

# CONSTITUTION, REGULATIONS AND RULES OF COMPETITION HANDBOOK



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# Constitution, Regulations & Rules of Competition

Revised May 3, 2025



“We dedicate ourselves to the advancement of amateur hockey for all individuals through progressive leadership by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe, sportsmanlike environment.”

# HOCKEY MANITOBA

## *President, Boyd Canart*

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On behalf of the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors and staff, it is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2025–2026 hockey season.

Hockey Manitoba proudly remains the largest Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) among the over 70 sports governed by Sport Manitoba. Our ongoing success and vibrancy are direct reflections of the dedicated support, hard work, and passion from each and every one of our members. While hockey might fundamentally be just a sport, its positive influence reaches far beyond the ice, fostering teamwork, personal growth, and lasting friendships throughout Manitoba.

As we prepare for the upcoming season, Hockey Manitoba is committed to maintaining strong partnerships with Hockey Canada and Sport Manitoba, striving to deliver exceptional and comprehensive programs. Our unwavering goal continues to be ensuring a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all participants and their families.

We recognize the challenges inherent in delivering high-quality hockey experiences and remain determined to address these proactively for the benefit of our entire hockey community. Effective governance is essential and continuous improvement is vital. Hockey Manitoba is therefore undertaking a thorough review of our governance practices, with extensive engagement from our membership, to guide our future direction effectively.

Hockey Manitoba is a robust and dynamic organization, dedicated to creating meaningful hockey experiences for thousands of participants across the province. Our diverse programs and competitions are only possible thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Their unwavering commitment within local hockey regions, minor hockey associations, and leagues is fundamental to our collective success.

As Manitoba's foremost and most progressive Sports Governing Body, our commitment remains unchanged: to deliver structured, enjoyable, and secure hockey programs for everyone involved, from beginner players through elite athletes, including all coaches, officials, volunteers, and families.

This handbook is designed to serve as a helpful resource, providing clear insights into Hockey Manitoba's governance and operational structures to guide you through the season.

I am genuinely honored to serve as your President and will continue to lead our organization with dedication, innovation, and a commitment to supporting all our members.

Wishing each of you a memorable, fulfilling, and safe hockey season—I look forward to seeing you around the rink.

Warm regards,  
Boyd Canart, President

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER** *(Subject to change)*

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### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Final date for MHAs and Junior teams to declare themselves operative to Hockey Manitoba.
- 5-7 Women's U18 POE Pre-Championship (Winnipeg, MB)
- 15-Nov U7 Face-Off Festivals (Various)
- 19 Hockey Canada Summer Congress (Virtual)
- 26-28 Boy's U16 POE Pre-Championship (Winnipeg/Steinbach, MB)
- 16-24 National Coaches Week (Canada-wide)
- 26-27 Hockey Manitoba Fall Council (Winnipeg, MB)

### **OCTOBER**

- 1 Final date for submission of Regional/MHA/League Constitutions
- 3-5 Boy's/Men's Officials Development Weekend (Winnipeg, MB)
- 3-5 Boy's U15 AAA Showcase (Winnipeg, MB)
- 3-5 Girl's U15 AAA Showcase 1 (Portage, MB)
- TBD World Girls' Hockey Weekend (Various)
- 15 Final date for submission of minor Provincials Host Applications
- 22-26 WHL Cup (Red Deer, AB)
- 31 Final date for MHAs to submit first half of registration fees

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Final date to obtain Respect in Sport for Parents Certification
- 3-9 National Women's Under-18 Championship (Mount Pearl, NFLD)
- 14-15 Hockey Canada Winter Congress (Toronto, ON)
- 30 Final date for MHAs to submit second half of registration fees

### **DECEMBER**

- 1 Final date to obtain Coaching Certification for Intro Coach, Coach Level, Checking Skills Development 1, Safety and Respect in Sport.
- 1 Final date for submission of Transfer Applications for Minor Aged Players to the Hockey Manitoba office.
- 1 Final date for submission of rosters and Provincials play-off applications for minor teams.

- 1 Final date for the application of inter-regional transfers to Regional Registration Committee.
- 12-14 Thank the Stripes (Branch-wide)
- 12-14 Girl's U15 Showcase 2 (Winnipeg, MB)
- 12-14 Girl's/Women's Officials Development Weekend (Winnipeg, MB)
- 12-14 Girls' Hockey United (Winnipeg, MB)
- TBD World Jr. A Challenge (TBD)
- 15 Final date for filing affiliation agreements (Team on Team).
- 15 Final date for submissions of play-off applications for Senior Teams.

## **JANUARY**

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- 10 Final date for releasing players to be eligible to register up until February 10.
- 10 Final date for Senior AAA and Junior teams to reduce rosters.
- 15 Final date to declare Affiliate Players
- 16-17 Hockey Manitoba Semi-Annual Meeting (Virtual)
- 23-24 Development Weekend (Branch-wide)

## **FEBRUARY**

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- 1 Final date for submission of Overage Applications to Regional Directors.
- 10 Final date for registration of Senior and Junior Players.
- 10 Final date for signing Minor Aged Players released from teams of higher divisions or categories on or before January 10.
- 10 Final date for Inter-Branch Transfers for Senior and Junior Players.
- 14-16 Women's U18 POE - Top-68 Camp (Winnipeg, MB)
- 27 - Mar 1 Provincial Weekend #1 (Various)

## **MARCH**

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- 1-7 Manitoba Winter Games (Thompson, MB)
- 6-8 Provincial Weekend #2 (Various)
- 13-15 Provincial Weekend #3 (Various)
- TBD Boy's U16 POE Spring Camp (Winnipeg, MB)
- TBD Girl's/Women's U16 & U18 POE Spring Tournament (Winnipeg, MB)

## **APRIL**

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- TBD TELUS Cup West Regional (SK)
- TBD Esso Cup West Regionals (MB)
- TBD Senior A Provincials (Various)
- TBD Hockey Manitoba Cup (Winnipeg, MB)
- 10-12 Girl's U13 Prospects Tournament (Portage, MB)
- 19-25 Esso Cup Championship (Moncton, NB)
- 20-26 TELUS Cup Championship (Peterborough, ON)
- 24-26 CCM Rising Stars Cup Tournament (Winnipeg, MB)
- 24-26 Directors' Cup Prospects Tournament (Winnipeg, MB)

## **MAY**

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- 1-2 Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting (Winnipeg, MB)
- TBD U16 Boy's POE Top 40 Camp (Steinbach, MB)
- TBD Centennial Cup (TBD)
- TBD Hockey Canada Spring Congress (TBD)

## **JUNE**

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- TBD U16 Girl's POE - June Development Camp (Winnipeg, MB)
- TBD U18 Women's POE Top 40 Camp (Winnipeg, MB)

**All dates provided are subject to updates/change. Please visit the Events Calendar on the Hockey Manitoba website for up-to-date information.**

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## SECTION A

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### CONSTITUTION

Whereas Hockey Manitoba is a voluntary Association of members and individuals designed to promote and foster amateur hockey through fair play throughout the Province of Manitoba as a designate branch within Hockey Canada. And whereas it is declared that one of the purposes of this Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations shall be to confer upon Hockey Manitoba and its Board of Directors all of the powers of a fully self governing organization. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

#### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the organization for all purposes shall be Hockey Manitoba.

#### ARTICLE 2. JURISDICTION

- a) Hockey Manitoba shall have jurisdiction over all Amateur Hockey in Manitoba as provided by the Constitution and By-laws of Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada.
- b) Hockey Manitoba shall be a member of Hockey Canada.

#### ARTICLE 3. DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR

Hockey Manitoba adopts the definition of an amateur as set forth in Hockey Canada regulations as follows:

An amateur hockey player is one who is not participating in organized professional hockey.

#### ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVES

- a) To encourage and foster Amateur Hockey in the Province of Manitoba.
- b) To promote and encourage the formation of, and to govern all levels of amateur hockey from Under-7 to Senior (all genders) within the Province of Manitoba.
- c) To secure the enforcement of the rules of the game as adopted by this Association, and to decide and adjust all matters in dispute between various clubs affiliated with it.
- d) To conduct matches between the various clubs to determine Hockey Manitoba provincial championships, and the challengers for interprovincial and Hockey Canada Championships.

- e) To develop a planned program of leadership in all areas related to the development of hockey in Manitoba.

## **ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP**

Hockey Manitoba shall be open to membership from the following:

- a) Amateur Hockey Teams
- b) Amateur Hockey Leagues
- c) Amateur Hockey Associations

Operating within the Province of Manitoba, and providing the said Teams, Leagues and Associations are willing to comply and abide with all the rules and regulations of the Association and Hockey Canada.

## **ARTICLE 6. GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The governing of the Association will be under the direction of a President with the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Hockey Manitoba hockey season shall be from September 1st to April 30th, of the calendar year, during which all Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada regulations must be adhered to.

## **ARTICLE 7. ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of Hockey Manitoba will be held no later than the weekend closest to the first day of May of each year at a location and date to be decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

- a) On even numbered years, amendments or alterations can be made to the Constitution at the Semi-Annual Meeting of this Association, after specific notice in writing of 60 days to the Executive Director, and then only by a two-thirds majority of the voting members. The Executive Director shall communicate such proposed amendments or alterations to each member 45 days prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting.
- b) The unanimous vote of the meeting can waive notice of motion to amend the Constitution.

**ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

- a) This Association will adopt, amend, revise or repeal By-Laws and Regulations for the governance of this Association at each Annual General Meeting.
- b) By-Laws and Regulations may be adopted, amended, revised or repealed at a Special or Board of Directors' meeting, in accordance with the methods as set forth thereof in BY-LAW 13.

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## **SECTION B**

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### **BY-LAWS**

#### **BY-LAW 1. MEMBERSHIP**

##### **100. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - TEAM**

- A. Membership in Hockey Manitoba may be acquired by the submission in writing of an application to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba (or their designate) expressing compliance with and adherence to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Manitoba, accompanied by the appropriate fee for membership.
- B. Any application for membership in a division, category, league or program that is not currently defined in the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Competition shall be submitted to the Executive Director and presented to the Board of Directors for approval.
- C. Any membership shall be subject to forfeiture or suspension in the event of failure to comply with any requirement of this Constitution, the By-Laws or Regulations the Directors or the Board of Directors, arising there from. Any suspension, when ratified by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters at any meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be binding until the next Annual Meeting or special meeting of the Association.
- D. That all games played by members and the qualifications of all persons competing as members of the teams shall be in conformity with the By-laws and Regulations of Hockey Manitoba.

##### **101. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Hockey Manitoba conducts annual Branch Championships for categories/divisions of hockey each year. Teams are permitted to enter those championships subject to the following:

- A. All applications by mail, email or fax shall be made by the deadlines set forth in these regulations, and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- B. The Board of Directors of Hockey Manitoba, in conjunction with recommendations from its Councils and Congresses reserves the right to determine the category in

which a team will compete in the Branch Championships, which the Board of Directors, in its absolute discretion shall deem to be in the best interests of the Associations

- C. That by a teams entry into Branch Championships it agrees to abide by all the regulations established for the Championships as contained in the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations set forth herein, or the directions of the Board of Directors arising there from.

## **102. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – LEAGUES**

- A. All Leagues operating within the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba shall be required to register with Hockey Manitoba. There shall not be a fee payable by the League for membership.
- B. All applications for membership shall include the following information:
  - i) a copy of its Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations;
  - ii) a list of the Executive and the League, including addresses, phone numbers, and fax number and e-mail address if available;
  - iii) a list of the members of the League, including the names, addresses, phone numbers and fax number and e-mail address (if available) of the team representatives.
- C. Upon request, Leagues shall be required to forward to Hockey Manitoba office a copy of all minutes of any League meeting, whether regular or special.
- D. Hockey Manitoba registered teams participating in leagues, tournaments or games that are not registered with Hockey Canada are participating in an unsanctioned activity and while they so participate, all privileges of membership are void.
- E. Teams that participate in a League whose geographical location is outside the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba, may only do so in the event that approval has been granted for its participation by the Board of Directors of Hockey Manitoba prior to the commencement of the League. Approval will only be given in the event that all teams participating in the League are registered with a Branch of Hockey Canada, or of USA Hockey.

### 103. SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONS

- A. It is the responsibility of all Regions as defined by Hockey Manitoba, Minor Hockey Organizations defined by By-Law 12 herein, all Area Associations as defined by Hockey Winnipeg, and all leagues shall submit their Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations upon request to the Hockey Manitoba Office for ratification by October 1. Noncompliance in adherence to identified deadline is subject to a \$100 fine.
- B. That in order for Constitutions to be ratified, no provision which would amend existing Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba regulations will be permitted in the following areas:
- i) Registration;
  - ii) Affiliation;
  - iii) Transfers;
  - iv) Insurance;
  - v) Roster Size;
  - vi) Appeals;
  - vii) Suspensions;
  - viii) Coaching Certification

In all other matters, Regions, Leagues or Associations shall be permitted by its Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations to strengthen any provision of Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations for those matters which only affect the Region, League or Association. Strengthening shall be defined as “any provision which places further limits on individuals, teams or associations than currently provided in Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba Constitutions, By-Laws, and Regulations”. The above does not apply to playing rules, which are dealt with in By-Law 16.

- C. That those Leagues who declare Champions that compete in Inter-Branch competition may not make provisions in its Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations that contravene the eligibility requirements of the Inter Branch competition.
- D. That in all other areas, the Regions, Associations or League shall be permitted

to make By-Laws and Regulations that will provide of the most efficient administration of its Region, Association, or League, unless specific provisions are contained in Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba. Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations.

- E. That all Constitutions submitted for ratification shall include the following statement: *That where the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations are inconsistent with the Constitutions, By-Laws, and Regulations of Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba, Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations shall prevail.*
- F. That all Constitutions, By-Laws, and Regulations submitted herein shall be reviewed by the Administration Committee of Hockey Manitoba, or their designate, no later than the Semi-Annual Meeting, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for ratification. The Board of Directors shall either approve the Constitution, or return same for amendments. In the event that amendments are required, the Executive Director shall indicate the areas that require the necessary amendments to its Constitution no later than January 31st, of the current season.
- G. That any Region, League or Association that is required to submit its Constitution for approval, that amends its Constitution during the current playing season after approval of its Constitution has been given herein, shall submit the amendment to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba, who shall refer the amendment to the Member of the Board of Directors in charge of the appropriate category of hockey for review, which shall be approved or rejected at the next Board of Directors Meeting. The amendment shall only be in effect in the event that approval for the amendment has been given. In the event that the amendment has not been approved, the original Constitution submitted for ratification shall be in effect for all matters pertaining herein.
- H. That all other Organizations shall not be required to submit its Constitutions for ratification, but may do so in accordance with the provisions herein.
- I. Each Regional Minor Hockey Association at their Annual Meeting must elect their Executive. Each Minor Hockey Association within the Region must be notified of the Annual Meeting 20 days in advance.

**BY-LAW 2. DUES****200. MEMBERSHIP AND TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

- A. There shall be annual individual membership fees paid each year as determined by the Finance Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. The fee shall be set at the annual meeting.
- B. Teams shall pay an annual team registration fee as determined by the Finance Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. The fee shall be set at the annual meeting.
- C. Any member teams, leagues or associations failing to pay such fees within the prescribed time, shall forfeit all rights associated with membership, including voting privileges, until the fees are paid.
- D. Member teams, leagues or associations failing to pay such fees within the prescribed time, shall be subject to a fine schedule as follows:
  - Missed deadline: \$100
  - 30 days past due: \$200
  - 90 days past due: \$500

**201. LEAGUE/ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION**

- A. Leagues and Associations shall register with Hockey Manitoba by the registration of all their players under its jurisdiction on cards (or roster where applicable) supplied by Hockey Manitoba at a cost as set by the Finance Committee, as ratified by the Board of Directors.
- B. Application for play-offs will be accepted only from those Associations who have registered all their players in this manner.

**202. INSURANCE**

- A. A separate fee as set by Hockey Canada will be assessed at the time of registration for liability, AD&D, Plegia and Medical/Dental Insurance coverage while participating in Hockey Manitoba sanctioned events.

**203. BENEFITS OF REGISTERING WITH HOCKEY MANITOBA**

- A. Opportunity to participate in Provincial Championships.
- B. Ratification of serious league suspensions, thus prohibiting suspended players

from participating in other registered or affiliated leagues.

- C. Access to Hockey Manitoba Resource Centre which includes instruction manuals in coaching, officiating, etc. as well as instructional videos.
- D. Availability of Hockey Manitoba registered and certified officials for league play.
- E. Access to programs in coaching, officiating and player development such as Program of Excellence, Directors Cup, Rising Stars, etc.
- F. Opportunities to participate in overall development of hockey in Manitoba.
- G. Direct liaison with Hockey Canada regarding rule changes, equipment changes, etc.

#### **204. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FEES:**

- A. Officials shall pay an annual registration fee. The amount of these fees will be established by the Board annually.

### **BY-LAW 3. APPEALS AND PROTESTS**

#### **300. APPEAL COMMITTEES AND PROCEDURES**

- A. Any registered participant or member shall have the right to appeal to Hockey Manitoba regarding any dispute, difference or question arising from a decision by Hockey Manitoba or any member where the By Law, Regulation or Policy under which such decision was made grants such a right of appeal. No such appeal to Hockey Manitoba may be taken until the registered participant or member has exhausted all rights of appeal within the program they are registered.
- B. Upon receipt of an appeal in Hockey Manitoba Office, the Executive Director, in consultation with the President, will determine if the appeal meets the requirements in By Law 3, 300. A. and if it does, the President will direct the appropriate Appeal Committee, to be made up of any three members appointed by the Board of Directors, to proceed with the Hearing. Disciplinary hearing committees are also to be made up of any three members appointed by the Board of Directors.
- C. A certified cheque representing a non-refundable administration fee in the amount of \$300.00 plus GST (\$315.00) made payable to Hockey Manitoba, shall accompany all APPEAL and PROTEST applications.

D. An appeal shall:

- i) Be brought within seven (7) business days of the written decision of the organization appealed from.
- ii) be in writing;
- iii) describe, in numbered paragraphs, the decision appealed from, the grounds for appeal, and the relevant facts. Pertinent documents, if any, shall be attached, describe, in numbered paragraphs, the decision appealed from, the grounds for appeal, and the relevant facts. Pertinent documents, if any, shall be attached,
- iv) be filed with the Executive Director;
- v) include the fee described in paragraph C.

### **301. HOCKEY MANITOBA APPEAL HEARING DATES**

- A. Each year Appeal/Suspension Hearings shall be held beginning August 15th, at the discretion of the respective Committee members.

### **302. REGISTRATION APPEALS**

Any Appeal pertaining to registration matters will be processed by the Registration Appeal Committee in conformity with procedures as outlined below.

- A. The Registration Appeals committee shall be made up of three members appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Executive Director shall examine and decide upon all applications for Branch-to-Branch transfers and registration certificates.
- C. An appeal of any decision by the Executive Director may be made by the player, team, or Association concerned. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Executive Director and shall clearly state the grounds for the appeal. The appeal fee must accompany the appeal.
- D. The Executive Director will inform all applicable parties, in writing, of the registration appeal. The corresponding parties will then have 72 hours to submit their position, in writing, to the Executive Director for consideration, including any supporting documentation. The Executive Director will confirm the date the appeal is to be reviewed by the Registration Appeal Committee, and advise all parties accordingly. All information received will be forwarded to the Registration Appeal Committee by

the Executive Director. The Executive Director will provide the Registration Appeal Committee with all documents that lead to his decision, if applicable.

- E. The Registration Appeal Committee shall have the right in considering and determining questions respecting the appeal to act upon any kind of evidence, circumstantial or direct. The committee may suspend a player pending consideration of their case. The committee may consult with the Hockey Manitoba office or any party involved in the appeal as required.
- F. The Registration Appeal Committee shall render a decision in the matter before them no later than 72 hours from the conclusion of the appeal review, and the chair of the committee shall advise the Executive Director of the decision. All parties will be advised, in writing, of the committee's decision by the Executive Director within 72 hours of said decision.
- G. The decision of Hockey Manitoba Registration Appeal Committee shall be binding upon all parties and without right of further appeal, unless new evidence is made available after a decision has been reached, whereupon the Registration Appeal Committee can review their initial decision for reconsideration.
- H. Notwithstanding a Registration Appeal if denied by Hockey Manitoba can also be heard by Hockey Canada if the provisions apply, in which case the appellant would be referred to that body.
- I. Registration Appeal Fees may be refunded at the discretion of the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors.

### **303. DISCIPLINE APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Any member of the Association incurring a suspension as a result of a Hockey Canada/ Hockey Manitoba playing rule infraction who wishes to appeal, shall have their appeal processed by the Hockey Manitoba Discipline Committee in conformity with the procedures as outlined below.

*Note: Appeals for minimum suspensions will not be entertained.*

- A. Any individual wishing to appeal a suspension assessed by a registered league or association must firstly appeal to the registered league or association in question and, if dissatisfied with the decision, may then apply for a hearing before the Hockey Manitoba Discipline Appeal Committee.
- B. Any member assessed a direct suspension by Hockey Manitoba for violation of a

- playing rule (not eligibility) will be entitled to appeal to the Hockey Manitoba Discipline Appeal Committee.
- C. Any member or individual wishing to file an appeal with the Discipline Appeal Committee of Hockey Manitoba shall forward the appeal in writing to the Executive Director, outlining all particulars pertaining to the case. The appeal fee must accompany the appeal.
  - D. The Executive Director will inform all applicable parties, in writing, of the discipline appeal. The corresponding parties will then have 72 hours to submit their position, in writing, to the Executive Director for consideration, including any supporting documentation. The Executive Director will confirm the date the appeal is to be reviewed by the Discipline Appeal Committee, and advise all parties accordingly. All information received will be forwarded to the Discipline Appeal Committee by the Executive Director. The Executive Director will provide the Discipline Appeal Committee with all documents that lead to their decision, if applicable.
  - E. The Discipline Appeal Committee shall have the right in considering and determining questions respecting the appeal to act upon any kind of evidence, circumstantial or direct. The committee may consult with the Hockey Manitoba office or any party involved in the appeal as required.
  - F. The Discipline Appeal Committee shall render a decision in the matter before them no later than 72 hours from the conclusion of the appeal review, and the chair of the committee shall advise the Executive Director of the decision. All parties will be advised, in writing, of the committee's decision by the Executive Director within 72 hours of said decision.
  - G. A further appeal to a sub-committee or reconsideration by a sub-committee made of three members of the Board of Directors (which may include only those members of the Board who have not been involved in the initial appeal) may be allowed. Said appeal or reconsideration shall be filed within 72 hours of receiving notice of the original decision, and must be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$300 plus GST. For the purpose of this appeal, the appellant shall provide a written summary outlining new information that was not filed at the first appeal, or evidence of procedural irregularities that occurred. This appeal SHALL NOT simply be a rehearing

of the evidence previously presented. After the submission of the information, the President of Hockey Manitoba shall determine whether there is sufficient grounds to grant a second Registration Appeal hearing via conference call.

- H. Should a second Discipline Appeal hearing be granted by the President, the timelines and procedures identified in paragraphs D to F above shall apply. All parties reserve the right to be present on the conference call hearing, and the appellant shall have the right to be represented at their option by legal counsel. The Chair of the Committee may request the presence of any individual to provide information, which will assist the Committee in their deliberations.
- I. The decision of the second Hockey Manitoba Discipline Appeal Committee shall be binding upon all parties and without right of further appeal unless Hockey Canada provisions apply in which case the appellant will be referred to that body..
- J. That Hockey Manitoba gives aggrieved on-ice officials the right to appeal. Appeal to be filed within 48 hours after notification of the decision of the abuse of official hearing. That all other discipline appeal procedures shall be in effect including appeal fee. If player was reinstated at the abuse of official hearing or suspension expired prior to hearing the appeal, player shall be permitted to play until such time as a hearing takes place.

### **304. PROTESTS PROCEDURE**

Any member club wishing to file a protest against another member club shall have its request processed by the Hockey Manitoba Protest Committee in accordance with the procedures as outlined below.

- A. Protests, and all evidence in support thereof, must be in duplicate and signed by the President and Secretary of the protesting club. Said documentation must be delivered to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba within 72 hours of the advertised time of the match protested and must be accompanied by the proper fee.
- B. A copy of the said protest and the evidence thereof must be served upon the protested club within 72 hours after the said match. The club protested shall be allowed 72 hours to file a defense and the evidence thereof with the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba. A copy of said defense must be provided to the protesting club by the club protested.
- C. A reply to the said defense may be submitted by the protesting club providing a copy of

said rebuttal is served upon the protested club at least 12 hours before the time fixed for the hearing by the Chair of Hockey Manitoba Protest Committee.

- D. Personal service on any of the recognized Executive Committee Members of a club, or service by post on either the President or Secretary of a club to be considered if it is shown that the evidence has been sent by post in time to reach the protested club within the time limit fixed by the rule. Each of the clubs interested may be represented at the hearing of the protest, however, no member of Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors associated with any of the teams involved may sit in on any protest meeting.
- E. Hockey Manitoba will not entertain a protest from any member over an official's decision as to fact, such as the scoring of goals.
- F. At any stage of such a hearing before Hockey Manitoba Protest Committee, the parties involved shall receive adequate and reasonable notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. Such members shall have the right to be represented in person and at their option to be represented by legal counsel, and shall have the right at such a hearing to make any representation they desire.
- G. The Chair of Hockey Manitoba Protest Committee may request the presence of any individual to provide information which will assist the Committee.
- H. Hockey Manitoba Protest Committee will render a decision in the matter before them no later than 72 hours from the conclusion of the hearing.
- I. The decision of the Committee will be conveyed to the Executive Director of the Association who shall, in turn, advise the parties or the respective teams involved in the dispute by telephone, followed by written confirmation, of the decision.
- J. The decision of Hockey Manitoba Protest Committee shall be binding upon all parties and without the right of further Appeal unless Hockey Canada provisions direct otherwise.

### **305. GENERAL DISPUTES PROCEDURE**

Any member wishing to file an Appeal on any matter not applicable to subsections 302., 303., 304., may have its request processed by Hockey Manitoba General Appeal Committee in accordance with the procedures as outlined below.

- A. The General Dispute Committee will be made up of three members appointed by the Board of Directors.

- B. The assigned General Disputes Committee will serve as the delegated authority as designated by the Board of Directors.
- C. Any member or individual wishing to file an Appeal with the Hockey Manitoba General Dispute Committee pertaining to a subject other than those covered under Registration Appeals, Discipline Appeals or Protests shall forward to the Executive Director of the Association a letter to the attention of the Appeal Board Chair, outlining all particulars of the case. Such letter will be accompanied by the proper fee.
- D. At any stage of such an appeal before Hockey Manitoba General Dispute Committee, such member shall receive adequate and reasonable notice of the hearing of such an Appeal and shall have the right to appear in person and at their option to be represented by legal counsel, and shall have the right at such appeal to make any representation they desire.
- E. The Chair of the Committee may request the presence of any individual to provide information which will assist the committee.
- F. That the applicable Board Member of the category involved, the league and/or region concerned shall be informed at least 48 hours in advance of an appeal, in order that any presentation that said Board Member, league and/or regional association wish to make to the Appeals Committee can be prepared.
- G. Hockey Manitoba General Dispute Committee will render a decision in the matter before them no later than 24 hours from the conclusion of the appeal hearing.
- H. Said decision to be conveyed to the Executive Director who shall, in turn, advise the appellant and the parties concerned by telephone, followed by written confirmation.
- I. The decision of Hockey Manitoba General Dispute Committee shall be binding upon all parties without right of further appeal unless Hockey Canada provisions apply, in which case the appellant will be referred to that body.

### **306. RECOURSE TO THE COURTS**

- A. Any recourse to the Courts of any jurisdiction by any member, or other, before all the rights of appeal and all the rights and remedies of the Constitution and By-laws of the Association shall have been exhausted, shall be deemed to be a violation and breach of these By-laws, and a violation and breach of the Board of Directors decisions, and shall result in the automatic indefinite suspension of membership privileges from Hockey Manitoba games, practices and activities as specifically set out in By-Law 1.100.C.

- B. Any association, league, team, manager, coach or player, or other who has sought court action before exhausting all proper procedures of appeal will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by Hockey Manitoba.
- C. Until full legal costs are paid, at the discretion of the President, the right of membership of the said party will be suspended or excluded of membership privileges.
- D. Any Association, League, team, manager, coach or player, or other who, having exhausted the appeal procedures, and proceeds with court action will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by Hockey Manitoba, should the courts rule in favor of Hockey Manitoba, prior to reinstatement of said party's membership with Hockey Manitoba.

## **BY-LAW 4. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ITS POWERS AND DUTIES**

### **400. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. A single individual may not hold multiple positions with the Hockey Manitoba board and/or councils.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Past-President or Director at Large, Chair of Minor Hockey - Rural, Chair of Minor Hockey - Winnipeg (President or Designate), Chair of Hockey Development, Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey, Chair of Junior Hockey, Chair of Senior/Adult Rec. Hockey and Executive Director (non-voting). The Director of Hockey Development and Director of Business Operations shall attend Board of Directors meetings as additional staff resources.
- C. All Board of Director members, excluding Past President or Director at Large (see 400. D.), shall be elected to two-year terms at the Annual Meeting as follows:
  - Even numbered years: President, Chair of Minor Hockey - Rural, Chair of Hockey Development, Chair of Senior/Adult Rec. Hockey
  - Odd numbered years: Vice President, Chair of Minor Hockey - Winnipeg, Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey, Chair of Junior HockeyEach year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- D. The Past President shall remain on the Board of Directors for a one year term. The President may extend the Past President's term or present a Director at Large for approval by the Board of Directors.

- E. Nominations for Board of Directors positions shall be confirmed by a Nominating Committee composed of the Past President or Director at Large and two other members appointed by the President. Nominations must be submitted 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. An incumbent on the Board of Directors shall indicate their intentions to run for re-election 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- F. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting plenary session. All Council representatives will receive a vote(s) pursuant to the voting structure in each Council, in addition to one vote for the President, Vice-President and Past President or Director At Large.

Minor Council	40 representative votes
Development Council	23 representative votes
Girls'/Women's Council	21 representative votes
Junior Council	9 representative votes
Senior/Adult Rec. Council	8 representative votes
President, Vice President, Past President or Dir. at Large	1 vote each
	<b>TOTAL 104 VOTES</b>

- G. Chair positions on the Board of Directors shall be elected in their respective Council by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting.
- H. All Board of Director members must be elected by an absolute majority of the eligible votes cast. If no winner is declared on the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated from the second ballot, and so on, until one candidate obtains an absolute majority. Individuals nominated for Board of Directors' positions shall be eligible to vote in the corresponding election. Should an individual nominated for a position on the Board of Directors not hold a vote as indicated in 400. F., they will be accredited with a vote by the Nominating Committee (these votes will be added to the total votes as indicated in 400. F.)
- I. Should any vacancy occur on the Board of Directors, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or in the case of a chair position, the Council which is affected. In the event the affected Council is unable to fill the vacancy, the Board of Directors will appoint a replacement for the balance of the season.
- J. i) Board members missing two consecutive meetings may be removed from the

Board of Directors by order of the President and a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors, unless excused by the President.

ii) Any Board member who, by being remiss or neglectful of duty, or by conduct tending to impair their usefulness as a member of the Board of Directors, shall be deemed to have forfeited their position by order of the President and a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors.

- K. At the first Board of Directors meeting of each hockey season, board members will report on all hockey activities they will be involved in during the upcoming season in addition to their duties as a board member, and shall report to the Board of Directors on any new activities that they may become involved in during the season (potential conflict of interest/situations).

#### **401. GENERAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. To formulate, prescribe, alter and amend By-laws and rules for the governance of Hockey Manitoba, not inconsistent with the scope and provisions of its Constitution, to make rulings or decisions on any matter brought before it from any source, and to act as an Advisory Committee to the President.
- B. To appoint the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba.
- C. To grant or refuse applications for membership, in accordance with By Law 100. B., and to suspend or expel any team member or player for proven foul play, or unsportsmanlike conduct, individually or collectively at any place where a hockey game is being played under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba or at any meeting in the interest of the game, for negligence to pay assessments or for persistent infringement of the laws of the games or rules of Hockey Manitoba. The Board of Directors may suspend and/or fine any member(s) for conduct considered detrimental to Hockey Manitoba or the game of hockey, and may suspend or expel any team or member, refusing to accept or obey the ruling of the Board of Directors.
- D. To re-admit by a resolution and a majority vote of the Board of Directors, any club, member or player under suspension.
- E. To amend or alter the regulations governing Hockey Manitoba's Championship competitions, and to supervise and control the matches of Championship competitions.
- F. Assign the Appeal, Discipline, Protest, General Disputes and Maltreatment

Committees that will be made up of three members to serve as the delegated authority of the Board of Directors. .

