



HOCKEY CALGARY

## REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

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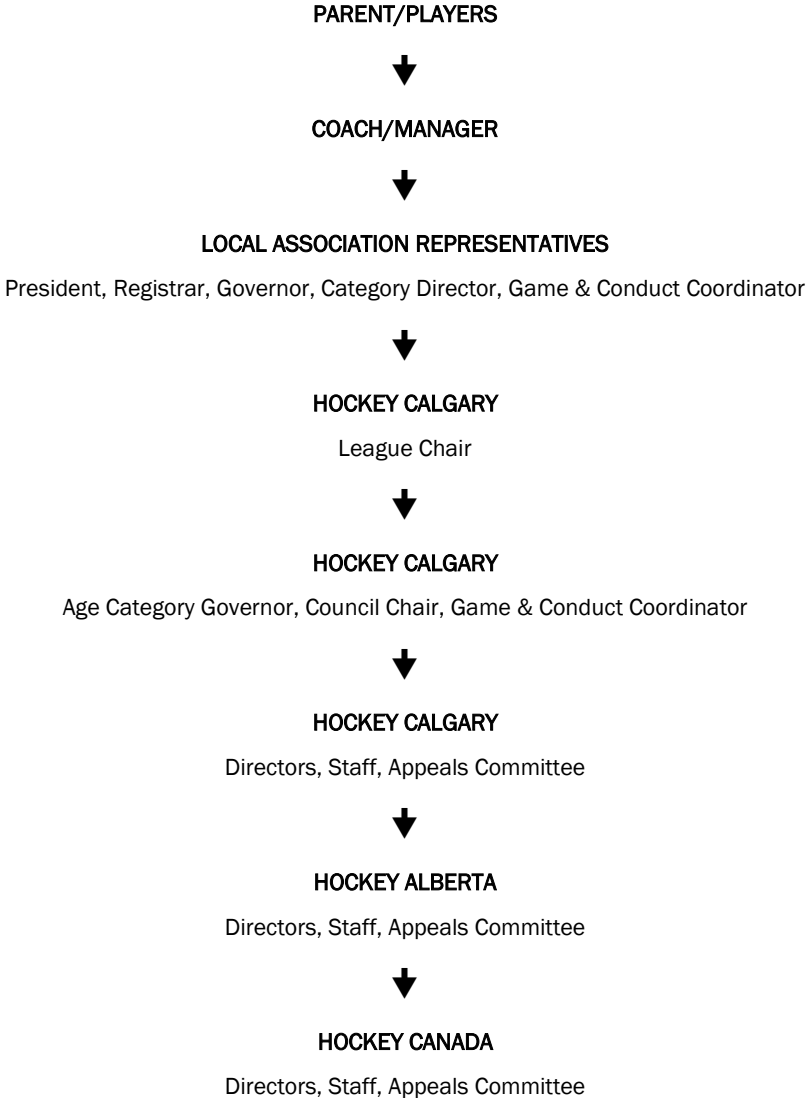
The Minor Hockey Association of Calgary (Hockey Calgary), is an organization committed to develop the sport of amateur hockey within Zone 9, which boundaries have been defined by Hockey Alberta as the City of Calgary and the area of Springbank. Hockey Calgary has the mandate to provide a hockey environment suitable for the enjoyment of the players, coaches, managers, officials, parents and administrators. Our goal is to encourage good sportsmanship and to help players form good character. The player and his/her welfare must be held paramount.

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

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

## COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The following communication flowchart applies to all streams of hockey within the area known as Hockey Calgary (Calgary and Springbank) or Hockey Alberta Zone 9. It is meant to clarify and facilitate communication channels throughout the Hockey Calgary organization. The right to appeal decision(s) rendered at any point throughout the process to the next applicable level of authority exists.



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## OUR VISION

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

## OUR MISSION

“Through our membership we promote:

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

For the enjoyment and success of all participants!”

## OUR CORE VALUES

The core values that we apply daily are:

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

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

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STREAMS

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

1 Ages for Competition

Age Category	Age
Timbits (Initiation)	5 and 6 year olds
Novice	7 and 8 year olds
Atom	9 and 10 year olds
Pee Wee	11 and 12 year olds
Bantam	13 and 14 year olds
Midget	15, 16 and 17 year olds
Junior*	18, 19 and 20 year olds
Recreational League	11 through 20 year olds

Note: Ages as of December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

2 Residential Qualifications

- (a) Teams based in Zone 9 are restricted to registering only players who meet the residential qualifications as set out below.
- (b) All minor aged players (5 to 17 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the current playing year) must be permanent residents of Zone 9, or any Association from outside Zone 9, which, at the sole discretion of the Officers of Hockey Calgary, have been admitted for membership for a limited time. Minor age players registered with Hockey Calgary must play where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the playing season. Residence of a player is defined as:
  - i) the parent’s usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one parent is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
  - ii) in cases where both parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player;  
  
or,  
  
if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives;  
  
or again,  
  
if the player lives equally with both parents, his/her place of residence shall be determined by Hockey Calgary
  - iii) when legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person.

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

NOTE: in the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody



as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- i) the application of the Divorce ACT,
  - ii) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
  - iii) loss of parental authority,
  - iv) when it is deemed the child's development is compromised,
  - v) when both parents are deceased,
  - vi) married, or the equivalent of married.
- (c) If the minor aged player does not reside with either parent the player must reside with his/her legal guardian as defined under the Domestic Relations Act or the Child Welfare Act. Such player must have resided within the boundaries of Zone 9 as filed with Hockey Alberta for one full year prior to registration or must apply to Hockey Calgary for special consideration. Proof of guardianship and length of residency must be submitted and approved by Hockey Calgary prior to registration being accepted.
  - (d) All Junior aged players (18 years or older as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the current playing year) must be permanent residents of Zone 9, or any Association from outside Zone 9, which, at the sole discretion of the Officers of Hockey Calgary, have been admitted for membership for a limited time. A Junior aged player is expected to play with a team representing Community or Elite Hockey in which such player legally resides or is qualified to play. A release is required to play in another association. A Junior aged player playing in Zone 9 as per regulation Elite 7 is eligible to register with any of the Elite quadrants.
  - (e) A minor aged player whose parents have joint custody and reside in different Elite or Community, association boundaries shall continue to register in the Elite or Community association where they registered the previous season provided one parent still resides within the boundaries of that association. If neither parent reside within the boundaries of the previously registered Elite or Community association then the player shall register with an association where one of the parents resides. NOTE: If a player attends try-outs for Elite hockey and does not make a team then he/she shall be deemed to be resident of the Community Hockey Association where his/her parent lives that was used for Elite try-out registration.
  - (f) A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing hockey. Any player (and parent or guardian in the case of a minor age player) who has a permanent residence within Zone 9 for a period less than six months (either before or after the date of registration) may not be eligible to register with Hockey Calgary at the sole discretion of Hockey Calgary.
  - (g) Any player of minor aged eligibility who transfers due to a legal custody change or moves without parent may not, in the first season after that change has occurred, register or affiliate to a team that could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Regional or National Championship.

### 3 Player Registration

- (a) No player shall participate in any game under the jurisdiction of Hockey Calgary before the player is registered with Hockey Calgary. This includes league and exhibition games after commencement of the regular league schedule, provided however, that the Executive Director of Hockey Calgary may waive this requirement of exhibition games if he/she feels it advisable to do so. Hockey Canada official team roster must be carried at all games sanctioned by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A player's registration in the Hockey Canada Registry must include the player's legal address. In the case of rural players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban players, the street address, or if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified on the Hockey Canada Registry official team roster.

### 4 Coaching Qualifications

- (a) All teams in Hockey Calgary are required to have registered coaches and bench staff qualified in accordance with Hockey Alberta Regulation Annex A by November 15<sup>th</sup> of the playing season.

Teams in Novice and above will have the team registration revoked unless the head coach assigned to the team is appropriately qualified or is registered to be properly qualified by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Clarification of Terms

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

**Certified** – an individual of the registered coaching staff who has successfully completed the course material and having finished any post tasks and/or grading requirements by the instructor upon being updated in the NCCP database is said to be certified.

Hockey Calgary registered coaching staff need to be qualified to be eligible to coach in Zone 9 for Minor Hockey Week, regular season and playoffs.

## 5 Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

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

- (a) For the current season, in all Divisions of Hockey, at least one member of the registered team officials must hold a valid Hockey Canada Safety Program Certification by November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season and must be present at all games.
- (b) Teams failing to have a registered team official with a valid HCSP program certification present at all games will be ineligible for Minor Hockey Week, play-offs and/or Provincials and the Head Coach may be suspended pending a discipline hearing.
- (c) The HCSP certification is valid for a period of three hockey seasons. During the third season the holder may recertify their HCSP certification for an additional three hockey seasons by attending a HCSP recertification clinic. HCSP certification is based on successful completion of the one day course. There is no equivalency for this course.

Note: If a team is naming Co-Head Coaches, both Coaches must possess the Minimum Coaching Qualifications for that age category.

## HOCKEY CALGARY COACH CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY				ELITE / QUADRANT	
Timbits	Novice	Atom, Pee wee Div 2 and lower, Bantam, Midget, Junior C	Pee wee Div 1	Bantam AA & AAA, Minor Midget AAA, Midget AA, Junior B	Midget AAA
*Respect in Sport (all Team Officials)	*Respect in Sport (all Team Officials)	*Respect in Sport (all Team Officials)	*Respect in Sport (all Team Officials)	*Respect in Sport (all Team Officials)	*Respect in Sport (all Team Officials)
***COACH LEVEL 1 (two Team Officials)	***COACH LEVEL 1 (Head Coach)	***COACH LEVEL 2 (Head Coach)	DEVELOPMENT I or High Performance 1 (Head Coach)	DEVELOPMENT I or High Performance 1 (Head Coach)	HIGH PERFORMANCE I (Head Coach)
**HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (one Team Official)	**HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (one Team Official)	**HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (one Team Official)	**HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (one Team Official)	**HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (one Team Official)	**HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (one Team Official)
		****Coach Instructional Stream - CHECKING (Head Coach)	**** Coach Instructional Stream - CHECKING (Head Coach)	**** Coach Instructional Stream - CHECKING (Head Coach)	**** Coach Instructional Stream - CHECKING (Head Coach)

\*All registered Team Officials must be certified in the Respect in Sport - Coach Edition.

\*\* One registered team official must be certified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program and must be in attendance at all games.

