



# REGULATIONS

September 2024



# OFFICIAL DATES

Start of season	September 1-Regulation: 1.23
Team registration deadline	October 15-Regulation: 1.23 & 5.9
Team staff submission deadline (not U7 & U9)	October 15-Regulation: 5.10
U7 & U9 Registration Date	October 31-Regulation 5.10
Team staff submission deadline U7 & U9	November 15-Regulation: 1.21 & 11.10
Leagues AGM deadline	June 30-Regulation: 2.5
U9 Half-Ice / cross ice games allowed	December 1-Regulation: 19.4
U9 Full-Ice Scrimmages Allowed-February 1	Regulation: 19.4
Team staff certifications deadline	December 1-Regulation: 11.9
Team classifications by Minor Council	December -Regulation: 3.4
Deadline for player registration	February 10-Regulation: 5.12
Deadline for competitive team roster changes	February 10-Regulation: 5.12
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# COMPLAINT RESOLUTION COMMUNICATION

Hockey Canada and its Members want to end the culture of silence that exists in parts of hockey. To help ensure that we are a safe space for raising concerns, Hockey Canada has established a new, fully independent, and confidential reporting mechanism for all individuals regarding any incidents involving Hockey Canada sanctioned programming as outlined in the Action Plan. This reporting mechanism is known as the Independent Third Party (ITP).

The role of the ITP is to receive all hockey related maltreatment, sexual violence, harassment, abuse or discrimination complaints by anyone affiliated within Hockey Canada programs.

Complaints can be submitted by email to [complaints@sportcomplaints.ca](mailto:complaints@sportcomplaints.ca)



### **The 24-Hour Rule**

When an issue occurs and a party has a resulting complaint to make or issue to be resolved, they are asked to wait 24 hours, then put the issue in writing and submit it to the appropriate party. Whether this issue is labelled as coaching error, team mate interference, parent conflict or any other of a number of possible situations, it is very important that all parties involved take the full 24 hours to remove or decrease the emotional element so that the actual issue can be resolved quickly, in a civilized manner, and to everyone's satisfaction.

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## **CONTACT LINES OF COMMUNICATION**





# REGULATION ONE: DEFINITIONS

1.0 For the purpose of all Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations, unless otherwise defined in a specific regulation, the definitions of the words, terms and expressions contained in Hockey Canada Regulations shall apply.

1.1 Affiliate Player (AP) - refers to those players from club teams, affiliated teams, or specially affiliated players when such player(s) are participating with a higher Division/Category team.

1.2 All Stars - means a selection of exceptional players registered with various teams from a common league, association, Branch, Region or the Nation-at-Large, grouped together for a specific competition.

1.3. Association - Refers to Hockey Nova Scotia unless identified as a Minor Hockey Association.

1.4. Certification - Refers to Bench Staff / Team Officials requirements as per HNS Reg. 11.

1.5. "Club" - Is a local Minor Hockey Association operated and controlled by a duly elected Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves the signing officers for that club (Hockey Canada Reg. 20)

1.6. Provincial Day of Champions (Doc) - Day of Champions (DoC) - HNS sponsored event at the end of the season that will declare provincial champions in the following HNSMC divisions and categories: U11 AA, A, B; U13 AA, A, B; U15 A, B; U18 A, B.

1.7. Exhibition Game - A game that is not part of the regular season, tournament, or play-off schedule.

1.8. Goaltender(s)/Goalkeeper(s) - Means all players other than skaters

1.9. High School Player - A player registered in high school having played at least one regular scheduled high school game in the current school season.

1.10. HNS - Hockey Nova Scotia

1.11. HNSMC - Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council

1.12. HNSFC - Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council

1.13. Meaningful Games - Are regularly scheduled games, sanctioned tournament games and pre-approved exhibition games verified on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) by the Regional Director or his/her designate. HNSMC games that are added to the schedule after a suspension has

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occurred, will not count as meaningful games. A game must take place in order to count towards a suspension.

1.14. MHA - Minor Hockey Association

1.15. Minor Hockey Player - A minor hockey player shall be a player whose date of birth falls within the age limits (for the various divisions of minor hockey) approved by Hockey Canada.

1.16. Minor Hockey Bench Staff - Minor Hockey Bench staff shall be defined as one (1) Head Coach, one (1) trainer and assistant coaches up to a maximum number of bench staff (5) permitted on the bench. A minimum of two (2) certified bench staff must be on the bench to start any game.