- G. At the request of any team in Hockey Manitoba, or on its own initiative, to require any team to satisfy to Hockey Manitoba by evidence under Statutory Declaration that such team is being conducted in accordance with the definition of an amateur as set by Hockey Canada.
- H. To determine all questions not provided for in this Constitution or in the regulations of Championship competitions. Three days notice of the hour and place appointed for the consideration of such questions shall be given by the Executive Director to each team interested.
- I. It shall be the bounded duty of each member of the Board of Directors to promptly reply to all notices of meetings, signifying their attendance or non-attendance, and also register their vote on all questions passed for their decision.
- J. Additional duties are defined in the policy and procedures manual.

#### **402. THE PRESIDENT**

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and plenary sessions and shall sit as an ex-officio non-voting member of all Hockey Manitoba Committees, other than those Committees to which they have been appointed, where they shall be entitled to vote. The President shall perform the duties usual to the office of President, and may at their discretion, order the calling of meetings of Hockey Manitoba or its Committees and Councils. It shall also be the duty of the President to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting to discuss the business for the forthcoming year.
- B. In the case of an emergency, the President, in addition to their own powers, shall have the authority of the Board of Directors. Any emergency decision made by the President shall be brought forward to the full Board of Directors within seven days for ratification.
- C. The President shall have the power to a) suspend or b) convene a Committee to inquire as to the actions warranting a suspension of ANY player, coach, manager, game official or official of a team or association for any conduct considered detrimental to hockey for inappropriate conduct on or off the ice, for abusive language to any of the officials or for alleged infraction of the amateur definition.

Such suspension to be effective from the time the President or Board of Directors has dealt with it.

- D. The President shall also have the right to suspend or disqualify any team or individual for failure to comply with the rules and regulations, including bringing the game into disrepute, of any category of hockey conducted by Hockey Manitoba. Such team or individual shall have the right to appeal the decision in accordance with Hockey Manitoba By-laws.
- E. The President shall be the official representative of Hockey Manitoba at the Annual Meeting of Hockey Canada.
- F. Upon each President completing their tenure of office, it will be the privilege of Hockey Manitoba to confer upon them, in recognition of their services, a gold ring, duly made by die for Hockey Manitoba only. This ring shall entitle the qualified owner upon presentation of same, admission to any game or games played under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba.
- G. The Past Presidents of Hockey Manitoba will receive an annual VIP card (season pass) with all the rights and privileges of an honorary member.

#### **403. VICE-PRESIDENT**

- A. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.
- B. The Vice-President shall chair the Finance Sub-Committee and chair committee meetings which determine the financial matters of the organization.

#### **404. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The duties of the Executive Director shall be:

- A. To accept all applications for membership in the association.
- B. To determine all matters of player registration, including the maintenance of a record of the registrations.
- C. To receive all monies of Hockey Manitoba and deposit same in a chartered bank selected by the Board of Directors, and to pay all accounts of Hockey Manitoba, and keep a record of these transactions.
- D. To be responsible for the operation of Hockey Manitoba's office and staff.
- E. Shall not be entitled to a vote at any meeting of Hockey Manitoba, other than

when the Executive Director is appointed to a committee of Hockey Manitoba, where he/she shall have a vote.

- F. Additional duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- G. Additional duties as defined in the policy and procedures manual.

## **BY-LAW 5. COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS**

### **500. ALL COUNCILS**

- A. A single individual may not hold multiple positions with the Hockey Manitoba board and/or councils.
- B. The council Chair would vote with the council and at the Board level..

### **501. REGISTRATION APPEAL COMMITTEE**

- A. The Registration Committee will be made up of three members appointed by Board of Directors.
- B. A subcommittee of three members (other than the Executive Director) chaired by the President or their designate from the Board of Directors, may act in the capacity of the Registration Appeal Committee. The President (or the person they have designated to chair the committee), shall assign the balance of the committee from remaining Board of Director members or Council representatives.
- C. The Registration Appeal Committee will be responsible for hearing matters brought before them involving the registration of members in good standing.

### **502. DISCIPLINE HEARING COMMITTEE**

- A. The Discipline Hearing Committee will be made up of three members appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. A subcommittee of three members (other than the Executive Director) chaired by the President or their designate from the Board of Directors, may act in the capacity of the Discipline Appeal Committee. The President (or the person they have designated to chair the committee), shall assign the balance of the committee from remaining Board of Director members or Council representatives.
- C. The Discipline Appeal Committee will be responsible for hearing matters brought before them involving members who have been suspended for violations of the playing rules (not including eligibility). Said suspensions may have been assessed by Hockey Manitoba, registered provincial leagues or member associations.

**503. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

- A. The Protest Committee will be made up of three members appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The assigned Protest Committee will serve and the delegated authority as designated by the Board of Directors.
- C. The Protest Committee will be responsible for hearing protests from a member club in good standing against another member club.

**504. GENERAL DISPUTE COMMITTEE**

- A. The General Dispute Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Association, chaired by the President.
- B. A subcommittee of three members (other than the Executive Director) chaired by the President or their designate from the Board of Directors, may act in the capacity of the General Dispute Appeal Committee. The President (or the person they have designated to chair the committee), shall assign the balance of the committee from remaining Board of Director members or Council representatives.
- C. The General Dispute Committee will be responsible for hearing matters brought before them not previously provided for under those sections of the Hockey Manitoba Handbook covering Registration Appeals, Discipline Appeals or Protests.

**505. MALTREATMENT COMMITTEE**

- A. The Maltreatment Committee will be made up of three members appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The assigned Maltreatment Committee will serve as the delegated authority as designated by the Board of Directors.
- C. The Maltreatment Committee will be responsible for hearing matters brought before them involving members, who have been suspended for violations of the playing rules under Regulations 11, (not including eligibility). Said suspensions may have been assessed by Hockey Manitoba registered provincial leagues or member associations.

**506. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- A. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to annually establish fees, dues and

any other assessments, in addition to approving the annual operating budget at the Annual Meeting. The Finance Committee will approve the Audited Financial Statements annually at the Fall Council Meeting.

- C. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to examine any question arising out of the finances of Hockey Manitoba, or from any of its teams, leagues, associations or regions, and to take any course of action which may be deemed advisable.
- D. There shall be a Finance Sub-Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President and Executive Director.

#### **507. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The Administration Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and Executive Director. This committee will deal with policy relating to office procedures, staff evaluation and other personnel items.

#### **508. MINOR COUNCIL**

- A. At Hockey Manitoba's Fall Council, Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings a Minor Council meeting shall be held, jointly chaired by the Chair of Minor Hockey – Rural and Chair of Minor Hockey - Winnipeg. Additional Council meetings may be held on authorization of the President.
- B. Minor Council shall consist of the following members and voting structure:
  - Chair of Minor Hockey – Rural (one vote)
  - Chair of Minor Hockey – Winnipeg (one vote)
  - High School Representative (one vote)
  - One regional representative carrying two weighted votes for every 1,500 players registered
  - One elected representative from the Manitoba Under-18 AAA Hockey League board.

## Regional representative voting chart:

# of players registered	# of weighted votes
0 – 1500	2
1501 – 3,000	4
3,001 – 4,500	6
4,501 – 6,000	8
6,001 – 7,500	10
7,501 – 9,000	12
9,001 – 10,500	14

Current regional representative weighted votes are as follows:

Brandon (2), Central Plains (2), Eastman (4), Interlake (2), Norman (2), Parkland (2), Pembina Valley (4), Westman South (2), Winnipeg (14), Yellowhead (2).

TOTAL MINOR COUNCIL VOTES = 40

- C. The Executive Director will confirm the number of registered players every three years (next in 2025 – 2026), and regional representative voting will be adjusted accordingly.
- D. The Chair of Minor Hockey – Rural and Chair of Minor Hockey – Winnipeg shall each be elected by Minor Council to two-year terms at the Annual Meeting in every even numbered year. Each year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- E. Each minor hockey region shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their elected representative in Minor Council annually by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- F. The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their elected representative in Minor Council by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- G. Minor Hockey Associations in good standing will have speaking privileges at all Minor Council meetings.
- H. Minor Council shall be the major decision making body for mixed Minor regulations

and competitions. Additional Council responsibilities are outlined in the policies and procedures manual.

### **509. DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

- A. At Hockey Manitoba's Fall Council, Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings a Development Council meeting shall be held, chaired by the Chair of Hockey Development. Additional Council meetings may be held on authorization of the President.
- B. Development Council shall consist of the following members and voting structure:
- Chair of Hockey Development (one vote)
  - Director of Officiating (one vote)
  - Master Mentor Coach (one vote)
  - One regional representative (two weighted votes each)

TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL VOTES = 23

- C. The Chair of Hockey Development shall be elected by Development Council to a two-year term at the Annual Meeting in every even numbered year. Each year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- D. Each minor hockey region shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their elected representative in Development Council annually by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- E. The Board of Directors will consider names brought forward by the Chair of Hockey Development for the Director of Officiating position. These positions will be appointed by the Board of Directors to two-year terms at the Annual Meeting in every even numbered year. Each year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- F. Development Council shall be the major decision making body for Development programs and initiatives, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Additional Council responsibilities are outlined in the policies and procedures manual.

### **510. GIRLS'/WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

- A. At Hockey Manitoba's Fall Council, Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings a Girls'/

Women's Council meeting shall be held, chaired by the Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey. Additional Council meetings may be held on authorization of the President.

- B. Girls'/Women's Council shall consist of the following members and voting structure:
- Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey (one vote)
  - Two representatives from the Winnipeg Women's Hockey League (one vote each)
  - Two representatives from the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League (one vote each)
  - One regional representative (Nine rural regions one vote each, Winnipeg region six weighted votes)
  - One representative from the Manitoba Women's Under-18 Hockey League (one vote)

TOTAL GIRLS'/WOMEN'S COUNCIL VOTES = 21

- C. The Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey shall be elected by Girls'/Women's Council to a two-year term at the Annual Meeting in every odd numbered year. Each year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- D. Each minor hockey region shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their elected representative in Girls'/Women's Council annually by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- E. The Winnipeg Women's Hockey League and Manitoba Junior Women's Hockey League shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their two elected representatives in Girls'/Women's Council by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- F. Minor Hockey Associations, Junior Women's and Senior Women's teams in good standing will have speaking privileges at all Girls'/Women's Council meetings.
- G. Girls'/Women's Council shall be the major decision making body for Girls'/Women's regulations and competitions. Additional Council responsibilities are outlined in the policies and procedures manual.

## 511. JUNIOR COUNCIL

- A. At Hockey Manitoba's Fall Council, Semi Annual and Annual Meetings a Junior

Council meeting shall be held, chaired by the Chair of Junior Hockey. Additional Council meetings may be held on authorization of the President.

- B. Junior Council shall consist of the following members that will each receive one vote unless otherwise noted:
- Chair of Junior Hockey
  - Two representatives from each recognized level of Junior hockey (Junior A, Junior B, Junior C and MMJHL). Should two leagues exist at any level, representation shall be split between the leagues. Should more than two leagues exist at any level, two representatives shall be elected by the applicable leagues.

TOTAL JUNIOR COUNCIL VOTES = 9

- C. The Chair of Junior Hockey shall be elected by Junior Council to a two-year term at the Annual Meeting in every odd numbered year. Each year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- D. Each recognized Junior league as outlined in 511. B. shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their elected representative(s) in Junior Council annually by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- E. Junior teams in good standing will have speaking privileges at all Junior Council meetings.
- F. Junior Council shall be the major decision making body for Junior regulations and competitions. Additional Council responsibilities are outlined in the policies and procedures manual.

## 512. SENIOR/ADULT REC. COUNCIL

- A. At Hockey Manitoba's Fall Council, Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings a Senior/Adult Rec. Council meeting shall be held, chaired by the Chair of Senior/Adult Rec. Hockey. Additional Council meetings may be held on authorization of the President.
- B. Senior/Adult Rec. Council shall consist of the following members that will each receive one vote unless otherwise noted:
- Chair of Senior/Adult Rec. Hockey
  - Two Senior Directors-at-Large
  - One representative from each recognized Senior league (MEHL, SEMHL, THHL, CSHL, NCHL)

- One representative from each registered Senior AAA team in current season (non-voting)
- One representative from Canlan Ice Sports (non-voting)  
TOTAL SENIOR/ADULT REC. COUNCIL VOTES = 8
- C. The Chair of Senior/Adult Rec. Hockey shall be elected by Senior/Adult Rec. Council to a two-year term at the Annual Meeting in every even numbered year. Each year of the term begins on June 1st and ends on May 31st.
- D. Each recognized Senior league as outlined in 512. B. shall notify Hockey Manitoba of their elected representative in Senior/Adult Rec. Council annually by June 1st for the upcoming season.
- E. Senior Directors-at-Large shall be appointed to one-year terms by the remaining voting members of Senior/Adult Rec. Council annually at the Annual Meeting.
- F. Senior/Adult Rec. teams in good standing will have speaking privileges at all Senior/Adult Rec. Council meetings.
- G. Senior/Adult Rec. Council shall be the major decision making body for Senior/Adult Rec. regulations and competitions. Additional Council responsibilities are outlined in the policies and procedures manual.

## **BY-LAW 6. MEETINGS**

### **600. NOTICE & ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. All meetings of the Association and its Committees shall be called by the Executive Director, on order of the President.
- B. If the Directors or Members call a meeting of Members, those Directors or Members, as the case may be, may determine that the meeting shall be held entirely by means of telephonic, electronic, or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.
- C. Notice of all meetings of Hockey Manitoba shall be sent by the Executive Director to each member entitled to attend said meetings and shall be emailed to the last known address of said individuals, not less than 30 days prior to the holding of such meetings. Said member shall advise the Executive Director whether they shall be attending at least one week prior to the meeting date.

- D. At all meetings of Hockey Manitoba, its Councils and Committees, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members entitled to be present. Weighted votes are not considered when establishing quorum.
- E. At all Board of Directors meetings and Plenary Sessions of Hockey Manitoba the following shall be the order of business:
- i) Presentation of delegates' credentials.
  - ii) President's address.
  - iii) Report of credentials committee (if required).
  - iv) Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
  - v) Business arising out of minutes.
  - vi) Financial report
  - vii) Executive Director's report including registration.
  - viii) Board of Directors reports
  - ix) Master Mentor Coach & Officials' Development Committee reports
  - x) Council Reports
  - xi) Resolutions (Annual General Meeting)
  - xii) New Business
  - xiii) Elections (Annual General Meeting)
  - xiv) Adjournment
- F. The Board of Directors of the Association shall be entitled, at all times, to participate in any Council or Committee discussions.
- G. Meetings may be held upon shorter notice than required by these By-Laws, provided waivers of notice shall be given in writing by all of the members.
- H. Representatives at all Council and Committee meetings shall be members in good standing of the committee, association, league or region which they represent. Voting by proxy is prohibited, however representatives may assign voting rights to another individual (whom also represents the applicable group as noted above), with the exception of the Board of Directors, if notice is given to the Executive Director at least one week prior to the meeting. This notice must be submitted in writing (by applicable form), signed by the representative and approved by the

Executive Director. The individual assigned voting rights as indicated above may not hold any other vote in the Council or Committee.

- I. Copies of the minutes of all meetings of this association shall be emailed by the Executive Director as expeditiously as possible after such meetings to the members of the Board of Directors and to those members recorded as being eligible to vote at said meetings. In like manner copies of the minutes of the Committee Meetings shall be sent to the members of said committee.
- J. In the interval between Hockey Manitoba meetings, any action that might lawfully be taken at a regular or special meeting may be taken by e-mail vote, provided that where this Constitution calls for a majority vote, the vote so taken to be effective must be majority of all members of Hockey Manitoba entitled to vote, and where this Constitution calls for a two-thirds majority, the vote so taken to be effective must be a two-thirds majority of all members of Hockey Manitoba entitled to vote.
- K. Rules of Order at all meetings:
  - i) All motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast unless otherwise provided in the Constitution. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be considered defeated.
  - ii) An accredited delegate or representative may speak twice on the same subject and may not speak to the subject again without special permission of the Chair.
  - iii) No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment.
  - iv) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table or amend, and those motions shall take precedence in the order named.
  - v) An amendment which entirely changes the subject of the original motion shall not be entertained as an amendment or substituted for the motion under debate.
  - vi) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put forth by the Chair.
  - vii) Rules of Order not outlined in the Hockey Manitoba Constitution or By-laws

will revert to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The presiding Chair will determine all matters pertaining to Rules of Order at all Hockey Manitoba meetings.

- L. Officials of Hockey Canada National Office may be permitted to attend this Association's Board of Directors meetings at the request of the President.

### **601. ANNUAL MEETING**

- A. Hockey Manitoba will accept submissions for hosting of Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting by April 1st of the year prior to hosting of Annual Meeting.
- B. The Annual Meeting will consist of Plenary Sessions, Council Meetings, Board of Directors Meetings and Committee meetings upon the order of the President. Elections for Board of Directors' positions will be held at the Annual Meeting every even numbered year, in addition to consideration of Notice of Motions submitted in accordance with By-law 13, for amendment of By-laws, Regulations and Rules of Competition.
- C. Each delegate or representative must present to the Credentials Committee, which shall be appointed by the President prior to the opening of the meeting, confirmation of their appointment. The Credentials Committee shall give each accredited delegate or representative a coloured card to be used when voting on any motion presented.
- D. The Nominating Committee will bring forward at least one name for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chair of Minor Hockey – Rural, Chair of Minor Hockey – Winnipeg, Chair of Hockey Development, Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey, Chair of Junior Hockey and Chair of Senior/Adult Rec. Hockey. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with By Law 4, 400. E.
- E. During elections, the Credentials Committee will count the votes and one of the same will make the announcement of the results of the elections. A candidate is considered elected by an absolute majority of the eligible votes cast. If no winner is declared on the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated from the second ballot, and so on, until one candidate obtains an absolute majority. Individuals nominated for Board of Directors positions shall be eligible to vote in the corresponding election.

### **602. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

A meeting of the Board of Directors, Plenary Sessions, Council Meetings and Committee

Meetings upon order of the President, whereby regular business is conducted.

### **603. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SPECIAL MEETINGS**

- A. There shall be at minimum four Board of Directors meetings annually including the Fall Council Meeting, Semi-Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting and Planning Meeting. The time frames for these meetings are:
  - i) Fall Council Meeting - last weekend of September
  - ii) Semi-Annual Meeting – third weekend of January
  - iii) Annual Meeting – first weekend of May
  - ii) Planning Meeting – second weekend of June
- B. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be held upon the order of the President.
- C. Special Meetings and General Meetings may be called upon the order of the President. General meetings shall be open and all other meetings will be limited to members thereof.

### **604. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- A. Committee and Council Meetings shall be called by the respective Chair on authorization of the President, and will be limited to members thereof and such other person/persons as may be invited by the Committee or Council to attend.
- B. The process for dealing with motions annually at the Semi Annual Meeting will be as follows:
  - i) A Resolutions Sub-Committee consisting of the President, the five Council Chairs, the Vice President, Past President/Member at Large, and Executive Director (non-voting) shall review the motions properly submitted for consideration at the Annual General Meeting to determine which Council(s) should deal with which motions.
  - ii) Motions relative to an individual Council shall be voted upon in that Council, and if approved, finalized in that Council.
  - iii) Motions relative two Councils shall be dealt with by both Councils. Votes from both Councils will be added to determine result. If approved, the motion is finalized.

- iv) Motions relative to more than two Councils must come to the Board of Directors for consideration. Each Council Chair will bring forward their respective Council's position. The results will be made available to all delegates and representatives prior to the end of the Annual General Meeting.
- v) The Resolutions Sub-Committee may deem that any motion relating to a specific Council(s) that has been amended must come to the Board of Directors for ratification.
- vi) At the first Plenary session of the Annual General Meeting, individual Councils that wish to deal with a motion not so designated to them by the Resolutions Sub-Committee, shall indicate its reason for wanting to deal with the motion, and if approved by the Board of Directors, shall be permitted to deal with the motion.

## **BY-LAW 7. VOTING**

### **700. VOTING PROCEDURES**

- A. The President shall be allowed to cast their vote on all decisions at meetings of the Board of Directors. Similarly, the Chair of any Committee or Council shall be allowed to cast their vote on all decisions affecting said Committee or Council.
- B. In the event of a tied vote, the motion shall be considered defeated.
- C. No delegate or representative can carry more than one vote (weighted votes excluded) at any meeting of Hockey Manitoba.
- D. At all meetings of Hockey Manitoba (including Board of Directors, Councils and Committees), voting shall be by a show of hands, unless the Chair of the meeting decides upon a ballot.
- E. Decision shall be by the majority of votes cast, unless the favourable vote of a larger proportion of the votes is required by the Constitution and/or By-laws.
- F. A vote of the Board of Directors cannot be taken to change or amend the regulations other than at the Annual General Meeting or Special Board of Directors meeting.
- G. Any matter which could be voted upon by any Committee of Hockey Manitoba in session, may be submitted to the members of such Committee by e-mail, and

the members shall vote thereon in like manner, a majority in accordance with these By-laws of the votes thus recorded with the Executive Director shall decide the matter. Such e-mail vote shall be taken by the Executive Director under the direction of the President and the ballots of each member must be preserved by the Executive Director and shall remain confidential. The following procedures shall be used by any vote herein:

- i) Email will be used, with seven (7) days allowed for the member to submit their ballot.
  - ii) Each member must return their ballot either for, against or abstaining.
  - iii) Once a vote has been cast it cannot be changed.
  - iv) Within twenty-four (24) hours from the closing of the vote, the Executive Director shall advise the members of the Committee the result of the vote.
- H. All members of a Committee other than an ex-officio member shall be entitled to a vote on all Committee business.
- I.
  - i) All voting delegates on the Board of Directors (under By-Law 4,401. A.) must be present at the time of the Board of Directors Meeting or Plenary session to receive a voting card. Voting by proxy is prohibited.
  - ii) All voting representatives on Councils or Committees must be present at the time of the respective meeting to receive a voting card. Voting by proxy is prohibited, however representatives may assign voting rights to another individual as indicated in By-law 600. H.
- J. A motion to amend the Hockey Manitoba Constitution, By-laws and/or Regulations can be made by:
- i) Properly registered members in good standing eligible to vote on the Board of Directors, in Councils or Committees.
  - ii) Board of Directors, Councils or approved Committees of Hockey Manitoba.
  - iii) Life Members and Past Presidents
- K. Representatives (those eligible to vote other than Board of Director members) may only submit motions for consideration that are approved by the respective group they represent (i.e. region, league or committee). Minutes of said motion's approval must accompany the submission of the motion to Hockey Manitoba.

- L. All motions applicable to regions, league or committees should be voted on in accordance with their Constitution and By-laws, and representatives bring forward their position to Hockey Manitoba meetings.
- M. The giving of Notice provided herein may be waived at any meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors eligible to vote as indicated under By-law 4, 401. Board of Director positions that are vacant will not be considered as an eligible vote, however, Board of Director members that are not in attendance will be included as an eligible vote.
- N. Adoptions, amendments, revisions or repeals to the Hockey Manitoba Constitution may be entertained in even years by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors eligible to vote as indicated under By-Law 4, 401. A. Board of Director positions that are vacant will not be considered as an eligible vote, however, Board of Director members that are not in attendance will be included as an eligible vote.

#### **BY-LAW 8. FINANCIAL**

- 800.** A. All monies received by the Association from any source, except as otherwise provided, shall be used for the expenses and objectives of this Association by the Finance Committee subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- B. A budget providing for the expenses of the Association for the following fiscal year shall be submitted by the Finance Committee for the consideration of the Board of Directors.
  - C. Expenses of all those entitled to expenses shall be paid to meetings of the Association which they are required to attend. The payment of economy airfare, or mileage (both ways), whichever is cheaper. The minimum mileage reimbursement for all members that are eligible including Hockey Manitoba events/programs/meetings, league and association travel at 45 cents/km. Total travel reimbursement should be measured and paid door to door. Delegates from the same centre are expected to travel together wherever possible. Per diem for meals shall be \$10.00 for breakfast, \$15.00 for lunch, and \$25.00 for dinner. Lodging per diem shall be according to the rate negotiated between the Branch and the hotel.
  - D. Necessary expenses incurred by said members in the performance of Branch business shall be paid upon presentation of expense voucher and receipts.

**BY-LAW 9. GAME OFFICIALS****900. REGISTRATION**

- A. Only registered officials may be used in competitions under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba.
- B. To become a registered official, one must attend one officiating clinic each year, and complete all components of the clinic curriculum.
- C. The President or his delegate may revoke a registration for cause.
- D. It is compulsory for all game officials to wear CSA approved hockey helmets, the helmet shall have attached an approved CSA visor.
- E. Officials must wear the Official Hockey Manitoba crest only when officiating games played under the auspices of Hockey Manitoba. Wearing of additional crests would only be approved by the Board of Directors of Hockey Manitoba.
- F. Fee scale for games shall be as specified under the regulations for various divisions.

**901. MATCH PENALTIES**

- A. All Match Penalties involving Physical Abuse of Officials must be reported to the Chair of the category involved immediately after the game, and shall forward by Email or fax, the game report and incident report to the Executive Director within 24 hours of the announced start time for the game.
- B. The person assessed the Match penalty for Abuse of an Official shall have a Hearing which may be conducted in person or by conference call.
- C. This procedure applies to all leagues, associations, and divisions of play within Hockey Manitoba.
- D. Anyone who receives a Match Penalty for Abuse of an Official shall be indefinitely suspended until their case is dealt with.

**BY-LAW 10. DEFAULT MATCH**

- 1000.** A Any club or team intending to default a match, series, or part there of including any games leading to and including a consolation or championship series must submit in writing, duly signed by the President and Secretary of said club or team, notification of same to the Convener, the Secretary of the opposing club(s) or team(s) and the Executive Director at least seven days clear notice in advance of the series starting date.

- B. Any club or team intending to default from a Regional Hockey Manitoba series or tournament shall submit in writing, to Hockey Manitoba Office, their intent by February 1st, of the current year. Such submission shall be signed by the Club or Team President.
- C. Any team failing to comply with B. herein shall be imposed a fine of \$200.00, and shall be prohibited from participating in any activity until the fine is paid.
- D. Any club or team defaulting any match or series without following the provisions herein shall be barred from further play-off competition and suspended indefinitely and subject to further penalties, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.
- E. Any club suspended herein shall be duly notified of the suspensions imposed by the Board of Directors.
- F. Any club withdrawing from Hockey Manitoba playoffs after acceptance at the Semi-Annual meeting will be subject to immediate discipline by the Chair of the appropriate category and shall further have their case reviewed at the Annual Meeting where further penalties may be imposed.
- G. Failure to comply with any directive of the Board of Directors within two weeks of the receipt of said directive shall result in the club or team being struck from the membership roll of Hockey Manitoba.
- H. A club or team defaulting any match in a series shall be barred from further competition in the series, or any consolation series. All such scheduled matches played by said clubs shall be counted as played and all unlauted matches shall count as wins for the teams against whom they had defaulted.

*Note: Copy of Forfeiture Policy can be obtained by League, Region or Hockey Manitoba office.*

## **BY-LAW 11. LIFE MEMBERS**

- 1100.** Past Presidents of the Association shall become Life Members of Hockey Manitoba and members of the Advisory Board, and shall be invited to attend General and Board of Directors' meetings.
- B. The Immediate Past President shall be the Chair of the Advisory Board, which can be called upon from time to time to consider and report on any question submitted to them by the President or the Board of Directors.

- C. Hockey Manitoba may, at any Annual Meeting, on the recommendation of the Advisory Board appoint not more than two members who have given outstanding service to hockey, to Life Membership in Hockey Manitoba.

### **BY-LAW 12. AGREEMENTS WITH DIVISIONS OF HOCKEY MANITOBA**

- 1200.** Under the authority of Hockey Manitoba, and in conformity with the provisions of By-law 1, the following Minor Hockey Associations shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction over minor hockey within those areas as defined in their respective Constitutions as approved by Hockey Manitoba: Hockey Winnipeg  
Hockey Brandon

### **BY-LAW 13. AMENDMENTS**

- 1300.** A. Hockey Manitoba at any Annual General Meeting, Special or Board of Directors meeting may adopt, amend, revise or repeal By-Laws or Regulations for the governance of Hockey Manitoba, in accordance with Constitution Article 8 a) and 9 a), and b) upon the affirmative majority vote of the members present voting at such meeting. No decision shall be made by the Board of Directors by way of adoption, amendment or revision or repeal, (but this shall not limit any Annual General or Special Meeting) which decision so made shall constitute a breach of any by-law, regulation or playing rule.
- B. Notwithstanding the above, Resolutions to adopt, amend, revise, repeal any of the By-Laws or Regulations of Hockey Manitoba will only be considered at Hockey Manitoba's Annual General Meeting held every year.
- C. Any amendment or change in the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or playing rules of Hockey Manitoba shall automatically amend or change the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulation or playing rules of Hockey Manitoba, and shall not be negated by reason of error or omission.
- D. Any such adoption, amendment, revision or repeal made at any Annual General or Special Meeting (other than a Board of Directors meeting), shall not be made unless notice in writing thereof has been given to the Executive Director of the Association at least 60 days prior to the holding of such meeting and subsequently communicated by the Executive Director to the members attending said meeting at least 45 days prior to the holding of said meeting.
- E. A motion to amend the Hockey Manitoba Constitution, By Laws and/or Regulations

can be made by the following:

- a) Properly registered members in good standing eligible to vote in Councils, Congress and/or Plenary Session
  - b) Life Members and Past Presidents
  - c) Hockey Manitoba Committees & Councils
- F. When an amendment has been made at the previous Annual General Meeting, such change shall be effective on June 1st, and will remain effective for a period of at least one-year, unless the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote amends or rescinds such amendment or addition.
  - G. Any amendments made to the Regulations, By-Laws, or playing rules made by the Board of Directors must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.
  - H. The giving of Notice provided herein may be waived at any meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors eligible to vote as indicated under By-Law 4, 401. A Board of Director positions that are vacant will not be considered as an eligible vote, however, Board of Director members that are not in attendance will be included as an eligible vote.
  - I. Adoptions, amendments, revisions or repeals to Hockey Manitoba By-Laws or Regulations may be entertained at the Semi Annual Meeting in any year per the Hockey Manitoba Constitution.
  - J. Adoptions, amendments, revisions or repeals to the Hockey Manitoba Constitution may be entertained in even years by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors eligible to vote as indicated under By-Law 4, 401. A Board of Director positions that are vacant will not be considered as an eligible vote, however, Board of Director members.

#### **BY-LAW 14. HOCKEY MANITOBA REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLAY-OFFS**

**1400.** A Board of Directors Member of Hockey Manitoba, or designate selected by the President will travel with teams representing Hockey Manitoba in Hockey Canada Inter-Branch competition and have full authority over team officials and players.

#### **BY-LAW 15. VARYING EXISTING PLAYING RULES**

**1500.** A. That any League or Association wishing to vary an existing Hockey Canada or

Hockey Manitoba playing rule shall submit in writing to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba a request for the variation, which may only be implemented if approved by the Board of Directors of Hockey Manitoba.

- B. That any League or Association shall be permitted to enact regulations that would permit the League or Association to issue a suspension for the accumulations of penalty minutes for Misconducts/Game Misconducts. These suspensions for accumulations may, at the discretion of the League or Association, be enforced in League or Association games only.

### **BY-LAW 16. MATCH PENALTIES OTHER THAN FOR ABUSE OF AN OFFICIAL, AND GROSS MISCONDUCTS, AND RELATED DISCIPLINE**

- 1600.** A. All Match Penalties, other than for Abuse of an Official, and Gross Misconducts, shall be reported to the Chair of the division immediately after the game by telephone, or the Executive Director if the Board of Directors Member cannot be reached. The game sheet, and incident report shall be filed within 24 hours of the announced start time for the game.
- B. In Minor Hockey, the above report, and contact, would be made to the Regional Director in the Region where the game was played, who would be empowered to make decisions if both teams were from the Directors' region.
- C. In Minor Hockey, in the event that the game involved teams from two separate regions, the matter shall be referred by the Directors of the Region where the game was played, who shall forward the report on to the Director of the Region where the player is registered within 24 hours of notification by the official.
- D. In any tournament, players receiving a Match Penalty, or Gross Misconduct, shall be suspended for the balance of the Tournament or until dealt with by the appropriate Director. This includes all provincial play-offs where the tournament format is used to determine a champion.
- E. That all suspensions herein, shall be assessed in accordance with the MINIMUMS established in Section M herein. However, in situations where the Directors of Hockey Manitoba are authorized to handle the suspension, they are only hereby empowered to assess a suspension that would result in suspension not exceeding five games as set forth in Section M, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate Board of Directors Member for decision on any further suspension.