\*\*\* The old Intro to Coach (now Coach Level 1) and Coach Level 2 certifications have separated this season. Timbits teams must have two registered team officials certified in the old Intro to Coach or Coach Level 1. Novice Head Coaches must have the old Intro to Coach or Coach Level 1. All head coaches of Atom and above teams (other than AA & AAA) must have completed the old Coach Level or new Coach Level 2.

\*\*\*\* All Head Coaches of **Atom and Above teams** must have completed the Checking Skills certification. Checking skills certification has not changed from previous years

## 6 Respect in Sport Coach Edition

- For the current season, in all divisions of Minor hockey, all members of the registered team officials must have completed the Respect in Sport Coach Edition in order to be registered to the team. This requirement excludes Junior teams unless a Minor aged player is registered or affiliated to the team.
- Teams failing to have a registered team official with Respect in Sport Activity Leader Edition will be ineligible for Minor Hockey Week, play-offs and/or Provincials and the Head Coach may be suspended pending a discipline hearing.
- Respect in Sport Activity Leader certification is valid for 4 seasons.

## 7 Respect in Sport Parent Edition

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

## **8 Safe Checking Program**

Hockey Calgary has adopted a safe checking program for all age categories and Divisions within Zone 9. The program is intended to help eliminate serious injuries by addressing the serious concerns all participants in the game of hockey have with checking from behind. A "Stop" or "Respect" symbol and its placement are designed to help discourage checking from behind by having a reminder on the back of each player's jersey, to Not check the player in the back. Every player registered with Hockey Calgary Must wear the "Stop" or "Respect" logo on the back of his/her jersey. The "Stop" or "Respect" sign is recommended to be 3" in diameter and should be placed above the player's numbers so it is clearly visible.

## **9 Helmets**

- (a) Any coach, trainer, assistant coach, guest coach or volunteer who is on the ice at practice must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet affixed and securely fastened to their head.
  - i) First Offence - Any on-ice participant found to be in violation of this Regulation will be given a warning by a person in authority (Association Coordinator, Association Director, League Chair, Arena Staff and or any Governor of Hockey Calgary). This warning may be verbal or written, and shall be reported to Hockey Calgary. Violator will be removed from the ice and not return until a CSA approved hockey helmet is affixed and securely fastened to their head.
  - ii) Second Offence - An automatic suspension from all hockey activities until a formal hearing is held by the violators own Hockey Associations Special Committee.
  - iii) Third Offence - An automatic suspension from all hockey activities until a formal hearing is held by the Hockey Calgary Special Committee.
- (b) All player's while on the players' and/or penalty bench must wear their approved helmet and facial protector. Any goaltender on the bench, as a minimum, is required to properly wear the same protective head equipment as players.
- (c) Players shall remove their helmet during the playing of the national anthem(s).

## **10 Throat Protectors**

- (a) The use of approved throat protectors is mandatory (the protectors to be defined as "a device which is commercially manufactured for the purpose of protecting a player against cuts or abrasions to the throat or neck") for all minor hockey players registered with Hockey Alberta in the province of Alberta. The throat protector must be worn during all games and practices.
- (b) The wearing of a BNQ approved throat protector is compulsory for players registered in minor and female hockey. When a player fails to wear or properly wear a throat protector at any time on the ice during the game, the team shall receive one warning and any subsequent infractions by the same team will result in a Misconduct. Referees are encouraged to deliver this warning directly to the coach.
- (c) Any officer of Hockey Calgary, Elite Council, Female Council, Rec Hockey, Community Hockey or High School Hockey member or assigned game official is empowered to have a player removed from the playing area of the rink until such time as the offenders throat protector is produced. Any throat protector infractions must be reported to the League Chair/Coordinator ASAP who will keep a record of occurrences and apprise the Executive Director of same.
- (d) All player's while on the players' and/or penalty bench must wear their BNQ approved throat protector. Any goaltender on the bench, as a minimum, is required to properly wear the same BNQ approved throat protector as players.

## **11 Mouth Guards**

All Streams:

- (a) The use of a mouth guard is mandatory for all players except goaltenders from Novice to Junior. The term

mouth guard is defined as a device, commercially manufactured for the purpose of protecting a player's mouth and teeth. The mouth guard must be worn during all games and practices.

- (b) Coaches are asked to monitor their player's for the use of mouth guards for the purpose of minimizing dental and mouth injuries. If a team continues to disregard this regulation additional sanctions may be put in place for that team.
- (c) Teams from outside of Calgary who are not required to wear mouth guards in their home Association are exempt from wearing them while playing in games that have been sanctioned by Hockey Calgary.

## **12 Official Team Roster**

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

## **13 Composition of Teams**

A Minor team may neither sign nor register, at any one time, more than nineteen (19) eligible players with exception to Midget AAA in which case twenty (20) may be signed.

For registration within Hockey Calgary a Junior C team may neither sign nor register, at any one time, more than twenty-three (23) eligible players. A Junior B Team registering in the Calgary Junior Hockey League may neither sign nor register, at any one time, more than twenty-five (25) eligible players. Junior B rosters must be reduced to twenty-three (23) by January 10<sup>th</sup> of the playing season.

If the maximum numbers of players are registered in the age categories of Bantam and above, at least two must be goalkeepers. Notwithstanding the above, only nineteen (19) skaters can dress for any given Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta or Hockey Calgary game with the exceptions of male or female Midget AAA and Junior B in which case twenty (20) players can dress and participate in the game. This number must include 2 goaltenders.

## **14 Mandatory National Liability Insurance**

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

## **15 Ice Rentals**

Hockey Calgary will handle the allocation of ice under permit with the City of Calgary in conjunction with member association Ice Coordinators. If ice that is schedule for use is not to be used, the Hockey Calgary office must be advised by 9:00AM twelve calendar days in advance of the date of the ice time. Under the City of Calgary Facility Rental Terms and Conditions Hockey Calgary is the responsible party therefore any ice obtained through Hockey Calgary can't be traded with figure skating, ringette, adult or any other hockey group.

## **16 Theft and Vandalism**

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

## **17 Damage to City and Community Owned Arenas**

Member associations will be held responsible for damages to City or Community owned arenas caused by any team or team members. Further, any player or team, which shall cause damage or deface City or Community owned arenas will

be suspended until such time (and may be longer) as the damages are paid in full.

Hockey players, coaches, team officials and spectators are forbidden from using any tobacco products in City and Community arenas.

## **18 Officials**

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

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

## **19 League Chairs/Coordinators**

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

## 20 Suspensions

- (a) When a player, team official or spectator has received a penalty or ejection that carries an automatic suspension (as described in the Minimum Suspension Guidelines) the Head Coach or his designate is responsible for informing the League Chair/Coordinator of the infraction and to automatically abide by the Minimum Suspension Guidelines. In the event of a suspended player playing in, or a suspended team official participating in a game, the game may be forfeited and the Head Coach may be suspended pending a hearing by Hockey Calgary.

The penalty for a Head Coach that allows a suspended player or team official to participate in any game is up to a three-year suspension.

- (b) Any suspensions under the Minimum Suspension Guidelines or levied by a League Chair/Coordinator or Hockey Calgary official, will be for a designated number of League, Minor Hockey Week, Playoff or Tournament Games, and will preclude the player and/or team official from participation in league, Minor Hockey Week, Playoff, Tournament, and exhibition games in any and all age categories or divisions during the period of his/her suspension.

Please note that a player cannot participate in any exhibition game(s) while under suspension and exhibition games do not count as games served for any suspension.

- (c) Players or team officials receiving a game or gross misconduct for any reason must contact their League Chair/Coordinator prior to participation in their next League, Minor Hockey Week, Play-off, Tournament or Exhibition game. In almost all cases a one or two game suspension will be assessed which will be applied to the next scheduled game and will follow the criteria set out (b) above. If the League Chair/Coordinator or other Hockey Calgary official are not available, the player or team official(s) cannot participate in any League, Minor Hockey Week, Play-off, Tournament or Exhibition games until he/she/they has sat out one League, Minor Hockey Week, Play-off or Tournament game in the case of a Game Misconduct or two games in the case of a Gross Misconduct. The player or team official(s) cannot participate in any Exhibition games until the suspension has been served.
- (d) When a match penalty resulting from assault on an official has been assessed and after the Special Committee of Hockey Calgary has held a hearing and is satisfied that the assault was deliberate, then the suspension levied will be at least one year or more from the date of the offence.
- (e) Any registered team official, off ice official or spectator receiving a game misconduct or game ejection must exit the arena and adjoining building.
- (f) A suspended coach, manager, non-player team official or spectator, is not permitted in the arena or adjoining building to the arena while he/she is under suspension. The use of any or all communication devices cannot be used between any suspended coach, manager, non player team official, spectator or player and the team is prohibited. Nor can any person so suspended utilize an intermediary to conduct such communication, either verbally or via a device. The suspension will include 1-hour prior - until 1 hour after the suspended game.
- (g) A suspended player shall not be allowed within fifty feet of any player's bench nor allowed in the dressing room 1 hour before and 1 hour after the game. Also, a suspended player may not be allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of the Referees change room or within twenty-five (25) feet of where the Officials enter or exit the ice surface
- (h) A player or team official that has been indefinitely suspended will be notified in writing by the Game and Conduct Director (other than automatic Minimum Suspensions Guidelines which are outlined in this manual and must be followed). In the event of a suspended player or team official participating, the game may be forfeited to the non-offending team and the coach may be suspended indefinitely, until the matter is ruled on by the Special Committee of Hockey Calgary.
- (i) 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 Minimum Suspensions, the official will be permitted to continue to officiate with no restrictions. Should an on ice official be suspended while participating as a player or team official for more than one (1) game as outline in Minimum Suspensions, 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.

- (j) Players with carryover suspensions from the prior season will be allowed to participate in “try-outs”, exhibition games or tournament games that are sanctioned to take place prior to October 15. All carryover suspensions will be served in their entirety in sanctioned tournament games or at the start of league play.
- (k) Players receiving a one game suspension prior to the start of league play will be served in sanctioned tournament games or at the start of league play. The player may continue to play exhibition games for the purposes of evaluations.
- (l) Players receiving a second suspension prior to the start of league play will be suspended from the evaluation process indefinitely pending further review.
- (m) Players receiving a multiple game suspension or match penalty prior to the start of league play will be suspended from the evaluation process.

