

## SECTION C - MINOR FEMALE HOCKEY

### 1. Critical Dates

- 1.1 **April 30:** To be approved and sanctioned by Hockey Alberta to operate Minor Hockey for Member organizations, a League shall be an incorporated society and submit its approved Bylaws, its Regulations, and a list of the names and addresses of the officers to Hockey Alberta, no later than April 30. 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:** 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.
  - (b) 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.
  - (c) An MHA may register a Hockey Team after November 15 with permission of the Office of the CEO.
  - (d) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 1.5 **January 10:** A Player may be released from a Team and registered with a new Team, for which they are eligible to play, up to and including January 10.
- 1.6 **January 15:** Requests for Affiliations must be filed in the registry no later than January 15 at 5:00PM MST.
- 1.7 **February 10:** The final date for Player registration is February 10.

### 2. Team Registration

The Elite Hockey Models provide further Team Registration regulations for MHAs registering AAA and AA Teams.

- 2.1 Hockey Teams and Players must be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
- (a) MHAs must register all their Hockey Teams with Hockey Alberta, in the Registry.
  - (b) Registration fees in accordance with these Regulations are payable for all Teams.
- 2.2 MHAs must submit their Team Registration order on or before October 15th.

- 2.3 (a) All Hockey Teams must be properly registered prior to their first League Game (including Tiering games) or November 15, whichever occurs first. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15 may not be eligible for Provincials.
- (b) An MHA may only register a Hockey Team after November 15 with permission of the Office of the CEO.
- (c) All Players participating on a Hockey Team must be properly registered to that Team in the Registry.
- (d) Any MHA 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.
- (e) The final date to complete all required Team Official certification is November 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 2.4 Minor Female Hockey Teams can be registered in the following Divisions:
- (a) U18 Female
- (b) U15 Female
- (c) U13 Female
- (d) U11 Female
- 2.5 **Minor Female Hockey Teams can be registered in the following Categories:**
- (a) **AAA (provided the MHA has been approved as a AAA Host Association)**
- (b) **AA (provided the MHA has been approved as a AA Host Association)**
- (c) **Minor A or B**
- 2.6 Hockey Teams will be controlled and operated only by an MHA and shall not enter into any player contracts or agreements, except with HA and Hockey Canada.
- 2.7 Player allotments for each Team in the Registry shall be provided in the following numbers (except where pilot projects otherwise provide):
- (a) U18 Not more than 25 allotments
- (b) U15 Not more than 23 allotments
- (c) U13 Not more than 23 allotments
- (d) U11 Not more than 23 allotments
- 2.8 Hockey Teams may register at any one time **a maximum of twenty (20) Players.**
- (a) If the **maximum of twenty (20)** players are registered, at least two (2) of the registered players must be goaltenders.
- (b) If nineteen (19) players are registered, only one (1) goaltender must be designated.
- (c) If eighteen (18), or less, players are registered, goaltenders do not have to be designated.
- Exception:* Teams that are eligible to compete for a Regional or National Championship (U18 AAA) must always designate goaltenders in the registry, and those designated as goaltenders may only play in goal.
- (d) Teams (except AA and AAA Teams) may be permitted to register, at one time, a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players. Applications must be submitted to Hockey

Alberta through the online form to be considered. All decisions will be made through consultation with the Office of the CEO.

If approved, Teams will still only be able to dress a **maximum of twenty (20) players**, in accordance with the Playing Rules, for any game (eighteen skaters and two goaltenders).

- 2.9 *Emergency Goaltender* - During any scheduled Exhibition, League, Provincial or Tournament Game, a Team may be permitted the use of a goaltender from another Hockey Team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstance shows that a replacement goalkeeper is required.

Emergency Goaltenders can only be used if all registered and affiliated goaltenders are not available. Submissions for use of an Emergency Goaltender must be filed using Hockey Alberta's online form.