- F. That for the purposes of the suspensions contained in Section L herein, the reference to second offense shall mean any Match Penalty, or Gross Misconduct, received within 1 calendar year from the date of the initial infraction

***NOTE: THEREFORE, ANYONE ASSESSED A MATCH PENALTY OR GROSS MISCONDUCT SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER MATCH PENALTY OR GROSS MISCONDUCT FOR one CALENDAR YEAR TO BE TREATED AS BEING A FIRST OFFENCE.***

- G. That the above procedure shall be binding upon all Leagues, Associations, or divisions of play within Hockey Manitoba.
- H. That those Board of Directors Members or Directors responsible for Discipline herein shall file within 48 hours an incident report with Hockey Manitoba, so an index of those who have been assessed suspensions may be maintained by the Association.
- I. For all other items of Discipline not dealt with herein, or Hockey Canada Playing rules, shall be the responsibility of the League or Association involved. However, at any stage, the League or Association may request that Hockey Manitoba be responsible for conducting the appropriate disciplinary hearing, and impose any suspension necessary.
- J. For all items of Discipline that have been dealt with herein, an Appeal shall lie with the Discipline Appeal Committee in accordance with the By-Laws of Hockey Manitoba.

## HOCKEY MANITOBA REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

### BRANDON

Brandon City Limits

### CENTRAL PLAINS

*North Boundary* From intersection of Hwy. 5 and PR 261, East on PR 261 to the shoreline of Lake Manitoba.

*West Boundary* From intersection of Hwy. 5 & PR 261, South on Hwy. 5 to PR 352, PR 352 straight line South to Hwy. 2.

*South Boundary* Hwy. 2, between PR 352 and 100 East to the City limits.

*East Boundary* From shoreline of Lake Manitoba South on PR 430 to North Boundary of the RM of St. Francois Xavier, East to the West boundary of the RM of Headingley, South along the West boundary of the RM of Headingley to the North boundary of the RM of MacDonald East to the Winnipeg City limits.

### EASTMAN

*North Boundary* 53rd Parallel.

*West Boundary* From 53rd Parallel South along East Shoreline of Lake Winnipeg to Beaconia East to Hwy. 59, Hwy. 59 South to the Northern limits of the RM of East St. Paul, South along the East limits of the RM of East St. Paul to the floodway, floodway South to Hwy. 75, Hwy. 75 South from South City limits to PR 305, PR 305 East to the Red River, Red River South to Hwy. 23, Hwy. 23 East to Hwy. 200, Hwy. 200 South to the Canada/US border.

*South Boundary* Canada/U.S.A. Border.

*East Boundary* Manitoba/Ontario Border.

### INTERLAKE

*North Boundary* 53rd Parallel.

*West Boundary* Hwy. 6 South from 53 rd parallel to PR 328, from PR 328. South along East shoreline of Lake Manitoba to PR 430, PR 430 to North Boundary

	of the RM of St. Francois Xavier, East along North Boundary of RM of St. Francois Xavier to PR 334.
<i>South Boundary</i>	From PR 430 East along the Northern boundary of RM of St. Francois Xavier, along the Northern boundary of the RM of Headingley, North along the Winnipeg City limits to the Western boundary of the RM of West St. Paul, East along the Northern boundary of the RM of West St. Paul to the Western boundary of the RM of St. Andrews.
<i>East Boundary</i>	West Boundaries of the RM of East St. Paul and St. Andrews and extending North to Hwy. 17, Hwy. 17 East to West Shoreline of Lake Winnipeg.

## **NORMAN REGION**

All the area of Manitoba north of the 53rd parallel

### **PARKLAND**

<i>North Boundary</i>	53rd Parallel
<i>West Boundary</i>	Manitoba/Saskatchewan border
<i>South Boundary</i>	Starting at the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border, follow the Municipal Boundary due East to PR 359, East on PR 359 to PR 476. PR 476 North (Angusville Road) to the South Boundary of Riding Mountain National Park.  Park Boundary East to Hwy. 10, Hwy. 10, South to Hwy. 19, Hwy. 19 East to Hwy. 5, Hwy. 5 South to Hwy. 261, Hwy. 261 East to Shoreline of Lake Manitoba.

### **PEMBINA VALLEY**

<i>North Boundary</i>	Hwy. 2 between Hwy. 5 and Hwy. 101, Hwy. 101 East to Winnipeg City limits, City limits East to Hwy. 75.
<i>West Boundary</i>	Hwy. 5 from Hwy. 2 South to USA/Canada Border.
<i>South Boundary</i>	Canada/U.S.A .Border.
<i>East Boundary</i>	Hwy. 75 South from South City limits to PR 305, PR 305 East to Red River, Red River South to Hwy. 23, Hwy. 23 East to Hwy. 200, Hwy. 200 South to US/Canada border.

**WESTMAN SOUTH**

*North Boundary* PR 257 East from Saskatchewan Border to Hwy. 83 North to Hwy. 1, Hwy. 1 to PR 352.

*West Boundary* Manitoba/Saskatchewan Border

*South Boundary* Canada/U.S.A. Border

*East Boundary* From intersection of Hwy. 1 & PR 352 straight south to Hwy. 2 West to Hwy. 5 South to the Canada/US border.

*Note: The Town of Oak Lake is in the Westman South Region.*

**WINNIPEG**

Please contact Hockey Winnipeg for a more complete and detailed description. The Hockey Winnipeg office number is (204) 784-5454.

**YELLOWHEAD**

*North Boundary* Starting at the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border, follow the Municipal Boundary due East to PR 359, East on PR 359 to PR 476. PR 476 North (Angusville Road) to the South Boundary of Riding Mountain National Park.

Park Boundary East to Hwy. 10, Hwy. 10 South to Hwy. 19, Hwy. 19 East to Hwy. 5.

*West Boundary* Manitoba/Saskatchewan Border.

*South Boundary* PR 257 East from Saskatchewan Border to Hwy. 83, Hwy. 83 North to Hwy. 1, Hwy. 1 East to PR 352.

*East Boundary* From intersection of Hwy. 5 & 19, Hwy. 5, South to PR 352, PR 352, South to Hwy. 1.

*Note: Waywayseecappo First Nation Reservation is in the Yellowhead Region.*

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## SECTION C – ALL CATEGORIES

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### REGISTRATION

1. Divisions and age eligibility are as follows:

*Note: eligibility is determined by the player's age as of December 31st in the current playing season.*

Senior and Senior Women's - Open to players fo any age

Junior - Open to players twenty (20) years of age and younger. \*

Junior Women's - Open to players twenty-one (21) years of age and younger.

U21 and U21 Women's - Open to players twenty years of age and younger .

U18 and U18 Girls' - Open to players seventeen (17) years of age and younger.

U15 and U15 Girls' - Open to players fourteen (14) years of age and younger.

U13 and U13 Girls' - Open to players twelve (12) years of age and youger.

U11 and U11 Girls' - Open to players ten (10) years of age and younger.

U9 and U9 Girls' - Open to players eight (8) years of age and younger.

U7 and U7 Girls' - Open to players six (6) years of age and younger

\* Members may grant permission to Junior "B" and "C" leagues to have their teams regisiter up to four (4) players twenty-one (21) years of age. These players must have played in that league in the previous season.

### TEAM REGISTRATION

2. All teams wishing to compete in Hockey Manitoba play-downs must register in accordance to the dates established for the respective divisions. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted.

### PLAYER REGISTRATION

3. a) All players and team officials must be on a Hockey Manitoba/Hockey Canada player or team officials registration form prior to participation. All players and team officials, in all divisions and categories, must be registered electronically on a Hockey Manitoba roster prior to participating in any league or play-off game. Those teams that do not participate in registered leagues shall register all player and team officials electronically on a Hockey Manitoba roster prior to participating

- in any game. Said roster must be submitted electronically to Hockey Manitoba or its appointed representative prior to participation in League games, tournaments, or play-off games.
- b) Should any team participate in a non-sanctioned activity, or play against a non-sanctioned team, within Hockey Manitoba's season as identified in Article 6 of the constitution, all insurance coverage for that event is null and void and the team and/or its Minor Hockey Association is subject to further sanctions as determined by the Board of Directors.
  - c) Any player, Board of Directors Member, or executive member of a team found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be indefinitely suspended until dealt with by the Board of Directors.
  - d) Any team official who adds an unregistered player's name to a game sheet will be suspended for one year, and games defaulted whether said player played or not.
  - e) Any player proven guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, Hockey Canada registration certificate, or playing under an assumed name or having had knowledge that same had been falsified, or of playing on other than their own birth certificate shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with Hockey Canada for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of the suspension.
  - f) Any Board of Directors Member, executive member of a team, club or association, proven guilty of having been a party to, or having had such SECTION knowledge of such falsification, shall be automatically suspended for life from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with Hockey Canada.
  - g) Any player who refuses to provide reasonable identification as to their person when requested by an Hockey Manitoba Board of Director Member supervising a game, series, or any Hockey Manitoba competition, shall be suspended for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years.
  - h) Any Board of Director Member, branch official of a team who advises a player to conceal their identity once asked by an official of Hockey Manitoba shall be automatically suspended for life from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with Hockey Canada.

- i) Any Board of Directors members, Director, Executive member of a team, team official, coach or player who falsifies a game sheet by changing a penalty result or having party to, or having knowledge of, such a change shall be suspended for a minimum of a two year period.
- j) Any team official who permits a player or other team official, who is suspended or should be serving a suspension, to participate in a game, shall be immediately suspended until dealt with by the appropriate authority.
- k) Players may sign one player registration form per season unless released by club first signed with prior to January 10th. Players signing with more than one team, without release shall be suspended.
- l) Players registered as goalkeepers may play only in goal. Goalkeeper cards must be clearly marked. EXCEPTION: U13 and down.
- m) Players previously registered in another province must obtain release from former team and complete an inter-branch transfer prior to signing a player registration form for current season. Refer to Section H of Hockey Canada regulations regarding transfers. Fee \$100.00 + GST.
- n) Minor aged players (junior age and under) who require an Inter-Branch transfer due to the parent or guardian changing residence shall produce a letter from parent or guardian that verifies qualification under this regulation.
- o) Final date for processing Inter-Branch transfers is that adopted for registration
- p) Hockey Manitoba will annually host Online Registration training sessions for the use of the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). All new registrars are required to participate, as well as, any current registrars who are interested in additional training. Sessions may be mandated by the Hockey Manitoba Board (or designate) for individuals that require further instruction.

## **AFFILIATION REGULATIONS**

### **PURPOSE OF AFFILIATION**

4. a) “Purpose” – To allow teams to dress the maximum number of players for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules.

### **b) ALL CATEGORIES**

- i) Players are allowed to affiliate to higher divisions or categories within their

- Minor Hockey Association. Teams competing in the same divisions and/or categories within the same league are not permitted to affiliate between themselves for league play.
- ii) Appearance of a registered player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
  - iii) No new player registration form is required or shall be issued for players so advancing, and such players are not numbered among such higher division/category teams 25, 23, 21 or 19 as applicable.
  - iv) Such players remain members of the lower division/category team.
  - v) Affiliated players used by a higher division/category team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or roster.
  - vi) A team of a higher division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the coach and parent with which the affiliated player is registered.

### **NUMBER OF GAMES IN HIGHER DIVISIONS OR CATEGORIES**

5. Teams in U18 AAA, Junior A, Junior B and Senior AAA must follow Hockey Canada regulations relative to the number and date governing the use of affiliated players. Said players may affiliate a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs with each of their affiliated teams as rostered in (i). However, if their registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before their affiliated team or teams, they may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
6. For Senior A-D and Junior C, affiliates may play five (5) games in Provincial playoffs without jeopardizing their status with the team they are registered. If they play more than five (5) games they will not be permitted to return to the team to which they were originally registered.
7. For Senior Women's affiliate players may participate in a maximum of ten (10) games total. They may participate in an unlimited number of exhibition games and practices.

**PROVINCIAL/INTER-PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS****PLAY-OFF REGULATIONS - ALL CATEGORIES**

8. a) Hockey Manitoba reserves the right to place teams in whatever classification and series it may deem in the best interest of Hockey Manitoba.
- b) Rules of play shall be that of Hockey Canada Hockey rules for the current season, with the exception of Hockey Manitoba regulations and/or rules as adopted by Hockey Manitoba.
- c) Registered officials must be used in all Hockey Manitoba Play-off Competitions. Registered officials must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada regulations.
- d) All players must be listed on the game sheet prior to the commencement of the game. No change in the list or addition to the list shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except under the following conditions:
- Where a player is late for the game because of unforeseen circumstances and their name has been included in the playing roster prior to the game, they will be permitted to participate.
  - When a player has been inadvertently omitted from the game sheet the referee shall permit the name to be added to the game report, providing they are on the ice or their players' bench in uniform at the start of the game.
- e) The Official Scorer shall request that all affiliated players dressed for the game be designated on the game sheet of each team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the player's name. Such a player shall be one not signed to that particular team's registration card, but rather to a card from a Club of a lower division affiliated or operated by said Club.
- f) Teams, if asked to do so by the referee, are required to display their registration roster/cards. Failure to comply will be noted on the Referee's report
- g) Should a series or any play-off necessary to declare a regional winner fail to be completed by the designated date as a result of the action of any, or all the teams, the Director shall have the right to designate the time and place of the games, or if necessary to award the series upon consultation with the President and the Chair of the category.

- h) Any team, including all players and officials, which refuses to play a series or defaults a series will be suspended from Hockey Manitoba competitions for a period of not less than one year.
- i) Any club in default of the second game in any series will be liable to the following penalty: The defaulting team must provide the traveling team 45 cents per kilometer, one way, four cars and reimburse the nondefaulting team 50 per cent of the net proceed of the first game of the series, in addition to any other penalty specified herein.
- j) All Match Penalties occurring during Hockey Manitoba play-offs in all divisions and categories, must be reported to Hockey Manitoba Chair of said division immediately after the game. If said Board of Directors Member cannot be reached, the Executive Director must be contacted, who will refer the appropriate information to the Board of Directors Member. Anyone receiving a Match Penalty is indefinitely suspended until dealt with by the Board of Directors of Hockey Manitoba.
- k) Any player, coach, manager or club executive may be indefinitely suspended for conduct or action considered detrimental to hockey until their case is dealt with by the Board of Directors of Hockey Manitoba.
- l) All pucks used in Hockey Manitoba play-off competitions must be frozen.
- m) Regular season play for Boy's U15 AAA and Girl's U15 AAA shall not end prior to February 28th of the current season. Playoffs cannot commence prior to the conclusion of regular season play.
- n) Any region, association or regions/associations that operate a league must run tournament jamboree style playoff format in compliance with the Hockey Canada Player Pathway models (U9, U11, U13, U15).

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## SECTION D – MINOR HOCKEY

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### REGISTRATION

#### MINOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION

1. **PLEASE NOTE:** In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories the following registration regulations are applicable to Minor Hockey.
2. All Minor Hockey Associations must declare themselves operative to Hockey Manitoba by September 1st of the current season. This would be done through the submission of their Minor Hockey Association Contact Information form.
3. All Minor Hockey Associations are required to complete player registration through the Hockey Canada Registry on-line parent registration system.
4. Minor Hockey Associations are required to complete their initial player registration by September 15th of the current season. All transfer requests received on or after September 15th must be dealt with in accordance to transfer regulations. Players may register after this date in accordance to Hockey Manitoba regulations.
5. Any minor team wishing to belong to Hockey Manitoba must be registered electronically through its Hockey Manitoba Registrar. All players and team officials in all divisions and categories must be registered electronically on a Hockey Manitoba roster.
6. All Minor Hockey teams are required to be on a branch roster to play in Hockey Manitoba sanctioned events, which include league, exhibition, tournaments and provincials competition. Only Hockey Manitoba rostered teams may enter sanctioned tournaments and/or Hockey Manitoba playoffs. Note: High School rostered teams will not be eligible to compete in minor provincial playoffs or championships. In communities where there may be two or more teams within an age division, approximate equal-ability teams may be rostered and said teams may play exhibition, league and tournament games. A community may also decide to form a team(s) from the players registered on the aforementioned rosters and that team(s) may play in Hockey Manitoba playoffs and sanctioned tournaments during the regular season. The new roster(s) must be approved by the Hockey Manitoba Registrars prior to the team(s) participating and may only include players who are part of that community and already registered. The deadline for submission for the new roster shall be December 1st. Any team that violates this regulation shall have the roster cancelled and the players shall revert to their equal-ability rosters for the balance of the season

**(Note:** It is not intended for the additional-roster team to be playing games that conflict with previous league and tournament commitments assumed by the equal ability teams.)

7. All players and team officials in all divisions and categories must be registered electronically on Hockey Manitoba approved rosters PRIOR to participating in any game (league, play-off) and said rosters electronically submitted to and approved by Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars prior to participation.

*NOTE: For the U18 category, Regions shall have the authority to form and operate two regional teams. The first would fulfill their commitment to the Hockey Manitoba U18 AAA League. The second team comprised of 15 and 16 year olds would compete as directed by the Region.*

#### 8. HOCKEY MANITOBA RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- a) A player, except those playing on a Regional team, shall compete with a team in the minor hockey association nearest their place of dwelling (including farm dwelling) which is entered in their age division (player's residence to closest arena). No Minor hockey player residing in a rural community may play with a City team (Hockey Winnipeg), unless permission is requested and granted as per approved transfer procedures. Exception: If both minor hockey associations/regions agree based on the fact that Winnipeg is the next closest center and local minor hockey association has no program in their division.
- b) If a player does not wish to play for the closest MHA that has a team in their age division (as defined by D. 8. a), they may apply for a transfer to play for an alternate MHA as per the transfer regulations outlined in D. 54. a) – d).
- c) EXCEPTION: In Rural Girl's Minor Hockey, players shall be allowed to register with their local Minor Hockey mixed team, and also, with one girl's team closest to their place of residence. Girl players registering on both mixed and girl's teams must be rostered on their girl's team by December 1st, unless not previously registered in the current season. In all cases, when playing on a girl's team, the player must conform to all other regulations of registration, including transfer procedures.
- d) To define a player's closest centre/arena from their principal residence (including farm dwelling) for the purpose of registration under Hockey Manitoba Residential Qualifications, the distance will be measured using the

shortest distance a vehicle can travel on provincially designated all weather roads (including gravel roads). The route actually traveled by a player, if different from the shortest distance as previously outlined, does not factor in the determination of said player's closest centre/arena. Should a centre have multiple arenas, the closest arena from the player's residence will be utilized to determine the distance. In the case of Amalgamated Associations, the Designated Home Community of the newly formed Amalgamated Association will be the community that is used to determine the home Association from the player's primary residence.

- e) That Regional team players shall compete with the regional team within the region in which they reside.
- f) That for all Hockey Manitoba programs players shall compete with the region in which they reside.
- g) Excluding Hockey Winnipeg, girls playing with mixed and girl's teams must be noted as such on the player's respective girl's roster.
- h) In U13 hockey, regions will be eligible to form Rural AA teams to compete in their own regional league or leagues in other regions, in this case regional approval is required. A minimum of two teams per region must be formed, splitting associations between the teams as evenly as possible, considering the geography of region. Amalgamated associations will be considered as one association if in existence for three consecutive years. These teams would not be eligible to participate in the U13 Rural AA provincials category. Guidelines to eligibility to form U13 Rural AA teams are as follows:
  - i) A minimum of 350 U13 (Major and Minor combined) aged players registered in the region.
  - ii) Players who have not made their area's U13 Rural AA team will not be eligible to tryout for another area's U13 Rural AA team. These players will be eligible to register with their closest U13 club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.
- i) In U13 hockey, regions will be able to form a Rural AA team to compete in their own league or leagues in other regions, in this case regional approval is required. Guidelines to eligibility to form U13 Rural AA teams are as follows:

i) A minimum of 20 U13 (Major and Minor combined - one of which must be a goaltender) aged girl players registered in the region

Players who have not made their area's Rural U13 girls' AA team will not be eligible to try out for another area's U13 girls' AA team. These players will be eligible to register with their closest U13 club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.

**SEE APPENDIX A FOR HOCKEY CANADA RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS.**

9. FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ROSTERS to be eligible to compete in Provincial/ Inter-Provincial play is December 1st of the current season. Please refer to exceptions 8. a) or b) for final registration of players. Final date for submission of roster for non-provincial play is: February 1st of current season. Final date of submission for double rostered teams is December 1st as per regulation D. 6.

**NOTE:** Any roster submitted later must be approved by the respective Minor Chair and the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- 10 a) Any minor aged player, who has registered/rostered and is released by January 10th of the current season or did not register/roster in the current season will be allowed to register/roster to a team up to February 10th, provided there is room on the teams' roster.
- b) A player who has moved and taken up bona fide residency from one city, town or village to another after the registration deadline (February 10th), may be transferred providing said player was previously properly registered with Hockey Manitoba in the current season, and that the team in his new location of residency has an open spot on their declared roster. Application must be accompanied by release and a letter from his parents verifying change of residence.
- c) A player in U7 or U9 divisions, who decides to play after the registration deadline shall be accepted for registration. The team must be properly registered prior to the registration deadline, and have an open spot on their declared roster. The actual registration, shall conform to the team registration. SAID PLAYER MAY NOT BE USED AS AN AFFILIATE.
11. All rosters are to be submitted for approval by the Hockey Manitoba Registrar

BEFORE the FIRST LEAGUE GAME. For teams not participating in a league, rosters shall be submitted for approval by the Hockey Manitoba Registrar prior to team's participation in any game. Additions and/or releases may be made to the rosters to a total of 19 (20 for U18 AAA) up to January 10th. Any new player who was released by January 10th or did not register in the current season must be signed by his new team before the final registration date, which is February 10th in any season.

12. All team and player registration information will be obtained by Hockey Manitoba through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). Associations will submit rosters to their Hockey Manitoba Registrar for approval via the HCR. Once approved the MHA Registrar will distribute a copy to the team. All registration fees must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba in accordance with their invoice(s) received.

**NOTE: TEAMS MUST MAKE ALL REGISTRATION FEES PAYABLE TO HOCKEY MANITOBA.**

13. A minor team may sign and dress 20 players, at least two of which must be goalkeepers. Goalkeepers may play only in goal with the roster clearly marked as such. Goalkeepers do not have to be designated in U13 or lower categories of hockey.
14. A minimum of 10 players (one of which must be a goalkeeper) must be properly registered to constitute a team for the purpose of registration. Centres with insufficient players to form a team must register said players to a higher division or category or allow said players to sign with town closest to his place of residence which has a team in his division or category. (Refer to Special Regulations for procedures to apply for under roster size).
15. In Minor Hockey a release shall be accepted providing it has been validated with the signature of the existing President of the player's home centre Minor Hockey Association.
16. Minor Hockey players who are required to change residence and continue to live with their parents will automatically be released. Hockey Manitoba shall retain the right to request the information listed below, but is not limited to, in order to confirm residency status:
1. Land title certificate of new residence
  2. Current utility statement or credit card statement

3. Manitoba medical card
4. Manitoba Driver's License (only if be accompanied by a second document)
5. Rental agreement or bill of purchase of new residence

In the event of separate or multiple parental residences, legal documents may be requested confirming marital and child custody status. Hockey Manitoba does not recognize temporary relocation for hockey registration purposes only.

17. Birth certificates must be verified by the Association Registrar at time of registration, if said player was not previously registered. In cases where it is impossible to secure a birth certificate, baptismal certificates if issued prior to the age of ten, may be accepted, or passport documents accompanied by further supporting evidence. If birth certificate cannot be verified by the Association Registrar at the time of registration said player shall be ineligible for any approved Hockey Manitoba sanctioned activity until birth certificate is received.
- 18.a) Where the formation of a new association/team forces players to change their place of registration, such players shall have the option of registering with their previous association/team if they so choose. Once a player has registered with the new association/team, he/she shall lose the right to go back to the previous association/team. This option shall be available only to properly registered players in the three consecutive seasons preceding the formation of the new association/team.
- b) Any community currently in an amalgamation wishing to form its own association/team shall submit a letter to Hockey Manitoba indicating their desired direction. The letter must contain 2/3 of the current registered membership's signatures of the community wishing to withdraw from the amalgamation. This must be submitted by September 15th of the current season.

### **EXTENDED SEASON**

19. Excluding the Winnipeg region, the extended season shall commence on March 1st and end April 30th of the current season. Any player who is going to play on an extended season team must have completed commitments with their registered team, including all league play, Hockey Manitoba play-offs and other tournaments which their team has entered. Until a player's team has completed its season, no player may practice nor play with an extended season team. As well, extended

season teams may not interfere nor be in conflict with any of Hockey Manitoba's Development Programs that currently exist or which may exist in the future. (i.e. Program of Excellence, Director's Cup, Rising Stars, Skills Camp). Players may only be registered on one extended season roster in the current season. The extended season has been initiated to provide players the opportunity to continue playing after their original registered team has completed its season. Teams are not eligible to use affiliated players on extended season rosters.

20. The use of overage players on an extended season team is not permitted.
21. A "home center" may secure players from a maximum of four additional centers, (for a maximum of five centers in total), in the same region as the home center, in order to form a team that will play during the extended season. A player is eligible to register with the same centre in which he/she was registered with in the regular season. The team shall use the same registration process as that followed during the regular season sanctioning period and must have the roster approved by the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars. Players must have been properly registered with Hockey Manitoba and have played during the regular season. Roster will be submitted to the appropriate Regional Registrar starting on February 15th and no later than March 15th. No new teams will be accepted after this date.
22. The team that is formed shall be subject to all regulations, etc. that govern play during the regular season. As well, the team may only play in Hockey Manitoba or Hockey Canada sanctioned tournaments or tournaments sanctioned by other governing bodies recognized by the aforementioned governing organizations.
23. During the extended season only, players may use exhibition games as well as tournament games to serve suspensions. Exhibition games may be used to serve suspensions providing the game was arranged prior to the suspension being incurred. Suspension-incurring penalties shall be reported as required by regulations already in place.
24. Any reported and substantiated violation of the regulations pertaining to registration and/or the regulations governing playing games shall result in the team roster being declared null and void and the team shall cease further play during the extended season. As well, players from a team that is disbanded shall not be eligible to roster with another team during the extended season.
25. Suspensions shall be dealt with by Regional Directors.

**CLUBS (MINOR)**

26. a) A club is defined as a local Minor Hockey Association operated and controlled by a duly elected Executive or Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from amongst themselves.
  - b) However Hockey Manitoba may, at their discretion, adopt an internal policy as to the definition of a club and its signing officers within the confines of a geographical subdivision.
27. a) A Club may operate teams in one or more of the following divisions: Junior, (excluding Major Junior) Senior, Under-21 (Juvenile), Under-18, High School, Under-15, Under-13, Under-11, Under-9, Under-7.
  - b) A team operating within a Club, shall be known as a "Club Team".
28. The movement of players within a Club shall only be to a Team in a higher division/category.
29. All Club Teams shall be located in the same geographic sub-division as established by Hockey Manitoba.
30. If a Club intends to form a team of a higher division or of a higher category of the same division the following season, it must notify the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba, and all its registered players by registered mail by May 1st, in order to protect its right to overage players for the following season.
31. A Club shall annually and when changes occur keep Hockey Manitoba informed of the names and addresses of (a) its President, (b) its Secretary; (c) the two persons that the President and Secretary may designate as signing officers for the purpose of releasing a player.
32. All lists, declarations or other submissions made on behalf of a club, shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Club involved or by the designated Executive Committee as provided by D. 31.
33. The names of all Club Teams from which Junior Club Teams may draw players, shall be filed by the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba with the Director, By-Laws & Regulations of this Hockey Canada no later than December 30th by fax. "Non compliance will result in the loss of Club Team privileges for the current season".

**UNDER-15 RURAL AAA (BOY'S)**

34. All regions, excluding Winnipeg, will be eligible to form one double or one single

rostered regional Under-15 (U15) Rural AAA team. Exception: For the Boy's U15 category, Regions shall have the authority to form and operate two regional teams. The first would be comprised of Major aged U15 players and the second would be comprised of Minor aged U15 players. Teams would be eligible to participate in the Winnipeg U15 AAA league that are entering multiple teams will form teams of equal calibre if approved acceptance to the league. Eligibility to form two teams would be subject to a minimum of 300 U15 players registered in the region. Exemption: Norman Regional U15 AAA rostered players will be permitted to roster on their local MHA house league, non-competitive roster for

Teams are subject to the following regulations:

- a) Registration for try-outs must conclude by September 1st, however try-outs may not begin until after the Labour Day weekend each season. Players do not need to be rostered or registered with their local association prior to tryouts but must be on an approved Hockey Manitoba roster by December 1st.
- b) Single rostered teams must submit their roster and have it approved prior to their first league game, which can include up to 19 players, of which 2 must be goalies. Single rostered teams may have a maximum of eleven (11) affiliate players and this list must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba and finalized by Jan 10th. Players on the roster or affiliate list may only be replaced up to Jan 10th if they are not available for the remainder of the season. No other affiliate players will be allowed after Jan 10th.
- c) U13 aged players will not be allowed to roster or affiliate with any U15 Rural AAA teams.
- d) Players who have not made their home region's U15 Rural AAA team will not be eligible to try out for another region's U15 Rural AAA team. These players will be eligible to roster with their closest U15 club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations. In the event that a region cannot offer a U15 rural AAA team, the players residing from that region have an opportunity to attend one other region's U15 Rural AAA tryout.
- e) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to play for a Boy's U15 Rural AAA team or teams at any time to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and

- playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- f) Regional U15 players (Rural AAA) are not eligible to affiliate to U18 club (Association based) teams.
  - g) Players who have not made their home region's U15 Rural AAA team will not be eligible to try out for another region's U15 Rural AAA team. These players will be eligible to register with their closest U15 club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.
  - h) Players rostered on a region's double rostered team are required to compete with their club/association teams for all hockey activities including practices, scheduled games, regional play-offs and provincial championships.
  - i) Under-15 AAA Showcase tournament(s) will be scheduled annually by Hockey Manitoba and circulated to all regions and teams by June 1st. Teams may be eligible to submit hosting applications for at least one of the Showcase tournaments annually. The other tournament(s) will be hosted by Hockey Manitoba at locations to be determined by June 1st of the current season. Entry fees for all tournaments will be determined by Hockey Manitoba.
  - j) Under-15 AAA League shall conduct annual competitions with the league champion to also be declared the branch champion. Only teams participating in regular competition (as defined by the league constitution) shall be eligible to be declared branch champions. The playoff format will be as outlined in the league constitution.
  - k) U15 Rural AAA teams are required to participate in all Showcase tournaments to be eligible for provincials unless an exemption is submitted and approved by the Rural Chairs of Minor Hockey. Winnipeg U15 AAA teams may participate in the Showcase tournaments.
  - l) If a rural region does not declare a U15 Rural AAA team by September 1st of the current season, only players that registered for tryouts in said region may apply to try-out with another U15 Rural AAA program. All player movement requests in this situation must be approved by a registration committee which will include one chair of minor hockey and two regional directors.

### **UNDER-15 RURAL AA PRE-SEASON (BOY'S)**

35. Excluding Winnipeg, regions can form one double rostered Under-15 AA pre-season

team, for players not selected to their respective Under-15 AAA team. Teams must be based in the same location as the Under-15 AAA program. The focus of the team is player and coach development.

- a) Roster must include 15 skaters and 2 goaltenders, and be submitted to Hockey Manitoba prior to participating in any on-ice activity. All players must be U15 age in the current season, and priority is to players that have tried out for their region's Under-15 AAA team. Region's may fill their roster with players that have not tried out for their Under-15 AAA team, only after all players that have tried out have been afforded the opportunity to join the team.
- b) Pre-season begins after the region's Under-15 AAA try-out and selection process is completed, and must end by October 31st, with the exception of up to two additional theme-based skill development mini-camps (i.e. checking skills, skating, etc.) that can be held during the regular season.
- c) During the pre-season, teams (players and coaches) can participate in regular practices and skill development mini-camp sessions, and a maximum of two pre-season tournaments (up to 8 games total). Mini-camp sessions will be 90 minutes in duration.
- d) Pre-season activities must not interfere with club hockey activities. Non-compliance may result in the disbanding of the team by Hockey Manitoba.
- e) No affiliation is allowed and players must participate within the region they reside.
- f) All team officials must be fully trained/certified as per Hockey Manitoba regulations.

