

SECTION C - MINOR FEMALE

1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **June 30:** To be recognized by Hockey Alberta, a League shall submit its Bylaws and Regulations, and a list of the names and addresses of the officers, no later than June 30 of the current Hockey Season. Any amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations must be filed with and approved by HA prior to implementation.
- 1.2 **October 15:** MHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15 in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 **November 1:**
- (a) U18 aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season unless they register with a higher Category team. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be subject to an investigation and may face further disciplinary action.
- 1.4 **November 15:**
- (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League Game (including Tiering games) or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincial competition.
 - (b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
 - (c) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.5 **January 10:**
- (a) A Player may be released to another MHA for which he is eligible to play up to and including January 10.
- 1.6 **January 15:** Hockey Teams may use Players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, not later than January 15 at 5:00PM MST.
- 1.7 **February 10: The final date for Player registration is February 10 of the current Hockey Season.**

2. Team Registration

The Elite Female Hockey Committee determines Team Registration regulations for Teams involved in participation within the AAA and Elite Hockey stream.

- 2.1 (a) All MHAs will register all Hockey Teams operating within their Association with the CEO, or designate.
- (b) Registration fees in accordance with these Regulations are payable with application for Teams.

- 2.2 MHAs must submit their order for Team Registration as required on or before October 15th in each Hockey Season.
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- a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first League Game or November 15, whichever occurs first. All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 will not be eligible for Provincials.
 - b) A Hockey Team may only register after November 15 with permission of the CEO, or designate.
 - c) Any Minor Hockey Association / Club Team found to have permitted a Player and/or Team Official who is not properly registered to that team to participate in a game may be subject to a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 per violation.
- 2.4 Hockey Teams and Players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada Bylaws and the HA Bylaws and regulations.
- 2.5 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by a MHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.
- 2.6 Team Player allotments in the Registry shall be provided in the following numbers (except where pilot projects otherwise provide):
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| U18 | Not more than 25 allotments |
| U15 | Not more than 23 allotments |
| U13 | Not more than 23 allotments |
| U11 | Not more than 23 allotments |
- 2.7 Number of Players on a Hockey Team
- (a) All Hockey Teams may register at one time a maximum of nineteen (19) Players. Of those nineteen (19), 2 must be goaltenders.

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

Exception: U11 Teams do not designate goaltenders.

For U13, U15 and U18 Divisions only, Players designated in the registry as goalkeepers may play only in goal.

For clarification, when eighteen (18) Players are registered, one (1) must be designated as goaltender. When seventeen (17) Players or less are registered, teams may or may not designate a goaltender.
 - (b) Member Teams being recognized as U18 AAA by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) Players (2 of which must be goaltenders) for any scheduled League game.

2.8 Substitute Goalkeeper

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

2.9 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any duly registered Hockey Team must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.

(a) It is required that all Female Teams have at least one (1) female Coach registered to the Team.

2.10 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season shall be duly registered with each and every Team of which he/she is a member prior to participating with the respective team(s).

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

3. Player Registration

The Elite Female Hockey Committee determines Player Registration regulations for players participating on teams within the AAA and AA Hockey stream.

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

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| (a) | U18 Female | For the 2023-24 season, open to Players born in 2006 and subsequent years |
| (b) | U15 Female | For the 2023-24 season, open to Players born in 2009 and subsequent years |
| (c) | U13 Female | For the 2023-24 season, open to Players born in 2011 and subsequent years |
| (d) | U11 Female | For the 2023-24 season, open to Players born in 2013 and subsequent years |

Exception: Overage Players may be permitted to register on Minor Hockey Teams, provided they are approved in accordance with the Minor Female Overage Policy.

- (e) A Player that is a maximum of one year older, by date of birth, may be permitted to register and participate with a lower age Division Team provided they meet the criteria outlined on the Overage Player Application Request form.
- (f) Players, 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current Hockey season and;
- (i) Applicant must be enrolled full-time in high school with a confirmation letter from the school provided;

- (ii) Applicant has a skill set that would restrict them from participating in Junior or they do not have access to a Junior Female program.