## **21 Overtime**

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

## **22 Cancellation of Games**

Further to Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules 2.2(a) “A minimum of six (6) eligible players in uniform (not necessarily a goaltender) on each team shall be necessary to start the game. If a team does not appear for a scheduled game, the team in attendance will fill out the official game report, have the Referee sign same, immediately telephone the League Chair/Coordinator and explain the situation. If a team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play in any game, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or an unforeseen contingency, the manager, coach or official and/or players of the team, which is responsible for the absence, will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

## **23 Travel Permits**

- (a) A travel permit must be obtained to play in any exhibition or tournament game outside Zone 9. (Zone 9 being the city of Calgary and the area defined as the Springbank Minor Hockey Association).
- (b) Before a travel permit is issued by Hockey Calgary, the team requesting a travel permit must apply on line at [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com). In submitting the web form, the requestor is certifying that they have the authority to request the permit on behalf of the team indicated. The team's obligation and responsibility to play all league games as scheduled, which fall within the dates of travel, must be fulfilled. Failure to play a game as scheduled by Hockey Calgary will result in the Head Coach of the team being suspended pending a hearing before the Hockey Calgary Special Committee.

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

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

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

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



## 24 Exhibition and Tournament Games

- (a) Teams must not play any games against teams not registered with Hockey Alberta or affiliated branches of Hockey Canada. This applies to tournaments not sanctioned by Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada. Coaches and team management may be subject to suspension by Hockey Calgary for violation of this rule.
- (b) A permit or sanction is required before participating in any exhibition or tournament game.
- (c) A team given permission to play exhibition or tournament games must use only those players registered with their team, except that eligible affiliate players may be added in accordance with Community 9-12, Recreational Hockey 10-11 and Elite 16.
- (d) Details contained on the official game report(s) for all exhibition and tournament games played within Zone 9 must be entered and a PDF copy of the official game report uploaded at the Hockey Calgary website within 24 hours of the game or completion of the tournament.
- (e) Details contained on the official game report(s) for all exhibition and tournament games played outside Zone 9 must be entered at the Hockey Calgary website and a copy be sent to the League Chair/Coordinator within 24 hours of the game or return from the tournament. Failure to do so will result in teams from the Association not being granted future permission to travel until the matter is resolved.
- (f) All exhibition games for teams, with the exception of Timbits (Initiation), must be officiated by registered Hockey Canada officials who have been certified in the current year and are qualified for that level of hockey.
- (g) A team or Member association planning to host a tournament in the current season must apply on line at [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com). The tournament organizer must retain the white (top) copy of the official game report, enter the game detail and upload a PDF of the official game report within 24 hours of the completion of the tournament.
- (h) League games must be played as scheduled and tournament sanctions will not be issued to Member associations that reschedule games for tournaments or fail to provide the necessary ice allotment for the scheduling of league games. Window requests are to be for out of town tournaments or tournaments within Zone 9 deemed by Hockey Calgary as "Special Events" only, with a maximum of one request per team for each of the Seeding Round and the Regular Season.

## 25 Hosting Tournaments

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

Failure to comply with the conditions described on the Tournament Sanction may result in future tournament sanctions being denied and/or revoked.

## 26 Minor Hockey Week

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

## **27 Appeals**

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

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

- (a) Appeals shall be in writing and shall set forth the decision appealed from and contain a concise statement in numbered paragraphs of the grounds of appeal and the facts in support of such appeal.
- (b) A letter must accompany an Appeal from the President or his/her designate of the appellant's Member association stating that they are aware of the appeal.
- (c) Appeals shall be filed in the office of Hockey Calgary within 48 hours of receipt of the decision in the matter being appealed. The only exception is that of a decision made by the Hockey Calgary Special Committee, in which case the appeal must be filed within 7 days of the receipt of the decision.
- (d) Appeals made to the Appeals Committee of Hockey Calgary shall be accompanied by a cash payment or certified cheque (non-refundable) for the sum of \$150.00 payable to Hockey Calgary.

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

## **28 Dressing Room Supervision**

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

## **29 Minimum Suspensions**

It is the responsibility of each team official to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact your Age Category Governor and / or League Chair, should they require, will contact the Council Chair for further clarification.

**THESE MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO GAME INCURRED AND ARE NON APPEALABLE. ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS MAY BE IMPOSED WHEREVER CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT.**

Match Penalty reports will be forwarded to Hockey Alberta for further review.

## MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

### *Minimum Suspensions for Players*

Any Player or Team Official who, in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct, a Major and a Game Misconduct, or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct, 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 Minimum Suspensions.

RULE	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION
3.6	<p><b><i>Removing Helmet Infractions</i></b></p> <p>Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight and a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If the player removes his/her opponent's helmet or releases the chinstrap before or during a fight. Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p> <p>1 Game</p>
4.1	<p><b><i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i></b></p> <p>Any Player involved where Majors, Game Misconducts and Match Penalties are assessed.</p> <p>Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p>
4.6	<p><b><i>Game Ejection/Game Misconduct</i></b></p> <p>Game misconduct in the last 10 minutes of play.</p>	1 Game
4.7	Gross Misconduct	2 Games
6.1	<p><b><i>Attempt to Injure (Match)</i></b></p> <p>(a) Deliberate Injury</p> <p>(b) Head Butting</p> <p>(c) Kicking</p> <p>(d) Hair Pulling / Grabbing Equipment</p> <p>(e) Using Facial Protector as a Weapon</p> <p>Kneeing</p> <p>Use of Blocker</p>	<p>Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p> <p>3 Games</p>
6.2	<p><b><i>Boarding and Body Checking</i></b></p> <p>Boarding or Body Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Boarding or Body Checking when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>
6.3	<p><b><i>Charging</i></b></p> <p>Charging where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Charging when a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>
6.4	<p><b><i>Checking from Behind</i></b></p> <p>Checking from behind where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Checking from behind when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>
6.5	<p><b><i>Head Contact</i></b></p> <p>Head Contact where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Head Contact when Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>4 Games</p>
6.6	<p><b><i>Elbowing and Kneeing</i></b></p> <p>Elbowing or Kneeing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p>	1 Game

RULE	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION
6.7	<p><b>Fighting</b> Any player who engages in their 1<sup>st</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 2<sup>nd</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Any player who engages in their 3<sup>rd</sup> fight in a season. Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Offence</li> <li>• Second Offence</li> <li>• Third Offence</li> <li>• Fourth Offence</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>Third man in a fight that is assessed a Game Misconduct.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p> <p>1 Game 2 Games 3 Games Indefinite</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p> <p>2 Games</p>
7.4	<p><b>Tripping</b> Tripping where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b) Slew Footing where a Match Penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>2 Games</p>
8.1	<p><b>Butt Ending</b> Butt Ending where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games
8.2	<p><b>Cross Checking</b> Cross Checking where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Cross Checking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>
8.3	<p><b>High Sticking</b> High Sticking where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games
8.4	<p><b>Slashing</b> Slashing where a five (5) minute major penalty plus a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Slashing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	<p>1 Game</p> <p>3 Games</p>
8.5	<p><b>Spearing</b> Spearing where a Match penalty is assessed.</p>	3 Games
9.2	<p><b>Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b> Verbal Abuse of Officials or Unsportsmanlike Conduct when a Game Misconduct is assessed.</p> <p>Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.</p>	<p>2 Games</p> <p>Indefinite</p>
9.5	<p><b>Leaving a bench for the Purpose of Fighting</b> Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p> <p>Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.</p>	<p>3 Games</p> <p>4 Games</p>

RULE	INFRACTION	SUSPENSION
9.6	<b><i>Physical Harassment of Official (Match)</i></b> Threaten or attempt to strike an Official  Intentionally touches, holds or pushes an Official  Intentionally strike, trip or body check an Official  * Length of suspension may be within the identified range	Indefinite (6-10 games)*  Indefinite (11-30 games)*  Indefinite (1 year)*
9.7	<b><i>Spitting (Match)</i></b> Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official  Spitting on or at an Opponent	Indefinite  3 Games
<b><i>Accumulation Sanctions for Players</i></b> 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.  <b>Any player accumulating 2 Major penalties in the same season for a violation any of the following:</b>  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  <b>Any player accumulating 3 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:</b>  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  <b>Any player accumulating 4 Major penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:</b>  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  <b>Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:</b>  6.1 Deliberate Injury      4 Games 6.2 Boarding or Body Checking 6.3 Charging  <b>Any player accumulating 2 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:</b>  6.4 Checking from Behind      5 Games 6.5 Head Contact  <b>Any player accumulating 3 Match penalties in the same season for a violation of any of the following:</b>  6.1 Deliberate Injury      6.4 Checking from Behind      Indefinite 6.2 Boarding or Body Checking      6.5 Head Contact 6.3 Charging  <b>Any player who receives two (2) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.</b>  4 Games  <b>Any player who receives three (3) Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season.</b>  Indefinite		

### ***Minimum Suspensions for Coaches***

Any Player or Team Official who, in the last ten (10) minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the Player or Team Official entering his/her dressing room, is assessed a Minor Penalty and a Game Misconduct, a Major and a Game Misconduct, or any other infraction resulting in a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct, 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 Minimum Suspensions.

<b>RULE</b>	<b>INFRACTION</b>	<b>SUSPENSION</b>
1.9	<b><i>Ineligible Players/Team Officials</i></b>	
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
	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
4.1	<b><i>Pre/Post Game Altercations</i></b> 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
	Any Team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite
9.2	<b><i>Harassment of Officials/Unsportsmanlike Conduct</i></b> Verbal Abuse of Officials or Unsportsmanlike Conduct when a Game Misconduct is assessed.	2 Games
	Verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) when a Gross Misconduct is assessed.	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
	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
9.6	<b><i>Physical Harassment of Official (Match)</i></b> Threaten or attempt to strike an Official	Indefinite (6-10 games)*
	Intentionally touches, holds or pushes an Official	Indefinite (11-30 games)*
	Intentionally strike, trip or body check an Official	Indefinite (1 year)*
	* Length of suspension may be within the identified range	
9.7	<b><i>Spitting (Match)</i></b> Spitting on or at an Official or Team Official	Indefinite
	Spitting on or at an Opponent	3 Games
10.14	<b><i>Refusing to Start Play</i></b>	Indefinite

### ***Accumulation Sanctions for 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

### Suspensions may be increased for repeat offenders or if circumstances dictate.

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

Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or un-carded team official or trainer's name to an official game report for the purpose of competing in a game;

- (i) may be suspended for a period of three years, or as determined by the Hockey Calgary Officers from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association.
- (ii) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.

