Special General Meeting shall be convened upon the request in writing of the greater of the following:
- 6.1.9.1 a number of Members which is equal to three (3%) per cent of the total Members; or
 - 6.1.9.2 thirty-five (35) Members;
- and the request shall specify the business to be conducted at the Special General Meeting.
- 6.1.10 The order of business at Annual General Meetings shall be as follows:
- (i) Call to order
 - (ii) Roll Call of Members
 - (iii) Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - (iv) Correspondence
 - (v) Chairman's Report
 - (vi) Treasurer's Report
 - (vii) Zone Reports
 - (viii) Other Reports
 - (ix) Unfinished Business
 - (x) New Business
 - (xi) Elections
 - (xii) Good and Welfare
 - (xiii) Announcement of Next Meeting
 - (xiv) Adjournment

6.2 Meetings of Referees' Council Executive

- 6.2.1 The Referees' Council Executive shall meet as follows:
- (a) on the day prior to the Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) such other meetings as Referees' Council Executive or Council Chairperson may determine to be necessary or upon the written request of three persons of Referees' Council Executive and notice of such a meeting shall be given in writing seven (7) days in advance of the meeting date.

- 6.2.2 On a day in January of each year to be determined by the Council Chairman, there shall be a meeting of Referees' Council Executive with a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the following individuals present in person:
- (a) Council Chairman;
 - (b) Council Secretary Treasurer;
 - (c) Past Council Chairman;
 - (d) The Zone Chairmen; and
 - (e) those individuals on the Referee's Council Executive who have been appointed by the AAHA.
- 6.2.3 Those people entitled to attend a meeting of Referees' Council Executive are as follows:
- (a) those persons elected or appointed to Referees' Council Executive;
 - (b) any person authorized by resolution of Referees' Council Executive;
 - (c) any person authorized by resolution of Members at a meeting of Referees' Council;
- 6.2.4 Except as is provided for in Section 6.2.2 of these Bylaws, a quorum of Referees' Council Executive shall be a majority of those persons elected or appointed to Referees' Council Executive.
- 6.2.5 At all meetings of Referees' Council Executive, unless otherwise specifically provided in these Council Procedures and Regulations, majority vote of the persons present in person shall be sufficient to pass a resolution.
- 6.2.6 A resolution in writing executed by a majority of the persons on Referees' Council Executive shall be good and binding.
- 6.2.7 A meeting of Referees' Council Executive may be held by conference phone provided that each individual present by phone may hear the others. All resolutions passed at a meeting by conference phone call shall be ratified by resolution in writing executed by those individuals present at the meeting.

6.3 Notices of Meetings

- 6.3.1 Notices of all Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and meetings of the Referees' Council Executive, shall be mailed by prepaid mail, delivered personally, telegraphed or telefaxed to the address last recorded in the records of Referees' Council, or if no address is recorded therein, to the last address known to the Secretary-Treasurer of Referees' Council Executive;
- 6.3.2 Any notice sent by prepaid mail shall be deemed to have been received on the date on which the notice is posted;
- 6.3.3 Accidental omission to give notice to a Member or an individual of the Referees' Council Executive shall not invalidate any Meeting.

7.0 **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

7.1 Referees' Council Executive shall maintain or cause to maintained books and records which shall contain a record of all business of Referees' Council and Referees' Council Executive including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

7.1.1 Minutes of all meeting of Referees' Council and Referees' Council Executive and Committees (Special and Standing);

7.1.2 names and addresses of all Members;

7.1.3 the annual Classification of each Member;

7.1.4 of all appointments made by the Referees' Council Executive;

7.1.5 the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all individuals appointed and elected to Referees' Council Executive and Zone Committee Executive of each Referee Zone;

7.1.6 the Council Bylaws, as amended from time to time;

7.1.7 the Council Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time;

7.1.8 all disciplinary steps undertaken by Referees' Council Executive and Zone Committee Executive;

7.1.9 all financial transactions including, without limitation, receipts, expenditures, accounts payable, and accounts receivable.

7.2 The books and records of Referees' Council and each Zone Committee shall at reasonable times be made available to each Member upon receipt of a written request for inspection. The books and records of Referees' Council and each Zone Committee shall be made available for inspection by Members at the Annual General Meeting.

7.3 The books and records of Referees' Council shall be stored at the home of the Secretary-Treasurer or at such other place as Referees' Council Executive may determine from time to time.

8.0 **FINANCIAL AND AUDIT**

8.1 The fiscal year of Referees' Council shall be from May 1 to April 30 of each year.

8.2 The fiscal year end of each Zone Committee shall be set by a resolution of the Zone Committee to a date between March 31 and June 30. *{Amended June 3, 2001}*