- 2.10 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with any registered Hockey Team must be properly registered in the Registry prior to participating with that team.
- (a) It is required that all Minor Female Teams have at least one (1) female Team Official registered to the Team.
- 2.11 Team Officials participating "on the bench" with more than one (1) Hockey Team in the same season shall be properly registered to each Team prior to participating with the respective team.
- 2.12 Hockey Alberta registered Hockey Teams can only play against hockey teams registered with an International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Member Federation. All Team Officials associated with any Hockey Team that plays against a Team that is not IIHF registered will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Office of the CEO.

### 3. **Player Eligibility & Registration**

The Elite Hockey Models provide further information about Player eligibility for players registering with AAA and AA Teams.

#### 3.1 Residency

- (a) No Player shall be registered to a Hockey Team in any MHA unless that Player is a Resident of the Province of Alberta.
- (b) No Player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a Hockey Team in any MHA unless that Player is a Resident Player of the MHA (a Player's residence is determined by the permanent residence of their parents/ court appointed guardians).
- (c) Boundaries must have been established, mutually agreed upon by the MHA's, and submitted to Hockey Alberta.
- (d) Any Player who, prior to the establishment of or an amendment to Boundaries, was registered with a particular MHA and has played all their minor hockey with that MHA will be recognized as a "resident" of that MHA. Siblings of such Players will be required to register in their "resident" MHA and not that of the (grand fathered) sibling.

- (e) Any player requesting registration who is not an Alberta resident must submit an Appeal to Transfer, in accordance with the Hockey Canada Bylaws.
- (f) Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant must submit an Appeal to Transfer in accordance with the Hockey Canada Bylaws.

3.2 Players are eligible, by year of birth, for the following Divisions of hockey:

- (a) U18 For the 24-25 season, open to Players born in **2007 and subsequent years**
- (b) U15 For the 24-25 season, open to Players born in **2010 and subsequent years**
- (c) U13 For the 24-25 season, open to Players born in **2012 and subsequent years**
- (d) U11 For the 24-25 season, open to Players born in **2014 and subsequent years**

3.3 A Player registering with an MHA for the first time shall provide proof of age by way of an official birth certificate legally recognized by the civil authorities in Alberta.

In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the Office of the CEO 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.

3.4 Overage Players may be permitted to register with a lower age Division Minor Female Hockey Team.

- (a) AA and AAA Teams are not eligible to register Overage Players;**
- (b) Players are only eligible for Overage status if they are one birth year older than the maximum age for the Division and have a date of birth between November 1 and December 31 of that year;**
- (c) Eighteen-year-old (18) Players are only eligible for Overage status if they are still enrolled full-time in high school.**

**Exceptions may be considered for entry level Players that have limited skills or if there is not a Team of the appropriate age Division for the Player to register with. Submissions for exceptions must be submitted to Hockey Alberta through the online form.**

3.5 Hockey Alberta reserves the right to revoke the eligibility of an Overage Player at any time should that player be deemed to strengthen the Team they are registered with, or it is determined the Player no longer meets the required criteria

3.6 A player registering shall provide proof of completion of the Respect-in-Sport – Parent course. Proof of Respect-in-Sport – Parent shall be indicated by a card number showing on the player's registration in the Registry.

3.7 When registering for hockey, Players must first attempt to register with the MHA in which the player resides (in accordance with approved MHA Boundaries).

3.8 A Player's registration in the Registry must include the Player's name, date of birth, gender, physical address, mailing address, and email address.

3.9 Minor Hockey Associations must register all their Players in the registry.

3.10 A Player may only be registered on one (1) Team at a time.

Players registering with more than one Hockey Team without proper releases and/ or transfers are suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the Office of the CEO.

3.11 No Player may be registered after February 10 in any Hockey Season with any Minor Hockey Association.

#### **4. 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.

##### **4.1 Permission for Player Movement**

- (a) A Player must first obtain permission, in writing, from their Resident MHA prior to being transferred, in the Registry, to a new MHA. The written permission must be uploaded to the transfer.
- (b) If the Resident MHA does not provide permission, an application for Player Movement can be submitted to Hockey Alberta through completion of the online form.
- (c) Failure to complete the required processes outlined herein will result in the Player's registration not being completed and therefore being ineligible to play in any game.
- (d) In cases where a Player is found to have played in a game(s) without first having completed the required processes outlined herein, the Team Officials and the MHA of the Hockey Team with which the Player has played may be subject to discipline.
- (e) Permission for Player Movement can be denied if there are any outstanding fees, or other financial obligations, owing to the MHA the Player was last registered with, or if granting the permission leaves the Resident MHA with insufficient numbers (less than twelve (12)) to field a Minor Female Team at the Player's age division.