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/her own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of suspension.

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

### 30 Supplemental Discipline

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

Novice	No Threshold	Pee Wee	60 PIMS	Midget	100 PIMS
Atom	40 PIMS	Bantam	80 PIMS	Junior C	100 PIMS
- (d) The following Age Category thresholds will apply for Elite Hockey:

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

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

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING COMMUNITY HOCKEY

### 1 Community Boundaries

Hockey Calgary will recognize Community boundaries as filed with the Federation of Calgary Communities. The Community Boundaries are available through the Hockey Calgary office and an approximate (unofficial) listing is available on our website at [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com).

### 2 Combined Communities

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

### 3 Team Registration

- (a) The Coach and the Community Member Associations shall be held responsible for seeing that their players are the correct age and reside within the proper boundaries defined for their Association. Players not properly registered will be deemed to be ineligible players until the matter has been resolved.
- (b) Community teams are restricted to registering players who:
  - 1. Reside within their community boundaries as defined in Rules and Regulations 2.
  - 2. Have been properly released as defined in Community 7 and Community 8.
- (c) All Community teams in Timbits and Novice will be permitted to sign and dress up to 19 skaters.
- (d) All Community teams in Atom and Pee Wee may designate up to two goaltenders and will be permitted to sign up to 17 skaters. Teams with one designated goaltender can have a maximum roster size of 18 registrants and teams with two designated goaltenders can have a maximum roster size of 19 registrants. Atom and Pee Wee teams not wanting to designate a goaltender will be permitted to sign and dress up to 17 registrants. The designating of a goaltender only applies for games played within the Province of Alberta for Atom and Pee Wee. Outside of the Province of Alberta, goaltenders are not designated below the age category of Bantam.
- (e) Players in Atom and Pee Wee that evaluate and are placed on a team as a goaltender must be designated as a goaltender in the Hockey Canada Registry. Players who are designated as goaltenders cannot play in a game as a skater as per Hockey Canada Rule 2.2 (a).
- (f) All Community teams in Bantam and Midget that designate only one goaltender will be restricted to register



only eighteen (18) players. Teams that register two goaltenders can register the maximum nineteen (19) players.

- (g) All Junior C teams that designate only one (1) goaltender will be restricted to register only twenty-two (22) players (it should be noted that only 17 skaters can dress for any given Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, or Hockey Calgary Junior C game). Teams that register two (2) goaltenders can register the maximum number of players at twenty-three (23).
- (h) Any team that fails to properly register prior to the team's first scheduled league game shall lose 2 points, (up to a maximum of 6 points) for each game played without properly registering. The points will be deducted from that portion of the schedule following any seeding round.
- (i) 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.
- (j) Team Officials participating "on the bench" with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season shall be duly registered with each and every team of which she/he is a member prior to participating with the respective team(s).

4 Non-Body Checking

The age categories of Timbits (Initiation), Novice, Atom and Pee Wee will play in non-body checking divisions. In the Bantam and Midget age categories, divisions 4 and lower will play in non-body checking divisions. Bantam and Midget non-body checking teams are not permitted to participate in body checking exhibition or tournament games. Bantam and Midget non-body checking teams are not permitted to participate in body checking exhibition or tournament games.

5 Player Acceleration

Underage players must be ranked in the top half of the top team in the higher category into which they are moving at the sole discretion of the resident Association. Underage players in Bantam and Midget must be ranked in the top half of the AAA team representing the quadrant in which he/she resides and is qualified to play. Deviation from this policy for purposes of completing rosters for teams where player numbers are restricted must be approved by Hockey Calgary. There is no Player acceleration permitted from Timbits (Initiation) to Novice. Player acceleration is not recommended.

6 Players Per Team

Associations are required to ensure that all teams within an age category have an equal number of skaters per team (within 1 player). The **recommended** number of players per team is:

Timbits	18 players	Bantam	16 + 2
Novice	18 players	Midget	17 + 2*
Atom	17 players	Junior C	19 + 2
Pee Wee	16 + 2		

\* It is strongly recommended that Associations register a minimum of 15 skaters on all Midget teams.

7 Player Release

- (a) A player may be released by transfer to another team for which he/she is eligible to play up until January 10<sup>th</sup>. A player so released shall have his/her own Hockey Canada Registry profile (where applicable) forwarded to the Registrar along with the release from his/her previous team.
- (b) No minor aged player may be registered to a team after January 10<sup>th</sup>. Junior aged players can be registered to a team until February 10<sup>th</sup> provided they were not registered on another team after January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- (c) A player not having registered with Hockey Calgary prior to January 10<sup>th</sup> may apply to Hockey Calgary through the Executive Director, for special permission to register with a local team providing the team with

which he/she wishes to register does not have a full roster. Any player receiving such permission would not be eligible for participation in Provincials due to Hockey Canada restrictions.

## **8 Release Policy**

- (a) Any player requesting a release from his/her Home (resident) Association must first apply to Hockey Calgary for approval. The Hockey Calgary Registrar will inform the applicant of the decision after consultation with all affected Associations. Release applications are available through the Hockey Calgary website.
- (b) Once a player is released by Hockey Calgary and his/her resident Association, in the second year of an age category, an application for release is not required in order to remain in the same Association as the player played in his/her first year of an age category. This will be controlled and administered through the Hockey Calgary office.
- (c) Once a player is released by Hockey Calgary and his/her resident Association, in subsequent years, an application for the next category can be submitted which may receive an automatic release to the next category. This will be controlled and administered through the Hockey Calgary office.
- (d) No player will be allowed to skate or try out in any hockey program until he/she has been properly released by Hockey Calgary as well as received any waivers, which may be required to allow him/her to play in the Association of his/her choice. The normal restrictions apply for signing a player who has signed with another team, either community or Elite, for the current season.

## **9 Affiliation**

Each team may have affiliated with it up to 19 named players (with Hockey Calgary's approval) in a lower division or age category from within the Community. Players can only be affiliated to one team. In the cases where a lower division team is split to provide affiliates to more than one higher division or category teams the players on the lower team must be named.

- (a) A team having no lower division or category team to affiliate with may affiliate with a team of lower division or category in any adjacent Community providing this Community approves of the affiliation in writing.
- (b) All affiliations must be filed with the Hockey Calgary office and approved prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate, in any game, with the team to which he/she is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and approved by Hockey Calgary up to and including December 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season. Affiliation will only be recognized where:
  - (i) players are added to the teams in the Hockey Canada Registry and identified as "affiliates"
  - (ii) the Hockey Calgary Executive Director or his/her 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 he is affiliated
  - (iii) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable member association.

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

NOTE: all Association affiliations must be approved by Hockey Calgary prior to any player participating as an affiliate. All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

Please note that there are no default affiliations for the current seasons. An affiliation list must be filed with Hockey Calgary prior to the first league game in the fall before any player can play as an affiliate or any team can use an affiliate player.

NOTE: There will be no affiliations allowed within the division of Timbits/Initiation. There will be no affiliations allowed from Timbits/Initiation up to Novice.

## 10 Eligibility for use of Affiliated Players

- (a) Affiliated players may be used in place of players registered on a team, subject to the maximum number limitations described below. Affiliated players may be used to replace injured players or players that will be absent for any reason, but not, subject to the conditions as described below, to replace players suspended by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A player who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a landed immigrant who is registered with Hockey Calgary is ineligible to participate as an affiliate player (Hockey Canada Rule Players F 5(d)(ii)).
- (c) For games within Hockey Calgary, the maximum number of players, including affiliate players, which will be allowed to be shown on any official game report must not exceed the total number of players registered on the team except in Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget where teams have only one (1) designated goaltender. Teams can replace injured players and/or absent players with affiliated players to bring the team up to their roster size. The team roster size will be reduced by one for each player that is under a suspension imposed by Hockey Calgary for that game. This reduction in roster size will not be less than 13 skaters in body checking divisions, or 11 skaters in non-body checking divisions. Outside of Calgary, teams may affiliate up to the maximum team size allowed by Hockey Canada rules.
- (d) Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget teams with only one (1) designated goaltender may exceed their roster size by one (1) in order to have a back-up goaltender listed on the official game report. The back-up goaltender must be an affiliated player or an approved substitute goaltender and designated as a goaltender in the Hockey Canada Registry. This will not count towards the maximum of ten (10) games unless the affiliated player is called into action.
- (e) Teams may affiliate a maximum of 4 players for any Hockey Calgary Seeding Round, League, or Playoff game. Permission from the requesting team's Age Category Governor is required to exceed the maximum.

## 11 Procedure for use of Affiliated Players

Games are defined for the use of affiliates as Hockey Calgary scheduled league games, the first game of Minor Hockey Week (the second and subsequent games during Minor Hockey week do not count in the total for use of affiliates), playoff games, and Provincial Playoff games. All associations will follow the Hockey Canada regulation for Affiliations (Bylaws Book - Section (E), Rule 35-39). Please see [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com) to download a complete Hockey Canada Bylaws book.

- (a) A player of a team of lower division or category may play a maximum of ten (10) games. If the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- (b) An affiliated Novice player may not play more than five (5) games with his/her affiliated team in the current hockey season, excluding exhibition and tournament games.
- (c) Exhibition and Tournament games do not count in the total for the use of affiliates.
- (b) When a higher division club uses an affiliated player they must signify same in writing (a \p or AP) after the player's name on the official game report.
- (c) When using an affiliate player, the higher team must obtain the permission of the lower team and notify their League Chair. Failure to follow the Procedure for use of Affiliated Players may result in the loss of 2 game points and the coach of the higher team receiving a one game suspension.

## 13 Substitute Goaltender

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

14 Ineligible Players

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

15 Officials

- (a) Hockey Calgary requires that qualified and certified officials referee all levels of hockey, except Timbits (Initiation). Timbits (Initiation) games will be officiated in accordance with the Timbits Operations Manual.
- (b) During Minor Hockey Week and Play-offs, all major officials will be assigned by either the Central Zone Referee Committee or the Community Referee Coordinators.
- (c) Each team must supply two (2) off ice officials. The home team will be responsible for the timekeeper and home penalty box, and the visiting team will be responsible for the scorekeeper and the visitor penalty box. If no timekeeper is available, the referee will appoint someone.