8.3 Following the 30th day of April in each year, the financial transactions and records of Referees' Council for the preceding fiscal year shall be audited by an independent accountant or audit committee consisting of 3 people as directed by Referees' Council Executive. The audit report shall be delivered to the Referees' Council Executive prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- 8.4 All monies belonging to Referees' Council or Zone Committees shall be deposited in banks approved by Referees' Council Executive.
- 8.5 All cheques drawn upon Referees' Council bank account shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 8.6 All cheques drawn upon the bank account of a Zone Committee shall be signed by any two (2) of the following:
- (a) Zone Chairman;
 - (b) Zone Treasurer;
 - (c) the Vice-Zone Chairman or another Zone Executive person which is designated by the Zone Executive.
- 8.7 In the event that Referees' Council has borrowed money and Referees' Council is not in a financial position to pay the debt obligations as they become due, Referees' Council Executive may assess each person who was a Member at the date the loan was authorized and drawn, in a pro-rata amount as may be necessary to pay the debt obligation.
- 9.0 **GRIEVANCE**
- 9.1 A Member (in this Section referred to as the "Griever") that is dissatisfied with a decision directly affecting that Member has a right to grieve that decision in strict accordance with the procedures set out in this Section 9.
- 9.2 There are four (4) levels of grievance as follows:
- 9.2.1 Level I - grievance is made to the Zone Committee Executive in which the Griever resides;
 - 9.2.2 Level II - grievance is made to the Zone Committee (general body) in which the Griever resides;
 - 9.2.3 Level III - grievance is made to the Referees' Council Executive;
 - 9.2.4 Level IV - grievance is made to the AAHA President (or his designate) with the rights of appeal as set out in the AAHA Bylaws.
- 9.3 The Griever must grieve the matter progressively from Level I to Level IV. At Levels I through Level III, the body responsible for hearing the grievance (the "Arbitration Board") may, prior to hearing the grievance, direct the Griever to proceed to the next Level.
- 9.4 Upon Application in writing to the Griever, the AAHA President may, following consultation with Referees' Council Chairman, direct the grievance to be heard at a Level which the AAHA President deems to be proper.
- 9.5 The procedure for grievance is as follows:
- 9.5.1 the Griever must attempt to discuss and resolve the subject matter of the grievance with the body that made the decision which is being grieved;

- 9.5.2 to proceed to grieve the matter at each Level, the Griever must within fourteen (14) days after becoming aware of the decision which is being grieved or the decision of the Arbitration Board (whichever is relevant), serve a Grievance Notice directed to the following:
- (a) Level I - Zone Chairman or his designate at the home address; or
 - (b) Level II - Zone Chairman at his home address; or
 - (c) Level III - Council Chairman at his home address; or
 - (d) Level IV - AAHA President c/o the AAHA business office; and
 - (e) the Respondent.
- 9.5.3 The Respondent, upon receipt of a Grievance Notice shall serve a reply in writing (the "Reply") upon the relevant Arbitration Board as aforesaid and the Griever within 7 days of receipt of the Grievance Notice;
- 9.5.4 Except in the case of a Level IV Grievance (which Grievance is dealt with under the AAHA Bylaws, a grievance shall be concluded within the following time limitations:
- (a) if a Level I grievance, on or before the twenty-first (21st) day following receipt of the Grievance Notice as contemplated in Bylaw 9.5.2 above;
 - (b) if a Level II grievance, on or before the sixtieth (60th) day following receipt of the Grievance Notice as contemplated in Bylaw 9.5.2 above;
 - (c) if a Level III grievance, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day following receipt of the Grievance Notice as contemplated in Bylaw 9.5.2 above;
- 9.5.5 Upon the AAHA President receiving a Grievance Notice, the provisions of the AAHA Bylaws shall be effective in the same manner as though there were a violation under Bylaw XII of the AAHA Bylaws;
- 9.5.6 Upon the Arbitration Board receiving the Reply or if an Arbitration Hearing is held, the Arbitration Board shall, within 21 days, render a decision in writing with reasons for the decision.
- 9.6 A Grievance Notice shall not be deemed to be invalid if it did not contain all of the relevant facts.
- 9.7 When a Griever fails to file a Grievance Notice or fails to proceed with a grievance, within the time limits set out in this Section 9, he shall be deemed to have abandoned the grievance.
- 9.8 When an Arbitration Board fails to proceed as required by this Section 9, the Griever shall be entitled to proceed with the grievance to the next consecutive Level.
- 9.9 All Grievance Notices, Replies and notices, and decisions sent by the Arbitration Board shall be sent by registered mail or delivered by hand and where mailed it shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the date the envelope is postmarked.

- 9.10 All time limitations may be extended if consented to in writing by the Griever, the Respondent, and the Arbitration Board.

10.0 **GENERAL**

- 10.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, all correspondence directed to Referees' Council shall be directed to the Chairman with a copy to the Secretary-Treasurer.

- 10.2 All Members shall sign an attendance record upon entering meetings of Referees' Council.

- 10.3 Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all meetings of Referees' Council except where those rules may conflict with the rules and procedures set out herein.

10.4 Honoraria

- 10.4.1 Honoraria may be paid to Members and other persons. In each fiscal year, the aggregate amount of the Honoraria is to be determined by the Members at the Annual General Meeting and then allocated to individuals in amounts to be determined by Referees' Council Executive.

- 10.4.2 Notwithstanding the passing of a resolution to pay honoraria, no honoraria shall be paid unless there is sufficient money in the bank to cover all known liabilities and having a least One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to start the following year's operation.

10.5 Amendment of Council Bylaws

- 10.5.1 Council Bylaws shall become effective and in force upon their adoption by the Referees' Council at Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and ratification by the AAHA Board and such adoption and ratification shall rescind any previous Rules, Regulations or any other documents whatsoever to this effect.

- 10.5.2 Council Bylaws may be amended or changed by Extraordinary Resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been included with the written notice calling the meeting.