4.2 Player movement does not require permission from the Player's Resident MHA in the following situations:

- (a) where a Player is trying out for their Recruitment Area AA team or a AAA team;
- (b) where the Player's Resident MHA does not offer a Minor Female Team at the Player's age Division;
- (c) where two MHAs, by mutual agreement, combine participants of the same age Division in order to be able to field team(s) at that age Division for the current Hockey Season;
- (d) where the Player's Resident MHA has no available player allotments in the Division and agrees to allow players to participate in another association;
- (e) where an application for an exception, based on extenuating circumstances, is approved through the agreement of both MHA's.

#### **5. Releases**

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

- 5.2 U18 aged Players registered in the Division of Junior cannot be released after November 1 of the current season. Any Officer or Executive Member of a Hockey Team found guilty of being in violation of the above rule shall be suspended until dealt with by the Office of the CEO
- 5.3 A Player will be considered 'Released' if the Player is provided with an Elite Waiver and is not selected to the AA or AAA Team they were trying out for. In this case, the Player must return to their Resident MHA.

## 6. Affiliation

The Elite Hockey Models provide further information about Affiliation regulations for players participating within AAA and AA hockey.

- 6.1 The purpose of affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules.
- 6.2 Affiliation must be declared and filed in the Registry, prior to the affiliated Player being allowed to participate in any game with the Hockey Team to which they are affiliated. Affiliation requests can be filed up to and including January 15 of the current Hockey Season.
- 6.3 A Hockey Team may affiliate up to a maximum of nineteen (19) Players from a lower Division or Category within the MHA.

*Exceptions: If an MHA does not have access to lower Division or Category Players, they may be able to apply to Hockey Alberta for special permission to register affiliate(s) that are registered with another MHA.*

*Note: For information on Divisions or Categories that are eligible to affiliate to each other, refer to the 'Affiliation Supplement' on the Hockey Alberta website.*

- 6.4 No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list in a particular Category at any one time during the Season.
- 6.5 All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.
- 6.6 Should a team be re-tiered after the filing of Affiliation and there are affiliates that are no longer from a lower Category, those affiliates will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.

**Should any Team with no remaining Affiliation allotments have less than five (5) eligible Affiliates because of re-tiering, Hockey Alberta may allow the Team to submit new affiliation requests to bring them up to five (5) eligible Affiliate Players.** Requests for consideration must be received by the Minor Administration Coordinator on or before the affiliation deadline of January 15.

- 6.7 Any Player participating in any game as an Affiliate Player without proper filing shall be considered an Ineligible Player and the Team Officials may be subject to discipline.

- 6.8 Teams are permitted to use Affiliate Players in any League, Exhibition, Tournament, Playoff or Provincial game.
- 6.9 Hockey Alberta reserves the right to revoke the eligibility of an Affiliate Player at any time should that player be deemed to strengthen the Team they are affiliated to.
- 6.10 **Participants registered on AAA hockey Teams are ineligible to be registered as Affiliates to teams below the AA category. Participants registered on AA hockey Teams are ineligible to be registered as Affiliates to teams below the A category.**
- 6.11 Female players playing on Minor Hockey teams are permitted to affiliate to Minor Female Teams, and Female players playing on Minor Female teams are permitted to affiliate to Minor Hockey teams.
- 6.12 Providing affiliation has been properly filed, an Affiliated Player may play with the Hockey Team to which the Player is affiliated up to a maximum of ten (10) games, excluding exhibition and tournament games.

Should an affiliated Hockey Player play more than ten (10) games with the Hockey Team to which the player is affiliated, they shall be considered an “Ineligible Player” for the affiliated team. 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.