16 Length of Games

Permit length	Length of periods 1, 2 and 3
1 hour permit	12, 15 and 15 minutes
1 ¼ hour permit	15, 15 and 15 minutes
1 ½ hour permit	15, 15 and 20 minutes
1 ¾ hour permit	20, 20 and 15 minutes
2 hour permit or greater	20, 20 and 20 minutes

Note:

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

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

## 17 Schedule Changes

- (a) Coaches, managers or Hockey Associations may not reschedule games. Only under exceptional circumstances (participation in tournaments, exhibition games or fund raisers do not qualify) can application be made to Hockey Calgary in writing, for permission to have Hockey Calgary reschedule a game. It should be noted that games could only be rescheduled with the approval of the Category Governor, Executive Director or Chair of the Hockey Committee and the Hockey Calgary office. Failure to comply will result in a loss of the two points to the offending team(s). In addition, the coach(s) will face further disciplinary action(s) including a minimum six game suspension or a possible suspension of up to one year. The loss of points will be deducted from that portion of the schedule following any seeding round. All league games must be played as scheduled unless authorized by Hockey Calgary.
- (b) Requests for a schedule window must be received by Hockey Calgary prior to the deadlines posted on the Schedule Window web form on [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com). **Maximum seven day window allowed.** Maximum number of one Schedule Window request per team allowed for each of the Seeding Round (October through December) and the Regular Season (January and February). No Schedule Windows will be allowed during Minor Hockey Week or the Playoffs.
- (c) Requests for scheduling windows can only be made through submission of the appropriate web form. All information must be supplied or the request will not be considered.
- (d) Schedule windows will only be approved for teams confirmed into sanctioned tournaments outside Zone 9, or those tournaments deemed "Special Events" within Zone 9.
- (e) All league play must be finalized by the last scheduled game, unless otherwise extended by the Hockey Calgary Executive.
- (f) Hockey Calgary reserves the right to refuse any or all requests.
- (g) Absolutely no postponing of Minor Hockey Week games or Playoff Games.

## 18 Team Management

- (a) Only players in uniform and a maximum of five team officials shall be permitted to occupy the player's bench. These individuals will shall be registered and entered on the official game report. A maximum of five team officials may be recorded on the official game report.
- (b) Game Limitations: Timbits – per the Timbits documentation; Novice – per the NDL documentation; Atom 55 games.
- (c) The game total begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and includes all seeding and second round, exhibition, tournament, Minor Hockey Week and playoff games. The head coach of each team is responsible for the team not exceeding these limits. Failure to do so will result in suspension of the coach.
- (d) Each team shall have in their player's box a responsible person not in uniform (no more than five) to coach and look after and take responsibility for the team during the game. Failure to provide this responsible

person could result in an automatic forfeiture of the game. Rule 9.2 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book must be rigidly adhered to. This rule states: Team officials shall be responsible for their conduct and that of their players at all times. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any place in the rink.

- (e) From the age category of Pee Wee and older, separate change facilities must be utilized by all female players (or male players if they are in the minority) before and after all ice times. They may join their teammates in the dressing room after all players have completely changed. Failure to comply with this rule may result in suspension of the head coach for a period of at least one game.

## **19 Timbits/Initiation**

- (a) In an effort to promote development at the Timbits level (5 and 6 year olds) Hockey Calgary and all member associations will use the "Blue Puck" for all games and practices within the Timbits age category.
- (b) All teams registered in Zone 9 will participate in the Timbits program and will follow the rules set out by the Timbits Development Committee. The Timbits Program encourages an environment in which children can learn the basic skills without the distractions that are often associated with an over emphasis on winning.

## **20 Novice Development League**

All teams registered in Zone 9 will participate in the Novice Development League and will follow the rules set out by Hockey Calgary. The NDL is a structured program for parents, players, coaches and officials for development and education.

The Novice Age Category will have the following special rules as detailed in the NDL Operations Guide:

- a) all teams must adhere to the NDL format
- b) all positions must be rotated as equitably as possible throughout the season
- c) there is to be no assigning of goaltenders, this position must be rotated
- d) there is to be no pulling of goaltenders for an extra attacker during the course of any game play.

## **21 House Leagues**

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

## **22 End of Game Responsibilities/Official Game Report**

- (a) At the completion of each hockey game teams should participate in a post-game handshake followed by the visiting team exiting the ice surface first. In games where the referee determines that a post-game handshake will not be used the home team must stay on the ice at their box until the visiting team is off the ice.
- (b) There will be no post game contact, including handshake, with the referee or linesmen, by players or team officials
- (c) The Home team must enter all information on the official game report into the digital game sheet on the Hockey Calgary website and upload a PDF copy of the official game report within 24 hours after the game is completed. Failure to do so may result in the coach being suspended or the loss of points from the game.
- (d) The Head Coach or their designate is responsible for informing the League Chair/Governor of any incidents written up on the official game report by the referee involving members of their team within 24 hours of the game being completed.
- (e) An official from each team must retain their copy of the official game report until the end of the season.
- (f) Only referees are allowed to write on the official game report, along with the two linesmen.

- (g) First and last names must be clearly legible in the team line up.

## 23 Spectator Etiquette

Spectators are asked to enjoy the game in a manner consistent with the Hockey Calgary Fair Play Codes (see page 55). In addition, please note the following:

- (a) The use of excessive artificial noise-making devices (air horns, megaphones, garbage can lids, etc.) is not permitted.
- (b) Verbal/physical abuse of players, officials, fans, or staff may result in ejection from the arena.
- (c) Spectators are prohibited from banging on the glass.

## 24 Playoffs

- (a) Hockey Calgary Executive Director will deal with protests, complaints or additional games to be played. Forfeiture of any game in a playoff series may mean forfeiture of the complete series.
- (b) Novice age category will not have Playoffs at the end of the regular season.
- (c) All teams in each division of Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Junior C will enter playoffs and will be seeded based on the final league standings (point total).
- (d) In cases where two or more teams are tied in points, the tie will be broken as follows and in the order indicated:
  1. If the tied teams have played each other an equal number of times league positions are assigned based on results of games between the tied teams. The team with the highest number of points in the games between the tied teams takes the top available position and so on until all available positions have been filled. If the tied teams have not played each other an equal number of times or if teams are still tied then:
  2. Tied teams are assigned league positions based on number of wins, with the largest number of wins taking top available ranking, and so on.
  3. For teams which are still tied, league positions will be assigned based on the ratio of goals for divided by goals against for all league games played, with largest ratio taking top available position and so on.
  4. If teams remain tied, Hockey Calgary will resolve the final positions. This will be done by scheduling games, where possible, or by resorting to coin toss, at the discretion of Hockey Calgary, after taking into account the number of tied teams and the timing of playoff games.
- (e) Playoffs will consist of a double knockout format (i.e. a team must lose twice to be eliminated).
- (f) Every attempt will be made to not allow Playoff games to end in a tie. Should the teams be tied at the end of regulation time, a sudden victory overtime period will be played. If a goal is scored during an overtime period the team scoring the goal will win the game.

## 25 Playoffs-Overtime

- (a) To commence overtime, each team will place four players (this may be 4 skaters and no goaltender or 3 skaters and a goaltender. The goaltender may be replaced by a skater at any time.) The teams will not change ends for the overtime period, and the time clock will be set for three minutes. All overtime periods will be stop time. Teams may change on the fly at any time.
- (b) If the overtime period has expired and the game remains tied, a shoot-out will determine the winner.
- (c) If a game is still tied at the end of the maximum permit time (regulation time plus the overtime as permitted by Hockey Calgary plus any extra time allowed by the arena staff) a subsequent "overtime game" will be scheduled by Hockey Calgary. In the "overtime game" the teams will begin the overtime format from the

beginning (a five minute period playing 4 players on 4 (including the goaltender) as described above) followed by a shoot-out as required. The Executive Director may revise this format prior to the "overtime game" being scheduled.

## **26 Penalties During Playoff Overtime**

- (a) Penalties incurred in regulation time and not completely served will carry forward into overtime, and will be completed in overtime unless the game is ended.
- (b) A "time" penalty call in any of the overtime periods will result in a penalty shot(s) being awarded to the non-offending team for each time penalty called. A "time" penalty is defined as a two minute minor, double minor, five minute major penalty and/or a five minute match penalty where a player(s) would make his/her team short handed. If a 10 minute misconduct, game misconduct or gross misconduct penalty is called without an associated "time" penalty, the player will either sit in the penalty box (in the case of a 10 minute misconduct) or leave the ice and retire to the dressing room (in the case a Match penalty, Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct).
- (c) If both teams receive a time penalty or penalties on the same stoppage of play then each team will take a penalty shot(s) with the home team shooting first. In the case of multiple penalties being assessed to both teams, a penalty shot will be awarded to the non-offending team for each time penalty called against the offending team. The teams will shoot one shot each until all time penalties have been accounted for. If the teams are still tied after all penalty shots have been taken, overtime will continue.
- (d) The player who has been fouled will take the penalty shot unless he/she has been injured. If the fouled player is injured or if the referee cannot determine a specific fouled player, any eligible player on the non-offending team may take the penalty shot.
- (e) Any player who is ejected from a play-off game is not eligible to participate in the overtime periods of the play-off game or in the "overtime only" game as described in Community Rule 24 above, if required.
- (f) The "overtime only" game is considered a continuation of the original play-off game and does not count on its own as a game for the purposes of suspensions served.

## **27 Appeal of Suspensions**

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

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

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

## **28 Protests**

- (a) The parties: only the two teams involved shall have the right to file a protest in regard to a game or incident connected therewith.
- (b) Referee's decision: a protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it concerns a question of interpretation of the rules. Only rule violation protests will be considered.
- (c) Protests made regarding games played must be in writing and such protests, together with a summary of any evidence to be submitted and a list of any witnesses to be called, shall be prepared with copies going to:
  - 1. The League Chair;
  - 2. Age Category Governor (Hockey Calgary)



3. Executive Director (Hockey Calgary)
  4. Carded official of opposing team.
- (d) The protest shall set out the regulations and/or rules under which the protest is laid and shall be signed by two separate individuals - the coach or manager of the protesting team, as well as the President or a Vice-President of the team's Community Hockey Association.
- (e) Time: protests shall be in the hands of the League Chair, or in his/her absence, the Hockey Calgary Office, and a carded official of the opposing team within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game protested or at least 8 hours prior to a game that may be affected by the outcome of the protest. Fees: a cheque in the amount of \$150 payable to the "Hockey Calgary", which sum shall be non-refundable, must accompany the protest.

The Hearing: both teams and Associations will be notified by the Executive Director of Hockey Calgary (or his/her designate) of the date and place of the hearing. All protests will be heard by a Special Committee of Hockey Calgary representatives and will include the League Chair.