1.17. Minor Hockey Season - HNS does not support and will not sanction any hockey activities outside of the normal hockey season, unless Hockey Canada or its Branches sponsor these activities. Please refer to the HNS Seasonal Structure Chart for dates and timelines.

1.18. New Coach - Someone who is assisting on the ice and/or the bench that has not been registered with Hockey Canada at any time previous.

1.19. HNS Playoff Game - A hockey game or series of games that are used to declare a league, a Regional, a Conference, a DoC, or a Provincial Championship.

1.20. Players - Refers to goaltenders and skaters.

1.21. Pre-Season - That time period prior to October 15th of the current season when Minor Hockey Association teams are permitted to play exhibition games and must receive approval from their Regional Director. In Minor Hockey all players and team officials in U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AA, and U18 AA must be registered on rosters approved by the Regional Director prior to participating in any game prior to October 15th.

Travel Permits are required for all of these Pre-season events.

It is the responsibility of the MHA President to ensure all players are properly registered with their Association during the pre-season. The Registration date for all other divisions/teams, excluding U7 and U9, is October 31st. The Registration date for U7 and U9 is November 15th.

1.22. Recreational (Level C) - Defined as a community-oriented minor hockey program structured to provide development and competition at the recreational level. Recreational/Non- competitive teams are not eligible for Provincial Championships.

1.23. Regular Season - The approved Regular Hockey Season is from September 1st to April 30th. By October 15th annually all Minor teams from U11 to U18 must register and receive approval from Regional Director prior to participation in regular season games.

**1.24. Release - Means the discharge / release of a player from team or MHA, for tryout purposes. In all situations this must be pre-approved by the Regional Director regardless of the league where this player or team will play. All approved transfers are for current season only.**

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1.25. Representative Team - Competitive teams registered and classified under regulations defined herein, eligible for Provincial Championships and for the purposes of affiliating players.

1.26. Skaters - Means all players other than goaltenders.

1.27. Sledge Hockey - Is an innovative team sport that incorporates the same rules and discipline structure as ice hockey. Players sit on specially designed sleds, or sledges, with skate blades under the seat. Two sticks are used to not only pass, stick handle and shoot the puck, but also to propel and maneuver the sledges.

**1.28. Tournament - A schedule of games (not including league play or playoff games) played among three (3) or more teams, which follows an inter-locking schedule and leads to an eventual winner. This must be pre-approved by the Regional Director and a Tournament Permit must be issued.**

1.29. Quorum - The number of members of a group or organization required to be present to transact business legally, usually a majority.

1.30. Hockey Team or Team means a group of persons comprised of:

1. A maximum of 19 players, at least two of whom must be goaltenders. HNS Regulation 2:15
2. For Major U18 and U18 AA and U16 teams, a maximum of 20 players, at least two of whom must be goaltenders HNS Regulation 2:15
3. For teams in an MHA that have a maximum of 23 players or fewer in a Division, permission may be granted by the Regional Director to register all 23 or fewer players to one roster in the A,B or C category, [maximum of 21 skaters and two goaltenders]. For any given game, a team may only dress 19 players including two goaltenders. HNS Regulation 2.27
4. Teams competing in National or Regional Events, a minimum of 17 players, two of whom must be goaltenders.
5. Teams competing in HNS Provincial Play-off games, a minimum of 12 players, one of whom must be a goaltender. HNS Regulation 22.4
6. A minimum of twelve (11 skaters + 1 goalie) players in uniform on the ice and/or players bench, on each team shall be necessary for the start of any regular season league game. Teams with less than 11 + 1 can play but have permission to reschedule league games if they need to (not including tournaments). In Provincial playoff games; any team dressing less than 11 skaters and one goalie will forfeit the game.

1.31 Pre-Approved Exhibition Game - A game request entered in to ehockey prior to a player suspension.

1.32 A game of hockey is defined as: A meeting of two teams playing for a specific length of time for the purpose of declaring a winner through the scoring of goals.



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1.33 Meaningful and approved games-(In addition to Regulation 1.13) Meaningful Games for minor hockey are regularly scheduled games, sanctioned tournament games and pre-approved exhibition games verified on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) by the Regional Director or their designate. Any games that are added to the schedule after a suspension has occurred, will not count as meaningful games. A game must take place in order to count towards a suspension.