*Exception:* 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 10<sup>th</sup> game.

- 6.13 All Affiliate Players must be marked as “AP” on the official game report. Appearance of an Affiliate Player’s name on the official game report shall be considered participation in a game.

*Exception:* For an alternate goalkeeper, actual participation in the game shall be the only consideration for taking part in the game. Such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.

## 7. Leagues

- 7.1 Applications to become a sanctioned Minor Female Hockey League must be submitted to Hockey Alberta on or before January 31 to be considered for the subsequent season.
- 7.2 In order for a League to be sanctioned and approved by Hockey Alberta to operate minor hockey for Member MHAs, Leagues shall:
- (a) be an incorporated society in the Province of Alberta;
  - (b) submit their Bylaws, Regulations, and Policies to Hockey Alberta no later than June 30 every three (3) years (*Note: any amendments to League Bylaws, Regulations and Policies must be registered with Alberta Registries and/ or HA prior to implementation*);
  - (c) submit a list of the names and contact information of the officers of the League to Hockey Alberta no later than June 30 of each year.

- 7.3 All Minor Female Hockey Leagues must operate in accordance with their Constitution/ Bylaws, Policies/ Regulations. Upon request, Leagues shall be required to forward to Hockey Alberta a copy of all Minutes of any meeting, whether regular or special.
- 7.4 All games involving League members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta and all Hockey Alberta rules and regulations will apply.
- 7.5 Leagues must ensure that their respective Teams are properly registered in accordance with Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada Regulations.
- 7.6 Teams whose geographical location is outside the jurisdiction of Hockey Alberta, may be considered to participate in a Hockey Alberta Minor Hockey League upon application to Hockey Alberta. Applications will only be considered if the applying team(s) are registered with a Member of Hockey Canada, or USA Hockey.
- 7.7 Leagues shall be permitted to make Bylaws and Regulations that will provide the most efficient administration unless specific provisions are contained in Hockey Canada and/ or Hockey Alberta Constitutions/ Bylaws and Policies/ Regulations.
- 7.8 The Constitution, Regulations and Policies of Minor Hockey Leagues must not contain any provisions which contradict Hockey Alberta Bylaws, Regulations, Policies, standards and/ or operating procedures for Minor Hockey.
- 7.9 Leagues that wish to declare Champions to compete in Provincial or Inter-Branch competition may not make provisions in their Constitutions/ Bylaws and Policies/ Regulations that contravene any eligibility requirements outlined by Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada.

## 8. Minor Hockey Provincial Championships

The Elite Hockey Models provide further information about the participation of Teams in AAA and AA Provincial Championships.

- 8.1 Provincial Championships are for the purpose of determining the championship team in each specific Division and Category.
- 8.2 Hockey Alberta will conduct Minor Female Hockey Provincial Championships for the following Divisions and Categories. Teams that participate within a Hockey Alberta sanctioned Minor Hockey League will be eligible to compete for their chance to participate at the Provincial Championships **at the aligned category**.
- (a) U18 Female “AAA”, “AA”, “**A**” and “**B**”
  - (b) U15 Female “AA”, “**A**”, and “**B**”
  - (c) U13 Female “AA”, “**A**”, and “**B**”

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

- 8.3 Teams that are identified by their League to participate in the Provincial Championships are expected to fulfill that commitment. Any MHA, whose Team(s) does not fulfill their commitment to participate in Provincials shall be ineligible in the subsequent season and



those Team Officials shall be suspended, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year.

An MHA can be reinstated by paying a fine of \$1,000.00 to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year.

At the discretion of Hockey Alberta, if deemed that the Team's participation was impacted by circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/ or the MHA, the fine and/ or suspensions may be waived.