## 29 Net Pegs

In all Hockey Calgary Divisions from Atom and above, the net pegs will be utilized for all games.

## 30 Structure

Community Hockey will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Bylaw 25.

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING FEMALE HOCKEY

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

At the community level, GHC offers a program from Timbits/Initiation to Midget.

At the Elite level, GHC offers Bantam Elite, Midget Elite and Midget AAA teams which are part of an elite stream of hockey as per Hockey Alberta's Female Alberta Development Model ("FADM") ("Elite Teams").

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

### 1 Body Checking

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

### 2 Player Releases

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

### 3 Player Acceleration

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

### 4 Player Affiliation

- (a) Girls Hockey teams will follow the Hockey Canada regulation for Affiliations (Bylaws Book – Section E, Rule 35-39). Please see [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com) to download a complete Hockey Canada Bylaws book.
- (b) GHC teams must file their affiliation lists for approval to Hockey Calgary prior to December 15 of the current playing season. Once approved, Hockey Calgary will file the approved affiliation list with Hockey Alberta prior to December 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season.
- (c) Request for affiliation to a team outside of GHC must be made in writing to the President of GHC.
- (d) For the purpose of Provincial play teams registered with Girls Hockey Calgary Association will follow the Hockey Alberta Rules for affiliation and for the use of affiliated players.

### 5 Association Requirements

GHC with the approval of Hockey Calgary may allow teams outside of Zone 9 to apply to GHC to participate in various divisions of female hockey.

## 6 Hockey Canada Player Profiles

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

## 7 Provincial Championships

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

## 8 League Formation

Three teams can be recognized as a league.

## 9 Registration

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

## 10 League Participation

- (a) GHC Community teams will participate in Hockey Calgary leagues. Teams will participate in either community tiered or Female specific divisions.
- (c) GHC Bantam AAA teams will participate in the Alberta Major Bantam Female Hockey League (AMBFHL).
- (d) GHC Midget AAA teams will participate in the Alberta Major Midget Female Hockey League (AMMFHL).

## 11 Suspensions

- (a) GHC players will follow the Minimum Suspension Guidelines as set out by the Leagues in which the teams participate (see 10 above).

## 12 Structure

Female Hockey will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Bylaw 25.

## **REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELITE HOCKEY**

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

### **1 Elite Hockey Council**

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

### **2 Boundary Review**

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

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

Criteria:

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

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

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

### **3 Northwest Calgary Athletic Association**

Members include minor and junior aged players who's permanent residence is within the boundaries of the following Community Districts and junior aged players who qualify under Rule Elite 7: Arbour Lake, Bowness, Citadel, Cougar Ridge, Crestmont, Dalhousie, Elbow Valley, Greenwood/Greenbriar, Hawkwood, Lynx Ridge, Montgomery, Parkdale, Point McKay, Ranchlands, Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Vista, Scenic Acres, Silver Springs, St Andrews Heights, Tuscany, University Heights, University of Calgary Residence, Valley Ridge, Varsity, Wentworth, West Springs as well as the residents of the Springbank Minor Hockey Association who reside outside the Calgary City limits but are residents in the Zone 9 boundary.

### **4 Calgary Northstars Hockey Association**

Members include minor and junior aged players who's permanent residence is within the boundaries of the following Community Districts and junior aged players who qualify under Rule Elite 7: Abbeydale, Albert Park/Radisson Heights,

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

## **5 Calgary Buffalo Hockey Association**

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

## **6 Calgary Royals Athletic Association**

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

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

- (a) The Calgary Junior Hockey League is under the direction of Hockey Calgary and Elite Council.
- (b) Residential Qualifications – A Junior aged player is required to play with a team in the quadrant which such player legally resides. A player from outside Zone 9 who is employed in the City or is attending an educational institute, will be allowed to register with appropriate documentation. A release is required to play in another quadrant.
- (c) Each team is allowed to register a maximum of three (3) seventeen (17) year old players. The player must reside within the boundaries of that quadrant.
- (d) It is agreed that any seventeen (17) year old goaltenders who are unsuccessful in making a team in their home quadrant are permitted to travel to a different quadrant to play Junior B, if the in-coming quadrant is willing to accept them. They then must apply for a release.
- (e) Affiliations must be declared and filed with the Executive Director or his designate(s) up to and including January 15 of the current hockey season.

## **8 Completion and Composition of Teams**

- (a) Junior: Each Association will enter a minimum of two Junior teams in the Calgary Junior Hockey League.
- (b) Midget: Each Association will enter a minimum of one AAA Midget team in the Alberta Midget League (AMHL). Each Association will enter a minimum of two Midget AA teams in the Calgary Midget AA League. Each association shall enter two (2) Minor Midget AAA teams in the Alberta Minor Midget Hockey League (AMMHL). The composition of the teams will be at the discretion of the Association, except the Minor

Midget AAA category will be restricted to players 15 years of age.

- (c) Each Association will enter a minimum of one Bantam AAA team comprised of up to 19 first and second year Bantam aged players to compete in the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League (AMBHL). Each Bantam AAA team is restricted to include a maximum of five (5) or fewer players 13 years old. Each Association will enter a minimum of three Bantam AA teams in the Calgary Bantam Hockey League (CBHL). Each Bantam AA team will be restricted to carry a maximum of eight (8) 13 year olds.

## **9 Player Acceleration**

- (a) Underage players are limited to players who have reached their 14th birthday prior to December 31 of the current playing season and must be ranked in the top half of the Midget AAA teams in the quadrant.
- (b) Players can accelerate only within the Associations boundaries in which they reside.

## **10 Player Registration**

- (a) Any player, midget age or younger, who was not registered with Hockey Calgary the previous season, will be allowed to register, but will not be allowed to skate until the Registrar has reviewed his/her in accordance with Rules and Regulations 2 Residential Qualifications.
- (b) The coach and the Quadrant Hockey Association shall be held responsible to see that his/her players are:
  - 1. the correct age;
  - 2. residents of Zone 9;
  - 3. residents in the proper quadrant.
- (c) A coach who plays an ineligible player will be suspended indefinitely until his/her case has been dealt with (refer to Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines). All games using an ineligible player may be forfeited. To invoke this rule, a team must utilize the protest procedures as outlined under Elite Regulations 26 and 27.
- (d) A team may not register a player if he/she is registered with another team for that season until written release has been received from the Association with whom he/she is registered and Hockey Calgary approval is obtained
- (e) The player's legal address must be indicated in the player profile. The street address of the player's legal residence must be identified or if the street address differs from the player's mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified on the player profile.
- (f) Any player of minor aged eligibility who transfers due to a legal custody change or moves without parent may not, in the first season after that change has occurred, register or affiliate to a team that could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Regional or National Championship.

## **11 Team Registration**

- (a) Each Elite Association Registrar will confirm to the Hockey Calgary Registrar that the Hockey Canada Registration rosters provided by the Elite registrar are accurate covering not more than the eligible number of players that a team may carry prior to the team's first league game except AAA Midget teams who will follow Alberta Midget Hockey League regulations. For players newly resident of Zone 9 or otherwise not previously registered with Hockey Calgary, registration shall include as necessary, releases, birth certificates and/or branch transfers.
- (b) One copy of the Hockey Canada Registration roster, when it has been duly registered, will be returned to the Association President.
- (c) During exhibition games prior to the start of the first league game, a team may use an unlimited number of eligible players as well as players properly released. After the league begins, only registered or affiliated players may play in exhibition games except AAA Midget players who will follow Alberta Midget Hockey

League regulations (Note: an affiliate player cannot play until his/her team until they have been properly registered).

- (d) A Team must register a minimum of twelve players prior to the start of its first league game.

## **12 Residential Qualifications**

- (a) A player must compete with a team representing the Elite team area in which he/she resides, which is entered in a division for which he/she is qualified to play, unless he/she is given a proper release.
- (b) A player shall be deemed for purposes of try out registrations to reside in the quadrant of which his/her parents are residing as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, of the playing season. If the player does not reside with either parent the player must reside with his/her legal guardian as defined under the Domestic Relations Act or the Child Welfare Act. Such player must have resided within Zone 9 for one full year prior to registration. Proof of guardianship and length of residency must be submitted and approved by Elite Council and Hockey Calgary prior to registration being accepted.

## **13 Previously Signed Players**

Teams having signed a player for the previous season will be privileged to sign the same player (pending player and parent(s) written agreement), irrespective of his/her residence in Zone 9. The normal restrictions apply for signing a player who has signed with another team, either Community or Elite, for the current season. Should a player move out of Zone 9, that player must register with the new draw zone in which they reside.

## **14 Player Release**

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

## **15 Player Release (Bantam only)**

- (a) No Bantam aged player may be released after September 22<sup>nd</sup> of the playing season and no Bantam aged player may be signed to an Elite team from a community team after January 10<sup>th</sup> of the playing season.
- (b) Special circumstances may be appealed to Hockey Calgary who shall establish a committee of three, one representative from each of Hockey Calgary, the community, and the Elite Association, to resolve the situation.
- (c) Any coach who contravenes these rules shall be suspended indefinitely, until the matter is ruled on by the Special Committee of Hockey Calgary (Note: this rule is for Elite releases and signs with community teams only, and does not involve releases and signers between Elite teams).

## **16 Affiliated Teams and Players**

- (a) All affiliations must be filed, in writing by each Elite Association Registrar with the Hockey Calgary Registrar prior to the affiliated player being allowed to participate, in any game with the team to which he/she is affiliated. If a Coach plays an affiliated player not registered with the specific Elite Registrar, he/she will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and may be subject to the sanctions of using such a player.
- (b) All Elite Associations are required to register their list of Community affiliated players in writing with Hockey Calgary by midnight October 22<sup>nd</sup> of the playing season. Once accepted by Hockey Calgary those players can be in the Hockey Canada Registry. After October 22<sup>nd</sup> but before December 15<sup>th</sup>, additional affiliates can be requested as needed. Those players must be registered to a team before they can be registered as an affiliate. Approval of that community association must be received prior to the player being identified as an affiliate.