(g) Process

- (i) A Player must complete an Overage Player Application Request form and submit it to their Resident MHA along with a letter of support from the player's Parent or Guardian, outlining their rationale for requesting permission to participate with a team of lower age Division;
- (ii) In cases where a Player has a physical or cognitive impairment that would restrict her from participating within their designated age Division, a Physician's statement must be included;
- (iii) A skill assessment must be completed, and included, confirming that the Player's skill level restricts her from being able to participate within the designated age Division;
- (iv) Statistics from the Player's previous season (including number of games played, goals, assists and penalty minutes) must be confirmed by the League.

3.2 Residency

- (a) A Player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of her parents/legal guardians (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulations).
- (b) Players must first register in the MHA within whose Boundaries they reside where said Boundaries have been established, mutually agreed upon by associations and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta.
- (c) If a Player chooses to play in another MHA other than the closest MHA, she may be subject to Player Movement regulations.
- (d) A Player may not establish residency for the principal purposes of playing or practising hockey.
- (e) A Player who, prior to the establishment of Boundaries, was registered with a particular MHA and who has played all of her minor female hockey with that MHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that MHA.
- (f) Siblings of such Players will be required to register in their "resident" MHA and not that of the (grand fathered) sibling.
- (g) No player of U18 age or under can be transferred from Branch to Branch to register and play hockey unless such Player transfers with her parents or legal guardian and continues to live with her parents or legal guardian.

- 3.3 (a) Every Player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and its MHAs shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with HA and shall, prior to competing in their first League Game, be duly registered in the Registry.

- (b) In addition to the current information required for registration a Player Movement Form must be submitted to the Regional Minor Administration Coordinator for each Non-Resident Player at the time of registration.
- 3.4 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's legal address. In the case of rural Players, both the legal land location and the mailing address must be identified. In the case of urban Players the street address or, if the street address differs from the mailing address, both the street address and the mailing address must be identified.
- 3.5 (a) A Player applying for the first time for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide proof of age.
- (b) Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.
- (c) In cases where it is Impossible to secure birth certificates, the CEO (or designate) may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry or other suitable documents.
- (d) A player applying for registration with Hockey Alberta shall provide current proof of completion of the Respect-in-Sport – Parent course. Proof of completion in the Respect-in-Sport – Parent program shall be indicated by a card number showing on the player's registration in the Registry.
- 3.6 (a) All Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in their Minor Hockey Association. A Player may only be registered on one Team.
- (b) A Player may only register on one (1) Team (unless released by the MHA he first signed with prior to January 10). Players signing with more than one Hockey Team without releases are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the CEO, or designate.
- (c) No Player may be registered after **February** 10 in any Hockey Season with any Minor Hockey Association.
- 3.7 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit an Appeal to Transfer under Hockey Canada Bylaws and must pay any applicable fees charged by HC and HA.
- (a) total fee for an incoming International Transfer may be up to a maximum of \$1,350.

Contact the Hockey Alberta office for further details.

4. Leagues

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

- 4.2 All Hockey Players playing in a League must be registered with a MHA.
- 4.3 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 4.4 Leagues may make special regulations which differ from Hockey Alberta Regulations provided that these regulations do not contradict Hockey Alberta Regulations and the regulations have been approved by Hockey Alberta.

5. Player Movement

The Elite Female Hockey Committee determines Player Movement regulations for players interested in registering on Teams within the AAA and AA Hockey stream.

5.1 Permission for Player Movement

- (a) A Player must first obtain a Player Movement Form from her Resident MHA prior to being transferred, in the Registry, to any other MHA.

- (b) Prerequisites

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

- (i) obtain a Player Movement Form from their Resident MHA and submit it along with a letter from the Player requesting the desired Player Movement;
- (ii) obtain a letter from any closer MHAs the Player bypasses in the direction of travel from the Player's resident MHA to the new MHA consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the Player;
- (iii) obtain permission from the MHA accepting the Player, indicating that they accept the Player as a Non-Resident Player;
- (iv) make the designated Hockey Team indicated on the Hockey Alberta approved Player Movement form;
- (v) pay any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the MHA being asked for the permission;
- (vi) provide written confirmation of the prerequisites being met to the MHA being asked for the permission.

- (c) Procedure

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

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

- (iii) No Release will be issued to these Player(s).