# REGULATION TWO: COMPETITION

2.1. The By-Laws, Regulations and Playing Rules of HNS along with those of Hockey Canada govern competition within HNS.

2.2. The normal Hockey Nova Scotia season shall be interpreted to be from September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year, during which all Hockey Canada and Hockey Nova Scotia rules must be adhered to.

2.3. The playing rules of the game shall be the standing rules of Hockey Canada.

2.4. For the purpose of these regulations, a league must consist of three (3) or more registered teams playing a minimum of 6 home games and 6 away games. (Excluding Junior and Senior).

2.5. Each League must hold its Annual Meeting no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> in each year.

a) Leagues must follow all of the Regulations as outlined by HNS

b) A league is made up of representatives from all of the member associations.

c) A league Executive must have the following minimum structure: President (or Co-presidents)

Vice president (if no co-presidents) Secretary

Treasurer

Chair/or Division Rep for each division within the league

d) Wherever possible, the League Executive shall not be made up of players, managers, coaches, or trainers of member teams. Special circumstances can be brought before the league executive committee for a vote if approved by the HNS Regional Director.

e) A league must provide HNS with a year-end financial report.

f) A league may apply for a blanket travel permit (through the Regional Director) to cover all regular season games

g) All playoffs must follow HNS approved format

h) A league is responsible for:

- The scheduling of regular season games
- The organization and scheduling of league championships
- Providing a code of conduct for league executives
- Providing a constitution outlining the purpose, structure, governing values and duties of each of the executive members.

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- Recording and tracking the regular season game wins/losses of its member teams, in a timely manner

i) A league is not responsible for:

- Issuing discipline to players or parents
- Organizing officials
- Booking regular season game ice. (Exceptions for league championships can be made)
- Determining the final classification of hockey teams

2.6. Each League must file with the Executive Director or designate of Hockey Nova Scotia on or before the first scheduled game complete copies of its schedule of games. This includes Minor League games.

2.7. Any Minor team wishing to participate in exhibition games with member teams must first make application to the appropriate Regional Director stating when, where and against whom they wish to compete.

2.8. All sanctioned games played by members and the qualifications of all players competing in such games as members of the teams shall conform with all of the Bylaws and the rules of competition.

2.9. All league winners must be declared in time to meet Hockey Nova Scotia's Playoff dates. Any league that fails to declare its league winner in time to meet the playoff dates set by the Association forfeits its right to be eligible for playoffs and is liable for suspension.

2.10. Any team wishing to compete in playoffs must comply with cut-down dates as established by Hockey Canada.

2.11. Leagues must declare their final league winner in time to allow winners to engage in inter-branch competition.

2.12. All minor hockey players and teams are required to play 10 meaningful league or scheduled Exhibition/Tournament games to be considered eligible for post season league play. Failure to play these 10 games makes the player and teams ineligible to play League Playoffs, Regional Playoffs, Conference Championships, Provincial Championships, Day of Champions or any other post season playoff events. The games that will be considered eligible for any playoff event will be at the discretion of Minor Council.

2.13. In all divisions of Minor, (except for Major U15, U16, Major U18, U18 AA and where applicable in AAA, which can play 20-minute stop-time periods) the playing time of games shall not exceed 45 minutes normally divided into three, 15-minute straight time or stop-time periods unless approval is received from the appropriate council to change.

2.14. Timeouts are only allowed in Day of Champions and Provincial qualifying games or provincial tournaments. Only one, 30-second timeout, per team, per game is allowed and if games go into overtime additional time outs are not allowed.

2.15. Minor teams may dress a maximum of 19 players providing two are goalkeepers. If only one goalkeeper is dressed, the maximum number dressed is 18. Major U18 and U18 AA, U16 may dress 20. If

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only one goalkeeper is dressed, the maximum number dressed is 19.

2.16. Any team which fails to compete in any scheduled league or playoff games may be suspended by Hockey Nova Scotia.

2.17. Games sanctioned by Hockey Nova Scotia must involve only teams and players registered with Hockey Nova Scotia or with a Branch of Hockey Canada or teams outside Canada, which have been approved by Hockey Canada for competition. Games with non- association teams or non-Hockey Canada teams are not sanctioned and all medical and liability insurance is void.