## **9. Exhibition Games**

- 9.1 Sanctioning for Exhibition Games must be obtained through Hockey Alberta's online system for all in-Province exhibition games, as well as out of province exhibition games, and exhibition games with USA Hockey based Teams.
- 9.2 Sanctioning will only be considered for properly registered Teams that are requesting permission to play other Teams that are properly registered with Hockey Alberta, a Hockey Canada Member Branch, USA Hockey, or another IIHF Member Federation.
- 9.3 Games against international Teams, other than games with USA Hockey Teams, must have sanctioning approved by the IIHF, Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta.
- 9.4 Sanctioning for exhibition games may not be approved if there are conflicts with League play, playoffs and/ or Provincials.
- 9.5 Game reports for all exhibition games must be submitted through the online system within 24 hours to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator by the Team (submitted to the League for League Sanctioned Games).
- 9.6 **MHAs that have Teams participate in Exhibition Games without obtaining proper sanctioning may be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and the revoking of sanctioning privileges.**

## **10. Non-Provincial Tournament Rules**

- 10.1 Tournaments within Alberta
  - (a) No MHA, Team or Player registered with HA shall be permitted to participate in any tournament unless it has been sanctioned by Hockey Alberta through the online system, and a sanction number has been provided.
 

MHAs shall request Tournament sanctions at least two (2) weeks' in prior to the event date.
  - (b) In receiving sanctioning, the MHA agrees to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against the team, or members of the Team.
  - (c) For tournaments within Alberta involving Teams from outside Alberta, MHAs must request sanctioning at least sixty (60) days in advance of the tournament.

- (d) No MHA shall accept Teams into a sanctioned tournament that are not registered member Teams of Hockey Alberta, another Hockey Canada member branch, or a Member IIHF Federation.
  - (e) Every Player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered with that Team, or be affiliated to that team. The Team must produce such registration for inspection at all tournaments and the host MHA will verify the eligibility of all Teams and Players in the tournament.
  - (f) All Teams participating in a Tournament must ensure they reschedule and complete any conflicted league, playoff and/ or provincial games. Failure to do so may result in the Team forfeiting any further privileges to participate in Tournaments.
  - (g) When an infraction that carries a suspension occurs in a Tournament, a copy of the official game report and all necessary supporting evidence shall be forwarded to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, League, MHA, and Team involved.
  - (h) 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.
  - (i) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by Referees and Linespersons registered with Hockey Alberta.
  - (j) All sanctioned tournaments will be played under Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules and must comply with Hockey Alberta Bylaws, Regulations, and Policies.
  - (k) No Team or Players may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one (1) day, unless such games are not 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 10:00 p.m.
- (l) Subsequent tournament sanctions may not be issued to any MHA or Team which has been found to have conducted/ participated in a tournament which has not conformed to the applicable Hockey Canada and/ or HA regulations.

**MHAs that have Teams participate in Exhibition Games without obtaining proper sanctioning may be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and the revoking of sanctioning privileges.**

## 10.2 Tournaments Outside Alberta

- (a) No Team shall be permitted to play in any tournament outside Alberta unless it has been provided written permission by Hockey Alberta.
- (b) No Team shall compete in a tournament in another Province or Country unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Hockey Canada Member Branch or IIHF Federation in whose territory the tournament is sanctioned.

- (c) In receiving permission, the MHA agrees to impose and enforce any disciplinary actions necessary against the team, or members of the Team.
- (d) The Hockey Canada Member Branch or IIHF Federation in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose suspensions against Teams, Players, and/ or Team Officials, pending and investigation and action by HA.
- (e) Game reports from all out-of-province Tournament games must be submitted by the Team, within 24 hours, to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, League, and MHA.

## 11. Discipline

- 11.1 For Minor Female Hockey Minimum Suspensions please refer to the Appendices.
- 11.2 Fines – Under no circumstances will an MHA, League or Team be allowed to assess cash fines to Minor Hockey Players for rule or regulation infractions. Violations of this policy will result in discipline as set out in the General Regulations.
- 11.3 The Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions incurred in exhibition games, tournaments, and Provincials.

The League is responsible for issuing and monitoring suspensions for League play.

- 11.4 All Indefinite Suspensions, regardless of the type of game they were incurred in (League, Provincial, Tournament or Exhibition), must be submitted to the appropriate Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator for investigation.