5.2 Player Movement Exceptions

Players will be permitted to register in neighbouring MHA whose recognized physical limits are closest to her place of residence (along recognized, all weather government roadways) without bypassing other MHAs in the direction of travel) if:

- (a) There is no Female Hockey Team in a Player's resident MHA, at her age division;
- (b) The Player does not have a place to play in her age division in her resident MHA in the current Hockey Season due to all positions being full. For this exception to apply, the Hockey Team(s) at the Player's age Division must be completely full with 19 Player allotments occupied;
- (c) More than one MHA must combine their registration numbers to attain a sufficient number of Players to field a Hockey Team(s) at the Player's age Division for the current Hockey Season. Any player living within the boundaries of the MHA's forming the hockey team that chooses to play outside of these combined MHA's will be deemed a non-resident player and may be subject to player movement regulations.

All exceptions must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Minor Female Regulation Coordinator.

5.3 Player Movement may be refused in situations where:

- (a) The granting of permission to the Player leaves the MHA with insufficient numbers (less than 12) to field a Female Hockey Team at the Player's age division in the current Hockey Season.
- (b) The Player is requesting the permission for reasons other than playing at the highest Category of which she is capable (i.e. dislike of a coach, dislike of ice time, etc.).

5.4 Permission to Try Out

- (a) Any Player may register with a AAA or AA member Team for which the Player is eligible, provided:
 - (i) the Team has been approved for membership by Hockey Alberta in the relevant League.
- (b) In the case of permission to try out, it must specify the MHA and Hockey Team for which the Player is granted permission to try out. Upon the Player being selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Resident MHA shall grant permission to play. If the Player is not selected to the specified Hockey Team, the Player must return to her Resident MHA.

6. Releases

- 6.1 A Release (as defined in the General Regulations) is available to be issued, via the Standard Release Form, as a method of permanent movement for special circumstances within Minor Hockey (ie – conduct).

- 6.2 U18 aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season unless they register with a higher Category team. Any Team Official of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be subject to an investigation and may face further disciplinary action.

7. Affiliation

The Elite Female Hockey Committee determines Affiliation regulations for players involved in participation of Teams within the AAA and AA Hockey stream.

- 7.1 Affiliation must be declared and filed with the CEO, or designate, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated. Affiliations will be accepted and endorsed by the CEO, or designate, up to and including January 15 at 5:00PM MST of the current Hockey Season.
- 7.2 Affiliation will only be recognized where:
- (a) Players are added to the Official Team Roster in the Registry and identified as "Affiliates" with 'pending' status;
 - (b) the CEO, or designate, acknowledges receipt and identifies said players as approved prior to an affiliate Player participating any game with the Hockey Team to which she is affiliated;
 - (c) the affiliation has been endorsed by the President of the applicable MHA.
- 7.3 Any Player participating in any game as an affiliated Player without the approval of the CEO, or designate, shall be considered an Ineligible Player and team officials subject to discipline.
- 7.4 A Hockey Team may affiliate up to nineteen (19) specially Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category within their MHA.
- Exception: When an MHA does not have a Minor Female team at the next lowest division or category, the MHA may place a request to the Minor Female Regulation Coordinator asking to be permitted to affiliate a player(s) from a lower Division or Category Minor Female team from a nearby MHA.
- 7.5 **No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.**
- Note: All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.
- 7.6 Affiliated Players will NOT be permitted to replace suspended Players.
- Exception: In the event a team's roster falls below twelve (12) registered skaters (excluding goaltenders) due to suspensions, that team will be permitted the ability to use affiliation to return their roster size to a maximum of twelve (12) skaters plus goaltender(s).
- Exception:* In the event a team has only one (1) registered goaltender, they will be permitted to use affiliation to have for any League, Playoff or Provincial Championship game to bring their roster up to a maximum of two (2) goaltenders.
- 7.7 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically, without properly filing said affiliation through HCR.

NOTE: A Player must obtain a “Named Player Affiliation Agreement” form when selected as a specially affiliated player to a team within the Elite Hockey system (AAA and/or AA).

- 7.8 (a) Affiliated players may participate in League, Exhibition, Tournament and Provincials;
- (b) Players participating on teams that involve two (2) or more MHAs based on a need to create one (1) Team in a Division for the area (lack of Players) are permitted to affiliate with a team of a higher Division from their own Resident MHA. Players are only eligible to affiliate to one (1) Team. This request must be made in writing from the MHAs involved in the request to the Hockey Alberta Minor Administration Coordinator for approval or non-approval. Upon approval from Hockey Alberta, the requesting MHAs would be given the allowance.