### **UNDER-15 RURAL AAA (GIRL'S)**

36. All regions, excluding Winnipeg, will be eligible to form one double rostered or single rostered regional Under-15 Rural AAA team and are subject to the following regulations: Exemption: Norman Regional Girls' U15 AAA rostered players will be permitted to roster on their local MHA house league, non-competitive roster for house league activities only, if numbers so dictate.
- a) Try-outs may not begin until after the Labour Day weekend each season. Players do not need to be rostered or registered with their local association prior to tryouts but must be on an approved Hockey Manitoba roster by December 1st.
  - b) Double rostered teams must submit their roster by Sept. 30th which can include up to 30 players, of which two must be goalies. Teams must declare and submit

their final roster of 19 players, of which two must be goalies, by Jan 10th. All players released by January 10th are eligible to affiliate with the Under-15 Rural AAA team in accordance with Hockey Manitoba affiliation regulations. No other affiliate players will be allowed. Single rostered teams must submit their roster by September 30th which can include up to 19 players, of which two must be goalies. Single rostered teams may have a maximum of eleven (11) affiliate players and this list must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba and finalized by Jan 10th. Players on the roster or affiliate list may only be replaced up to Jan 10th if they are not available for the remainder of the season. No other affiliate players will be allowed after Jan 10th.

- c) Major U13 aged players will be allowed to affiliate to Under-15 AAA teams. This includes regular season, exhibition, Showcases and Provincials, when the number of available U15 players for rostered teams falls below 14 skaters.
- d) Single rostered Regional Girls' Under-15 players (Rural AAA) are not eligible to affiliate to Women's Under-18 club (Association based) teams.
- e) Rural regions must advertise their respective Under-15 AAA registration deadlines by May 1st and players must register with their home region by June 30th. Players who have not registered are not eligible to apply for a release or try out to for another region.
- f) Players rostered on a region's double rostered team are required to compete with their club/association teams for all hockey activities including practices, scheduled games, regional play-offs and provincial championships. If there is not a club team within their association or a reasonable distance from the player's place of residence, said player may apply to the region and their chair of the category for an exception.
- g) Double rostered teams will be eligible to practice one day per week, which must be a consistent day of the week, and scheduled in cooperation with the minor hockey associations in the region.
- h) Two (2) Under-15 AAA Showcase tournaments will be scheduled annually. Tournaments will be held in October and December (subject to change): Teams will be eligible to submit hosting applications for at least one of the Showcase tournaments annually. The other tournament(s) will be hosted by Hockey

Manitoba at locations to be determined by June 1st of the current season. Entry fees for all tournaments will be determined by Hockey Manitoba.

- i) Girls' Under-15 AAA League shall conduct annual competitions with the league champion to also be declared the branch champion. Only teams participating in regular competition (as defined by the league constitution) shall be eligible to be declared branch champions. The playoff format will be as outlined in the league constitution.
- j) Under-15 Rural AAA teams are required to participate in all Showcase tournaments to be eligible for provincials unless an exemption is submitted and approved by the Rural Chairs of Minor Hockey. Winnipeg Under-15 AA teams are strongly encouraged to participate in the Showcase tournaments.
- k) Should double rostered teams practice or play outside the designated practice schedule, exhibition games or tournaments, they will be disbanded for the remainder of the season and ineligible for provincials.
- l) A rural region must declare, to Hockey Manitoba, if they are unable to ice a Under-15 AAA team (double or single rostered) by August 1st of the current season. If the region does not form a Under-15 AAA team (double or single rostered), the region will notify their players who are then permitted to tryout in another region once a release is obtained from their home region. Regions may deny a release/transfer if it affects the ability of their local association to formulate a team for the current season. Regions must obtain the release from the home region prior to allowing participation of outside players of any kind.

### **MEN'S UNDER-18 AAA REGISTRATION**

***Note: In addition to registration regulations applicable to all categories of hockey the following registration regulations are applicable to AAA***

- 37. Each Rural Minor Hockey Region, as defined in the Minor Hockey Regulations, may form and operate one Under-18 AAA team to compete in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League.
- 38. a) Hockey Winnipeg, as one, may operate a maximum of five Under-18 AAA teams.
  - b) For the purpose of these regulations, all Winnipeg teams shall be considered one region.

39. a) The Norman Region may zone its region or combine its communities in a manner conducive to competing (as defined by the MU18HL and in accordance with Hockey Canada regulations).
- b) In the event that Norman Region has more than one Under-18 AAA team, but does not compete in League play as contemplated by within the regulations, each zone shall be considered a separate region.
40. The location of the teams within the region shall be determined by each region, but all teams must play their games on indoor, artificial ice. Regions must contact the league to inform them of their intentions of operation by June 15th. The league will inform Hockey Manitoba by June 30th.
41. Under-18 AAA teams may use up to 25 cards but must not sign more than **twenty** players at any one time, at least two of whom must be goalkeepers. All players must be properly carded and approved prior to their first league game.
42. Any player designated on an official game report for any league game must appear on either the team's player roster or affiliate list.
43. Any player registered on a Hockey Manitoba player registration certificate/roster on or before January 10th, who is given his release on or before January 10th, may sign an Under-18 AAA roster and present same for registration prior to February 10th, provided there is room on the team's player roster.
44. No Under-15 age player may be carded or registered on a Under-18 AAA roster.

### **MIXED U18 AA**

45. In U18 hockey, regions will be eligible to form Rural AA teams to compete in their own regional league or leagues in other regions, in this case regional approval is required. A minimum of one team per region must be formed. This team would not be eligible to participate in the U18 AA provincial category. Guidelines for eligibility to form a U18 Rural AA team are as follows:
  - i) A minimum of 150 U18 (major and minor combined) aged players registered in the region.
  - ii) Players who have not their their area's U18 Rual AA team will not be eligible to tryout for another area's U18 Rural AA team. These players will be eligible to register with their closest U18 club team per Hockey Manitoba residency regulations.

**WOMEN'S UNDER-18 AAA REGISTRATION**

46. a) Women's Under-18 regional teams will play with a single roster. Players shall try out within the region in which they reside. For the purposes of Women's Under-18 regional hockey there are currently ten regions (Brandon, Central Plains, Eastman, Interlake, Norman, Parkland, Pembina Valley, Westman South, Winnipeg and Yellowhead).
- b) Rural regions will have one team and the Winnipeg region can have two to five teams. All teams will declare a home center where the team will be based. Regions must declare their intention to Hockey Manitoba to enter the Manitoba Women's Under-18 Hockey League by July 1st of the current season.
- c) Tryouts must be completed and rosters must be declared by Sept 30th of the current season. Teams can roster a maximum of 20 eligible women Under-18 players (two must be goaltenders). A maximum of three (3) Major Under-15 aged players will be allowed on a team's roster for team formation only. Teams can also affiliate Under-15 aged players in accordance with Hockey Manitoba's hockey affiliation regulations.
- d) If a region does not declare a team by July 1 of the current season it will be declared an open region (for that season only) and players from said region will be free to tryout with another regional AAA team. If a player does not register with their home region by the pre-determined deadline set by the region, they are not eligible to apply for a release if her region does not form a Women's Under 18 regional team. The region must advertise their respective deadlines in a timely manner. Those regions forming Women's Under-18 AAA teams must accept out-of-region players for their selection/tryout process.
- e) Women's Under-18 aged players (15, 16, 17) that are released from a Women's Under 18 regional program will be allowed to try out for another Women's Under-18 regional team. Under these circumstances, a release is required from the team but can not be withheld, and a copy of said release must be sent by the team to the appropriate Girls'/Women's Council representative. The team outside the player's home region, in which the player is requesting to try-out with must obtain the release from the player's home regional team prior to allowing participation of any kind. If participation occurs prior to receiving a copy of the release, the player will be deemed ineligible and will return to their home region. The player's options must be available to them at the time the

- release is provided. Failure to make the second Women's Under-18 Regional team requires the player to return to their home region. A subsequent release from the player's home region is required to continue to another regional try-out.
- f) Any player who has been requested to sign on to a roster by their home Women's Under-18 regional team and refuses, or fails to register and try-out, is ineligible to transfer out of their home region.
  - g) Only third year Women's Under-18 players (17) who were released under 45. e) and played outside her home region in the previous season shall have the option of trying out for the regional team she played with, or with the region in which she resides. Should the player not make that team, they are free to try-out with another regional team under 45. e). Second year Women's Under-18 players (16) who were released under 45. e) in the previous season must return to try-out in their home region in her second year.
  - h) Girls' Under-15 and Women's Under-18 players will be eligible to affiliate to teams in which they reside. A Girls' Under-15 and Women's Under-18 player on the team's affiliate list may affiliate to play a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
  - i) The team winning the league playoff championship will be declared the provincial champion and will represent Hockey Manitoba in the inter-provincial championship series with Saskatchewan's representative, leading to the Esso Cup National Women's Under-18 Championship.
  - j) East and West divisions will be set by the Girls'/Women's Council Representatives & Hockey Winnipeg representatives at the end of the previous season/before the start of the next season.

## AFFILIATION REGULATIONS

### MINOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION REGULATIONS

***Note: Affiliation regulations for all categories of hockey are applicable to Minor Hockey. Please see Provincials section for affiliation regulations specific to Provincial Tournament play.***

47. a) When centers have combined to form a team, a "home" center must be

designated for registration purposes. For the purpose of affiliation, players may be used from the individual centers making up the combined team in next lowest age category.

- b) When a minor aged player must play for a centre outside of their home centre, said player will affiliate only with higher aged teams in the centre their has usually registered, should a team exist.
- c) Where a player does not have a team in an age category above them in their home association, they may be allowed to affiliate with the next closest team to their residence. Permission from the Regional Director is necessary.
- d) When a minor hockey team does not have a team below them in a lower age category they may apply to their Region for permission to use affiliates from their next closest center. Those players would be limited to one team. Permission from the Regional Director is necessary.
- e) Players first priority will be to their own rostered team. Affiliate players must play a minimum of 50 per cent of their rostered team's league games (excluding exceptions such as long term injury) to be eligible for regional playoffs and provincials with their rostered team or any team in which they are eligible to affiliate. This also includes any league playoffs where the champion is declared provincial champion. Exceptions will only be considered by the appropriate Chair of Minor Hockey. Teams shall obtain the permission of the respective coach and parents prior to using a player as an affiliate.
- f) A Minor hockey player participating in the Minor program may be temporarily promoted to a higher category team. Minor teams may affiliate players up to the roster max of 19 players. However there must be a minimum of six regular players on the game sheet.
- g) Minor Hockey Associations or Leagues may limit the use of affiliates for their own house/regional leagues. For Regional play-offs leading to Provincials and Provincials, teams may use affiliates to a maximum of 19 players. Minimum of six regular players must be on game sheet.
- h) Under-7/Under-9 Rosters: Minor Hockey Associations with more than one team of Under-7 or Under-9 Rosters may affiliate freely between their teams. The exception would be league play for Under-9. In addition these teams may affiliate

players from neighboring associations with permission from the Association President and Regional Director. The intent is to allow team formation when numbers are less than eleven

- i) Excluding the Winnipeg region, girls may register in both the boys and girls programs. They may only affiliate within the programs in which they are registered. Exception: Excluding the Winnipeg region, girls' teams may affiliate eligible girl players registered on a boy's roster, if there is no girl's team in the age category below within a reasonable distance of the girl's team requesting the affiliation. Permission from the applicable region(s) is required and all other affiliation regulations apply.
- j) Affiliation requests outside these rules will be considered by the appropriate Chair of Minor Hockey.

*Note: For Affiliation regulations specific to Provincials please see page 81:*

#### **UNDER-18 AAA AFFILIATION REGULATIONS**

*Note: Affiliation regulations that are applicable for all categories of hockey are applicable to Under-18 AAA.*

- 48. Teams shall be allowed to roster five Special Affiliate players (in addition to their 20 regularly rostered players) who can play an unlimited number of games until November 1st. After November 1st players must either be placed on the team's regular roster or released.
- 49. Teams shall be entitled to affiliate with nineteen (19) players who reside within its region and are properly registered with a team of a lower division or category within the Branch with said affiliation to terminate at the end of the current season. Said affiliate list is to be filed with Hockey Manitoba prior to any player playing. Said list must be re-filed when additions to the affiliation list are made. The affiliation list will be frozen according to Hockey Canada regulations.
- 50. a) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to play for a Men's Under-18 AAA or Women's Under-18 AAA team or teams at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

- b) When affiliate players are used, such players shall be designated on the Official Game report by the use of the symbol "AP". Under-18 AAA players sixteen (16) years of age or older advancing to a higher division (other than Senior), may PLAY A MAXIMUM OF TEN (10) GAMES during the regular season and playoffs. However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team or teams, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. Please reference the Hockey Canada variations for the Canadian Development Model (Regulation F, 53. a) – g) for additional information.
- c) (i). A team may use a temporarily promoted player to take the place of another registered player on the team who is injured, sick or has left the team after the final registration date, or for any other just reason is unable to play in a game.
- (ii). A player suspended by his or her own team shall not be replaced by a temporarily promoted player.
- d) During all Hockey Manitoba sanctioned games, a goaltender may be temporarily promoted as follows:
- (i) If one of the two registered goaltenders on a team is unable to play in a league or playoff game, a team may have a temporary goaltender dressed and sitting on the bench as a backup goaltender. The temporary goaltender may not play unless the registered goaltender is injured, ejected or becomes ill during the game.
- (ii) If a team has registered only one goaltender and if the said goaltender is unable to start the game for any of the reasons stated in d)(i), a team may dress and play a temporarily promoted goaltender. The regular goaltender shall not dress for such game.
- (iii) A temporarily promoted goaltender's actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game; such participation shall be noted on the "Applicable Official Game Report."
- (iv) A temporarily promoted goaltender can participate in a game after a five-goal differential has been achieved or if the registered goalie has played no less than three games prior to the game in question. In the event of a three-game weekend, an affiliate golatender can play one of the three scheduled games.
- (v) Contravention of any of the temporary promotion regulations shall result in immediate and indefinite suspension of the team official(s) and forfeiture of

all games in which a temporary player was utilized that had not been properly authorized.

- e) That an Under-18 AAA player who is placed on a Junior A or B affiliate list may play with said Junior team, without losing his eligibility to play hockey for his local Senior team. Any properly registered Under-18 AAA player may play an unlimited number of games with his own community Senior team and still affiliate to the Junior team.

**EXCEPTION: ADVANCING GOALKEEPERS. Actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in a game.**

51. Under 18 AAA players advancing to Senior hockey, may play for a Senior team at any time, but if he plays MORE THAN FIVE (5) GAMES WITH SAID TEAM DURING THE Hockey Manitoba OR Hockey Canada PLAYDOWNS, HE SHALL BE INELIGIBLE for further competition with the Under 18 AAA team.

**EXCEPTION: ADVANCING GOALKEEPERS. Actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in a game.**

52. FOR PARAGRAPHS 50 and 51 HEREUNDER, Tournament and/or Exhibition games, which are not part of the regular Branch Championship league or play-offs series, are excluded from the number of games counted as games played as an affiliate.
53. All affiliate players lists must be submitted prior to the player playing his first game. The list must be updated each time prior to participation in a game as an affiliated player.

## TRANSFERS

### MINOR HOCKEY

54. a) Minor-aged players wishing to transfer to an alternate minor team (outside of their home association) must first apply to their local Minor Hockey Association following the completion of registration for the current season. Local Minor Hockey Associations are required to receive and consider individual requests for transfer/releases. Applications for transfer/release must be reviewed within seven days of receipt (starting September 15th as per D.4.) and applicant to be notified of the decision forthwith. Hockey Manitoba will not recognize blanket denials issued by local Minor Hockey Associations within their constitutions.
- b) If application is approved by local Minor Hockey Association, the application

is forwarded to the respective Region(s) for final decision. Regional decision (approval or denial) shall be based on what is best for registration in the region and the affected MHAs. This decision must be rendered within seven days of receipt of application.

- c) In the event that a decision is not made within the seven-day timeframe by either the Local Minor Hockey Association or Region, the application shall be deemed approved. The Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars may consult with Chair of the Category during the application process.
- d) If application is denied by local Minor Hockey Association/Region, player has right of appeal to Hockey Manitoba. The final date for submission of transfer requests to Hockey Manitoba is December 1st of the current season. Minor Hockey Associations/Regions may consider individual transfer requests prior to registration at their discretion.

*PLEASE NOTE: Although all player transfers are reviewed and dealt with on an individual basis, applicants must demonstrate a hardship in order for the Appeals Committee to approve or appease the regulations for a successful transfer application. In the event that a player has an existing category/team to play on, transfers based solely on moving to a higher category, will not be approved, unless additional circumstances are presented as part of the rationale for re-location.*

55. All transfer applications must contain the following,
- a) Parent's consent
  - b) Local minor hockey association(s) acceptance approval of organization (team) wishing to transfer to
  - c) Consent from Regional Association(s)
  - d) Hockey Manitoba approval
  - e) No transfer fees are permitted in minor hockey
56. If the transfer request is within one region and is denied by an Association, player must first appeal to their Regional Registration Committee. If denied, player has right of appeal to Hockey Manitoba. If the transfer request involves two regions and denied at any point of the process, player has the right of appeal to Hockey Manitoba. A decision will be made within seven days at each level of appeal. It is understood that said authorization shall be on a yearly basis only.

57. Players requesting transfers WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE in games, exhibition or otherwise but will be permitted to practice until such time as their TRANSFER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY HOCKEY MANITOBA. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the player, coach, manager, team executive, using said player being expelled from the association for the current season. If both regions agree that transfer should take place prior to Hockey Manitoba approval said player will be allowed to practice with that team. If regions don't agree and appealed to Hockey Manitoba said player shall not practice with team wishing to transfer to.
58. Each region shall establish a Regional Registration Committee consisting of the Regional Director, Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars and four Executive Board members from the Regional Association. The Regional Registration Committee shall review all transfer requests and either approve or deny them. Should a region fail to establish a Registration Committee, transfer requests will then be forwarded directly to Hockey Manitoba Registration Committee for review. Final decisions to be rendered within seven days.
59. Any registered player who has properly transferred and has played three (3) consecutive seasons with the same Minor Hockey Association shall be considered as members of that Minor Hockey Association. A "properly transferred" player is defined as a player that has successfully undergone the transfer process (as outlined in regulation D. 54 a-d) for three (3) consecutive seasons, this does not refer to instances in which a player was released because their home MHA did not have a team in their age division. If a new team is formed nearer the player's place of residence, they will have the option to play with the newly formed team or remain with their previously registered Association. Players choosing to register with the newly formed team shall be considered as members of that Minor Hockey Association. No formal transfer application is required to register with the newly formed team. All transfer regulations are applicable to players wishing to return to their previously registered Association after registering with the newly formed team closest to their residence. This does not apply for Under-15 and Under-18 AAA as well as all other Regional programs, which are defined by residential location.

**MANITOBA UNDER-18 AAA LEAGUE TRANSFERS**

60. a) TRANSFERS FROM AN OPEN ZONE - A region failing to operate an Under-18 AAA team will be declared an open zone, and it must be declared no later than October 1st of the current season. Only three players transferring from an open zone will be permitted to play for any one team. The application to have a player transferred from an open zone to another Under 18 AAA team shall be obtained in the approved manner.
- b) PLAYERS RELEASED AFTER TRAINING CAMP - An Under 18 aged player who attends the training camp of an Under-18 AAA team, and is released by that team, is eligible to try out for another Under-18 AAA team.
- c) Any U18 aged player who tries out for his regions Under-18 AAA team, by attending the regional try-out camp and is not carded by the Regional team on its 20-player roster by the commencement of the league, is free to try out for another Under-18 AAA team. Any player who has been requested to sign on to a roster by his AAA Region and refuses, is ineligible to transfer out of his region. Transfer to play in another region is only valid for Under-18 AAA hockey.
- d) Only third-year U18 players who have been released under 60. b) and have played outside their region the past season, shall have the option of trying out for the regional team they played with last season, or with the region in which they reside. Should they not make that team, they are free to try out with another region under 60. c). Any third-year U18 player who is released by their home region in their second year of eligibility and remains within the region for a lower division team, shall be permitted to try out with any U18 AAA team in their third year of eligibility.
- e) Any 16/17 year old U18 aged player who misses his regional training camp due to attendance at a junior camp and returns to his region, and his region does not wish to sign him, he may try out with another regional team.
- f) In all circumstances where players are eligible to try out for another Under-18 AAA team outside of their home region, as per paragraphs 60. b) c) and e), a release is required from the team but cannot be withheld, and a copy of said release must be sent by the team to the appropriate Minor Council representative. The team outside the player's home region, in which the player is requesting to try-out with must obtain the release from the player's home regional team prior to allowing participation of any kind. If participation occurs prior to receiving a copy of the release, the player will be deemed ineligible and will return to their home region.

The player's options must be available to them at the time the release is provided. Failure to make the second Under-18 AAA team requires the player to return to his home region. A subsequent release from the player's home region is required to continue to another regional try-out.

- g) These regulations do not apply to the U17 Prep League.

### **PROVINCIAL/INTER-PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS – MINOR HOCKEY HOCKEY MANITOBA WILL GOVERN COMPETITION IN MINOR HOCKEY IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:**

61. Hockey Manitoba will govern competition in Minor Hockey Divisions as outlined in Regulation C. 1.

### **MINOR COMPETITIONS:**

62. a) CONSOLATION EVENTS - for losing teams as specified in detailed Minor Play-off Format.
- b) CHAMPIONSHIP BANNERS - Hockey Manitoba Championship Banners will be presented to the WINNING team of the Championship round in all categories.
- c) MEDALLIONS - gold and silver medallions will be presented to the Championship and Runner-Up teams in all categories. In draws which declare a third place winner, bronze medallions supplied by Hockey Manitoba will be presented.

### **PLAY-OFFS, ROSTERS & DEADLINES**

63. TEAM REGISTRATION FOR PLAY-OFFS:
- a) Final date for submission of rosters and registration of teams for playoffs: December 1st, of the current season.
- b) Minor Hockey Associations must complete application to enter their teams into Provincial play-offs by December 1st of the current season. Associations must be in good standing to be eligible for Provincials.
- c) All rural regions are required to have meetings to review team entries and submit the information to the Hockey Manitoba office by December 15th.

### **ROSTERS**

64. a) All team rosters must be submitted electronically to the applicable Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrar no later than the registration deadline of December

1st of the current season. No team shall be accepted for Provincial Playoffs unless said rosters are electronically submitted by the deadline date.

- b) Hockey Manitoba approved rosters may be accessed through the Hockey Canada Registry system and distributed by the Association Registrars to their respective teams.

## **COMPETITIONS**

- 65. Under-15 AAA League shall conduct annual competitions with the league champion to also be declared the branch champion. Only teams participating in regular competition (as defined by the league constitution) shall be eligible to be declared branch champions. The playoff format will be as outlined in the league constitution.

## **RURAL MINOR**

- 66. a) Branch office to circulate online Provincial hosting application forms to all minor associations' presidents by August 15th of each year.
- b) Host application forms are to be completed online by October 15th. Applications received will be reviewed by the appropriate Chair and recommendations will be forwarded to the respective Council Representatives.
- c) Provincial host sites will be notified by conference call or email by their respective Council.

## **MINOR HOCKEY PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL PLAY-OFFS**

### **GAMES**

- 67. Length of games shall be:
  - a) Under-13 & Down - Three (3) fifteen (15) minute, stop time periods. Time allocated for each round robin game in the schedule will be one hour, 30 minutes, for Consolation games it will be 1 hour, 45 minutes and playoffs will be two hours.
  - b) All Other Categories/Under-15 and up - two (2) fifteen (15) minute, stop time, periods and one (1) twenty (20) minute, stop time, period. Time allocated for each round robin game in the schedule will be one hour, 45 minutes. Consolation and playoff games will be two hours.
  - c) Ice shall be resurfaced before each game and between the second and third periods of each game.

- d) Minor penalties shall be two minutes in length, whether playing straight or running time.
  - e) Home teams during round robin play are designated as evenly as possible. After round robin play, the home team will be the highest ranking team (after the round robin) in all games. The home team shall wear light coloured jerseys.
68. No overtime shall be played in round robin play.
69. Overtime after round robin play shall be as follows:
- a) Consolation Semi-Final and Consolation Final Games ONLY:
    - i) Two minute break
    - ii) Teams do not change ends
    - iii) 10 minute stop time period. Game is over when first goal is scored. IF STILL TIED AFTER OVERTIME PERIOD:
    - iv) Shootout - three players per team. If still tied then sudden victory with alternating players per team until winner declared. After initial round players may shoot again.
  - b) All other games after round robin play:
    - i) Two minute break
    - ii) Teams do not change ends
    - iii) 10 minute stop time period. Game is over when first goal is scored. IF STILL TIED AFTER OVERTIME PERIOD:
    - iv) Off-ice break (re-surface ice).
    - v) Continue 20-minute sudden victory periods.

### **TIE BREAKER:**

70. a) The result of a round robin game involving the tied teams will apply in the event two teams are tied in points, the winner of the round robin game between those two teams will advance to the play-offs. Similarly, if three teams are tied in points, the team which has a 2-0 record against the tied teams will advance. If none of these apply, or four or more teams are tied in points, proceed to b).
- b) If teams are still tied after a), then the team or teams with the most wins would gain the higher position.
- c) If the teams are still tied after a) and b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average would qualify. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into total number of goals for, with

the team having the highest percentage winning the higher position. In the event a tie exist between three or more teams, goal average will decide the positions of all teams tied. (Ex. For: 10 goals, Against: 4 goals; Percentage is  $10/14 = .714$ ).

*NOTE: All games each tied team has placed in the round robin are used in the goal averaging.*

- d) If the teams are still tied after a), b) and c), the team to qualify would be the team which scored the first goal in the game between the two teams. If three or more teams are tied, the team that has scored the most first goals in all games involving the tied teams will advance
  - e) If the teams are still tied after a), b), c) and d), the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in penalties during the round robin schedule.
  - f) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied the winner of the play-off position will be decided by a single toss of a coin.
71. Hockey Manitoba schedule of minor hockey play-downs shall take precedence over all sanctioned tournaments.
  72. The Chair of Minor, Minor Council Representative or suitable designate will be in attendance at all tournament play-off championships.
  - 73.a) All Provincial minor games will have a seven goal mercy rule. Any game with a seven goal difference in score shall revert to straight time for the remainder of the game or until the score difference is less than seven, at which time stop time play will resume.
  - b) All Provincial minor games will have a maximum of a 7-goal differential for the purpose of the tie-breaker procedure.

## TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

74. Regional Champions must submit an approved team roster, in addition to an approved roster of any eligible affiliate players, and also include all player numbers, positions, Captains, Assistant Captains and team colors to the Host Community immediately after securing placement in a Provincial Championship tournament.

## PRESENTATIONS

75. Presentation of Championship and Consolation awards to be decided by the Host Community in consultation with the Director.

**FORMAT FOR FINALS**

76. **FOUR TEAMS** - Single Round Robin, rank teams 1-4. Top two teams play in a one game Championship final. Third and fourth place teams play for the bronze medal. Eight games to play - each team guaranteed four games. -

**FIVE TEAMS** - Single round robin, rank teams 1-5. Top two teams play in a one game Championship final. Third and fourth place teams play for the bronze medal. Fifth place team after round robin is eliminated.

**SIX TEAMS** - Two divisional three-team single round robin, rank teams in each division 1-3. Top two teams in each division will advance to the Championship side. Third place teams in each division will play a one game Consolation final. The semi final winning teams play in a one game Championship final. The semi final losing teams will play for the bronze medal

**SEVEN TEAM** - Two Divisions, one of three teams and one of four teams, each team plays two round robin games. After round robin rank teams 1-7. Top four teams advance to the Championship round with the remaining three teams advancing to the consolation round. The fifth place team would get a bye into the consolation final.

**EIGHT TEAMS** - Two Divisional four team single round robin. After round robin rank teams in each division 1-4. Top two teams in each division will advance to Championship side. Third place teams in each division will play a one game final for the consolation. Fourth place finishers in each division are eliminated.

**NINE TEAM** Three Divisional Three Team, Single Round Robin. After round robin rank teams 1-9. Top six teams advance to the Championship side. 1st place plays lowest remaining seed of quarter final winners. The three remaining teams will compete in the consolation side, the team with the most points will receive a bye to the consolation final.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SIDE**

- 1) 1st Place team shall receive a bye.
- 2) 2nd Place team shall receive a bye.
- 3) 3rd Place team shall play the 6th Place team.
- 4) 4th Place team shall play the 5th Place team.

**TEN TEAM** - Three divisions. Two of three teams and one of four teams. Each team plays two round robin games. After round robin rank teams 1-10. The top six teams

shall advance to the championship side. 1st place plays lowest remaining seed of quarter final winners. The remaining four teams shall advance to Consolation round.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP SIDE**

- 1) Team with most points (1st) shall receive a bye.
- 2) Team with second most points shall receive a bye.
- 3) Third place team shall play the 6th place team.
- 4) Fourth place team shall play the 5th place team.

*Note: Draw template for Men's Under 18 will vary and a 4-8 team Championship will be held annually.*

### **WITHDRAW FROM PROVINCIALS**

77. a) Minor and Girls'/Women's Council shall have meetings via conference call on or before December 15th of each season to place teams for Provincials. The applicable Chair will confirm the meeting date at least two weeks in advance to all Minor and Girls'/Women's Council representatives.
- b) Any team withdrawing from Provincials on or before December 31st shall not be fined.
- c) Any team withdrawing from Provincials between January 1st and one week prior to the start of regional Playoffs in their category, excluding exceptions, shall be fined \$500.00.
- d) Any team withdrawing from Provincials following their regional playoff dates and on or before February 15th, excluding exceptions, shall be fined \$1,000.00.
- e) Any team withdrawing from Provincials after February 15th, excluding exceptions, shall be fined \$2,500.00. 40 per cent of which will be paid to the Provincial Host Association.
- f) The team's Minor Hockey Association shall be responsible for collecting all fines and submitting them to Hockey Manitoba.

### **MINOR MIXED**

#### **CATEGORY**

78. a) For the purpose of mixed provincial competition the following applies:

#### **UNDER-18**

- AAA Regional teams competing in the MU18HL to declare a league champion

Rural A	1st tiered team (MHAs with 2 teams)
Rural B	Associations with 1 team
Rural C	Associations with 1 team, and 2nd or lower tiered teams (MHAs with 2 or more teams)

**UNDER-15**

Rural AAA	Regional teams
Rural AA	Amalgamated Association teams (up to 5 MHAs)
Rural A	1st tiered team (MHAs with 2 teams)
Rural B	Associations with 1 team
Rural C	Associations with 1 team, and 2nd or lower tiered teams (MHAs with 2 or more teams)

**UNDER-11**

Rural AA	1st tiered team (MHAs with more than 3 teams)
Rural A	1st tiered team (MHAs with 3 teams)
Rural B	Associations with 1 team, 2nd team from AA
Rural C	Associations with 1 team
Rural D	Tiered teams (2nd team from A and B, 3rd team from AA)
Rural E	Tiered teams (3rd team from A, 4th and 5th team from AA)

**UNDER-13**

Rural AA	1st tiered team (MHAs with 3 or more teams)
Rural A	1st tiered team (MHAs with 2 teams)
Rural B	Associations with 2 teams, 2nd team from AA
Rural C	Associations with 1 team, 2nd team from A
Rural D	Tiered teams (3rd or 4th team from AA, 2nd team from B)

- b) For Associations with one team, Regions will determine placement of all teams falling within the B or C category. The following placement rules will apply; if there are an even number of total teams within the Region, half will be placed in B and half will be placed in C. If there are an odd number of teams within a Region, one extra team will be placed in B and the remainder in C. Teams should be placed on strength by their respective Region in early December once all applications have been submitted to Hockey Manitoba.
- c) Two or more equal ability (non-tiered) teams formed by an Associations in any

age division will be placed in the B or C category by their Region, following the placement rules in D.78. b.

- d) Second (or third, etc.) tiered teams from an Association will enter provincials as the second (or third, etc.) teams regardless of whether the higher tiered team(s) are attending or not.
- e) In Under-15 boy's hockey only, regions will be eligible to form Rural AA teams to compete in their own regional league or leagues in other regions, in this case regional approval is required. These teams may form from a maximum of five associations within their region. Prior to tryouts, the five associations must be declared. Amalgamated associations will be considered as one association if in existence for three consecutive years. These teams will be eligible to participate in the Rural AA provincial category.

### **AFFILIATION**

All other affiliation regulations as indicated in the Hockey Manitoba regulations continue to apply.

- 79. Players must affiliate from a lower category within the same age division. If affiliating from a lower age division, player must affiliate from an equal or lower category.
- 80. Teams may add eligible affiliate players to supplement their rosters as follows:
  - a) Under-11 & Under-13: up to 13 skaters and two goalies
  - b) Under-15 & Under-18: up to 15 skaters and two goalies

### **CATEGORIES**

- 81. a) Categories shall be determined in accordance to Regulation D. 77.
  - b) No teams will be allowed to move down to a lower category.
  - c) No teams shall be allowed to move up into another category where it would create a play-off for provincials. Teams can move up to different categories only if it does not affect the teams that are in that category as specified by Hockey Manitoba regulations. If there are no conflicts teams can move as approved by Minor Council.
- d) All rural minor categories in provincial play-offs must have a minimum entry of four teams for provincial competition. If a category lacks sufficient teams to hold competition, then team(s) may be moved up to the higher category with

consent of the team ie:U15 C to U15 B.