2.18. All Minor teams registering at the B and C level shall be non-checking. A team registered as B and C can only play against other teams registered as B and C.

2.19. All Minor teams should strive to achieve a practice to game ratio of two practices for each game played, but in all cases the number of games must not exceed the number of practices.

2.20 Players playing female hockey on teams or in programs comprised of all female players must be registered with an approved Female Hockey Association or Female Regional Executive Committee.

2.21. The maximum number of games to be played by division shall be as follows:

- U9 All Levels: Maximum 36 games and may include max twelve (12) full-ice scrimmages or games after February 1
- U11 Maximum 45 games
- U13 Maximum 60 games
- U15 Maximum 65 games
- U18 Maximum 65 games
- Minor Jr. Maximum 65 games

Games noted above are defined as all exhibition, league and tournament games. A tournament would count as three games. The above cap would include all hockey games except for Conference, Day of Champions and Provincial and League Playoff games.

2.22 Provincial Leagues for U11 AA can be formed. Each year HNSMC will establish a playoff format leading to the Day of Champions where only two teams will advance to the HNSMC Day of Champions, one team from each Conference.

2.23 A female player will be permitted to try out for a minor team. Female players choosing to play female hockey must attend the female tryout process from the beginning and will not be permitted to be part of both a minor tryout process and female tryout process at the same time.

2.24 Body checking will be permitted in certain levels above the U13 Division. It will be the responsibility of each MHA to ensure all U15 Rep players and coaches have completed the HNS

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Checking Program. Effective 2014-15 season, all players entering U15 and U18 checking levels of hockey for the first time must have completed the Approved 2014 HNS Checking Clinic or attend an HNS Development Approved Checking Clinic. U15 B and C, U18 B and C levels will be non-checking.

2.25 A Minor Team wishing to compete at the U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AA, or U18 AA level shall advise the Regional Director in writing of their intent by September 15th of the playing year. If the team does not have the numbers in the division as per Regulation 3.7, they must appeal in writing through the Regional Director to the Executive Committee of Minor Council to be permitted to form a team. This must also be done by September 15th of the playing year.

2.26 Minor Hockey Associations can join together to form an U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AA or U18 AA team as follows:

- In the Western, Nova, Fundy, and Strait Regions, a maximum of four associations can contribute to the makeup of the team.
- In the Halifax, Dartmouth, Highland, and Cape Breton Regions, a maximum of three associations can contribute to the makeup of the team.

2.27 Minor Hockey Associations that have a maximum of 23 players or fewer in a division may be granted permission by the appropriate Regional Director to register all 23 or fewer players (maximum 21 skaters and two goaltenders) to one roster in the A, B or C category. For any given game, a team may only dress 19 players including two goaltenders. Any teams eligible to play in Inter-Branch competition would not be permitted to exercise this regulation. No affiliations will be permitted.

**2.28. A Minor player who wishes to play at the U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AA, or U18 AA classification of competition, but whose MHA does not provide that classification, may try out for those teams in that division from another Association in his/her Region. A player may try out for up to two of these teams per year. A U11 player may try out for only one AA team per year.**

**Any U11, U13, U15 or U18 age player whose Association does not provide U11 A, U13 AA, A, U15 A or U18 A may try out for one team at these levels in another Association in their Region.**

**Any player requesting to move from one MHA/Region to another MHA/Region shall be referred by the Regional Director to the Minor Council Executive through the Conference Coordinator.**

**Transfer from one MHA to another within a zone in all of the teams/divisions and situations noted above must be pre-approved by the appropriate Regional Director in consultation with the Conference Coordinator.**

2.29. Subsequent to Regulation 2.30, all U13 AAA, U15 AA and U18 AA teams within the initial two-week try out period at the start of season, must sign a minimum of 11 players and one goaltender. Players and goaltenders not signed as part of this 12 may be permitted to try out for another U13, U15 or U18 team with permission from the Regional Director, to a maximum of two teams.

2.30. If, in the application of Regulation 2.30 and 2.31, players from more than three Minor Hockey Associations contribute to the makeup of any team, the minimum categorization of the team shall be no lower than AA.