- (c) Bantam AAA teams may affiliate any Bantam community player within their boundary following notification and approval of the respective Association and Hockey Calgary.
- (d) All Elite teams affiliating within the Elite system must register their list of affiliated players with each Elite Registrar and Hockey Calgary by midnight of the 15<sup>th</sup> of December of the playing season.
- (e) Copies of the list of affiliated players should be sent by the Elite President or representative to the following:
  - 1. Community Registrar;
  - 2. Community team coaches affected should be notified of the affiliation.
- (f) Permission must be secured from the affiliated player's coach or manager before an affiliate player is used.
- (g) For affiliation procedures in Elite hockey, all Elite Quadrants will follow the Hockey Canada regulation for Affiliations (Bylaws Book - Section (E), Rule 35-39). Please see [www.hockeycalgary.com](http://www.hockeycalgary.com) to download a complete Hockey Canada Bylaws book.
- (h) A player who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a landed immigrant who is registered with Hockey Calgary is ineligible to participate as an affiliate player (Hockey Canada Rule 36 (c) Section E).
- (i) Junior B teams will follow Section B Junior of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations with regards to the affiliation process.

**17 Officials**

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

**18 Length of Games**

Permit length	Length of periods 1, 2 and 3
Bantam AA (2¼ hours)	20, 20 and 20 minutes
Bantam AAA (2¼ hours)	20, 20 and 20 minutes
Midget A (2¼ hours)	As per SAML rules
Midget AA (2¼ hours)	20, 20 and 20 minutes
Midget AAA	As per AMHL rules
Jr B (2¼ hours)	20, 20 and 20 minutes

- i. All games are stop time.
- ii. One time out is permitted for each team.
- iii. There will be a 3-minute warm-up before each game.
- iv. Floods between periods will only occur as follows:
  - a. For all full games (2 ¼ hours or longer) the ice will be flooded at the end of each period.
- v. Hockey Calgary reserves the right to make special changes to the number and length of periods. The respective League Coordinator will notify teams if a change is made.
- vi. No game will exceed the permit time. If undue delays occur for any reason and the game cannot be completed within the permit time, the following procedure will be followed:
  - a. At the first stoppage of play after time reaches 5 minutes left on the permit, the timekeeper will



notify the referee.

- b. At this stoppage of play the clock will be reset to 2 minutes and the remainder of the game completed with stop time.
- c. All Games in the Calgary Leagues will be managed using a “quick face-off” procedure, otherwise referred to as the 15-second face-off.

## 19 End of Game Etiquette

At the completion of each hockey game teams can participate in a post-game handshake followed by the visiting team exiting the ice surface first. In games where a post-game handshake is not used the home team must stay on the ice at their box until the visiting team is off the ice.

## 20 Team Management

- (a) Each team shall have in their player's box a responsible person not in uniform (no more than 5) to coach and look after and take responsibility for the team during the game. Failure to provide this responsible person could result in an automatic forfeiture of the game.
- (b) Rule 9.2 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book must be rigidly adhered to. This rule states: Team officials shall be responsible for their conduct and that of their players at all times. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any place in the rink.
- (c) Further to Rule 9.2, the Head Coach will be responsible to ensure there is at least one and preferably 2 responsible adults monitoring the team dressing room before and after each ice time. They will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct, bullying and vandalism in any form. Failure to comply with this supervision may result in the suspension of the Head Coach for a period of at least one game. Any adult found complicit with any undesirable activity will be suspended for a period of at least one year.
- (d) From the age category of Pee Wee and older, separate change facilities must be utilized by all female players before and after all ice times. They may join their teammates in the dressing room after all players have completely changed. Failure to comply with this rule may result in suspension of the Head Coach for a period of at least one game.

## 21 League Coordinator

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

22 Official Game Reports

It is the responsibility of the Manager of the Home team to ensure that the official game report and any associated Incident Reports are delivered to their respective league representatives in the format as laid out by the applicable league representative as noted in the following:

	League Coordinator	League Statistician	Elite Council Chair
Game Report	Within 24 hours of a game being completed.	Within 24 hours of a game being completed.	May be provided in absence of a League Coordinator or Statistician. Must be provided if an appeal is contemplated.
Incident Report	Within 24 hours of a game being completed.	Not Required.	May be provided in absence of a League Coordinator or Statistician. Must be provided if an appeal is contemplated.

All original game reports and incident reports are then to be delivered by hand or via mail to the League Coordinator. All managers are to ensure that the volunteers selected to complete the official game report do so in a manner that ensues they are legible and accurate. Elite Council will provide guidelines for the completion of official game reports at the beginning of the season. Accurate and timely information is important to the proper administration and management of the league, including management of disciplinary actions of participants.

23 Schedule Changes

- (a) All league games must be played as scheduled unless otherwise authorized by Elite Council in consultation with Hockey Calgary. Coaches, Managers or Hockey Associations may NOT reschedule games. Teams requesting a schedule change must fill out the appropriate Game Change Form with their league. Failure to comply, will result in a loss of the 2 points to the offending team(s). In addition, the coach(s) will face further disciplinary action(s) including a minimum six game suspension or a possible suspension of up to one year. The loss of points will be deducted from that portion of the schedule following any seeding round.
- (b) Elite Council will entertain a change of schedule for Tournament or Exhibition for Bantam AA or Midget AA teams only. Each team will only be allowed two schedule changes per season. The deadline to apply for a schedule change is November 30<sup>th</sup>. All teams in Elite Council participating within the AMMHL, AMBHL and AMHL must fill out the appropriate Game Change Form with their respective league. All approved Game Change Forms within the AMMHL, AMBHL and AMHL must be forwarded to the Hockey Calgary office.
- (c) Games will only be postponed for Hockey Canada approved tournaments outside Zone 9, or those tournaments deemed "Special Events" within Zone 9.
- (d) All league play must be finalized by the last scheduled game, unless otherwise extended by the Elite Council.
- (e) Elite Council reserves the right to refuse any or all requests.
- (f) Absolutely no postponing of Minor Hockey Week games.

## 24 Playoffs

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

Bantam AA	All 12 teams qualify
Bantam AAA	As per the AMBHL Rules
Minor Midget AAA	As per AMMHL Rules
Midget AA	All 8 teams qualify
Midget AAA	As per AMHL rules
Junior B	All 8 teams qualify

## 25 Suspensions

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

Elite Council Chair (other than automatic suspensions outlined in the Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines and they must be followed). In the event of a suspended player playing, the game will be forfeited to the non-offending team and the coach shall be suspended indefinitely, until the matter is ruled on by the Elite Council.

## **26 Appeal of Suspensions**

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

## **27 Game Protests**

- (a) The parties: only the two teams involved shall have the right to file a protest in regard to a game or incident connected therewith.
- (b) Referee's decision: a protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it concerns a question of interpretation of the rules. Only rule violation protests will be considered.
- (c) Protests made regarding games played must be in writing and such protests, together with a summary of any evidence to be submitted and a list of any witnesses to be called, shall be prepared with copies going to:
  - 1. The League Coordinator;
  - 2. Elite Council Chair;
  - 3. Carded official of opposing team.
- (d) The protest shall set out the regulations and/or rules under which the protest is laid and shall be signed by the coach or manager of the protesting team, as well as the President or a Vice-President of the team's association.
- (e) Time: protests shall be in the hands of the League Coordinator, or in his/her absence, the Elite Council Chair, and a carded official of the opposing team within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game protested. In all protests, time shall be of the essence.
- (f) Fees: a cheque in the amount of \$150 payable to Elite Council, which sum shall be non-refundable, must accompany the protests. Where the sender withdraws a protest after being presented to the respective recipients, the \$150 fee will be non-refundable.
- (g) The Hearing: both teams and Associations will be notified by the Elite Council Chair (or designate) of the date and place of the hearing. All protests will be heard by a quorum of the Elite Council to be presided over by the Chair (or designate) and include the League Coordinator. The hearing shall be heard, if possible, before the next scheduled league game of either of the two teams involved.

## **28 Playoff Overtime Rules**

- (a) In Midget AA and Junior B (CJHL) leagues, games tied at the end of regulation will continue with a "sudden death" overtime in the following manner:
  - 1. The Game Clock will be set to the remainder of the time permit.
  - 2. The first 5 minutes will be played 4 on 4 (plus goalie).
  - 3. Following the first stoppage of play after the first 5 minutes, the overtime will be played 3 on 3 (plus goalie).
  - 4. If the game remains tied after the overtime period, a "sudden death" shootout will commence to determine a winner. No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot.

- (b) If a penalty occurs in the first 5 minutes, teams will play 5 on 4 (plus goalie). If a second penalty occurs against the shorthanded team prior to the expiration of the first penalty, teams will play 5 on 3 (plus goalie). If a penalty occurs or is being served following the first stoppage of play after the first 5 minutes, teams will play 4 on 3 (plus goalie). If a second penalty occurs against the shorthanded team prior to the expiration of the first penalty, teams will play 5 on 3 (plus goalie). At the first stoppage of play following the expiration of a penalty, teams will return to 4 on 4 (plus goalie) or 3 on 3 (plus goalie).
- (c) If the game remains tied and cannot be concluded due to unforeseen circumstances, and timing does not permit scheduling additional ice time to complete the overtime, the team that scored first in the game in question shall be declared the winner.
- (d) If the game ends 0-0 then the team with the fewest penalty minutes in regulation time will be declared the winner.
- (e) If the teams are tied in penalty minutes then the teams with the most goals in the current playoff series will be declared the winner.
- (f) If the teams are tied as this is the first game of the series then the team with the most goals in the regular season will be declared the winner.
- (g) If the teams are still tied then the team with the fewest goals against in the regular season will be declared the winner.
- (h) If the teams are still tied then the higher ranked team in the regular season standings will be declared the winner.

## 29 Structure

Elite Hockey will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Bylaw 2.

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING RECREATIONAL HOCKEY (RHC)

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

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

### 1 Ages for Competition

Pee Wee 11 and 12 year olds

Bantam 13 and 14 year olds

Midget 15 and 16 year olds

Junior 17, 18, 19 and 20 year olds

Note: Ages as of December 31

### 2 Boundaries

RHC is a city wide Hockey Association. The geographical boundaries of RHC are similar to those boundaries of Minor Hockey Association of Calgary. See Community and Zone 9 maps on the RHC website.

### 3 Registration

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

### 4 Body Checking

- (a) All hockey played within RHC is non-body checking. No body checking is permitted. A penalty will be assessed to any player who intentionally body checks, bumps, shoves, or pushes an opposing player. When the attacking (offensive) player is skating toward the defending player, the defending player may not hit the attacking player by going in the opposite direction to that player.
- (b) "Body checking" is not the same as "body contact". There must be no action where the attacking player is pushed or shoved into the boards. It is permissible if body contact is caused as a result of the movement of the attacking player into the defending player. A defending player is permitted to "close off the gap" between the attacking player and the boards. A defending player does not have to move so as to get out of the path of the attacking player. Where, in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be assessed.