### **TOURNAMENT DATES (Mixed and Girls)**

#### **82. PROVINCIAL MINOR TOURNAMENT DATES**

Weekend 1	Last weekend of February
Weekend 2	First weekend of March
Weekend 3	Second weekend of March

### **MINOR GIRLS'**

#### **CATEGORY**

83. For the purpose of Hockey Manitoba minor Girls' provincial playoff competitions, teams will be placed in categories at their regional meetings and are subject to review by the regional council representatives prior to approval from Girls'/Women's Council by December 20th of the current season. Regions are required to supply their teams' standings within the leagues they participate in. This information, as well as the teams' official rosters are to be provided to the regional council representatives prior to December 20th of the current season.

#### **COMPETITIONS**

84. The following competitions are open for challenge:

U18 A, U18 B, U15 A, U15 B, U15 Rural AAA, U13 A, U13 B, U11 A, U11 B, U11 C

All provincial championships are subject to a minimum of four registered teams participating.

85. U18 Women's Rural A/B will play three (3) twenty (20) minute, stop-time, periods. Time allocated for each round robin game will be one hour, 45 minutes. The consolation and play-off games will be two hours.

86. Girls' Under-15 AAA League shall conduct annual competitions with the league champion to also be declared the branch champion. Only teams participating in regular competition (as defined by the league constitution) shall be eligible to be declared branch champions. The playoff format will be as outlined in the league constitution.

### **UNDER-18 AAA**

87. The Manitoba AAA U18 Hockey League and the Manitoba Women's Hockey League U18 AAA shall conduct annual competitions for the Men's and Women's U18 AAA

leagues. The league champions to also be declared the Branch Champion. Only teams participating in regular competition (as defined by the league constitutions) shall be eligible to be declared Branch Champions.

88. A Board of Directors Member of Hockey Manitoba shall accompany the Branch Champion to all Inter Branch Competition.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

89. The MHSAA will be responsible for the Provincial High School Championship.

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## SECTION E – JUNIOR HOCKEY

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### ALL JUNIOR REGISTRATION

*Note: In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of hockey the following regulations are applicable to all Junior hockey.*

1. In Junior hockey, players who last season were registered with another team must first obtain a release from former team prior to signing a player's card for the current season unless player is a graduating Under-18 player and was not on the final roster of a Junior team the year previous.
2. That any 17 year old Under-18 player is eligible to play Junior hockey with the proper release or transfers. Second year Under-18 players may appeal in the normal manner.
3. All Junior teams must appoint an individual to complete their registration in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) database. This individual must be designated, trained and have obtained HCR access for the current season a minimum of two weeks prior to the team's first regular season game.
4. All Junior player/team official registration information must be submitted to the Hockey Manitoba office prior to participation in any league game, and in accordance with all other Hockey Manitoba registration regulations and deadlines. Supplemental registration information (including transfers, releases and Under-18/Junior agreements) and the applicable registration fees are also required at the time of registration. If all necessary information (including fees) is not received at the time of registration (and applicable deadlines), the non-compliant team may be fined up to a maximum of \$200 per outstanding item.

### UNDER-18/JUNIOR AGREEMENT

5. This agreement is in place and is applicable to second-year Under-18 aged players only. First year U18 players do not qualify under this agreement. In order to be eligible to sign with a Junior team all second year U18 aged players along with their parents/guardian and coach/general manager of the team involved must adhere to the following agreement.
  - a) That the player has demonstrated sufficient ability that he would play regularly. As a guideline regularly is deemed as one of the top six forwards, one of the top

- four defensemen and one of the two goaltenders.
- b) That the Junior team agrees to register the player on a Junior card for the current season.
  - c) That the player be kept with the Junior team for the entire season unless an application is made to Hockey Manitoba to be removed from the team roster.
  - d) That no second year U18 player be granted an appeasement to the regulation can be traded during the current season.
  - e) That the player must be signed to a Junior card prior to his first league game.
  - f) Any 16 year old returning from the Western Hockey League or any other Major Junior Hockey team signs with a Junior team they must sign this agreement prior to his fourth league game.
6. a) First-year U18 players are eligible to play as affiliate players subject to the limitations outlined in the Hockey Canada regulations.
- b) Application must be returned to the Hockey Manitoba Office prior to participation.
  - c) For the purpose of this agreement a second-year U18 player is considered a 16 year old born player.
  - d) A second-year eligible U18 player (sixteen (16) years old) registering and participating in Junior Hockey shall do so under the following guidelines:
    - i) Major Junior: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of four (4) players.
    - ii) Junior A: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
    - iii) Junior B: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players.
    - iv) Junior C and OA: Each team is allowed to register one (1) local player in. The definition of "local" shall be that contained in the Hockey Canada Policy Manual. A local player shall not affiliate to any higher category team.
  - e) Affiliation between Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior:
    - i) A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be named as an affiliate player with both a Major Junior team and either a Junior A or a Junior B team in the same season.

- ii) A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may affiliate a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs with each of their affiliated teams as rostered in i). However, if their registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before their affiliated team or teams, they may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
  - iii) Any player affiliation as a result of the National Junior/Under17/CWG Events/World Junior A Challenge will not count in the ten (10) game total per team.
  - iv) Affiliation of goaltenders will be governed by Hockey Canada rule F 15 (b).
- f) Please note: In order to prevent any abuse or misrepresentation of the agreement, all parties are subject to the submission of an appeal application fee of \$300.00 plus GST in the event that either party chooses to exercise the termination of this agreement.

## JUNIOR A REGISTRATION

***Note: In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of hockey the following regulations are applicable to Junior "A".***

6. Junior A teams shall be provided with 45 registration certificates, and may sign and register not more than 25 eligible players at any one time up to January 10. On this date all such teams must reduce to not more than 25 of the following items:
- a) The number of registered players on their active list.
  - b) The number of unused registration cards/certificates.
- These lists must be submitted in full on the date specified above to the Executive Director. The players so dropped may register and play with any other team if eligible. Any team failing to abide by this regulation shall be declared ineligible for further competition until provisions are met, and further, that noncompliance shall result in all players being declared released from membership with the team (free agents).
7. Players released after January 10th, shall be ineligible to play with any other team. After January 10th no team shall be able to release any of its players and replace the player released by any other new player.
8. A first year eligible U18 player (fifteen (15) years old) will be permitted to play pre-season (exhibition) games for the Junior A club whose training camp they are

attending, under the condition that no player older than eighteen (18) years of age may participate in the game.

### **JUNIOR OA (MMJHL) REGISTRATION**

*Note: In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of hockey the following regulations are applicable to Junior OA Hockey.*

9. Junior OA competition shall be under the supervision of the President of the Junior OA League
10. Junior OA teams shall be permitted to use 21-year-old players.
11. The maximum number of registration cards a Junior OA team may use during a season shall not exceed 45 cards.
12. A Junior OA team may sign and register not more than 25 eligible players at any one time, at least two of whom must be goaltenders.
13. On January 10th and thereafter, each Junior OA team's number of players on their active list and their unused registration cards shall not exceed 25 cards.
14. Each Junior OA team shall on January 10th, submit in full an active players list to the Executive Director.
15. Any player released prior to January 10th may register and play with any other team if eligible.
16. Junior OA players released after January 10th shall be ineligible to play with any other team.

### **JUNIOR B AND C REGISTRATION**

*Note: In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of hockey the following regulations are applicable to Junior B & C hockey.*

17. Junior B & C competition shall be under the supervision of the Chair of Junior Hockey.
18. Should teams from within a league wish to participate in Hockey Manitoba Play-downs, then all players participating the said league must be properly registered on Hockey Canada registration certificates.
19. Junior B teams shall comply with Numbers 6. and 7. of the Junior A regulations registration regulations.

20. That in Junior B hockey, each team may sign a maximum of four players who are 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season, (hereinafter called overage players). To be eligible, an overage player must have been an eligible player on a final roster for a team within that specific league in the previous hockey season.
21. To be eligible, Junior C players must be 20 years of age or younger as of December 31 of that year with the exception of a 21-year old player. Such player must have been an eligible player at the time of the final roster for the same team of the previous season. That any team may not have more than four players of the 21-year old ruling, and that such player may be an affiliate player for a Senior team at his or the team's discretion. Any exceptions to this rule will be dealt with at an executive level.

## **AFFILIATION REGULATIONS**

### **JUNIOR AFFILIATION REGULATIONS**

***Note: Affiliation regulations for all categories of hockey are applicable to Junior hockey.***

22. a) A team may have affiliated with it one team only.
  - b) A Junior Team may have as its one affiliated team, a lower category team in the Junior Division situated anywhere within the Branch.
  - c) A Junior Team may have as its one affiliated team, a team from a lower division, which is situated within the geographic sub-division from which the selected team operates.
  - d) A Major Junior Team operating in the Western Hockey League may have as its affiliated team, a lower category team in the Junior division, situated anywhere within the four Western Branches.
23. All affiliations, shall terminate at the end of the current playing season, and may not be altered during the current playing season. If an affiliation agreement is broken during the current playing season, the higher division or category team shall not be allowed to use any of the affiliated teams players, nor will they be permitted to have a replacement-affiliated team.
24. No team is permitted to affiliate with more then one team during the same season.
25. In all affiliations permitted, the written agreement between teams involved in any

- one affiliation shall be filed no later than December 15th, by the affiliated higher division/category team with its Branch Executive Director. However, no player is permitted to play for the higher division or category team before such written agreement is filed with the Branch Executive Director.
26. The names of all affiliated teams shall be filed by the Branch Executive Director with the Director, By-Laws & Regulations of Hockey Canada no later than December 30. (The requirement to file the names of these affiliated teams with Hockey Canada would only be applicable for those teams, which are entering Hockey Canada Regional or National Championships).
  27. Non-compliance with the preceding paragraphs will result in the loss of affiliation privileges for the current season.
  28. Specially Affiliated Players
    - a) Junior Teams that are permitted to have one affiliated team may, if they wish and in lieu of one affiliated team have 19 specially affiliated players, of whom at least two must be goaltenders, from a lower division or category teams operating in the geographic subdivision, providing that all players and teams are properly registered with the Branch.
    - b) A Specially Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting team until his Hockey Canada card/certificate has been endorsed by the Branch Executive Director as being a specially affiliated player. Such endorsement may not be given by the Executive Director, before the written consent from both teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the Executive Director.
    - c) Once a player's Hockey Canada Card or roster has been endorsed by the Executive Director as being a specially affiliated player, their name becomes part of the selecting teams list of specially affiliated players and may not be dropped from such list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which they signed their Hockey Canada Registration Certificate released them on or before January 10th. The Branch Executive Director may not endorse specially affiliated players registration certificates after January 15th. On that date, the Branch Executive Director, shall draw up the final list of specially affiliated players and file said list with the Director, By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Canada not later than January 25th.

- d) Junior Teams rights to their specially affiliated players, shall terminate at the end of the current playing season or upon the date the player is released by the team with which they are registered in the current season, which ever occurs first.
- e) No player is permitted to be part of more than one specially affiliated player's list at any one time during the current season. Exception: Players may be allowed to be part of multiple affiliated player's lists with only one of the affiliated Junior teams' divisions leading to a regional or national championship.
- f) A player, registered with a team, which has a team on team affiliation with a higher division/category team, may not be selected as specially affiliated player.
- g) Once a player has been selected as a specially affiliated player, the team with which the player is registered may not enter into a team affiliation agreement with a higher division/category team.
- h) All affiliate players lists must be submitted prior to the player playing their first game. The list must be updated each time prior to participation in a game as an affiliated player.

## PROVINCIAL/INTER-PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS

**NOTE:** A Junior League must be in existence for three years of continued play to be considered bonafide and eligible for Junior Provincial Play-offs, following Hockey Canada regulations for league play in the Junior A category.

### JUNIOR A

- 29. Hockey Manitoba conducts annually competition in Junior A Hockey in Manitoba. The Champion is to receive the Turnbull Memorial Trophy.
- 30. The semifinals and finals of League play-offs shall be considered as Hockey Manitoba Junior A Play-downs. If more than one league exists final series to determine the Championship to be arranged by Hockey Manitoba.
- 31. Only teams participating in regular competition may enter interprovincial competition and must signify their intentions to the Executive Director before September of the current season.
- 32. An Executive Committee Member will travel with the Junior team entering inter-provincial competition, with authority over team officials and players.

### JUNIOR OA AND C

33. Junior OA and Junior C will not enter inter-provincial play-off competition.

### **JUNIOR B**

34. Hockey Manitoba shall conduct annually competition in Junior B Hockey in Manitoba.
35. All Junior B teams wishing to qualify for play-downs must play in a bonafide Junior B league of at least three teams playing a minimum of twelve games.
36. A Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors Member will travel with the Junior B team entering inter-provincial competition, with full authority over team officials and players.

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## SECTION F – SENIOR HOCKEY

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### SENIOR REGISTRATION

*Note: In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of hockey, the following registration regulations are applicable to Senior Hockey.*

1. All Senior teams registering with Hockey Manitoba shall pay a team registration fee, which shall be due and payable at the time of registering players.
2. All Senior teams wishing to compete in Hockey Manitoba play-offs must be properly registered with Hockey Manitoba by December 15th of the current season. Teams must also declare entry to Hockey Manitoba playoffs by December 15th of the current season and such entry is made with the respective Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars. The Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars will forward a list of Senior teams from their Zone to the Executive Director by December 17th.
3. Senior teams are entitled 45 registration certificates, and may sign and register not more than 25 eligible players at any one time up to January 10th. At least two of who must be goaltenders. Any player who is released by January 10th or did not sign a player certificate in the current season must be signed by his new team before the final registration date, which is February 10th in any season. These lists must be submitted in full on the dates specified above to the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars or Executive Director. Players dropped from roster may register and play with any other team if eligible. Any team failing to abide by this regulation shall be declared ineligible for further competition until provisions are met, and further, that non compliance shall result in all players being declared released from membership with the team (free agents).
4. To be eligible for Hockey Manitoba Senior A-D play-offs a team must be a member of a bona fide senior league and participate in scheduled league play prior to Hockey Manitoba play-offs. All league members must meet registration requirements for membership in Hockey Manitoba.
5. Players may sign only one card/certificate per season, and participate in one registered/affiliated league, unless released by club first signed with prior to January 10th. Players signing with more than one team without a proper release shall be suspended pending a Hockey Manitoba hearing.
6. a) Senior teams are allowed to dress 20 players for a game, two of which must be

goaltenders. The maximum number of skaters is 18, regardless of the goalie numbers.

- b) Clubs must have a minimum of 12-carded players before registering a team.
7. a) Minor aged players wishing to register with a Senior team must first obtain a release from the minor team if there is a minor team of his age category in the town where they reside.
- b) Minor players registered in the Senior category, and not previously registered as a minor player must submit a birth certificate.
  - c) Players in Senior hockey are released at the end of the current season, unless the team they were registered with that year notifies Hockey Manitoba prior to the Fall Board of Directors meeting that the player has some financial commitments to the team. Once financial obligations are taken care of, the player must be released if he so wishes. Senior AAA players must obtain their release from their last registered club.
  - d) Players who were registered in another Branch in the previous season must obtain an Inter-branch transfer and release from the former team. Deadline for Inter-branch transfer is February 10th. No player may participate until the Inter-branch transfer has been initiated, approved and payment for such has been made.
  - e) A player in Senior hockey must get a release from his team prior to playing on a University team and a player playing University Hockey must get a release prior to playing with a Senior team.
8. Any player who is properly registered with an Senior team may participate in the Provincial play-offs.
9. That any team that plays a league game before its players cards/certificates have been returned to the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars for registration shall be assessed a late registration fee of \$100.00 per game played. A team shall not gain points in league standings until properly registered.

### **SENIOR AAA**

Note: In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of Hockey, the following registration regulations are applicable to Senior AAA Hockey

10. Senior AAA teams wishing to compete in inter-provincial competition must signify their intentions to the Executive Director by August 15th of the current season.

11. Each Senior AAA team shall be provided with 45 cards and may sign, register and play 35 eligible players up to January 10th, at which time all teams must reduce their players list to 25, including two goaltenders. After January 10th, no team shall be able to release any of its players and replace the player released by any other new player. Players released after January 10th shall be ineligible to play with any other team. Players released prior to January 10th may register with another team if eligible. Final registration date is February 10th of the current season.
12. Senior teams are allowed to sign and use a maximum of 6 imports per game.

### **SENIOR AFFILIATION REGULATIONS**

**Note:** *Affiliation regulations for all categories of hockey are applicable to Senior hockey.*

13. A team may have affiliated with it one team only. This affiliation team must come from a lower division/category within the Branch.
  - a) A Senior Team may not affiliate with a Major Junior Team (i.e. Western Hockey League).
  - b) No Senior team may affiliate with a Junior A team.
  - c) A Senior team may not affiliate with both Junior B or Junior C team.
  - d) Any Senior A-D team operating or affiliated with a Minor club may not bring up more than 5 players in any one game.
  - e) A Junior B/C team will not be permitted to sign an affiliation agreement with a Senior team.
14. a) A Junior B/C or MMJHL player may affiliate to a Senior A-D team:
  - i) In the event that there is a Senior and Junior B team in the same community they will not be considered part of a club system whether or not they have the same signing authorities.
  - ii) A Junior B/C/MMJHL player may affiliate with the Senior team located in the community where they played their minor hockey.
  - iii) In the event that a Senior team does not exist in the community in which they have played their minor hockey a Junior B/C/MMJHL player may affiliate to the closest Senior team to their original minor hockey centre.
  - iv) A Junior B/C/MMJHL player may affiliate with one team only.

- b) Minor players that leave their home community to play with another Minor team in Hockey Manitoba remain affiliates of the Senior team in their home community.
  - c) Minor players that do not have a Senior team in their home community may affiliate with the closest Senior team to their place of residence.
  - d) Where towns combine to form a team in minor hockey the players may be used as affiliates by Senior teams of their respective communities providing players are residents of the community and the other provisions of Hockey Manitoba regulations are adhered to.
  - e) Where no Senior team exists in a town of a minor aged player, said player shall be eligible to play as an affiliate with a team of the higher named category closest to their home community where they are registered.
15. Affiliates may play five games in Provincial play-offs without jeopardizing their status with the team they are registered. If they play more than five games they will not be permitted to return to the team to which they were originally registered.
16. If the affiliated player is a goaltender, only actual participation in the game shall be considered as participation, and such participation shall be specifically noted on the game sheet.
17. Senior AAA teams may have 10 specially affiliated players, of whom at least one must be a goaltender, from a lower division or category team, provided that all players and teams are properly registered with the Branch.
18. For the purpose of affiliation, the senior clubs are considered part of the minor club system. A player belonging to the club system may be allowed to affiliate within the club system and to only one team outside the club system.

## **PROVINCIAL/INTERPROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS**

### **SENIOR**

#### **CATEGORIES**

19. Hockey Manitoba shall conduct a Senior A Championship Tournament consisting of the League Champions from all Senior Leagues (5) and a wildcard team selected on a rotational basis from the competing leagues. Participating teams are allowed to add one (1) goaltender as an affiliate player from any team in their respective League. Senior Council reserves the right to make changes to this format as need arises (6th League). Final date for Senior team to declare affiliates is January 15th.

**SENIOR AAA**

20. Hockey Manitoba conducts annual competition in Senior AAA Hockey in Manitoba. The Champion is to receive the Pattison Cup. The Senior AAA Hockey Manitoba representative must be declared in time to commence inter-provincial competition on the dates set by Hockey Canada.
21. A Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors Member will travel with the Senior team entering inter-provincial competition with full authority over the team officials and players.
22. Hockey Manitoba shall control and supervise all Senior AAA Hockey that comes under its jurisdiction. (Adopted April 15th, 1923). The Rules, Regulations, By-Laws and Constitution of Hockey Manitoba will apply.
23. All teams entering the Senior AAA Allan Cup play-offs shall upon registering for such, forward to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba the following bond:
  - a) \$2000.00 (two thousand-dollar) bond in the form of certified cheque.
  - b) Registrations for Senior AAA play-offs will not be complete until bond is in place.
  - c) Once all obligations are met concerning AAA play-offs and commitments, said monies will be returned.
24. Senior AAA teams who participated in Senior AAA play-offs the previous season will be given consideration when making the draw for the current Senior AAA play-offs. The dates for Senior AAA play-offs for the current season will be determined at the Hockey Manitoba Semi-Annual meeting. All teams entered in Senior AAA must be in attendance at this meeting.

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## SECTION G – JUNIOR/SENIOR WOMEN'S

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### SENIOR WOMEN'S REGISTRATION

**Note:** *In addition to registration regulations that are applicable to all categories of hockey, the following registration regulations are applicable to Senior Women's Hockey.*

1. All Senior teams wishing to belong to Hockey Manitoba must be registered on a Hockey Canada roster, which shall be processed by the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars.
2. All Senior teams may name 25 players to their roster, of which 19 skaters plus two goaltenders may dress for any one game. Teams may dress any 21 players of their teams' league registered roster, in any one game of Hockey Manitoba play-offs.
3. Should teams from within a league wish to participate in Hockey Manitoba play-offs, all players participating in the league must be properly registered on Hockey Canada roster.
4. Players may sign only one roster per season, and participate on only one team during the current season, unless released by club first signed with prior to January 10th. Players signing with more than one team, without proper release shall be suspended. Any player who was released by January 10th or who did not sign a roster in the current season must be signed by her new team before the final registration date, which is February 10th in any season.
5. Clubs shall have a minimum of 10 players.
6. Minor aged players wishing to register with a senior team must obtain a release from their Minor Hockey Association prior to approval of roster. For Hockey Winnipeg players, the release must be approved by the Vice-president of Hockey Winnipeg Girls'/Women's hockey prior to approval of registration.
7. Any player/team official who is properly registered with a senior team may participate in the senior provincial championship. Any player/team official or team that competes at the CIS level shall be ineligible to compete at the Hockey Manitoba provincial championship.
8. Players who were registered in another Branch in the previous season must obtain an Inter-Branch transfer and release from the former team. Deadline for Inter-Branch transfer is February 10th.

**TEAM REGISTRATION**

9. All teams registering with Hockey Manitoba shall pay a team registration fee, which shall be due and payable at time of registering players. Fee to be determined by Board.
10. a) The Senior A, Senior B and Junior Women's Provincial Championships are open to rostered and registered Senior Women's and Junior Women's teams with Hockey Manitoba.
  - b) Teams competing in a recreational/for profit league are eligible to register at the Hockey Manitoba Provincials in the Recreational Division only. Any team whose entire roster or combined roster from two (2) or more teams, is registered in a recreational/for profit league only, is not eligible for the Senior A/B or Junior Women's Provincial Championships.
11. Final date for registration of players for Hockey Manitoba provincial playoffs will be January 10th of the current season.
12. All teams wishing to compete in Hockey Manitoba play-offs must register by December 15th of current season, with the Hockey Manitoba office. A copy must also be sent to the Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey. Provincial team registration fee as set at the Fall Board of Directors meeting must be submitted to the Championship host committee by December 15th.
13. Final date for registration of teams for Hockey Manitoba provincial playoffs will be December 15th of the current season.
14. All associations/teams within the jurisdiction of the Branch will have the opportunity to bid for and host provincial championship tournaments. Deadline for applications to Hockey Manitoba to host current season's championships is September 15th of the current season. A host will be selected by Girls'/Women's Council at the Fall Council meeting annually.
15. All players and team officials in all categories must be registered on Hockey Canada approved rosters prior to participating in any game (league, play-off or exhibition) and said rosters submitted and approved by Hockey Manitoba prior to participation.
16. The Senior Women's category will be allowed to form a double rostered AAA team in accordance with the following guidelines that must be strictly adhered to or approval will be revoked:
  - a) The team will be made of properly registered Junior/Senior Women's players in the current season.

- b) The team will be comprised of players that show an interest as well as a high level of skill.
- c) The team will be funded by its own means.
- d) Players can only participate with the approval from their respective team (coach/management) and not be in conflict with their club team games and/or practices.
- e) The team will be eligible to participate in a maximum of three games and three tournaments with the approval of Hockey Manitoba.
- f) The team will not be eligible for provincial championships.

### **SENIOR WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL DIVISION**

- 17. All teams will be ineligible to compete in the Hockey Manitoba Provincial Championships.
- 18. An affiliation draft of interested players will be conducted at the beginning of each season. Players may affiliate to a Senior A or Senior B team. All affiliation rules must be adhered to.
- 19. Players registered with a Senior Women's Recreational team may play for any registered recreational team as a substitute to replace missing or injured players. Teams may only use a maximum of four pickups in any one game.
- 20. Each team must have an individual who has obtained Safety certification.
- 21. Senior Women's Recreational Hockey Players who wish to combine to attend a sanctioned tournament must first obtain a special event sanction from Hockey Manitoba. They would be required to submit a team roster of the eligible players to Hockey Manitoba for approval.

### **JUNIOR WOMEN'S REGISTRATION**

- 22. All Junior teams wishing to belong to Hockey Manitoba must be registered on Hockey Canada roster, which shall be processed by the Executive Director.
- 23. Junior Women's competition shall fall under the supervision of the Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey.
- 24. Junior Women's teams may sign a maximum of 25 players of which 19 skaters plus two goaltenders may dress for any one game. Goaltenders' cards must be clearly marked and they may only play goal.

25. The maximum age of eligibility for women hockey players will be those who are 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current playing season. In addition, each team may retain three (3) overage players designated as two (2) skaters and one (1) goalie or three (3) skaters, with the following conditions: Any overage players must register with the MWJHL to indicate their interest and attend tryouts for the MWJHL in September of the current season. The overage players must have played in the MWJHL the previous season.
26. Players may sign only one card per season and participate on only one team during the current season, unless released by club first signed with prior to January 10th. Players signing with more than one team, without proper release shall be suspended. Any player who was released by January 10th or who did not sign a player card/certificate in the current season, must be signed by her new team before the final registration date which is February 10th in any season.
27. Clubs shall have a minimum of 10 players.
28. Players who were registered in another Branch in the previous season must obtain an Inter-Branch transfer and release from the former team.

### **SENIOR WOMEN'S AFFILIATION REGULATIONS**

*Note: Affiliation regulations for all categories of hockey are applicable to Senior Women's hockey.*

29. A U18 or Junior aged player, given the opportunity to affiliate to a higher league, may affiliate with any team.
30. Since Senior Women's teams are not regional/geographic in nature, a draft of eligible Junior players and Senior Women's Recreational players to Senior A and Senior B registered teams will take place at the start of every season.
  - a) Draft of eligible of players will be determined by the Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey or President of the MWJHL.
  - b) Affiliates may only be picked up to replace players missing from the Senior team on that day. They may not be used to fill in the roster for any league game.
  - c) Each WWHL Senior team will be allowed to draft and affiliate five (5) players to their team. Rural Senior Women's teams may affiliate to a maximum roster number of 25. If no Junior teams/league exists in a given geographic area, Senior

teams can affiliate from U18 aged players in their area.

- d) Junior players and Senior Women's Recreational players are eligible to play or practice only with the team that drafts them.
31. Affiliate players may participate in a maximum of ten (10) games total. They may participate in an unlimited number of exhibition games and practices.
- a) The affiliate players coach must be contacted and approve her participation in any games or practices.
- b) For all games the Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey or President of MWJHL must approve their participation in a game. This is to ensure that they will not be exceeding the maximum number of games allowed as an affiliate.
32. For provincial championships, teams must name the two players they intend to use and must use only those same two named affiliates throughout the entire championship.
33. Junior Women's affiliation regulations will be determined annually by agreement between the MWJHL and Hockey Winnipeg which will be forwarded to Hockey Manitoba.

## **PROVINCIAL/INTER-PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS**

### **SENIOR WOMEN'S**

#### **CATEGORIES**

34. Hockey Manitoba shall conduct annual competition in the following Senior Women's categories: Senior A, Senior B.
35. Tournament Dates: TBD
36. Girls'/Women's Council reserves the right to place teams in whatever classification it may deem in the best interest of the association.
37. A team may request to be placed in a lower or higher category. Requests must be submitted in writing at the time of registration to the Hockey Manitoba office, and shall include a copy of the team roster, a list of all teams players used during the regular season, name of opposing teams and game results. Girl's/Women's Council will review the request. Should the request be approved, the team's Hockey Manitoba registration must coincide with the submitted list and no additions will

be permitted.

38. Senior Provincial play-offs shall be held annually as designated and approved by Girls'/Women's Council at the Fall Council Meeting.

### PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS

39. Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada.
40. Teams will be permitted one 30-second time-out per game.
41. Play-off draws for all championships will be as per Hockey Manitoba handbook Minor Hockey Provincial play-offs format.
42. Hockey Manitoba Minor Play-off Procedures shall be followed for all provincial championships.
43. No overtime shall be played in round robin play. Overtime after round robin play shall be sudden victory.
- Two-minute break
  - Teams do not change ends
  - 10 minute stop time period. First goal scored, game is over. If still tied after first overtime:
    - In the Consolation semi-final and final winner will be determined by a three player shoot-out. If score is still tied after first three shooters teams will alternate shooters until a winner is determined. Teams can use the same shooter as many times as they choose.
    - In the Bronze and Gold medal games there will be an off-ice break.
    - In the Bronze and Gold medaled games continue 20-minute sudden victory periods.
44. Length of games shall be:
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| Senior A/B | Two - 15 minute and one - 20 minute stop time for round robin.<br>Three - 20 minute stop time for gold/bronze games. |
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Ice shall be resurfaced before each game and between the second and third periods of each round robin game. Ice shall be resurfaced after each period for medal games. Length of games subject to ice availability. All games and length of periods shall be reviewed at the Fall Council Meetings and approved at the Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

**45. TIE BREAKER**

- a) The result of a round robin game involving the tied teams will apply in the event two teams are tied, the winner of the round robin game between those two teams will advance to the play-offs. Similarly, if three teams are tied, the team, which has a 2 - 0 record in games against the tied teams, will advance.
- b) If teams are still tied after a), then the team with the most wins would qualify.
- c) If the teams are still tied after a) and b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average would qualify. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into total number of goals for, with the team having the highest percentage winning the higher position. In the event a tie exists between three or more teams, goal average will decide the positions of all teams tied. (Ex. For: 10 goals, Against: 4 goals; Percentage is  $10/14 = .714$ ).
- d) If the teams are still tied after a), b), c), the team to qualify would be the team, which scored the first goal in the game between the two teams. If two or more teams are tied, the team that has scored the most first goals in all games involving the tied teams will advance.

***NOTE: All games each tied team has played in the round robin are used in the goal averaging.***

- e) If the teams are still tied after a), b), c) and d), the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in penalties during the round robin schedule.
  - f) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied the winner of the play-off position will be decided by a single toss of a coin.
46. Championship Banners – Hockey Manitoba championship banners will be presented to the winning team of the championship round in all categories.
47. Medallions – Gold and Silver medallions will be presented to the championship and runner up teams in all categories. In draws, which declare a third place winner, the host will present bronze medallions, purchased from Hockey Manitoba.

**TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

48. All teams entering play-offs must submit team roster, including player's numbers, team officials, positions, captains, assistants and team colours to the host centre,

- with a copy to Hockey Manitoba office no later than three (3) weeks prior to the tournament.
49. Senior teams have until one (1) week following Hockey Manitoba Semi-Annual Meeting to withdraw from Provincials. Any team withdrawing after this date will be fined \$300.00 with the fine to be paid within one week. Failure to pay the fine will result in the indefinite suspension of the team and players.
  50. Game reports shall be made in triplicate, with one copy to be sent to the Senior Director immediately following the play-offs.
  51. The Chair of Girls'/Women's Hockey or suitable designate will be in attendance at all tournament play-off championships
  52. All teams participating in Senior Women's provincial play-offs shall submit an entry fee as designated and approved by Girls'/Women's Council and ratified by Hockey Manitoba to offset costs associated with the play-offs. Entry fee cheque shall be made out to and submitted to the tournament host committee. Cheque must be received by December 15th of the current playing year.