*All Indefinite Suspension investigations shall be handled according to the HA General Regulations.*

- 11.5 All suspensions must be served in the next consecutive League, Tournament, Play-off or Provincial games. Exhibition games do not count as suspended games, and Players cannot play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.
- 11.6 **All Participants (Players, Team Officials, and/ or Officials) that incur a suspension must serve that suspension in the same capacity that it was incurred. Suspended Participants can continue to participate in sanctioned game play in another capacity, and are not eligible to serve suspended games in another capacity.**

*Example: A suspended Player is permitted to continue participating as an Official or Team Official while serving the suspension.*

***Exception: If a Participant is suspended for any 11.4 or 11.5 infraction, they are suspended from all participation until the suspension is completely served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.***

- 11.7 Depending on the jurisdiction (see 12.3 above), the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator or League will issue a suspension notice. The Participants must not participate in any hockey games until a written suspension notice is received.

A suspension notice must specify:

- (i) **the Participant's name;**
- (ii) **the reason/ infraction that the Participant is suspended;**
- (iii) **the number of games the Participant is suspended for;**
- (iv) **which games suspensions can be served in;**
- (v) **reference to the Hockey Alberta Appeals policy.**

- 11.8 Any infractions that involve a Player or Team Official acting against a referee or linesman (Rule 11.5) are handled by the Hockey Alberta Match Penalty Officer(s).
- 11.9 **No suspended Player or Team Official is allowed on the players' bench, in the timekeeper's box or in the penalty box during a game.**
- 11.10 Any Player incurring a suspension with their Registered Team, or a Team they are Affiliated to, must serve the suspension with their Registered Team. Players are not eligible to play with their Registered Team or any Teams they are Affiliated to until the suspension is completely served.

If a Player's Registered Team has finished hockey for the season, the Player would be permitted to serve the remainder of the suspension with a Team they are Affiliated to. All games being served as an Affiliate Player must be listed on a game report.

- 11.11 Any Team Official registered with more than one (1) Hockey Team who incurs a suspension must serve the suspension with the Team that the suspension was incurred with. **A Team Official is eligible to participate with their other registered Team(s) while serving the suspension with the Team the suspension was incurred with.**

***Exception: If a Team Official is suspended for any 11.4 or 11.5 infraction, they are suspended from all participation until the suspension is completely served with the Team with which the suspension was incurred.***

**If the Team the Team Official incurred a suspension with has finished their season, the Team Official would be permitted to serve the remainder of the suspension with their other registered Team. All games being served must be listed on a game report.**

- 11.12 Carry-Over Suspensions - Any player who has not served a suspension from the previous season will have that suspension carried over to the next season.

A Player's MHA may request in writing, to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, to have the suspension deferred for a maximum of three (3) games to allow participation in Exhibition, Pre-Season, Tiering, and/ or Tournament games that take place prior to October 15 (deferred games will not count as games served for the incurred suspension).

Team Officials are not eligible for this exception.

- 11.13 Pre-Season Suspensions - Any Player who received a suspension in a Pre-Season Game may have their MHA request in writing, to the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator, to have the suspension(s) served in the next Pre-Season game(s).

Team Officials are not eligible for this exception.

- 11.14 Any Player or Team Official who is assessed a Game Misconduct or Gross Misconduct penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular League, Playoff, Pre-Season, Tournament or Provincial Game. This is in addition to any other suspensions directed by Hockey Alberta.
- 11.15 Any Team Official who is party to, or had knowledge of, permitting an unregistered or ineligible Player or Team Official to participate in a game shall be suspended until dealt with by HA. The Team may also forfeit any games played while using an Ineligible Player or Team Official.
- 11.16 Any MHA who is party to, or had knowledge of, permitting an unregistered or ineligible Player or Team Official to participate in a game may be fined by HA.
- 11.17 Any Player or Team Official who is party to the falsification of a birth certificate or registration certificate, or who participates under an assumed name, or has knowledge of someone doing so shall be automatically suspended until dealt with by HA.

## **12. Coach Education Requirements**

See the General Regulations for further details.