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2.31. Should a Minor team play ten (10) or more games against higher category teams; they will be categorized to the higher level, except where approved by the Regional Director. If the team feels that they cannot compete at this higher level, then they can appeal in writing to the Minor Council Executive explaining their reasons to be reclassified.

2.32. Hockey Nova Scotia emphatically endorses Hockey Canada Rule 3.6 (b): While on the ice, all players, including goalkeepers, shall wear a CSA approved hockey helmet, a Hockey Canada approved facial protector must be securely attached and not altered in any way. Any alteration to a CSA approved helmet or facial protector automatically destroys the certification. The chin-strap of the helmet shall be properly fastened under the chin. The straps of the facial protector shall also be properly fastened to the hockey helmet. Players shall remove their helmets during the playing of the anthem(s). Further, all coaches and assistants shall wear CSA approved hockey helmets while on the ice.

2.33. First Aid services shall be available, whenever possible, at arenas during all Minor tournaments, including Day of Champions, Provincial, Atlantic and National Championship Tournaments.

2.34. Hockey Nova Scotia will present a plaque and banner to any team winning a Day of Champions, Conference, or Provincial Championship.

### **2.35.**

**a) Players who are playing Division II and III High School hockey shall be permitted to register in Minor Hockey at a level no lower than B.**

**b) Division I High School players shall only be permitted to register in Minor Hockey at a level no lower than U18 AA, U15 AA or the highest division offered at the U18 & U15 division in their local MHA.**

**c) Players who play Female High School hockey shall be permitted to register in co-ed minor teams within HNS.**

2.36 For other teams at the B & C levels who under exceptional circumstance may experience a shortage of players, a minimum of 10 players is required, one of whom must be a goaltender. This exception requires the approval of both the HNSMC Regional Director and the Conference Coordinator.

2.37 All HNS registered teams competing for Provincial Championships must play all scheduled league games unless otherwise approved by the HNSMC Regional Director or Conference Coordinator. As well, all teams must play in their League play-off tournament that leads to Qualifying for Provincial Championships; this includes teams that may be hosting the HNS Provincial Championship Tournament. Failure to comply may result in sanctions against the team or the Minor Hockey Association.

2.38 Hockey Nova Scotia promotes fair play and sportsmanship at all levels of competition, therefore at the conclusion of each game, unless otherwise directed by the referee, all players and coaches are to shake hands.

2.39 If 19 players or fewer have been registered in a division of hockey within their Minor Hockey Association, and there are not enough players to form two (2) teams, the players who do not make the

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team can with the approval of the Regional Director in consultation with the Conference Coordinator, move to a Minor Hockey Association within their region that is offering the same level of hockey. Any player wishing to move from one region to another must be recommended by the Regional Director to the Minor Council Executive through the Conference Coordinator. The recommendation should have the approval of both Regional Directors involved.

2.40 In all HNS games, any team found to be playing with illegal players, shall result in a win being awarded to the non-offending team. and the Coach or Team Official will be under indefinite suspension, until dealt with by the HNSMC Executive.

2.41 All Minor Hockey teams are required to be classified as either Competitive or Non- competitive, and teams at a higher classification are not permitted to play a team at a lower classification (example U11 AA cannot play U11 A) once their classifications have been determined. The only time this is allowed is during a relegation period where classification is being determined. In all situations, approval must be received from the local Regional Director.

2.42 Congruent Tryouts- HNS will allow a minor hockey association player to have 2 try outs at the same time in two different associations due to timing/schedule issues related to the try out season.

In any situation where a player is able to try out for two different teams within a division, the player must try out for their home association first with the understanding that there is an obligation to make and play for their home association. Any player or team found to be in violation of Regulation 2.42 will be deemed ineligible for participation and any sanctions imposed will be determined by Minor Council.

2.43 At no time shall Minor Hockey Association be able to hold Spring or Summer Minor Hockey Evaluations in order to develop teams for the upcoming season. If an Association, Executive Member, Team, Coach or Player is found participating in this activity; HNS will suspend all parties immediately and investigate under Hockey Canada Regulation 25.20 (Incident or Behavior Detrimental to Hockey and or Player Tampering).



# REGULATION THREE: CLASSIFICATION

3.1. The following are the guidelines for registering/classifying players:

Category Age Eligibility

Senior Male: Open to players of any age, Jr. and above

Junior: Open to players 21 years and younger in the current playing season

Minor Junior (Juvenile): Open to players of nominal ages 18 to 23. Players aged 21-23 may not make up more than 50% of the team.