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## SECTION H

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### HOCKEY MANITOBA/MANITOBA HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT

1. This letter outlines the conditions and manner in which high school hockey will be structured and administered in the Province of Manitoba between the Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and Hockey Manitoba.
2. It is agreed that Hockey Manitoba and the MHSAA shall work together in a positive manner to ensure the advancement of hockey through positive leadership.
3. The Manitoba High School Athletic Association shall establish and govern rules and regulations for the formation and operation of high school hockey teams.
4. The MHSAA will be responsible for Provincial High School Championships.
5. The MHSAA shall ensure all high school hockey team members are registered with Hockey Manitoba on certificates or rosters approved for this division of play.
6. All teams shall register with their respective League Registrars.
7. A list of first year high school players should be submitted to the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars prior to first game to confirm eligibility. Players are ineligible to register in the event that they were not a member in good standing with the local minor hockey association at the conclusion of the previous season. The list will serve as an applicable release.
8. Players that are registered High School players are eligible to play for the school that they attend, as per the MHSAA's eligibility guidelines.
- 9 a) All high school teams must have a minimum roster size of 12 players - one must be a goaltender.
  - b) Westman, Winnipeg and Zone IV High School Hockey League teams will have a maximum roster size of 25 (2 of whom must be goalies, and including all APs).
  - c) Winnipeg High School Hockey League (roster formation will predominantly be limited to players registered in grades 10, 11, and 12 only that are 15 years of age and older as of January 1st of the previous season.
  - d) WSHL rosters will be limited to a maximum of two (2) grade 9 players per season.
  - e) If a WSHL team wishes to exceed the maximum of two (2) grade 9 players per

season, the school may submit a written appeal for consideration by a joint MHSAA/ Hockey Manitoba appeal committee. The appeal must be submitted no later than the Wednesday of the second week of school. The appeal committee will be composed of the Executive Directors of both the MHSAA and Hockey Manitoba, in addition to a mutually agreed upon, independent, third party. The decision of the appeal committee will be considered final. A \$100 non-refundable appeal fee must be submitted to the MHSAA. The written appeal must include the following:

- i) A list of all student athletes who tried out for the team.
- ii) A written explanation as to why more than two (2) grade 9 players are needed for the upcoming season.
- iii) A letter of endorsement from the school's administration.
- iv) Metrics to consider include eligible returning players, graduating players, history of grade 9s in program, High School Division, and registered players in catchment area.
- v) Team rosters cannot be composed of primarily grade 9 players.

10. It is agreed that affiliation between Hockey Manitoba teams and MHSAA teams will be permitted with the following limitations.
- a) A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may therefore affiliate an unlimited number of times. Please note: That exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of the regular league or play-off games are excluded from the eligible number of games.
  - b) Hockey Manitoba registered players attending a school that has a team in either the Westman, Winnipeg, or Zone IV High School Hockey Leagues will be allowed unlimited affiliation to their school's high school hockey team.
  - c) Hockey Manitoba second year Under-15 registered players attending a school that has a team in either the Westman and Zone IV High School Hockey Leagues only will be allowed unlimited affiliation to their school's high school hockey team.
  - d) All High School players (including APs) must be registered on their school's MHSAA

online roster by the annual posted deadline in order to be eligible.

- e) Affiliated players can only be used once a team's roster falls below 17 players (two of whom must be goalies).
  - f) High school players may play a maximum of 10 games as an affiliate player, to Junior A, B & OA Hockey Manitoba teams. Affiliation is subject to the High School Hockey League approval. A player may not play a beyond his 10th game until after their high school season is completed.
  - g) In rural Manitoba high school players have unlimited affiliation to Senior A-D and Junior C teams provided permission is received from the High School Coach.
  - h) Once a student's high school season is completed, the student may play for a higher-level team pending permission from the high school coach and MHSAA.
  - i) Affiliation lists must be filed by all teams prior to a team using an affiliate player. Failure to file this list prior to using an affiliate player may result in sanctions against the offending coach.
  - j) All affiliation lists must conform to Hockey Manitoba and MHSAA criteria and the posted annual deadlines.
  - k) High School and Hockey Manitoba coaches shall obtain prior approval from a player's team coach before using the players as an affiliate for any sanctioned activity (game). This must be done prior to each game in which an affiliate player is used (no block agreements are permitted). Affiliated players cannot be used for practice.
11. High school hockey will follow the minimum suspension guidelines as those established by Hockey Manitoba.
  12. The High School League Commissioner shall advise the MHSAA office immediately of any suspension of affiliate player that is registered to a Hockey Manitoba team, the MHSAA office will immediately advise Hockey Manitoba and applicable Regional Director of such suspensions and provide relative information.
  13. Any affiliate player who plays with a high school team and is suspended in high school league or exhibition play must serve the full suspension with their rostered team.
  14. High School hockey players may only appeal suspensions to the MHSAA (except those suspensions of physical abuse of an official under Minimum Suspension Guidelines).
  15. Match penalties involving physical abuse of officials shall be reported to the Hockey

Manitoba office. Hockey Manitoba will deal with all penalties that involve physical abuse of an official.

16. It is agreed that high school hockey teams should communicate to the Hockey Manitoba office through the MHSAA office. The Hockey Manitoba office will communicate to high school teams through the MHSAA office. The MHSAA will communicate with Hockey Manitoba teams/players through the Hockey Manitoba office. Winnipeg High School registration is administered through the Hockey Manitoba office and all communication of the respective teams should be processed through this office.
17. Prior to sanctioning of tournaments the MHSAA shall advise to Hockey Manitoba if the tournaments meet Hockey Canada sanction criteria.
18. Manitoba high school teams will be permitted to participate, subject to approval of the MHSAA, against other Branch non-Hockey Canada member high school hockey teams. However, Hockey Manitoba and or the Hockey Canada will not be responsible for actions emanating from such activities and further that the medical and liability insurance programs under which all members are protected will be automatically voided during such activities.
19. A joint MHSAA and Hockey Manitoba standing committee shall be established. Any disputes between the MHSAA and Hockey Manitoba regarding the terms contained within this agreement shall be settled using the mutually agree upon Dispute Resolution Policy.
20. All coaches in high school must follow the Hockey Manitoba Coach Certification Model.

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## SECTION I

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### Accredited Schools

#### HOCKEY CANADA ACCREDITED SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The following will apply to all Hockey Canada Accredited School (HCAS) registrations within ***Hockey Manitoba*** membership: Accredited Schools will be further governed by the HCAS Policy as found in the Hockey Canada By-Laws and Regulations.

1. Definition - Hockey Canada Accredited School (HCAS) – HCAS programming combines scholastic and hockey programming with the goal of providing a supportive learning environment that offers developing athletes the opportunity to mature as self-directed, life-long learners while pursuing excellence in hockey.
2. HCAS programming allows student athletes to start and graduate high school within the same system.
3. A HCAS may be a for-profit or not-for-profit organization focused on the development of youth hockey players academically and athletically. All students must be attending the same designated institution.
4. Clarifications with respect to Hockey Canada regulations applicable to the governing of the registration of HCAS teams refer to Hockey Canada Regulation F. Note: Reference to “Recognized Educational Institution” in the Hockey Canada Regulations shall be defined, for the purposes of this policy, as an institution or school (public or private) accredited by the Ministry of Education to offer programs within the K to 12 graduation curriculum. All players registered with a HCAS program must be enrolled at an accredited grade within the Recognized Educational Institution.
5. Due to the fact that accredited school teams are different from all other teams within our membership, such programming will only be considered by the Hockey Manitoba Board in accordance with the following criteria and demonstrate the value of the HCAS will bring to Hockey Manitoba and its members:
6. **APPLICATION DEADLINES:** All applications for a new HCAS/MHA partnership which would also include the expansion of an existing program must be received prior to September 1st in order to be considered for operation in the following season. Final approval of applicants will be on or before December 1st by the Hockey Manitoba, Board of Directors. Such approval may only be granted for one season and therefore must be submitted for consideration annually no later than midnight December 1st

in order to be considered for operation the following season.

7. All registered HCAS programs are required to meet the following standards, Sustainability and Budget Plan
  - a) Endorsement letter from partnership school
  - b) Long term vision of sustainability, including plans for the provision of multi-year program offerings to student athletes
  - c) Proof of financial sustainability including:
  - d) Proof of financial sustainability through transparency of cash or credit reserves allocated to the organization
  - e) A detailed budget overview including player fee projections and itemized operational expense projections
  - f) Strategic plan for organization 3 – 5 years
  - g) Proof of formal agreements with: Ice facilities, School district, School and Dry land facilities
  - h) A position of acceptance or denial from the Canadian Sport School Hockey League
  - i) A detail budget overview including player fee projections and itemized operational expense projections
  - j) Subject to Sport Quality Observation facilitated by Hockey Manitoba
  - k) An analysis of the affected age group within the branch will be completed to determine the capacity for additional programs or the expansion of an existing program. This analysis will also include existing/competing programs, specifically their ability to fill their rosters in the preceding years. Existing minor hockey and sport school programs should not be placed in jeopardy or peril through the addition of a new program or expansion of an existing program.

*Note: Further application requirements from Hockey Canada can be found in the HCAS Policy.*

## 8. GAMES AND TRAINING

All HCAS programs shall provide the following minimum programming standards:

- a) Average of five (5) hours of practice ice per week in a location within walking distance or minimal transportation (provided by the program) of the school.
- b) Number of home games per team

- c) Games and practices scheduled at a “home” arena (within close proximity to the school)
- d) Average of five hours of off-ice per week for all participants in a specialized training facility.
- e) Professional transportation options to and from all activities.
- f) Position from the Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL).

#### 9. TEAMS AND ROSTERS

- a) Each HCAS must establish a plan to offer multiple team programming.
- b) Minimum permanent roster size of fifteen (15) players per team (including two goaltenders).
- c) Boys’/Men’s and Girls’/Women’s Prep rosters will include a maximum of twenty (20) players, two of which shall be goaltenders.
- d) Boys’/Men’s and Girls’/Women’s roster of the lowest category/division team in the HCAS will be eligible to have a maximum of nineteen (19) players, two of which shall be goaltenders, with an extended roster as determined by the member.

#### 10. RECRUITMENT

- a) Hockey Manitoba recognizes and respects the right of individuals to consider participation in the program of their choice, however to avoid distraction and disruption open recruitment or direct contact of minor hockey or alternate sports school registrants by a HCAS program is restricted until after the completion of the respective players season, which includes play-offs and provincials.
- b) Hockey Manitoba Branch programs are not to be used to promote or solicit recruits by HCAS but to allow players to focus on their respective club team or development program opportunity.
- c) All HCAS programs are eligible to generally promote their respective program through open house, advertising, website etc.
- d) Violation of the recruitment policy is subject to sanction as determined by the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors.

#### 11. HCAS STRUCTURE

The following are structural requirements of a HCAS:

- a) All HCAS staff are to provide criminal record checks
- b) HCAS staff structure must include a dedicated senior position as the general manager or similar role
- c) Each team registered by a HCAS must employ a dedicated head coach certified as follows: High Performance 1, Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check. Assistant coaches must be certified with Development 1, Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders and Criminal Record Check.
- d) Off ice training staff must obtain minimum qualifications equivalent to an athletic therapist and/or strength and conditioning certification
- e) A HCAS must appoint program doctors, dentists and other medical personnel

## 12. EDUCATION

- a) Dedicated routine of schedule of events including educational testing.
- b) Dedicated tutors and education liaison
- c) All participants must attend the same school.
- d) All participants must have the same opportunity as all other students to participate in extracurricular activities offered by the school.

Players participating on HCAS teams shall register with the Hockey Manitoba.

- i. Girls'/Women's HCAS team lists must be submitted for approval by June 15th, of the upcoming season. Official team rosters must be submitted prior to team's first game.
- ii. Boys'/Men's HCAS team lists must be submitted for approval by August 15th, of the upcoming season. Official team rosters must be submitted prior to team's first game.
- iii. Girls'/Women's HCAS additions will not be permitted after June 15th with the exception of players that were not members of Hockey Manitoba the previous season and are required to complete the necessary transfer documents. All other additions must be approved by Hockey Manitoba Appeal process.
- iv. Boys'/Men's HCAS player replacements are permitted up until September 30th with any player that was released by a Manitoba AAA Provincial Under-18 or Under-15 team. Only players that were registered as of August 15th can be replaced. The HCAS must advise the Hockey Manitoba Executive Director of any replacement players.
- v. The signing deadline for players who were not members of Hockey Manitoba the previous season can be registered up until January 10th by completing the necessary

- documents. All other additions must be approved by Hockey Manitoba Appeal process.
- vi. Girls'/Women's HCAS can roster up to a maximum of three (3) major Under-15 aged players.
  - vii. Teams will be allowed the use of player affiliations on an emergency basis through application approval by the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba, registered team and the players applicable home region. All affiliated players must be registered members of Hockey Manitoba and an existing member of the applicable sports school.
13. Players participating on HCAS teams who are Manitoba residents will be eligible to participate in Hockey Manitoba High Performance programming in the Region in which the player's parent(s) resides.
  14. Blanket permission may be granted by the Board of Directors for exhibition games with teams within the branch or Under-18 AAA League. All play with teams outside the branch by the HCAS teams shall require the approval of Hockey Manitoba Executive Director or Minor Hockey Chair as required. The applicable travel documents will be required as per the Hockey Manitoba regulations.
  15. Teams and team officials shall be subject to all regulations regarding discipline/suspensions and applicable certification requirements. All HCAS must have a staff member as an active member on the teams roster. The Hockey Manitoba Executive Director will be the contact person for rule interpretations that may result in player suspension.
  16. HCAS shall establish a working agreement with the MHA and the region in which the HCAS resides.
  17. The Hockey Manitoba Office shall oversee the registration of players on behalf of the HCAS.
  18. The MHA may apply to host Hockey Manitoba sanctioned tournaments on behalf of the HCAS.
  19. Players shall be subject to all paperwork required by IIHF/Hockey Canada transfer regulations. Transfer approvals will be governed by Hockey Canada and all correspondence regarding these approvals is to be forwarded directly to Hockey

Manitoba by the Accredited School.

20. Player registration and team assignment of such players will be administered by Hockey Manitoba via the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).
21. The receipt of required registration documentation by Hockey Manitoba (i.e. confirmation of registration with the HCAS as well as all transfer documents) will constitute approval of the players to participate with HCAS teams.
22. As per normal procedure, Hockey Manitoba will deal with Hockey Canada on all other registration paper work as required.
23. Players over the age of seventeen (17) who are registered in the academic programs of a HCAS may register with that HCAS and participate in games played with teams from another HCAS, provided the player was registered with the HCAS program in the previous season.
24. HCAS teams are encouraged to participate in Hockey Manitoba sanctioned leagues or to establish exhibition games with its league members. HCAS teams wishing to apply to participate in a sanctioned Hockey Manitoba league must apply in writing to the league by June 30th, for the following season. HCAS approved teams will not be eligible for provincial play offs or participation in provincial tournaments.
25. Fees - All HCAS teams registered with Hockey Manitoba by way of this policy will be assessed an annual fee of \$2,500 per team plus applicable registration fees.

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## SECTION J

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### TOURNAMENT & EXHIBITION GAMES

1. All teams must compete within their own category for all competitions (i.e. Under-11 vs. Under-11, etc.) unless approved by Chair of the category of hockey.

### TRAVELING TO EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS (ALL CATEGORIES)

2. Permission to play tournament/exhibition games, or inter-branch games in other member Branches of Hockey Canada, or with American based teams must be obtained from Hockey Manitoba. No team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has the written permission of its home Branch.
3. Tours outside of North America must be arranged by or with the approval of the Hockey Canada (for international games see Hockey Canada Regulations).
4. Application for permission will only be considered if made by a team whose players are properly registered with that team on Hockey Canada players' certificates.
5. Permission will not be given to any team for exhibition games with any team, club or association, which is not a member of Hockey Canada.
6. Hockey Canada registered teams MAY NOT participate in a tournament that has NOT been granted a sanction permit.
7. Violation of this may result in the suspension of the team officials and/or players involved (Hockey Canada Regulation).
8. Request for permission must be submitted online. Teams applying from Norman or Hockey Winnipeg must first receive Regional approval. The Travel Permit fee shall be \$20.00.
9. Travel Permits must be completed in sufficient time to allow time to obtain ratification from host Branch and/or USA Hockey. Permits consist of two copies; one for the Branch and one for the traveling team.
10. In order to avoid potential disqualification teams, should have in their possession an approved copy of the team roster.

### HOSTING EXHIBITION GAMES OR TOURNAMENTS

#### EXHIBITION GAMES - ALL DIVISIONS

11. Branch Office to be notified if hosting teams in exhibition games from outside the Province or USA Hockey.

## HOSTING TOURNAMENTS

### *Hockey Canada REGULATIONS (Regulation J)*

12. No player or team registered or affiliated with any Member shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Member in whose geographic area that tournament is to be conducted.
13. The official permit, sanctioning a tournament, shall be on a form approved by Hockey Canada. A Member shall have the authority to impose a Tournament Sanction fee.
14. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team(s), which is not registered with a Hockey Canada Member, USA Hockey or, in the case of an International Tour, another Federation.
15. Tournaments and Exhibition Games which include only teams from Hockey Canada and USA Hockey shall be sanctioned by the Member, and do not require sanctioning by Hockey Canada. All International Tournament sanction fees will apply.
16. The host Member will verify the eligibility of all teams and players entered in the tournament.
  - a) Every player participating on a team in any sanctioned tournament must be registered with that team in either the HCR, or in accordance with the Regulations of their foreign Federation.
  - b) A team must produce an approved HCR roster.
17. No team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has the written permission of the Member or the Federation that they are registered with. In granting such permission the Member or Federation must agree to:
  - a) impose and enforce any disciplinary action necessary against its team, players or team officials; and
  - b) report all disciplinary action, to the Member hosting the tournament.
18. The Member in which the tournament is held shall have the authority to impose an indefinite suspension pending action by the Member of the team, player or team officials involved.
19. Where an indefinite suspension has been imposed, a copy of the official Game Report with all necessary supporting evidence and any recommendation regarding the suspension shall be forwarded to the Member of the team, player(s) or team official(s) involved.

**GENERAL TOURNAMENT PROVISIONS**

20. All sanctioned tournaments will be played only under official Hockey Canada playing rules. Should there be any variance from such rules, such variances shall be submitted at the time application is made for a sanction permit.
21. No team or player may compete in more than three (3) games in one day.
22. Any permit sanctioning a tournament by Hockey Canada may be withdrawn if it is found that Hockey Canada or Member regulations pertaining to such tournaments are not followed. Subsequent permits may be withheld from any Member or MHA that has been found to have conducted a sanctioned tournament which did not conform to the applicable Hockey Canada or Member regulations.
23. Players in tournament play are required to commit to one team only.

**BRANCH TOURNAMENTS – HOCKEY MANITOBA REGULATIONS**

For all Branch Tournaments involving only Manitoba teams

24. Any team or association (all divisions) wishing to host a Branch tournament must receive a sanction permit from their Hockey Manitoba Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars office. The cost of a tournament sanction is \$32.00 (taxes and fees included). Fee must accompany application for tournament request. All requests for sanction must be submitted THREE WEEKS PRIOR to tournament and rosters submitted to host SEVEN DAYS PRIOR to the start of any tournament.
25. For AAA and AA, prior to November 1st or at the discretion of the Executive Director, tournament sanctions will only be issued upon producing a copy of the approved Hockey Manitoba Roster for each team participating. After January 15th (after November 1st in the case of AAA & AA) the tournament host must submit a list of the teams participating with the full team name and a contact person for each team. All affiliation lists (if required) and addition/deletion sheets must be submitted as well. Hockey Manitoba will then verify each team and its players. The roster that Hockey Manitoba has on database will be the roster that plays. It is the team's responsibility to make sure that the roster is kept up to date with additions and deletions of players in accordance with all registration regulations. Rosters for affiliate players must be submitted, or if date appropriate, be checked by Hockey Manitoba from their database.
26. The appropriate Hockey Manitoba Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars Office will verify the eligibility of all teams and players entered in tournaments sanctioned by

Hockey Manitoba.

27. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team, which is not a member team of Hockey Canada. Every player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered with that team on a Hockey Canada recognized approved roster, and said approved roster must be produced for inspection at all tournaments.
28. **Fee:** For all Minor Division tournaments the fee shall be \$32.00 (taxes and fees included)
29. Hockey Manitoba registered teams may not participate in a tournament that has not been granted a sanction. The Coach and Manager of any team participating in an unsanctioned tournament shall be indefinitely suspended until dealt with by the Board of Directors

*NOTE: For tournaments involving teams from other branches, the above procedures must be adhered to. The Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars shall forward all information to the Hockey Manitoba Executive Director for final approval of the tournament sanction.*

**SECTION K****HOCKEY MANITOBA COACHING MODEL**

<b>DIVISION/CATEGORY</b>	<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>ASSISTANT COACH</b>
Under-7	Coach 1 – Intro to Coach	Coach 1 – Intro to coach
Under -9	Coach 1 – Intro to Coach or Coach 2 – Coach Level	Coach 1 – Intro to Coach or Coach 2 – Coach Level
Under-11	Coach 2 – Coach Level + Checking Skills 1	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Under-13	Coach 2 – Coach Level + Checking Skills 1	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Under-15 AAA*	High Performance 1 + Checking Skills 1	Development 1
Under-15 AA, A, B, C	Coach 2 – Coach Level + Checking Skills 1	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Girl's Under-15 AAA, AA*	High Performance 1 + Checking Skills 1	Development 1
Girl's Under-15 A, B, C	Coach 2 – Coach Level + Checking Skills	Coach 2 – Coach Level
High School	Coach 2 – Coach Level	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Under-18 AAA, Accredited Schools	High Performance 1	Development 1
Under-18 AA, A, B, C	Coach 2 – Coach Level	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Junior A	High Performance 1	Development 1
Junior B	Development 1	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Junior C, OA, Women's	Coach 2 – Coach Level	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Senior AAA	Development 1	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Senior A, B, C	Respect in Sport	Respect in Sport
Women's Senior AA, A, B	Coach 2 – Coach Level	Coach 2 – Coach Level
Team Manitoba (POE)	High Performance 1	Development 1
Canada Games	High Performance 1	High Performance 1
Manitoba Games	Development 1	Coach 2 - Coach Level

Note 1: All team officials and rostered bench staff require the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders Certification.

Note 2: Head Coaches requiring the High Performance 1 certification have three years to complete the course.

\*Boy's Under-15 AAA refers to Winnipeg Under-15 1 and Under-15 Rural AAA teams only. Winnipeg Under-15 2 teams fall under Boy's Under-15 AA guidelines.

\*\*Girl's Under-15 AAA refers to the rural program, Girl's Under-15 AA refers to the Winnipeg program.

## HOCKEY MANITOBA TIMETABLE FOR CERTIFICATION

Coaching Certification Philosophy: Each clinic's content is developed by Hockey Canada and the member Branches (Hockey Manitoba) train learning facilitators to teach & implement the clinic content to coaches. There is NO ladder of pre-requisites to climb and no certification supersedes another; coaches simply follow the specific certification path that is applicable to the age/category of the athlete they are currently coaching as listed in the certification chart.

1. Training/Certification for Coach 1-Intro to Coach, Coach 2-Coach Level, Development 1, Safety and Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders must be obtained on or before December 1st of the current season. Please note: if a member's Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders is scheduled to expire prior to the completion of the current season (May 31st), they are required to re-certify by December 1st of the current season.
2. All coaches/instructors coaching Under-7 teams must specifically complete the Coach 1-Intro to Coach training. Coaches/Instructors coaching Under-9 may have either Coach1-Intro to Coach or Coach 2-Coach Level training.
3. All coaches within the Intra-Provincial Program must have Coach 2-Coach Level training, see chart for applicable ages/categories.
4. All **head coaches for Under-11, Under-13 and Under-15 mixed and girls' teams** will be **REQUIRED** to attend a Hockey Manitoba checking certification clinic by the December 1st deadline. Coaches must complete the online Hockey University - Checking course prior to registering for their in-person clinic. The clinic format will consist of either in-person classroom/on-ice session or a virtual clinic. Clinics will be offered throughout the province and/or online during the coaching certification period running from October to November. Teams that have not complied with this policy will be subject to the coaching deficiency guidelines (regulation K.9) of the handbook.
5. All Head Coaches coaching Under-15, Under-18, Junior A teams that compete in Interprovincial or National Championships or the highest level as determined by the Branch, must be High Performance 1 Certified. It is recommended that all Assistant coaches be at minimum Development 1 trained. Should a head coach be hired without this certification, they have a three-year window to gain the High Performance 1 certification. The head coach must be working within the training/certification program in an upgrading manner in order to have an exemption under this regulation. Applicable only to head coaches requiring High Performance 1.
6. All head coaches coaching within the Program of Excellence must have High Performance 1 certification with assistant coaches requiring Development 1 certification. All coaches

- appointed to Canada Winter Games teams require High Performance 1 certification. All certifications must be completed by the time of application to Hockey Manitoba, unless formal arrangements are made with Hockey Manitoba including date of completion.
- All coaches coaching in the Program of Excellence and all head coaches in the National Championships Program, must attend eight hours of presentations of a High Performance 1 seminar as an observer, or attend a minimum of 8 hours of another coaching seminar every four years. These seminars must be approved by the Hockey Manitoba Athlete Development Committee. The next High Performance 1 seminar will be held in the summer of 2025 and every two years thereafter.
  - Hockey Manitoba requires every registered AAA (U15, U17, U18) and HCAS team to have a coach enrolled and participating in one of the applicable Hockey Canada Gold Medal Pathway (GMP) streams.
  - Any on-ice participant (including team officials) must wear a CSA approved helmet during all Hockey Manitoba sanctioned Minor Hockey activities.  
**Please Note:** On-ice participants in violation of the above regulation (based on written complaint only) will be subject to the following sanctions:  
First offence – Written warning  
Second offence – 1 week suspension  
Third offence – Suspended indefinitely and must attend discipline hearing  
It is strongly recommended that all Junior and Senior on-ice participants (including team officials) wear a CSA approved helmet.
  - Associations/Teams will be charged \$50.00 for each rostered team staff that is not properly trained/certified with the Intro to Coach, Coach, Development 1, Hockey Canada Safety Program or Respect in Sport (as indicated in section K.) by December 1st of the current season. *Please note: This fine will be applied to each outstanding certification and must be paid by the Association/Team - payments from individual members will not be accepted.* Team staff requiring Intro to Coach, Coach, Checking Skills or Development 1 training will only remain eligible to coach for the remainder of the season (with their current team only) once the fine has been paid and all online components are completed. Team staff that have not achieved their Respect in Sport certification by December 1st will only remain eligible to continue in the current season once the fine is paid and they achieve the Respect in Sport certification. Team safety people that have not achieved their Hockey Canada Safety program certification by December 1st are not eligible to continue as safety people until the fine is paid

and they receive the Hockey Canada Safety Program certification. **Please Note:** Associations will not incur penalty for team staff that are released from their roster by the December 1st deadline. All releases for team staff must be completed through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). Members may only be added to a roster after December 1st if all certification was completed PRIOR to the deadline.

11. All rostered team officials must have their Respect in Sport certification by December 1st of the current season. In addition, team officials listed as Safety people that have not received the Hockey Canada Safety Program certification by December 1st of the current season are ineligible to continue until the Safety certification is achieved. All teams must appoint a certified Safety person to their roster to continue play.
12. All team officials not trained/certified as indicated in Paragraph 10. & 11. will not be permitted to roster with any new team (including development programs or extended season teams) during the current season. In addition, they will be ineligible to roster in any subsequent season until properly certified/trained.
13. Upon application, at the discretion of the Executive Director, individuals under the age of 22 as of December 31st of the current season will be eligible to assist with teams or development programs as an "Apprentice Coach". Should application be approved, the individual would require the Respect in Sport certification prior to participation with the team. This approval would remain in effect for the balance of the current season - with a one year automatic renewal for the following season. Full certification/training is required once the renewal Apprentice Coach term has expired. Teams with Apprentice Coach or Coaches on their roster must have a fully certified/trained coaching staff.

## **HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM**

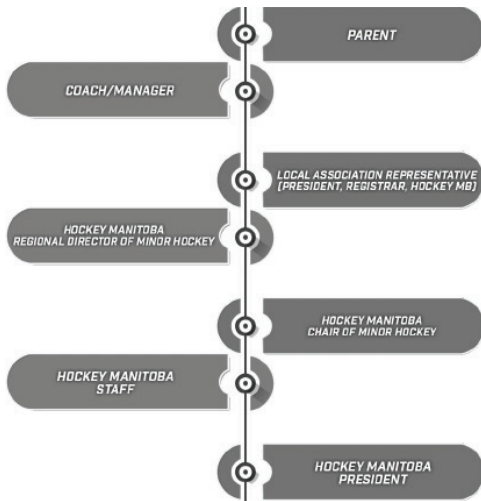
14. Hockey Manitoba requires every registered team to have a certified Safety person registered on the team's roster by December 1st of the current season. Teams who have no certified Safety person assigned to a team roster by December 1st of the current season will be suspended from membership.
15. A Safety person can only be registered on one team. If a Safety person would like to be on two or more teams (rosters), they must apply to Hockey Manitoba in writing on or before November 30th of each year. Each application must state the teams involved and the season's full rostering. Each request must show that the Safety person can attend all games and practices of each team.
16. Each team in High School must follow Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba Safety Program policies.

**RESPECT IN SPORT PROGRAM**

17. An on-line educational program on the prevention of abuse and harassment in hockey is mandatory for all rostered team officials by December 1st of the current hockey season. Team Officials are required to re-certify with Respect in Sport every five (5) years.

**RESEPECT IN SPORT FOR PARENTS**

18. Certification for this online educational course for parents must be obtained by at least one parent or legal guardian of any minor hockey player on a Hockey Manitoba roster by November 1st. Should certification not be obtained by November 1st, the minor hockey player will be ineligible to participate in any Hockey Manitoba sanctioned activity until one parent or legal guardian is certified.

**COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART**

## FAIR PLAY CODES

### COACHES

19. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
20. I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, and opponents.
21. I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support, and playing time.
22. 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.
23. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities.
24. I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
25. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
26. I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

### REGULATION 07 – HAZING

27. "A player, team official, Minor Hockey Association, or any other Hockey Canada Registered participant found, by an investigative process, to have condoned, initiated or, to the detriment of another, participated in Hazing actions or behaviors shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from Hockey Canada registered programs. Discipline must relate to the degree of severity of the incident(s). For greater certainty:
  - a) Any party failing to cooperate with the investigative process may be subject to suspension as determined by the Member.
  - b) All discipline decisions related to Hazing must be approved by the Member.
  - c) All Hazing matters involving Hockey Canada High Performance Programs will be dealt with by the Board.

### HOCKEY'S NCCP – HOW IT WORKS

28. The National Coaching Certification Program has moved to a "streamed approach" where coaches will be provided with educational and certification opportunities appropriate for the players who they are working with. As a result of the streamed approach, not all coaches will begin their program at the same place. Coaches will now have the opportunity to enter into the stream of coaching that is appropriate for

the players they coach. Coaches will receive coaching materials that are practical and easy to implement with the players they work with.

29. One of the most important distinctions for this new education/training model is that it is an athlete-centered approach to training coaches. This means that the coaching needs are defined by the needs of the athletes they are working with.

### CLINIC OUTLINE

30. All participants are required to register on-line for clinics through the Hockey Canada HCR; see the Hockey Manitoba website for detailed registration instructions.
31. The Coach 2 - Coach Level clinic is designed to be delivered as a two-part clinic. Participants will be required to complete the Hockey University portion online and then have the option of either an in-person classroom/on-ice portion OR a virtual portion.
32. The next stream is the Development 1 Certification programs; this is a two-day clinic concluding with the online Making Ethical Decisions assessment and a field evaluation.
33. Upon successful completion and full attendance of a clinic the participant records are electronically updated in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). Participants may then log back into their Hockey Canada account to view/print their certification records. No cards or certificates are sent to participants after clinics.
34. The final stream is the High Performance 1 which is an mutli-day seminar offered in the summer by Hockey Manitoba every two years. The HP1 Seminar consists mainly of presentations and work shopping followed by a written examination, field evaluation and three NCCP online evaluations. The majority of coaches will take up to two years to complete their HP1. Upon achieving "Certified" status, individuals will need to earn 30 Professional Development points every five (5) years to maintain this status.
35. Hockey Canada's Coach 1 - Intro to Coach program is designed to be delivered as a two-part clinic. Participants will be required to complete the Hockey University portion online and then have the option of either an in-person classroom/on-ice portion OR a virtual portion.
36. The program emphasizes the basic hockey skills: skating, puck handling, passing and shooting. Each skill is introduced and refined in a progressive "one step at a time" manner.
37. Children learn and develop through participating in practice drills and informal and

modified games (such as shinny, freeze tag, and obstacle courses).

38. Although the emphasis is on fun and progressive skill development, the Under-7 Program also allows youngsters to experience Fitness, Fair Play, and Co-operation.
39. The overall success of the program relies on the leadership and teaching abilities of the instructors. To assist volunteers, a four (4) hour instructional clinic has been designed to ensure that instructors are fully prepared to present a successful program.

## **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

*(all programs subject to change)*

### **ESSO FUN DAYS**

40. The Esso Fun Days program is a one-day camp to introduce girls to the game of hockey. There is no cost to the first-time participant. The camp introduces basic skills in a fun and positive environment through a number of on and off ice components. Dependent on program needs, the camp is open to girls/women of all ages who are first time players.
41. Information regarding Esso Fun Days is available on the Hockey Canada website.