### 5 Players per Team

The recommended number of players per team is:

Pee Wee 15 + 1	Midget 16 + 1
Bantam 15 + 1	Junior 17 + 1

## 6 Coaches

- (a) RHC does not require volunteer coaching staff to complete any qualifications or certification with the exception of Respect in Sport Coach Edition and the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP). In addition, RHC will support any volunteer coach who wishes to complete Coach Stream training, but this is not required.
- (b) To help provide a safe and secure environment for all RHC players and to provide assurance to all those involved in RHC, RHC requires a mandatory City of Calgary Police Service (CPS) screening process for all coaches and assistant coaches volunteers. This security check will be valid for 3 years.

## 7 Player Movement

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

## 8 Player Release

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

## 9 Release Policy

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

## 10 Eligibility for use of Affiliated Players

- (a) Affiliated players may be used in place of players registered on a team, subject to the maximum number limitations described below. Affiliated players may be used to replace injured players or players that will be absent for any reason, but not, subject to the conditions as described below, to replace players suspended by Hockey Calgary or RHC.
- (b) A player who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a landed immigrant who is registered with Hockey Calgary is ineligible to participate as an affiliate player.
- (c) The maximum number of players, including affiliate players, which will be allowed to be shown on any game sheet, must not exceed the total number of players registered on the team. Teams can replace injured players and/or absent players with affiliated players to bring the team up to their roster size. The team roster size will be reduced by one for each player that is under a suspension imposed by Hockey Calgary or RHC for that game. This reduction in roster size will not be less than 10 skaters in RHC. Affiliate Players may be used only when a team has fewer than 10 skaters.
- (d) If a team's designated goaltender(s) is injured or ill, another designated goaltender from the same or a lower division may be used. Division Coordinator approval should be obtained. This rule only applies to the all age categories.

- (e) Any game sheet that shows an affiliate with over 10 registered team skaters will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and subject to the sanctions of using such a player.
- (f) Players who play within RHC cannot affiliate to or play for teams within the competitive divisions (this includes Community Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Junior C, and Bantam AAA, Minor Midget AAA, Midget AA, Midget AAA, Junior B, High School Hockey and Female Divisions).
- (g) Players who play goal or designated goaltenders within the competitive divisions of Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget can affiliate with the permission of Hockey Calgary for the purposes of playing goal within RHC. The maximum number of games that a player or designated goaltender plays goal within RHC is unrestricted if enough goaltenders are not available within RHC. Players who play goal and designated goaltenders from teams within the competitive divisions who affiliated to RHC for the purposes of playing goal within RHC can also affiliate to one team within the competitive division as per the normal affiliation procedures set out in Community Rules 12 and 13. However, the preferred affiliate goaltender is always another goaltender already registered in RHC.

## **11. Procedure for use of Affiliated Players**

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

## **12 Short Bench for both Teams**

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

## **13 Ineligible Players**

- (a) An ineligible player may be classified as, but not restricted to, the following:
  - 1. A player who is improperly registered with Hockey Calgary. It is the RHC's and individual team's responsibility, to make certain that all players are properly registered.
  - 2. A suspended player.



3. A player who has not been properly released as per the release policy and procedures of Hockey Calgary.
  4. A player deemed to be ineligible as defined under the rules of Hockey Calgary.
- (b) A Coach or Manager who plays an ineligible player will be immediately suspended until his/her case has been dealt with by RHC and Hockey Calgary. If any team official, executive member of a team or of an association has knowledge of, or adds an unregistered or ineligible players name to the game sheet, they shall be suspended for a period of not less than three years from playing or holding office with any team, club or association. For a team or their Hockey Association to invoke this rule, they must utilize the protest procedures outlined in Community 24.
  - (c) All games played using an ineligible player may be forfeited.
  - (d) If a Coach or Manager asks to examine an opposing team's HCR Team Sheet prior to completion of the game and they are not at hand, they must be produced before the end of the game. Failure to do so could mean forfeiture of the game.

## **14 Officials**

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

## **15 Fair Play**

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

## **16 Suspension Guidelines**

- (a) All RHC players and coaching staff will be subject to the same suspension process and rules that apply to all other teams and associations registered with Hockey Calgary. Hockey Calgary has suspension guidelines which may apply in specific situations. They all apply to RHC.
- (b) Coaches and player suspensions carry over into the next regular season if not fully served in the previous season.
- (c) Division Coordinators have the authority to alter or issue suspensions on an individual basis. Division

Coordinators along with the Discipline Committee also have the right to issue suspensions or remove players or spectators based on an unusually high amount of total penalties or exceptional deviation from the spirit and philosophy of RHC.

- (d) Coaches will be notified by the Division Coordinator about a player's suspension after the Discipline Committee has discussed the matter. The Discipline Committee should have a decision before the next scheduled league game.
- (e) Coaches are expected to notify parents and player of any major disciplinary action taken against their child
- (f) It is the responsibility of each team coach to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact your Division Coordinator
- (g) Penalty totals in regulation 19 Penalties will carry suspensions as noted.
- (h) A game misconduct in the last 10 minutes of a game will result in a one game suspension.

## **17 Appeal of Suspensions**

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

## **18 Length of Games**

Permit Length of periods 1, 2 and 3

1 hour permit 12, 15 and 15 minutes

1 ¼ hour permit 15, 15 and 15 minutes

Note:

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

## **19 Penalties**

- (a) Any player who incurs 3 penalties during a game will receive a game ejection and an additional game suspension.

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

## **20 Schedule Changes**

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

## **21 Team Management**

- (a) Each team shall have in their player's box a responsible person not in uniform (no more than five) to coach and look after and take responsibility for the team during the game. Rule 9.2 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book must be rigidly adhered to. This rule states: Team officials shall be responsible for their conduct and that of their players at all times. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any place in the rink.
- (b) Further to Hockey Canada Rule 9.2, the head coach will be responsible to ensure there are at least one and preferably two responsible adults in the team dressing room before and after each ice time. They will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct, bullying and vandalism in any form. These adults may be any team official or adult selected by the head coach. Failure to comply with this supervision may result in the suspension of the head coach for a period of at least one game. Any adult found complicit with any undesirable activity will be suspended for a period of at least one year. This applies within all four streams of Hockey Calgary sanctioned hockey
- (c) From the age category of Pee Wee and older, separate change facilities must be utilized by all female players (or male players if they are in the minority) before and after all ice times. They may join their teammates in the dressing room after all players have completely changed. Failure to comply with this rule may result in suspension of the head coach for a period of at least one game.
- (d) The use of cameras, video equipment and camera phones are strictly prohibited in the team dressing rooms at any time.

## **22 Division Coordinator**

- (a) It will be their duty to supervise and direct the conduct of the teams, coaches and players coming under their jurisdiction. They have the authority to discipline any team official or player who contravenes any of the rules and regulations established by Hockey Calgary and the RHC Board. They may also deal (in liaison with the RHC Discipline Committee Chair) with any RHC team, who in their opinion is guilty of unbecoming

conduct.

- (b) They at no time should enter the referee's room during a game unless invited. If they have a complaint against an official, they should put it in writing and send it to the RHC President with a copy to the RHC Vice-President.
- (c) They may suspend, with the concurrence of the RHC Discipline Committee, a coach, player, parent or spectator.
- (d) They are obligated to attend RHC Board meetings to give a report of the events associated with their Division. If they are unable to attend RHC Board meetings they must file a report with the RHC Secretary.
- (e) The Division Coordinator shall enforce Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Hockey Calgary rules, consistently, firmly but fairly.

## **23 End of Game Etiquette**

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

## **24 Official Game Reports**

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

## **25 Year End Tournament (YET)**

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

## **26 Structure**

RHC will operate as a council of Hockey Calgary in accordance with Bylaw 25.

## FAIR PLAY CODES

### PLAYERS

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

### PARENTS

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

### COACHES

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

## **OFFICIALS**

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

## **SPECTATORS**

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

## **LEAGUE ORGANIZERS**

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

## HOCKEY CALGARY

### FAIR PLAY CODE POLICY FOR COACHES

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

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

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

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

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

### FAIR PLAY POLICY RELATING TO COACHES

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

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

#### Goalies

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

A one game rotation of goalies should occur during all playoff, Minor Hockey Week, exhibition and Tournament Play.

#### Players

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

For those coaches wishing to utilize a special teams unit for either power play or penalty killing, those coaches, as a tool for themselves, should establish a listing (Special Teams Log) of their designated units for each five game (or

shorter) rotation. Such listing to show each player receiving an equal participation on those designated units. It is recommended that those listings be kept by the coach for the duration of the season.

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

### Junior B & C Team Rosters

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

### Affiliates

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

If a team chooses to bring up an affiliate it is recommended teams do not bring up affiliated defencemen that would provide a contingent greater than six for each game or affiliated forwards that would provide a contingent greater than nine forwards for each game.

*Teams must recognize Hockey Calgary rules restricting the number of affiliations and not increase the team size to greater than the team roster.*

### Player Discipline

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

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

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

### Fair Play Discipline

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

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

Each Member associations should establish internal policies and procedures to ensure full compliance with the fair play policy by all coaches.

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



## Hockey Calgary Social Media Policy and Guidelines

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

#### Definitions:

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

#### General Guidelines:

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

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

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

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

2. Protect the game of Hockey: Remain mindful of the Respect in Sport initiative. It is the vision of Hockey Calgary to be the benchmark of sports associations by providing leadership, life skills and development to our members for the enjoyment and success of all. This includes all individuals working together to maintain our core values which are:
  - RESPECT - we expect our players, parents, coaches, officials, spectators, league organizers and facility operators to be respectful of each other at all times.
  - ACCOUNTABLE - we are responsible for our own decisions and actions.

- **APPROACHABLE** - we listen to the concerns of our member associations in response to their needs.
- **COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS** - we build mutually beneficial relationships with others.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** - we get the right message to the right people at the right time in the right way.
- **CONSISTENCY** - we will be open and consistent in our interpretation and application of the rules and policies.
- **FAIR PLAY CODES** - we support the principles of fair play and The Fair Play Codes.

## ARENAS

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

**HOCKEY CALGARY ARENAS**

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

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## PAST PRESIDENTS / CHAIRMEN

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