Example: Centre A has seven (7) U15 Players, Centre B has six (6) U15 Players so Centre A and B combine to field a Team of thirteen (13) Players that are registered out of Centre A. If there is a U18 team in Centre B, the six (6) U15 Players from Centre B now registered in Centre A will be able to affiliate with the U18 Team from Centre B. This affiliation will be on a named player basis and Players are only eligible to affiliate to one team.

- 7.9 (a) Female players playing on Minor Mainstream hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Female Teams, upon consideration of application to the Minor Female Regulations Coordinator.

(b) Female players playing on Minor Female hockey teams may be permitted to affiliate to Minor Mainstream teams.

- 7.10 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an affiliated player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games. Should an affiliated player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, she shall be considered an “Ineligible Player”. However, if 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.

- (a) Any Player registered in the U9 division, affiliated to the U11 division, must have completed their Hockey season in full (including exhibition games and festivals) to affiliate beyond a 10th game.

- 7.11 Appearance of an Affiliated Player’s name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report. All Affiliated Players being used in a game must be marked “AP” on the game report.

8. Provincial Categorization

8.1 General Regulations

The Elite Female Hockey Committee determines regulations regarding the participation of Teams in Provincial Championships within the AAA and AA Hockey stream.

- (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in Minor Female hockey for the following Divisions and Categories and recognizes that all provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship Team in any category. Only Teams approved to participate in sanctioned Minor Female Leagues / organizations will be eligible to play in the Provincial Championship.
- (i) U18 Female “Tier 1” and “Tier 2” – Teams that have participated within a Hockey Alberta recognized Minor Female League/ organization at the U18 Female levels noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.
 - (ii) U15 Female “Tier 1” and “Tier 2” – Teams that have participated within a Hockey Alberta recognized Minor Female League/ organization at the U15 Female levels noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.
 - (iii) U13 Female “Tier 1” and “Tier 2” – Teams that have participated within a Hockey Alberta recognized Minor Female League/ organization at the U13 Female levels noted above will be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship at the same category.

Note: Exceptions may be made for teams that do not have a viable league within close proximity to participate within. Applications can be made to the Minor Female Committee.

- (b) Any MHA, whose team(s) fail to fulfill its’ commitment to participate shall be ineligible for Provincials in the subsequent season, unless a reinstatement fee of **\$1000.00** is paid to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15th of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its’ commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1st of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor Female Committee Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the MHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA’s reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.

9. Exhibition Games

- 9.1 Permission must be obtained in writing from Hockey Alberta for all out of province exhibition games or exhibition games with U.S. based Teams. Permission must be granted by the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.
- 9.2 Application for permission will only be considered from MHAs for Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 9.3 Permission may not be given to any LMHA for exhibition games with any team or teams which are not registered members of Hockey Canada or U.S. Hockey.
- 9.4 International games, other than games with U.S. Hockey, must have permission granted from Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 9.5 For exhibition games within Hockey Alberta, permission must be granted by the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.

- 9.6 Commitments to Hockey Alberta must be met before a team is allowed any exhibition games.
- 9.7 Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).

10. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules

10.1 Tournaments within Alberta

- (a) No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has been given the written permission of Hockey Alberta or its MHA. In granting such permission, Hockey Alberta and the MHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its team or members of the Team.
- (b) No MHA, Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by HA. For tournaments within Alberta involving two (2) or more Hockey Canada Branches, HA shall notify the Hockey Canada office sixty (60) days in advance of any sanction being issued for a tournament.
- (c) All tournaments must be approved by the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator and a Tournament Sanction number will be issued for each approved tournament.
- (d) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any MHA which has been found to have conducted a sanction tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or HA regulations which apply.
- (e) All Inter-Branch tournaments involving four (4) or more Branches and all International tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada and HA. An application form must first be submitted by the MHA requesting the tournament to HA for approval. All applications must be made sixty (60) or more days in advance to the Hockey Alberta Office.
- (f) No MHA shall accept entries for a sanctioned tournament from any team which is not a registered member of Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.
- (g) MHA tournaments shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to HA prior to the event.
- (h) Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered, in the Registry, with that Team or be affiliated to that team. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments.
- (i) The host MHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players entered in the tournament.
- (j) All Teams must fulfill all prior commitments (i.e. league play, provincial play) or seek readjustment of same. Failing this, the Teams concerned must be prepared to forfeit any further privileges they currently hold.
- (k) When a suspendable offence occurs involving a Player or team in a sanctioned tournament, a copy of the official game report with all necessary supporting

evidence shall be forwarded to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, the MHA, Player(s) and/or Team Official(s) involved.