### **U13 BOY'S GOLD STANDARD**

42. Major aged U13 boy's teams will be formed with the help of Hockey Manitoba Coach Selection and Evaluation experts based on the Manitoba Games Regional boundaries and will attend the Manitoba Games in Thompson in early March. They will be evaluated and ranked at that event and then mixed onto teams at the April events. After further evaluations at these events the top major aged players will then be provided automatic invitations to our boy's U15 POE in the following season.

### **BOY'S U15 POE**

43. The boy's U15 POE is a high-performance development program that will act as a lead into the U16 POE and allow elite U14 aged players the change to be identified and introduced to the concepts and program structure of the U16 POE . Spots will be limited to AA, AAA and HCAS participants only.
44. The U15 POE will operate annually and in order to be eligible, candidates must boys, a Canadian citizen, and have been a branch member within three previous seasons. Any candidate who falls outside these guidelines may apply to Hockey Manitoba for a concession.

### **U13 GIRL'S GOLD STANDARD**

45. U13 girl's (both ages) teams will be formed with the help of Hockey Manitoba Coach Selection and Evaluation experts based on the Manitoba Games Regional boundaries and will attend the Manitoba Games in Thompson in early March. They will be evaluated and ranked at that event and then mixed onto teams at the April events. After further evaluations at these events the top major aged players will then be provided automatic invitations to our U16 girl's POE in the following season.

### **U16 PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE**

46. This program serves as the official entry point into the Program of Excellence (POE) for boy players. The POE is the selection process for U16 Team Manitoba who will compete at the WHL Cup hosted by Western Hockey League (WHL). Every fourth season this age group will attend the Canada Winter Games; next held in the 2027 season.
47. The U16 POE operates annually. In order to be eligible, candidates must be boys, a Canadian citizen, and have been a branch member within three previous seasons. Any candidate who falls outside these guidelines may apply to Hockey Manitoba for a concession.
48. Hockey Manitoba scouts and evaluate Major Under-15 players throughout the season to develop an invitation list for athletes to take part in the program.
49. Players selected to the final Program of Excellence roster are ineligible to participate in any other sanctioned activity for the duration of the respective final competition.

### **GIRL'S/WOMEN'S PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE (POE)**

50. The U18 POE is a High-Performance Program that offers elite athletes the opportunity to represent their province and beyond. Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba collaborate to identify players for the Provincial and National Programs (U18 Team Manitoba, U18 Team Canada). Every fourth season this age group will attend the Canada Winter Games; next games held in 2027.
51. The U18 POE operates annually. In order to be eligible, candidates must be girls/women, a Canadian citizen, and have been a branch member within three previous seasons. Any candidate who falls outside these guidelines may apply to Hockey Manitoba for a concession.
52. After being observed throughout seasonal play by the Hockey Manitoba Girls'/Women's POE Scouting Group, eligible U18 level athletes are invited by Hockey Manitoba to take part in the program.

53. The Girl's U16 POE is a high-performance development program that will act as a lead into the U18 POE and allow elite U15 aged players the chance to be identified and introduced to the concepts and program structure of the U18 POE. An open registration tournament will be held in April for all eligible athletes to attend. Registration will take place from January - February after which tournament rosters will be set. Following this tournament, 44 athletes will be selected to participate in four (4) development camps.
54. The U16 POE will operate annually and in order to be eligible, candidates must be girls, a Canadian citizen, and have been a branch member within three previous seasons. Any candidate who falls outside these guidelines may apply to Hockey Manitoba for a concession.
55. Players selected to the final Program of Excellence roster are ineligible to participate in any other sanctioned activity for the duration of the respective final competition.
56. There shall be no player age acceleration for the U16 Girl's POE.
57. A Conflict-of-Interest Policy shall be used for Girl's U16 and Women's U18 POE coaching positions.
58. A minimum of one member of each coaching staff must be a woman. Should a year exist where the applications for these positions do not provide an opportunity for this requirement to be fulfilled, an emergency meeting is to be called with the President of Hockey Manitoba and the members of Girls'/Women's Council.

### **TAMPERING**

59. No Hockey Canada team may invite or allow to participate in its training camp, practice, or play in any scheduled or exhibition game a registered member of another Hockey Canada team from the previous season in the same or higher category or of the current season in any division or category, without first having secured permission in writing, in the manner set forth below from the team or club with which such player is registered. For failure to comply with the above regulation, the responsible team shall be sanctioned. Such sanction may include any or all of the following:
  60. A fine of up to five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars to the offending team, payable to the team which files the tampering charge within 30 days of notification;
  61. The return of two unused player certificates for that season by the offending team to the Branch office;
  62. Compensation to the club that may lose a player to the offending team through

subsequent appeal through regulation “P”. The level of compensation shall be determined by Hockey Canada Board of Directors, Officers, or National Appeals Committee;

63. A minimum ten-game suspension (regular season or play-offs) to the head coach of the offending team;
64. A suspension for a period up to one year to the responsible team officials of the offending team.
65. The written permission referred to in K. 62. shall be a statement filed with the Branch in which the player’s team is registered, which statement shall be signed by the president and secretary or by the designated signing officers of the team with which the player is registered.
66. The charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with Hockey Canada appeal procedure as established by By-Law 52. If all teams involved are from the same Branch, the charge/appeal shall be dealt with by that Branch.
67. No team official of an Accredited School or Under 15/18 AAA program is eligible to attend, watch or participate in a fall or spring tryout/evaluation that they are not directly affiliated with unless advanced permission is received in writing from the coach/manager of the host program. Violation of this policy will result in immediate indefinite suspension pending a Discipline Hearing. During all blackout periods no contact can be made with any player that did not play within the organization the previous season and remains eligible to register for the forthcoming season.

### **HOCKEY MANITOBA SANCTIONING GUIDELINES**

68. The Hockey Canada Insurance Program only responds to sanctioned hockey activities. Hockey Manitoba has adopted the following sanctioning guidelines that they apply to on-ice activities only. Hockey Manitoba does not sanction off-ice activities such as fund-raisers, non-hockey athletic events, and events involving alcohol. *Note: Sanction dates are as per Section A, Article 6.*

### **ON ICE ACTIVITIES**

69. Any activity, which is part of a Hockey Canada member association/team program, will be sanctioned. This does not include fall/spring conditioning and evaluation camps.
70. Hockey Canada member teams must be competing against other Hockey Canada member teams in order to have coverage. Coverage will not be extended to Hockey Canada member teams who participate against non-Hockey Canada member teams.

“Benefit Games” in which a Hockey Canada member team is playing against a non-Hockey Canada member team in a fund raising or charity situation: the Hockey Canada member teams would be covered; however, coverage would not be extended to the non-Hockey Canada member team. Benefit games must be approved on an individual basis.

71. Hockey Canada member teams competing against IIHF U.S. Hockey member teams in events sanctioned by the appropriate body will be covered.
72. In cases where a Branch has granted “overage” status to Minor or Junior Hockey Players, the players and those the player competes against will be covered. Common sense prevails in these situations.

### OFFICIALS

73. Hockey Canada member officials will be covered for any competitions between Hockey Canada Member Teams.
74. Coverage will not be provided to Hockey Canada member official who works any game involving non-Hockey Canada member teams. An exception to this would be in the case of a Branch Sanctioned “Benefit Game”.
75. Hockey Canada member officials will be covered for any activity sanctioned by their Branch.
76. Official Assignors will have coverage for any Branch sanctioned activities in which they assign officials.

### COACHES INITIAL DUTY

77. Volunteers who have accepted the position of coach at any level within Hockey Manitoba have also accepted those duties to supervise and instruct their players with reasonable foresight and care. It is important therefore, that all coaches remind their players at the first opportunity and parents at the first meeting or individual conference of the following:
  - a) That there are some inherent risks for players, including a remote possibility of an accidental catastrophic injury for hockey participants;
  - b) That if there is any question of a neck or back injury to a teammate or any player they must not be moved;
  - c) That if you as a player are hurt and your back or neck are painful and you feel any buzzing or tingling in your neck, back, arms or legs then do not move;
  - d) That the potential serious injury may occur as a result of a check from behind and

just as you would not like to be hit from behind in this cowardly fashion, this type of check will not be tolerated.

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# SECTION L

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## OFFICIALS

### 1. Director of Officiating

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Director of Officiating every two even numbered years at the Annual Meeting of Hockey Manitoba. The Board of Directors shall specify the duties of the Director of Officiating and delegate to them the powers and authorities that they shall deem advisable.

### 2. The following contains a collection of all By-laws and Regulations referencing Game Officials for all categories of hockey under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba.

## Section B, By-Law 2 - Dues

### 204. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FEES

- A. Officials shall pay an annual registration fee. The amount of the fees will be established by the Board annually

## Section B, By-Law 3 - Appeals & Procedures

### 303. DISCIPLINE APPEALS PROCEDURE

- J. That Hockey Manitoba gives aggrieved on-ice official the right to appeal. Appeal to be filed within 72 hours after notification of the decision of the abuse of official hearing. That all other discipline appeal procedures shall be in effect including appeal fee. If player was reinstated at the abuse of official hearing or suspension expired prior to hearing the appeal, player shall be permitted to play until such time as a hearing takes place.

## Section B, By-Law 9 - Game Officials

### 900. REGISTRATION

- A. Only registered officials may be used in competitions under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba.
- B. To become a registered official, one must attend one officiating clinic each year, and complete all components of the clinic curriculum
- C. The President or his delegate may revoke a registration for cause.
- D. It is compulsory for all game officials to wear CSA approved hockey helmets, the helmet shall have attached an approved CSA visor.

- E. Officials must wear the Official Hockey Manitoba crest only when officiating games played under the auspices of Hockey Manitoba. Wearing of additional crests would only be approved by the Executive Committee of Hockey Manitoba.
- F. Fee scale for games shall be as specified under the regulations for various divisions.

### **Section C - Registration**

#### PROVINCIAL /INTERPROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS

#### **PLAY-OFF REGULATIONS - ALL CATEGORIES**

- C.8. c). Registered officials must be used in all Hockey Manitoba Play-off Competitions. Registered officials must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada regulations.

### **Section J - Tournaments & Exhibition Games**

#### HOSTING TOURNAMENTS

- J. 20. All sanctioned tournaments will be played only under official Hockey Canada playing rules. Should there be any variance from such rules, which may be in force in the Branch in which the tournament is to be held, such variances shall be submitted at the time application is made for the sanction permit.

### **Section K - Hockey Manitoba Coaching Model**

#### HOCKEY MANITOBA SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

- K.71. The Hockey Canada Insurance program only responds to sanctioned hockey activities. Hockey Manitoba has adopted the following sanctioning guidelines. You will note that they apply to on-ice activities only. Hockey Manitoba does not sanction off-ice activities such as fund-raisers, non-hockey athletic events, and events involving alcohol.

#### **OFFICIALS**(referencing insurance coverage)

- 3. Hockey Canada member officials will be covered for any competitions between Hockey Canada Member Teams.
- 4. Coverage will not be provided to Hockey Canada member official who works any game involving non Hockey Canada member teams. An exception to this would be in the case of a Branch Sanctioned "Benefit Game".
- 5. Hockey Canada member officials will be covered for any activity sanctioned by their Branch.

6. Official Assignors will have coverage for any Branch sanctioned activities in which they assign officials.

**These Regulations reference Game Officials for the indicated categories of hockey under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba.**

**MINOR**

7. Registered Officials MUST be used and must have registered in the CURRENT season.
8. Officials for Hockey Manitoba Provincial Tournaments in all categories shall be appointed by the Director of Officiating of the host region. The Director of Officiating or host centre should ensure that home town official(s) are not used in games involving home town teams, especially in Championship games.
9. In all Hockey Manitoba Provincial play-offs, Under-15 to Under-21, three-official system will be used with the head official being a Level II/III and each linesperson to be a minimum of Level II. Under-13, two-official system with both officials being a minimum Level II. If a three-official system is used, the head official is a minimum Level II, as well as each linesperson. Under-11, two-officials system will be used with officials that are a minimum Level II (returning). Officials will be selected based on qualifications and age.
10. The Board of Directors will determine referee fees and membership will be advised.
11. At the completion of each game the Referee will be responsible for having the Official Game Report signed by the Official Scorer and all game officials. Game Sheets for regional play-offs will be forwarded to the Regional Director and upon completion of regional play-offs, Game Sheets shall be forwarded to the Hockey Manitoba Office. At the conclusion of the Hockey Manitoba Championship Tournaments all Game Sheets will be forward without delay to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba.
12. All Match Penalties (other than for Abuse of an Official) and Gross Misconducts shall be reported to the Chair of the division immediately after the game, or the Executive Director if the Board of Directors Member cannot be reached. The game sheet, and incident report shall be faxed or mailed within 24 hours of the announced start time for the game.
13. In Minor Hockey, the above report, and contact, would be made to the Regional Director in the Region where the game was played, who would be empowered to make decisions if both teams were from the Directors' region.

**MENTORSHIP**

14. Wherever possible all minor hockey associations should pair veteran officials with a young (inexperienced) official. Minor hockey associations should not assign two young inexperienced officials to any Under-9 and above category games wherever possible.

**JUNIOR OA**

15. Officials fees for Junior OA games shall be as determined from time to time by the Junior OA League.

**SENIOR**

16. Registered officials must be used. The home team shall appoint the referees for their home games and the Director will act only if requested by either team. However, the Director will appoint the officials in any semifinal or final series.
17. The three-officials system (one referee, two linepersons) system shall be used in all Senior play-offs.
18. Players or club officials who are registered game officials will not be allowed to officiate in any games in a category in which they are participating.
19. The Referee shall be responsible for having the game sheet signed and forwarded to the Director of the Category. In the event of a match penalty, see the procedure outlined under By-Law 9 herein.

**SENIOR WOMEN'S**

20. Registered officials must be used for all games. The Regional Referee-in-Chief in consolation with League Referees-in-Chief shall assign all officials for play-offs.
21. Players or club official who are registered game officials will not be allowed to officiate in any games in a category in which they are participating.
22. The tournament coordinator or tournament Hockey Manitoba representative shall be responsible for having the game sheet signed and forwarded to the Senior Director, then to Hockey Manitoba office immediately.
23. In an event of a match penalty, see procedure as outlined under By-Law 901., herein. All match penalties shall be reported immediately after the game to the Chair of Girls'/Women's, or Hockey Manitoba office if the Chair cannot be contacted.
24. In all Hockey Manitoba Provincial play-offs two person system may be used for all round robin play, for all play-off games and finals the three person system shall be used
25. All officials must hold a minimum of a Level III certificate.

**SENIOR AAA**

26. All senior hockey games, league and play-offs must be officiated by the four-official system using officials from the High Performance stream.
27. The Fee Structure for on-ice game Officials for Provincial Play-offs and Hockey Manitoba sponsored Tournaments should reflect the current rates being paid for the particular category of hockey within the Branch.
28. The rates to be paid for Provincial Play-offs each year will be established in October at the Hockey Manitoba Fall Board Meeting. A Region by Region summary of rates will be provided to the Board of Directors by October 1st of each year. Mileage is to be paid at a rate equal to current Branch allowance guidelines.

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## SECTION M

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### MINIMUM SUSPENSION GUIDELINES

- HOCKEY CANADA PROVIDES A GUIDELINE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF TEAM MEMBERS. REGIONAL DIRECTORS/LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS MAY EXTEND THE BASIC SUSPENSION(S), HOWEVER, THEY SHALL NOT REDUCE THE HOCKEY MANITOBA/HOCKEY CANADA STANDARD.***
- Minimum suspensions are not eligible for appeal.***
- Upon review by a Hockey Manitoba Disciplinary Committee, a variation of these suspension guidelines may be given.***
- ALL INCIDENTS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE OF AN OFFICIAL MUST BE REPORTED TO HOCKEY MANITOBA IMMEDIATELY. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE HOCKEY MANITOBA WEBSITE
- For complete process and reporting procedures for all match Penalties refer to By-Law 9, and By-Law 16.
- Hockey Canada Minimum Suspension Guidelines can be found on the Hockey Canada website:  
[Hockey Canada Minor/Female Minimum Suspensions](#)  
[Hockey Canada Junior Minimum Suspensions](#)  
[Hockey Canada Senior Minimum Suspensions](#)

### TOURNAMENT PLAY

- In any tournament, players receiving a Match Penalty, or Gross Misconduct, shall be suspended for the balance of the Tournament. This includes all provincial play-offs where the tournament format is used to determine a champion (plus any additional games applicable).
- ANY Hockey Canada or Hockey Manitoba player, coach team official or official who is under suspension through a match penalty, gross misconduct, Rules 11.4(Ethnic/Racial Slurs) or suspended by Hockey Canada or Hockey Manitoba for a non rule infraction is suspended from any and all involvement in Hockey Canada and Hockey Manitoba activities. Any individual under such suspension who does participate in any Hockey Canada or Hockey Manitoba activities will be subject to discipline by Hockey Canada or Hockey Manitoba.
- Suspensions arising from the previous year will not restrict players from seeking a spot in training camps for the next season, but none of the games played during

those camps will count toward reduction of the full suspension.

10. Any affiliate player who receives a game suspension must serve that suspension with their rostered team. The player is suspended from all Hockey Manitoba activities until the suspension is served in its entirety with their rostered team.
11. Suspended members must serve all suspensions with their rostered team. The suspension may be served through league, tournament and playoff games.
12. Members under suspension will be ineligible to participate in any hockey activities until the suspension is served in full. However, members under suspension may be eligible to participate in all-star games or Hockey Manitoba development programs if approved by the respective Chair of the category involved through application to the Executive Director.
13. Requests to serve any suspension outside the guidelines as indicated in paragraphs 11. and 12. above may be considered by the appropriate Chair of the category involved through application to the Executive Director.
14. Suspended team officials will not be allowed on the bench at any time or in the vicinity of the team's dressing room within 60 minutes prior to the game or 30 minutes following the game.
15. In addition to Minimum Suspension guidelines that are applicable to all categories of hockey the following Minimum Suspension guidelines are applicable to Minor Mixed and Girl's Hockey.

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## SECTION N

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### HOCKEY CANADA ABUSE/HARASSMENT

1. WHEREAS Hockey Manitoba has adopted the Hockey Canada to combat Abuse and Harassment in Hockey;
2. AND WHEREAS one of the components of the program is Screening for Volunteers;
3. AND WHEREAS one of the components of Screening is Police Record Checks;
4. AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors have approved the submission of Police Record Checks for Volunteers;
5. AND WHEREAS it is necessary to have in place a procedure for those that seek election to the Board of Directors, or allow their name to be submitted for Coaching and Committee positions that are appointed by the Board for the submission of Police Record Checks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

6. a) Any person seeking an elected position with Hockey Manitoba shall be required to submit no later than 60 days from the date of their election a Police Record Check on the approved form.
- b) Any person over the age of 18, who is Coach, Manager, Safety Person or Trainer of any team endorsed by Hockey Manitoba open to members under the age of 18 (including Minor, High School and Junior), shall be required to undergo a Child Abuse Registry check. Application for such must be submitted to the registering body (MHA, League, Team) prior to the individual being placed on the roster. It is the responsibility of the registering body to then submit the record check through the appropriate channels. In the event that an individual is rejected based on results found, they can appeal to Hockey Manitoba. An appeal committee will be formed and will review the appeal based on the following criteria:
  - i) Relevance of record to position
  - ii) Efforts at Rehabilitation
  - iii) When the infraction took place
  - iv) Proof of recordChild Abuse Registry check must be renewed every year.
- c) Any person who is appointed to any Hockey Development Committee or Sub Committee of Hockey Manitoba, shall be required to submit no later than 60 days from the date of their election a Police Record Check on the approved form

- d) Any person who is appointed Hockey Manitoba to serve on any Hockey Development Committee of Hockey Canada or IIHF by Hockey Manitoba, shall be required to submit no later than 60 days from the date of their election a Police Record Check on the approved form.
- e) That any of the persons listed above shall upon letting their name stand for election, or consenting to letting their name be submitted for consideration for appointment, shall indicate in writing that they acknowledge that they are required to submit the appropriate Police Record Check form, and that failure to complete the form within the 60 day period, or if the result of the record check discloses information that would disqualify them pursuant to Hockey Manitoba Policy from performing their duties, that individual shall be removed from the Board of Directors, or remove any appointment made by the Board, on terms and conditions they deem appropriate.
- f) That Hockey Manitoba shall designate an independent party to hold the information submitted, which shall remain confidential. In the event that this individual is of the opinion that there are areas of concern pursuant to Hockey Manitoba Policy disclosed in the Police Record Check, that he shall bring to the attention of the President that there are concerns, and highlight the concerns, without providing the Police Record Check for review. The decision to provide the completed form to the President shall always rest with the individual submitting the form. It is understood that if the Police Record Check is not provided to the President, that this may be one factor in allowing the Board to determine, in its unfettered discretion, to remove the individual.
- g) That as a condition of employment, all employees, current and future shall be required to submit a Police Record Check on the approved form. For current employees, this shall be no later than July 1st of the current season. For future employees, it will be prior to the commencement of employment. Failure to submit the form shall result in immediate termination of employment or withdrawal of an offer of employment. Hockey Manitoba in its sole unfettered discretion shall determine if the contents of any Police Record Check meet the employment standards of the Association.
- h) All Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and Trainers of teams eligible for interbranch competition must submit to a person or persons directed by Hockey Manitoba prior to the registration for the current hockey season commencing in 2004-05, a C.R.C. form completed by their Local Police Service or the RCMP, whichever is responsible for policing in their place of residence.

- i) All Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors shall provide the Police Record Check prior to September 15th, 2013, and every two years thereafter.

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## SECTION O

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### SPECIAL REGULATIONS

#### PRACTICE TO GAME RATIO

1. Whereas the development of hockey skills is vital to a player's development, and
2. Whereas individual skills and team play are developed through regular practices, and
3. Whereas all players should have the opportunity to reach their potential in the sport of hockey through skill development, and
4. Whereas many teams have developed a lengthy game schedule and thus may reduce the practice schedule and thus reducing skill development opportunities,
5. Be it resolved that the intention of the minor hockey program is to provide significant skill development opportunities in relation to competition

#### HOCKEY MANITOBA RISK AND SAFETY MANAGER

6. The role of the Risk and Safety Manager is unique to a hockey team. Risk and Safety Manager responsibilities include:
  - a) implementing an effective risk management program with your team which strives to prevent injuries and accidents before they happen.
  - b) taking on a proactive role identifying and minimizing or eliminating risks during all activities and if ever in doubt, erring on the side of caution.
  - c) maintaining accurate medical history files on all players.
  - d) maintaining a fully stocked First Aid Kit and bringing it to all games and practices.
  - e) implementing an effective Emergency Action Plan with your team and practicing it regularly to ensure all involved understand their roles.
  - f) managing minor injuries according to basic injury management principles and referring players to medical professionals when necessary.
  - g) facilitating communication with players, coaches, physicians, therapists, paramedical personnel, parents, officials and other volunteers regarding safety, injury prevention and players' health status.
7. Risk and Safety Manager are not responsible for:
  - a) running the bench during all games
  - b) running or instructing practices

*Exception:*

Certified coaches are allowed to certify as a risk and safety manager/ for their team. This then allows the coach to perform a dual role with his/her hockey team. The use of any form of camera, video camera, camera phone or personal digital assistant (PDA's) is prohibited in any recreational facility change room, during any Hockey Manitoba sanctioned event.

### **UNDER-7 PROGRAM**

8. a) All games and practices (ice sessions) at the Under-7 level shall use ice surfaces consisting of cross-ice sections. Exceptions regarding ice surface size may be considered by the branch.
- b) Each region is required to host and operate Under-7 Face-Off Festivals annually by December 15th. The festivals must be able to accommodate all U7 teams within the respective region. Hockey Manitoba support to each host (financial, host guidelines, human resources, lesson plans, etc.) will be identified annually at the Annual Meeting in May.

### **UNDER-9 PROGRAM**

9. All exhibition, tournament, regular season and playoff games in the Under-9 age category must be played using half ice sections, from the centre ice red line to the end boards. Minor Hockey Associations and leagues are required to follow Hockey Manitoba Under-9 half-ice guidelines; modifications must be approved by Hockey Manitoba.

***Note: For teams planning to play games outside of Manitoba, travel permits will only issued if the games are played under the same cross-ice or half-ice regulations that are played in Manitoba. No exceptions.***

### **BODY CHECKING**

10. For all hockey categories, any player body checking an opponent from behind shall be penalized according to Hockey Canada rule book.

### **CENTER ICE RED LINE**

11. The center ice red line will be removed for the purpose of an offside pass in all hockey in Manitoba effective the 2004-2005 season.

### **FACIAL PROTECTION**

12. All Minor Hockey players (up to and including Under-21) and in divisions of girl's/ women's hockey, including goaltenders must wear CSA approved hockey helmets, to which full facial protectors are securely attached and which have not been altered in

any way. This also applies to Minor aged players playing as affiliated players in Junior A, Junior OA, Junior B, Junior C or Senior.

13. The wearing of a CSA approved facial protector or visor for players registered with Senior and Junior hockey teams are compulsory.
14. Mouthguards are recommended for all categories with mandatory facemasks. Mouth guards are mandatory for players wearing visors) excluding Senior Hockey).

### **CURVED STICK**

15. Hockey Canada rules pertaining to curved sticks shall apply in all Hockey Manitoba SANCTIONED Tournaments and Provincial Play-offs.

### **TIME-OUTS**

16. There will be one 30-second time out per game per team in all levels of hockey in Manitoba for sanctioned tournaments and provincials. Leagues may be permitted to adopt the one 30-second time out per game per team. Time-outs shall only be allowed during stop-time games.

### **TEAM NAMES**

17. a) Team names shall be comprised of the location (MHA, town/city or community center) of the team as well as the second name (ie: Winnipeg Jets).  
b) All team names/logos are subject to review and approval by Hockey Manitoba. Hockey Manitoba reserves the authority to deny any team names/logos are found to be inappropriate or offensive. This includes, but is not limited to, racial, homophobic, sexist, or xenophobic connotations.

### **OVERAGE APPLICATIONS**

18. Each region must establish a Registration Committee to be chaired by the Director. The Committee shall have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members named by the region prior to the commencement of registration. One of the members of the Registration Committee shall be the appropriate Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars.
19. The Hockey Manitoba office will make "Overage Application Forms" available online to each Minor Association, Director and Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars by August 15 of each year.
20. a) Applicant completes form online through the Hockey Manitoba website.  
b) "RATIONALE" MUST be clearly completed. The application MUST specifically refer to the criteria on which the application is based. Any application that does not clearly

refer to criteria shall not be considered for approval and the applicant so notified by the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars. Applicants are advised that the rationale should be detailed and fully inclusive with all pertinent information clearly explained. Applicants are encouraged to provide supportive documentation that would strengthen the substance of the application.

21. Applicant submits Overage Application online and it is automatically sent to the local minor association for approval or denial.
22. If approved, the application is automatically forwarded to the Director of the region who informs the Regional Registration Committee.
23. If approved, the application automatically forwarded to the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars who checks the application and forwards it to the applicable Chair of Minor if circumstances require.
24. The Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars adds the player's name to the team roster and notifies the Minor Association.
25. In situations 21 to 23, if the application is denied the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars informs the applicant.
26. Application must be completed, have received approval from the local association and sent to the Director prior to February 1st of the current season. Within ten working days of receipt of the application by the Director, a decision shall be made to approve or deny the application and the applicant must be so informed of the decision. If a decision is not rendered by the tenth day, the application shall be deemed to be approved. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all related documents/forms are submitted to each successive person/committee who will be reviewing the application.
27. Applicants should ensure that all necessary documentation has been submitted with the application. Applications are not approved until the applicant is so notified by the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrars.

## CRITERIA

28. The following criteria apply to Overage Applications. The criteria that applies, and information supporting the relevant criteria, must be cited on the application or the application will be denied. Players approved under criteria a) **as well as either** b), c), or d) will be eligible to participate in Provincials.
  - a) An Overage Player may only be one year older than the age category with whom the player applies to play.
  - b) A player who has a physical or intellectual disability or mental health

- disorder(may be required to provide confirmation from a physician).
- c) A goaltender (Under-13 and above) who the minor hockey association wishes to play in the next lower age division in order to ice a team. The lower division team must not have a goaltender and without a goaltender playing down a team could not be formed.
  - d) A first year player with significant skill limitations in their current age division (documentation may be required from the Minor Hockey Association confirming these limitations).
  - e) A player from a remote community whom there is no team to play on within the player's age appropriate division and for whom there is not a team a reasonable distance from the home center.
  - f) A player wants to play down in order to play in only an association's house league.
  - g) A player who is in grade 12, currently registered full time in high school, and for whom there is no program within which he/she could participate.
  - h) Any 7 or 9 year old that is not in their first year of hockey but wishes to play down a category at U7 or U9 to play at a level more suited to their skill level to aid development.
29. All approved Overage Applications are subject to periodic review. It is not intended for players whose skill level would permit them to play with their chronological age division, to be allowed to play as Overage Players with a lower age division.
30. Players age advancing shall only be permitted to play in one age group higher than that which their age would determine. If at any time a situations arises that the player in question would be competing in an age division two divisions higher than that which they would normally compete, they would be deemed ineligible.

### **REGISTERING PLAYERS WITH LESS THAN 10 OR MORE THAN 20**

Any teams, excluding Hockey Winnipeg, with less than 10 players, or more than 20, are required to apply for approval to Hockey manitoba through an online application process. *Note: for U7 and U9 only, the applications is needed for teams with less than eight players or more than 20.*

31. Each region must establish a registration committee to be chaired by the Director and to have a minimum of three members and no more than five named by the region at a board meeting. The registration committee must be set up on or before August 15th of each year.

32. An online application to register a team below or above our minimum or maximum numbers would be initiated by the local minor hockey association's president/registrar. Within the application the president/registrar must provide rationale to why they are requesting this variance of the team formation regulation.
33. The above application is electronically forwarded to the regional council representative once fully completed.
34. Registrar to inform committee of all applicable regulations.
35. Regional registration committee reviews the request and the information is electronically forwarded to the Hockey Manitoba Regional Registrar.
36. The Chair of Minor Hockey may review the application is necessary.
37. Once a decision is rendered, electronic notification is automatically sent to the MHA.
38. All applications that are approved by Hockey Manitoba allowing a roster above 20 players will have the following conditions applied to each acceptance:
  - a) That the team can only dress 20 players in any given game (18 players and two goalies) exhibition, league or play-off games.

### **AMALGAMATED CENTRES**

39. Centres and/or Minor Hockey Clubs wishing to amalgamate require approval from both their Regional Executive and Hockey Manitoba. The letter of application to amalgamate must be received by the Region by September 15th of the current season. The Region shall then forward their approval or denial for amalgamation to the Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba by October 1st of the current season. Upon receipt of same Hockey Manitoba shall respond to the Region within ten working days of receiving the information from the Region.
  - a) Names of Minor Hockey Associations and/or communities to be amalgamated.
  - b) Rationale as to why there is a need to amalgamate.
  - c) Identify which Minor Association/Community will be the "Home Association/Community".
  - d) The name of the new organization.
  - e) Letters of agreement from each of the Minor Hockey Clubs signed by the current President and Secretary of each Association.
  - f) Players that were previously members of the associations which comprised the amalgamating centres, will have the choice to stay with the amalgamated associations or, should the new amalgamation "Home Community" be further from that family's residence than another Association, that family will have the choice to select the closest centre. Both these options will be a one-time only

decision that will determine that family's home association for the balance of minor hockey. All players in that family will belong to the same association. The option for a family with multiple children to declare more than one Home Association will not be permitted.

*Note: All existing amalgamations must confirm, in writing, their continued intent for amalgamation, on an annual basis. Attached to this letter should be a copy of the Associations Organizational Meeting minutes which state in the form of a motion that for the season (year) the Amalgamated Association shall continue as per the terms of the agreement which is currently on file with the Region and Hockey Manitoba. All this information must be submitted to the Region by September 15th of the current season. The Region in turn will submit this information to the Hockey Manitoba office (Executive Director) by October 1st of the current season.*

### **PILOT PROJECTS**

40. a) Pilot Projects shall be presented at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting and must receive approval by the respective Council(s) that the project affects.
- b) Before a Pilot Project can be considered it must meet the following criteria:
- Must be submitted in writing by a Hockey Manitoba registered member or the respective Council the project affects.
  - Written submission should include purpose, evaluation, review process, and results.
  - Must not exceed 1 year in length.
  - At the completion of the first year, a Notice of Motion stating the original Pilot Project request must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba by the deadline.
  - The Pilot Project conclusion must be submitted to the Hockey Manitoba office for inclusion in the Notice of Motion package, which is duly distributed to the Hockey Manitoba membership prior to the Annual General Meeting.

### **TIME BREAKER FOR LEAGUE STANDINGS (RECOMMENDATION)**

41. Teams tied (total points) at the conclusion of league play shall be seeded as follows:
- Most wins
  - Fewest Losses

c) Best Goal Average (as indicated in Section D, 69. c) of the handbook

*Note: League constitutions that specify different tie breaking procedures take precedence over this regulation.*

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## APPENDIX A:

### HOCKEY CANADA REGULATION C

#### RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Players seventeen (17) years of age and below must register in the Member where their Parent(s) reside, unless the Player is registered in a Hockey Canada School With Residence or Hockey Canada Accredited School, and registers with one (1) of that school's Teams.
2. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of each Member, in their sole and unfettered discretion, to implement additional residency registration regulations for the formation of Teams within their Geographic Subdivision.
3. A Player's residence is established by:
  - a) The Parents' usual residence when Parents live in the same house; or
  - b) In cases where the Player has more than one custodial Parent, each of whom lives in a separate residence, the usual residence of the Parent with whom the Player usually lives. If the Player lives equally with both Parents, his place of residence shall be determined by the Member.

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

4. When a Player's custodial Parent changes due to a guardianship order to an individual who is not a Parent of that Player prior to that guardianship order being obtained, and the Player changes residence to live with that Parent in another Member, the Player may not, in the first Season after that change has occurred, register or Affiliate with any Team that could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Regional or National Championship.
5. Authority to assign Residence of a Player is as follows:
  - a) Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers vested in it by By-Law 53 may, on application made by or on behalf of any Player, deem such Player to be resident in a Member other than that where his Parent is resident and Hockey Canada's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
  - b) A Member, in its sole and unfettered discretion may, on application made by or on behalf of any Player, deem such Player to be resident in a place within the Member other than where his Parent is resident and the Member's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
6. Members are authorized to make restrictions with regard to the residential

qualifications required for Players registered with Senior and Junior Teams under their jurisdiction.

## APPENDIX B

### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of all Hockey Canada/Hockey Manitoba Regulations, unless otherwise defined in a specific regulation, the following words, terms and expressions are defined as follows in alphabetical order;

1. ***“All-Star”*** - means a selection of exceptional players registered with various teams from a common league, association, Branch, Region or the Nations-at-Large, grouped together for a specific competition.
2. ***“Associate”*** (to associate) – means to put into existence a partnership between a Club and a Major Junior, a Junior A, a Junior B and/or a Junior C team(s).
3. ***“Branch-to-Branch”*** transfer – means an Inter-Branch transfer and vice-versa.
4. ***“Category”*** – where the divisions are further divided, such subdivisions shall be known as categories – i.e. A, B, C, and D.
5. ***“Club”*** – defined as a local Minor Hockey Association operated and controlled by a duly elected Executive or Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves.
6. ***“Club Team”*** – a team operating within a Club.
7. ***“College”*** – means a Post-Secondary Diploma-granting institution.
8. ***“Division”*** – means the classes of hockey being operated with this Association. See Section C. 1.
9. ***“Exhibition Game”*** – a game which is not part of the regular season, tournament, or play-off schedule.
10. ***“Geographic Sub-division”*** – includes a city, a town, a municipality, a police village, a rural area or a zone as established from time to time by a Branch of Hockey Canada within its own jurisdiction.
11. ***“Goalkeeper(s)” and “Goaltender(s)”*** – means all players other than skaters.
12. ***“Hockey Canada Accredited School (HCAS)”*** – programs that provide education-first programming for their students while providing hockey programming as a part of the student’s life.
13. ***“Home Branch”*** – means where a player resided and was last registered to play Minor Hockey prior to registering to play Junior Hockey.
14. ***“Horizontal Chain(s) of Teams”*** – means a group of club teams registered in a same

- division but in different categories.
15. **“Import(s)”** – designates the status assigned to a player who has obtained a transfer from one Hockey Canada Branch to another Hockey Canada Branch (“Inter-Branch Transfer”) or from a foreign Ice Hockey Federation to a branch within Hockey Canada (“International Transfer”) but excludes the player who: a) has not been registered as a member of any club or team in this Association, or in any other Federation of the IIHF during the previous playing season; or b) when a player of Junior Hockey age or under and resides with his parent and the parent changes his place of residence and the player continues to reside with his parent; or c) Major Junior players transferring back within one calendar year from date of their initial transfer approval to their previous team.
  16. **“League”** – three or more Hockey Canada member teams from the same category of the same Division playing a minimum of 12 home and 12 away games in a regular league schedule (does not apply to Minor Hockey). (Category does not apply to Senior Hockey).
  17. **“Member”** – Hockey Canada shall have only one class of Members. Those Members are the duly constituted Provincial, Regional, or Territorial Associations/ Federations listed in Hockey Canada By-Law 9.1 that are responsible for the management of amateur hockey within their geographic region and that shall have the responsibility for representing their constituents at Hockey Canada meetings.
  18. **“Minor Hockey”** – only includes the following Divisions: Under-21, Under-18, Under-15, Under-13, Under-11, Under-9, and Under-7.
  19. **“Players”** – means goaltenders and skaters.
  20. **“Region”** – means the grouping of two or more Hockey Canada Branches.
  21. **“Release”** – means the unconditional discharge of a player from team or club membership.
  22. **“A Residential School”** – a school that is organized for educational purpose under the jurisdiction of the appropriate government educational authority and in which: a) at least 75% of the students reside away from the home of their parent for the purpose of receiving their education. b) the residence of such students is located on the school campus or if off the school campus is operated by the school as an exclusive residence for the students; c) there is continuous supervision of the residential students by the school officials; and d) this definition applies only for Minor Hockey.

23. **“Sanctioned Activity”** – refers to activities in which all participants are appropriately registered members of Hockey Manitoba/Canada.
24. **“Second-year Player”** – when referencing release eligibility (ie: AAA) this refers to players in their second year of eligibility for that age division.
25. **“Skater(s)”** – means all players other than goaltenders.
26. **“Team”** – has the meaning as per Section C Minor Hockey Regulations.
27. **“Team Official(s)”** – means all or any of the following persons involved in the management of a team or club, and includes coach, manager, trainer, stick boy, team physician, President and other members of the Executive and/or Board of Directors of a team or club.
28. **“Tiering”** – A tiered team is one where try-outs have taken place to form two or more teams The better players are placed on the higher category team.
29. **“Third-year Player”** – when referencing release eligibility (ie: AAA) this refers to players in their third year of eligibility for that age division.
30. **“Tour”** – A series of two (2) or more exhibition games in one (1) or more communities involving a team from another IIHF member federation, other than USA Hockey.
31. **“Tournament”** – A schedule of games played among three (3) or more teams, which follows an inter-locking schedule and leads to an eventual winner.
32. **“University”** – means a Degree-granting institution.
33. **“Vertical Chain(s) of Teams”** – means a group of club teams registered in the same Category but in different Divisions.
34. **“West”** – means all Hockey Canada Branches West of the Ontario/Manitoba border.
35. **“Western Region”** – means the grouping of the following Hockey Canada Branches: Hockey Manitoba and Saskatchewan Hockey Association.

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## APPENDIX C

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### VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTED BY HOCKEY MANITOBA

*For winners prior to 2014 please visit the Hockey Manitoba website*

*2025 no available at time of print.*

#### 2024

Al Sellars, Brandon  
Adam Dyck, Central Plains  
Candace Morrow, Eastman  
Peter Mandryk, Interlake  
Mike Scaddan, Norman  
Kenton and Marla Johnson, Parkland  
Chris Grenier, Pembina Valley  
Paul Krestanowich, Winnipeg  
Jeff Hume, Yellowhead

#### 2023

Aaron Rome, Brandon  
Jason Zulyniak, Central Plains  
Jen Hoffman, Eastman  
Carrie Gottfried, Interlake  
Nic Campbell, Norman  
Jennifer Elder, Parkland  
Perry Russell, Pembina Valley  
Frank Bennett, Westman South  
Mike & Marion Segal, Winnipeg  
Shelly Nichols, Yellowhead

#### 2022

Jarrold Franklin, Brandon  
Greg Budyens, Central Plains  
Karen Smith, Eastman  
Kristin Murdock, Interlake  
Darin Mansell, Norman  
Will Moncrief, Parkland  
Shawn Dias, Pembina Valley  
Megan Robertson, Westman South

Joyce Webinger, Winnipeg  
Mark Stainer, Yellowhead

## 2021

Ryan Caswell, Brandon  
Nancy Funk, Central Plains  
Ken Kutzak, Eastman  
Amanda Halldorson, Interlake  
Harvey Bolton, Norman  
Ryder Rodriguez, Parkland  
Matt Bestland, Pembina Valley  
Dennis Decrolier, Westman South  
Dwayne Schmidt, Winnipeg  
Brent Brennand, Yellowhead

## 2020

Kris Klemick, Brandon  
Mike Neill, Central Plains  
Tracy Ouellet, Eastman  
Dave Underwood, Interlake  
Ron Larocque, Norman  
Wendy McDonald, Parkland  
Shane Froebe, Pembina Valley  
Ryan Kyle, Westman South  
Bob Capstick, Winnipeg  
Dan Johnson, Yellowhead

## 2019

Carol Stewart, Central Plains  
Alvin Amos, Interlake  
June Shlachetka-Monias, Norman  
Tannis & Dave Pulock, Parkland  
Barb Orchard, Pembina Valley  
Michael Wiseman, Westman South  
Pam Campbell, Winnipeg  
Derek Tibbatts, Yellowhead

**2018**

Terry Popadynetz, Brandon  
Ferdie Nelissen, Central Plains  
Paul Magnan, Eastman  
Darren Bond, Interlake  
Jerome Conaty, Norman  
David Hopfer, Parkland  
Greg Ens, Pembina Valley  
Corey Anderson, Westman South  
Guy Jeanson, Winnipeg  
Bill Brown, Yellowhead

**2017**

Laurie Clarke, Brandon  
Joh Ferg, Central Plains  
Vicki Clayton, Eastman  
Brad Emberly, Interlake  
Dave Colgan, Norman  
Dave Sigvaldason, Parkland  
Jim Mutcheson, Pembina Valley  
Rick Korman, Westman South  
Jamie Hewitt, Winnipeg  
Dean Lindenbach, Yellowhead

**2016**

Terry Senkbeil, Brandon  
Rod Sveistrup, Central Plains  
Laura Oswald, Eastman  
Barry Blue, Interlake  
Kathy Valentino, Norman  
Dave Bayduza, Parkland  
Carolyn Matthews, Pembina Valley  
Carole Williams, Westman South  
Rick Rogers, Winnipeg  
Bruce Coulter, Yellowhead

**2015**

Jim Mutcheson, Pembina Valley  
Clay Cory, Westman South  
Dean Gamache, Parkland  
Tracy Waldvogel, Central Plains  
Phyllis Castel, Norman  
Norm Jones, Winnipeg  
Doug Zeller, Interlake  
Roz and Jeff Maddess, Yellowhead  
Angela Janz, Eastman  
Curtis Storey, Brandon

**2014**

Nancy Brooks, Central Plains  
Jamie McFadden, Yellowhead  
Mike Kohli, Norman  
Reg Chartrand, Interlake  
Ann Dandeneau, Parkland  
Roger Chartier, Pembina Valley  
Coleen McFadden, Winnipeg  
Bob & Shannon Normandeau, Eastman  
Jason Thorpe, Brandon  
Teresa Bell, Westman South  
Tim Rothwell, Interlake  
Paul Artz, Westman South

**APPENDIX D****PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS: 2024-2025**

Div/Cat	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
<b>Senior Men's</b>			
AAA	N/A	N/A	
A	Ste. Anne Aces	Killarney Shamrocks	
<b>Women's Senior</b>			
A	Prairie Fire	Blazing Stars	
<b>JUNIOR</b>			
A	Northern MB Blizzard	Dauphin Kings	
B	OCN Storm	Peguis Juniors	
C	Niverville Clippers	Springfield Xtreme	
OA	St. Boniface Riels	Transcona Railer Express	
Women's	Prairie Blaze	Northern Stars	
<b>Adult Rec</b>			
Division 1-3	N/A	N/A	
Division 4	Churchill Whalers	Wade's Wheelers	
Division 5	Wpg Airport Motor Inn	Winnipeg Buckeyes	
Division 6A	Southern MB Drunkards	Winnipeg Timberwolves	
Division 6B	Winnipeg Blizzard HC	Winnipeg Silver Bullets	
Division 7A	Winnipeg Fighting Saints	Winnipeg Knighthawks	
Division 7B	Churchill Treeliners	Undeafated Hockey Club	
Division 8	Yorkton A's	Berens River Weekend Warriors	
Women's Rec	Winnipeg Blades	Manitoba Dirty Horse	
<b>Under-18</b>			
AAA	Winnipeg Wild	Brandon Wheat Kings	
A	Mitchell	Grunthal	Arborg
B	La Broquerie	Cross Lake	Altona
<b>Women's Under-18</b>			
AAA	Eastman Selects	Winnipeg Avros	
A	Hamiota	South Central	Grand Plains
B	Rivers	Brandon	Westman
<b>Under-15</b>			
AAA	Winnipeg Bruins	Winnipeg Wild	

Div/Cat	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
AA	Eastman South	Eastman Central	Pembina West
A	Dauphin	Swan Valley	Carman
B	Killarney/Wawanesa	Boissevain	Thompson
C	Russell	Gladstone	Hamiota
<b>Girl's Under-15</b>			
AAA	Eastman	Central Plains	
A	Westman	Rock Lake	Grand Plains
B	Brandon	Tri-Valley	Elkhorn
<b>Under-13</b>			
AA	MacDonald	Morden	Springfield
A1	Virden	Morden	Dauphin
A2	Morden	Mitchell	Ste Anne
A	Russell	Dauphin	Virden
B	Hartney	Swan Valley	Flin Flon
C	Notre Dame	McCreary	Reston/Deloraine
<b>Girl's Under-13</b>			
A (Pool A)	Virden	Hamiota	Altona
A (Pool B)	Minnedosa	Oakville	La Broquerie
B	Boissevain	Notre Dame	Morden
<b>Under-11</b>			
AA	Notre Dame	Mitchell	Warren
A1	Winkler	Stonewall	Virden
A2	Warren	Warren	Winkler
A	Virden	Neepawa	Swan Valley
B	St. Claude	Russell	St. Eustache
C	MacGregor	Roblin	Teulon
<b>Girl's Under-11</b>			
A (Pool A)	Altona	Minnedosa	Oakville
A (Pool B)	Brandon	Brandon	Steinbach
B	Lorette	Rat River	Thompson
C	Roblin	Portage	Pierson

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## APPENDIX E

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### HOCKEY MANITOBA PAST PRESIDENTS & HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

2020-2024 Bert Dow	
2012-2020 Bill Whitehead	1945-1950 James A. Dunn
2007-2012 Brian Franklin	1945-1950 James A. Dunn
2004-2007 Brian Sarna	1939-1944 F. J. Hannibal
1980-2005 Ralph Borger *	1937-1939 A. N. Shankland
2001-2004 Jack Forsyth	1934-1937 A. E. H. Coe
1995-2001 George E Ulyatt	1927-1934 E. A. Gilroy
1967-1991 George Allard *	1923-1927 A. E. H. Coe
1969-1991 Doris Allard *	1921-1923 W. R. Sexsmith
1994-1996 Sheldon Lanchbery	1919-1921 Dr. H. O. McDiarmid
1976-1995 Lou Joyal *	1916-1919 W. M. Noble
1990-1994 Alan Butler	1914-1916 Dr. W. F. Taylor
1989-1990 Gladwyn Scott	
1985-1989 Russ Farrell	* Honorary Life Member
1984-1985 Buck Matiowski	
1980-1984 Don MacKenzie	
1979-1980 George Depres	
1976-1979 J. Ron Chalmers	
1975-1976 Jake Fries	
1970-1975 Frank L. McKinnon	
1967-1970 William Addison	
1965-1967 T. L. Lozanski	
1963-1965 R. B. Alexander	
1958-1963 Earl Dawson	
1955-1958 Dr. E. J. Tyler	
1950-1955 H. W. Foxton	

## APPENDIX F

### FRANK MCKINNON OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

- The Hockey Manitoba Frank McKinnon Outstanding Volunteer Award is in recognition of outstanding commitment and significant contributions to the game of hockey in Manitoba. The following are the criteria established for nominees:
  - Must be a resident of Manitoba
  - Must be an amateur hockey volunteer in any capacity at the Hockey Manitoba Regional, League, Association or Community Club level.
  - Nominee must have been active in hockey for the past five (5) years.
- Nomination applications are available from the Hockey Manitoba office or your Regional Director.
- Nominations must be submitted to the Hockey Manitoba office no later than March 1st of each year. All nominees shall receive acknowledgment as a Frank McKinnon Outstanding Volunteer Award nominee and the winner shall receive a branch ring to be presented annually at the Hockey Manitoba Season Opener or Fall Council Meeting.

2025 Not available at time of print

2024 Dennis Kyle

2023 Harvey Bolton

2022 Ashley Van Aggelen

2021 Bill Whitehead

2020 Ken Gladden

2019 Peter Dueck

2018 George Ulyatt

2017 Dale Fossay

2016 Doug Orchard

2015 Brian Franklin

2014 Al Hares

2013 Ivan Gulay

2012 Wayne Deschouwer

2011 Greg Lacomy

2010 Garth Mitchell

2009 Bob Caldwell

2008 Peter Gerlinger

2007 Russ Cassidy

2006 Helen Hoepner

2005 Gord Agnew & Glen Parker

2004 Gerald Carson

2003 Dale England

2002 Grant Moffat

2001 Terry Murray

2000 Ray Brethour

2000 Rene Gregory

1999 Marguerite Smith

1998 Ian Heather

1997 Wally Henderson

1996 Cliff Kyle

1995 Tim Ryan

1994 Everett Lloyd

1993 Jack Forsyth

## APPENDIX G

### HOCKEY MANITOBA SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Purpose of the Scholarship Awards is to provide University or Community College students with an award to ensure that they can pursue their educational goals and continue to be engaged in an athletic program if they desire.
2. The following Scholarships are awarded annually:
 

a) GEORGE ALLARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$1,500.00
b) DON KURYK SCHOLARSHIP (new for 24-25)	1-	\$1,500.00
c) ORVILLE ACRES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$1,000.00
d) NICK HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$1,000.00
e) TODD DAVISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$1,000.00
f) JERRY KRUK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$1,000.00
g) JACK FORSYTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$1,000.00
h) ABBIE COO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$750.00
i) BILL ADDISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
j) BOB CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
k) BRIAN FRANKLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1 -	\$750.00
l) BUCK MATIOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
l) DIANNE WOODS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
m) DR. W.F. TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
n) IAN HEATHER SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
o) RALPH BORGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
p) R.A. SAM FABRO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
q) RYAN GALLOWAY SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
r) SHELDON LANCHBERY SCHOLARSHIP	1-	\$750.00
s) JIM STIRLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	2 -	\$500.00

### ELIGIBILITY

3. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- a) a graduating High School student scheduled to attend post-secondary education in Canada within two (2) years upon graduation from High School
- b) a Hockey Manitoba member (player, coach, official, etc.)
- c) a Manitoba resident of Hockey Manitoba member living in a border community

Note: For additional Hockey Manitoba Scholarships, applicants cannot be a carded Junior Hockey player.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 4. a) Meet the admission standards of the University or Community College.
- b) Enrolled full time and receiving full time credits at a Canadian University or College.
- c) Community involvement
- d) Hockey involvement

## HOW TO APPLY

- 5. Student athletes must complete and submit an application form, which is available on the Hockey Manitoba website, prior to April 1st of each year. The Ryan Galloway Scholarship and Todd Davison Memorial Scholarship each have individual applications and additional requirements. The remaining scholarships may be applied for using the Hockey Manitoba Scholarship application.
- 6. Applicants must include a letter from the President of their Minor Hockey Association (if applicable), a letter from their School Principal along with school grades from grades nine to twelve as well as the specific written component required by the scholarship for which they apply. Scholarships to be awarded annually at the discretion of Hockey Manitoba.

## SELECTION

- 7. The Hockey Manitoba Awards Committee will review all applications. Awards will be based on: a) involvement in hockey, b) academic performance in school, c) community involvement, d) written component.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

- 8. All successful candidates will be mailed their appropriate cheque to the address provided on the application form submitted. Each candidate must verify entrance and enrollment into the Post Secondary Institute as well as verify tuition payment, prior to receiving the appropriate scholarship.

## 2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients

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**George Allard Memorial Scholarship**

Shayna-July Bannister

**Bill Addison Memorial Scholarship**

Danica Van Leeuwen

**Jack Forsyth Memorial Scholarship**

Griffin Rarog

**Ian Heather Scholarship**

Spencer Stewner

**Orville Acres Scholarship**

Ruth Dandeneau

**Dr. W. F. Taylor Memorial Scholarship**

Kait Yanchishyn

**Nick Hill Memorial Scholarship**

Aaditya Raj Singh

**Buck Matiowski Memorial Scholarship**

Easton Hildebrand

**Todd Davison Memorial Scholarship**

Izabella Mann

**Dianne Woods Memorial Scholarship**

Isabel Ostermann

**Trudy Galloway Memorial Scholarship**

Nathan Shaw

**Abbie Coe Memorial Scholarship**

Liberty Aime

**Jerry Kruk Memorial Scholarship**

Hayden Mackedenski

**R. A. Sam Fabro Memorial Scholarship**

Clair Merckx

**Hockey Manitoba Memorial Scholarship**

Jewel Peters

**Sheldon Lanchbery Scholarship**

Aaron Hunt

**Don Kuryk Scholarship**

Callie Hilhorst

**Ralph Borger Memorial Scholarship**

Jaydn Baldwin

**Jim Stirling Memorial Scholarship**Haily Johns  
Avery Shortridge**Bob Caldwell Scholarship**

Sophie Mankewich

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## APPENDIX H

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### HOCKEY MANITOBA SUMMER HOCKEY ACTIVITY

1. Participation by members in “summer hockey activities” not sanctioned by Hockey Manitoba/Hockey Canada will have no residual effect upon players, coaches, managers, or other officials, unless there is a conflict with activities sanctioned by the association to which members of the above groups have been invited to participate.
2. Members of the association who were registered in the previous season and participate in “unsanctioned summer activity of any description” are herewith advised the association will not be responsible for actions emanating from said activities, and further, that the medical and liability insurance programs under which all members are protected will be automatically voided.
3. For the purpose of interpretation, “summer hockey activities”; other than those sanctioned by Hockey Manitoba are considered to fall within the time frame of May 1st to August 31st of a calendar year.
4. The Hockey Manitoba hockey season shall be from September 1st to April 30th, of the calendar year, during which all Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada regulations must be adhered to.

### PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING

5. Any complaint against a member participating in a non-sanctioned activity during Hockey Manitoba’s year, must be in written form and signed by the coach and manager of the team and/or a President of the Minor Hockey Association outlining the nature of their complaint. The evidence associated with this complaint shall be forwarded to Hockey Manitoba, who may conduct a hearing into this allegation.

### PROCESS

6. Once a complaint has been received by Hockey Manitoba there will be an investigation into the complaint. In the event that the President determines that sufficient information has been sent forward to act upon. If sufficient information warrants, a committee shall be struck by the President to hear the complaint.

### DECISIONS

7. A player, coach, or other member who plays or practices with another team or organization, while retaining Hockey Manitoba membership and is proven to have

participated in a non-sanctioned event may be sanctioned through the following means:

- a) A reprimand,
- b) Suspension of playing or coaching privileges from membership for a specified period of time,
- c) Have his membership privileges withdrawn,
- d) Such other action as the committee deems appropriate.

## **APPEAL**

8. A player, coach, or other member that has been assessed a sanction shall be entitled to file an appeal by following the Discipline Appeal Procedure as set forth by Hockey Manitoba.

## **ALTERNATE SEASON HOCKEY**

9. Hockey Canada and its branches support the Long Term Player Development model (LTPD) and the need for athletes to participate in other sports. However there are some families that do make hockey their choice for an alternate season. For these families it is felt that in order to make this experience as valuable, safe and fair for the participants as possible, that offering the support of the governing bodies is something that can improve this experience for those who wish to participate.
10. Alternate Season Hockey operates between the dates of April 1 and July 15th. Teams are not permitted to practice, play games or participate in tournaments outside of this designated Alternate Season. For further information on the regulations and registration process please contact the Hockey Manitoba office.

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# APPENDIX I

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## HOCKEY CANADA PARTICIPANT INSURANCE COVERAGE

### GENERAL FEATURES OF THE INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Hockey Canada insurance program offers several benefits to our members. The following features are highlights of the respective policy.

An Approved copy of a team's Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) roster shall serve as proof of insurance.

*COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY* – Coverage for on and off ice Hockey Canada sanctioned hockey activities. Coverage is for individual members who are named as defendants in a lawsuit. Policy will provide up to \$20,000,000.00 in coverage as dictated by the terms and conditions of the policy.

*LIABILITY COVERAGE* – Designed to respond on behalf of registered participants in the game including players, coaches, trainers, on and off ice officials and volunteers. This Policy is a Personal injury and Property Damage Policy.

*ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT* – Coverage for members against accidental injury or death while participating in a Hockey Canada sanctioned event. This coverage is in addition to any other similar coverage an eligible participant may carry. The Hockey Canada will compensate registered participants when injury loss occurs within 365 days after the date of the accident.

*ACCIDENTAL DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFIT* – When accidental injury to whole or sound teeth shall, within 30 days require treatment, the plan will pay for reasonable expenses actually incurred within 52 weeks after the accident. Max \$1,500 per tooth, Max \$3,000 per accident.

*ACCIDENTAL MEDICAL TREATMENT BENEFIT* – When by reason of injury and within 30 days from the day of the accident the insured person requires medical treatment or incurs expenses following services, while under the care of a legally qualified physician,

1. Private duty nursing by a licensed graduate nurse who does not ordinarily reside in the Insured Person's home or is not a member of his/her immediate family.
2. Reimbursement of ambulance transportation up to 100% of costs.
3. Hospital services for which benefits are not provide by Federal/provincial Government Hospital Insurance Plan administered by the Province in which the insured person normally resides – whether paid or not.

- Rental of equipment for therapeutic equipment not to exceed the purchase price prevailing at the time rental became necessary.
- Fees for licensed physiotherapist, athletic therapist, chiropractor or osteopath recommended by a legally qualified physician or surgeon will be reimbursed up to \$500 in any one hockey season.
- Drugs purchased by prescription made by a physician or surgeon.
- Miscellaneous expenses such as hearing aids, crutches, splints, casts and braces. Expenses not to exceed \$5,000 as a result of any one accident within a 52 week period.

### HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

Secure a Hockey Canada Accident Report Form from your team or Minor Hockey Association. Also available from the Branch.

- Complete the form in its entirety.** Have your team official complete the section and your Doctor/Dentist complete the back of the form.
- Submit the **fully completed** form to your Branch office along with any receipts or invoices within 90 days of the date of the accident.

*Please Note:*

- Only forms that are received within 90 days will be accepted.
- Forms must be completed in their entirety or the forms will be returned and your claim delayed.
- Only original receipts and invoices are acceptable
- Hockey Canada is strictly a supplemental insurer. If you have access to any other insurance, you must pursue it through them first. The Hockey Canada shall cover those costs not covered by your primary insurance to our policy limits.
- Please allow 8-12 weeks for reimbursement. Hockey Canada will only make payment to completed claims.
- Hockey Manitoba recommends that all ambulance bills are paid for and the injured person seek reimbursement. The claims can take several weeks to get paid out and Hockey Canada will not cover interest costs.

### HOCKEY CANADA ACCIDENT INSURANCE BENEFITS DO NOT COVER:

- Benefits eligible for payment by an Employee's Private Medical and/or Dental Plan. The plan acts as second "payer" in all cases and can be used for deductibles/coinsurance not paid by the first "payer".

2. Any benefits provided or paid by any Government Hospital or Medical Plans, whether or not the injured person is included in such plan. There are no payments for any non-resident who plays hockey in Canada without some form of primary coverage.
3. The purchase repair or replacement of eyeglasses or contact lenses.
4. Sickness or disease either as a cause or effect.
5. Air travel, except as a fare paying passenger in an aircraft with a certificate of air worthiness to/from a Hockey Canada sanctioned event.
6. Expenses not submitted within 365 days of the date of the accident.
7. Any accident report forms not submitted within 90 days of the accident.
8. Lost wages.
9. The expenses of a knee brace or similar device the use of which is solely to allow the injured person to participate in a game or practice of hockey.
10. Expenses of dental treatment incurred for the cost of replacement or repair of artificial teeth or dentures, permanent bridgework accepted.

The above contains a general description of Hockey Canada Insurance Program and its features. A more complete description of the insurance program is provided in Hockey Canada Safety and Risk Management handbook and the Hockey Manitoba website [www.hockeymanitoba.ca](http://www.hockeymanitoba.ca). If you wish to view a copy of the entire and comprehensive policy document you are entitled to do so and may visit the Branch or Hockey Canada offices during working hours.

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## APPENDIX J

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### HOCKEY MANITOBA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of this Social Media and Networking Policy, the policy will encompass public communications through such internet mediums and websites as Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Foursquare and any other social media network that allows users to communicate online.

The policy will be applicable to all members of the Hockey Manitoba Community, including Directors, Teams, Hockey Manitoba members and staff, on-ice and off-ice officials, billets, players, players' family members and supporters.

Hockey Manitoba recognizes and appreciates the value of social media and the importance of social networking to all of its stakeholders. Hockey Manitoba also respects the right of all Teams and Association personnel to express their views publicly. At the same time we must be aware of the dangers social media and networking can present.

The purpose of this policy is to educate the Hockey Manitoba Community on the risks of social media and to ensure all Teams and Association personnel are aware that conduct deemed to be inappropriate may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team, the Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba.

#### 2. SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

- a) Hockey Manitoba holds the entire Hockey Manitoba Community who participates in social media and networking to the same standards as it does for all other forms of media including radio, television and print.
- b) Comments or remarks of an inappropriate nature which are detrimental to a Team, the Association or an individual will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
- c) It should be recognized that social media comments are on the record and instantly published and available to the public and media. Everyone including Association and/or Team personnel, players, corporate partners and the media can review social media communications. You should conduct yourself in an appropriate and professional manner at all times.
- d) Refrain from divulging confidential information of a personal or team related nature. Avoid revealing business or game strategy that could provide another team or individual a competitive advantage. Furthermore, do not discuss injury information about any player. Only divulge information that is considered public.

- e) Use your best judgment at all times – pause before posting. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for your comments and they are published for the public record.
- f) If requested to participate in an online network, as a direct result of your affiliation with or participation in Hockey Manitoba, Hockey Manitoba recommends that you request approval from the Team or the Association.
- g) Players or hockey operations staff are not permitted to participate in social media or networking two (2) hours prior to the start of a Hockey Manitoba game and at least one (1) hour following the completion of a Hockey Manitoba game.

### 3. SOCIAL MEDIA VIOLATIONS

The following are examples of conduct through social media and networking mediums that are considered violations of the Hockey Manitoba Social Media and Networking Policy and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team, Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba.

- a) Any statement deemed to be publicly critical of Association officials or detrimental to the welfare of a member Team, the Association or an individual.
- b) Divulging confidential information that may include, but is not limited to the following:
  - I. player injuries;
  - II. trades or other player movement;
  - III. game strategies; or
  - IV. any other matter of a sensitive nature to a member Team, the Association or an individual.
- c) Negative or derogatory comments about any of the Team, Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba staff, programs, stakeholders, players or any member of a Hockey Manitoba Team.
- d) Any form of bullying, harassment or threats against players or officials.
- e) Photographs, video or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behavior, including but not limited to:
  - I. drug use,
  - II. alcohol abuse,
  - III. public intoxication,
  - IV. hazing
  - V. sexual exploitation, etc.

- f) Online activity that contradicts the current policies of Hockey Manitoba or any of its member Associations.
- g) Inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments of any kind, in keeping with the Hockey Manitoba policies and regulations on these matters.
- h) Online activity that is meant to alarm other individuals or to misrepresent fact or truth.

#### **4. DISCIPLINE**

The Team, Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba will investigate reported violation(s) of this policy in the manner set out in the Hockey Manitoba Handbook for other types of violations. If the investigation determines that a violation has occurred, the Team, Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba will impose an appropriate suspension. Any appeal of the suspension will be dealt with as set out in a Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba Handbook for other types of suspensions.

#### **5. SUMMARY**

When using social media and networking mediums, the Hockey Manitoba community should assume at all times they are representing Hockey Manitoba and/or its member Associations or Teams. All members of the Hockey Manitoba community should remember to use the same discretion with social media and networking as they do with other traditional forms of media. Should the identity or image of any member of the Hockey Manitoba Community be used in Social Media and Networking without the Individual, Team or Association authorization, this is considered to be identity theft. Please notify your Hockey Manitoba Team Management or the Hockey Manitoba Office immediately. Any use of a player or team member's image or likeness without the written consent of Hockey Manitoba is strictly prohibited.

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