- (l) All MHAs hosting sanctioned tournaments will be responsible for keeping a copy of the tournament's official game reports for a period of one year.
- (m) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linesmen registered with Hockey Alberta.
- (n) All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
- (o) No Team or Players may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one (1) day. Where tournaments do require Teams or Players to play three (3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three (3) periods of 15 minutes, the first two (2) of which must be straight time. When a Team is required to play three (3) games in one (1) day, there shall be an interval of one and a half (1-1/2) hours between the second and third games.

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

10.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta

- (a) No HA Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside HA unless it has been given written permission by its MHA and HA. In granting such permission, HA and the MHA agree to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against its Team or Team Officials of the Team.
- (b) The Branch in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose a suspension pending action by HA against the Team, Player(s) or Team Officials involved.
- (c) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (d) No Team or Player registered with HA shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by HA.

11. Discipline

11.1 Fines – Minor Hockey

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

11.2 Minor Hockey Suspension Procedures

Hockey Alberta Responsibilities

- (a) The Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions in exhibition, tournament play, Provincials and Hockey

Alberta Sanctioned Events (i.e. Alberta Cup, Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games and the Team Alberta Program).

- (b) Game sheets must be submitted within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- (c) In the case of an Indefinite Suspension incurred during Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition Play, the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator must be notified.

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to the HA General Regulations.

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

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

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

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

League Responsibilities

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

All Indefinite Suspensions shall be handled according to the HA General Regulations.
- (n) The League representative will issue a suspension notice. A suspension notice must specify:
 - (i) Number of Games.
 - (ii) Which games are to be served (i.e. league play, provincial play or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events).
 - (iii) The League Appeal process.
 - (iv) The Player / team official must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.
- (o) If a league suspension extends into tournament games, Provincials or Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Events, the League President or their designate is responsible for notifying the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.

General Responsibilities

- (p) Any infractions that involve a Player/Coach on a referee or linesman (Rule 11.5) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Provincial Match Penalty Officer(s).
- (q) No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the bench, in the timekeepers/penalty box, dressing room or within fifty (50) feet of the players' benches during a game.
- (r) Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered team or affiliated Team is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with

his/her affiliated Team. The Player and the suspension must be listed on game sheets.

- (s) Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team who incurs a suspension is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned hockey game until the suspension has been served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred. **If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Team Official, upon request to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, may be allowed to serve such suspension with another team they are registered with as of the time of the infraction. If approved, the Team Official and the suspension must be listed on the game sheets.**

- (t) Suspended Players/team officials must be noted on the game sheet during the games comprising the suspension.

- (u) Any Hockey Canada Registered Participant who is under suspension by a Hockey Canada Member, Team, League or MHA is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada sanctioned games. Hockey Canada or a Member may increase suspensions up to and including all Hockey Canada activities for the duration of that suspension. Any such suspension shall be recognized and enforced by all Members.

- (v) Early Seasons End Suspensions

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

- (w) Carry-Over Suspensions

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

- (x) Pre-Season Suspensions

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

12.3 Minor Hockey Minimum Suspensions (please see Appendices)

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

- 12.5 Any Player, Team Official found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate or having been party to or having any knowledge of such shall be suspended until dealt with by HA.
- 12.6 Any Team Official who is party to or had knowledge of or adds an unregistered or Ineligible Player's name or unregistered team official or trainer's name to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game:
- (a) may be suspended for a period of three (3) years, or as determined by the Committee, from playing or holding office with any team, club or association;
 - (b) shall have games defaulted whether said Player(s) played or not.
- 12.7 Any Player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name or having knowledge that same had been falsified or playing on other than their own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of suspension.
- 12.8 If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if their name appears on the score sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an Ineligible Player or official may be subject to immediate discipline and the Team may forfeit any games using an Ineligible Player or official.

13. Coach Education Requirements

See the General Regulations for Details.