U18: Open to players of nominal ages 15-17 (inclusive). U18 B and C levels may include 18-year-olds as per U18 overage policy

U15: Open to players of nominal ages 13-14

U13: Open to players of nominal ages 11-12

U11: Open to players of nominal ages 9-10

U9: Open to players of nominal ages 7-8

U7: Open to players of nominal ages 4-6

3.2. Up to four (4) overage players are permitted in Junior. Overage is defined as one (1) year past the division age restriction.

3.3. A player's age is determined for the current season by the player's age at December 31st of the current season. Players must be four years of age prior to January 1st of the current season in order to register with HNS. Players shall not have reached the higher nominal age for the division in which they are registered before January 1st of the current playing year, except where the Overage Player Policy is invoked.

3.4. The Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia, through its appropriate councils, shall have sole discretion in classifying teams, team officials and on-ice officials under its jurisdiction, in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations.

3.5. Minor Council shall annually determine the divisions and categories of play for competition. Such determination shall be made in December of the playing year. The following divisions and categories



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shall normally be recognized:

### MINOR

- U11 AA, A, B, C
- U13 AAA, AA, A, B, C
- U15 AA, A, B, C
- U18 AA, A, B, C
- Minor Junior

3.6. For the initial registration of teams, the number of players registered by an MHA within a division will be used as follows:

### MINOR

#### **U11**

- AA + 57 players (+110 (+/- 10) two balanced teams)
- A 36-56
- B 24-35

#### **U13**

- AAA +86
- AA 50-85
- A 24-49
- B -24

#### **U15/U18**

- AA +57
- A 36-56
- B 24-35

If an MHA President makes a request to their HNSMC Regional Director at the start of the season to play at the highest level without meeting the required numbers, it may be permitted with discretion of the Regional Director.

3.7. A Minor association may register more than one team in the same classification within a division. These teams must be made up of equal skilled players and of mixed ages within the division and must be approved by the Regional Director and Manager Member Services prior to starting play.

3.8. At the discretion of the Minor Hockey Association and with the approval of the appropriate Regional Director, a qualified Minor or Minor Female Hockey player may be placed in a higher Division than his/her age would indicate with the consent of the parent(s) (see Regulation 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 for exceptions). The player must make the highest-level team offered in their MHA. In order for a player to advance beyond the next highest age division in which he/she is eligible according to his/her age, they must apply for a special evaluation.

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3.9. The final placement of all players and teams from any Minor Hockey Association into any league or Hockey Nova Scotia classification is the responsibility of the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council and should reflect the teams' demonstrated ability to compete at the assigned level of competition. Categorization will take place in December of each year.

3.10. Players may not be released to a lower classification team, except under Hockey Canada transfer rules, after December 1st of the playing year.



## REGULATION FOUR: RESIDENCY

4.1. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of Hockey Nova Scotia under the authority of Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to implement residency registration regulations for the formation of teams within its boundaries. The residency regulation must allow for increased movement of players as the age of the player increases.

4.2. Minor and Female Hockey players must play in the Branch where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside.

4.3. Residence is established by the following criteria:

- The parents' usual residence when the parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
- In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; or if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; or again, if the player lives equally with both parents, his/her place of residence shall be determined by HNS.
- When legal custody has been granted to a third person, residency is the usual residence of that person.  
Where the player's parent(s) reside
- Where the player and his/her siblings go to school; and a letter from the school confirming their registration within the school system
- The majority amount of time actually spent in alleged place of residence. (4/7 days or 60% of the time)

4.5. In the case of a player who establishes a residence, other than that as described in 4.3 above, for the purpose of attending a private or public school, the player will be eligible to play at the highest level as it applies to U11, U13, U15, U18.

4.6. 1) Hockey Nova Scotia, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers invested in Hockey Canada By-Law 12 may, on application to Hockey Nova Scotia made by or on behalf of any player, deem such player to be resident in a place within Hockey Nova Scotia other than that where his parent is resident and Hockey Nova Scotia's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

NOTE: The term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days or 60% of the time).

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NOTE: In the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody as determined by a court of law in one of the following circumstances:

- a. The application of the Divorce Act,
- b. in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
- c. loss of parental authority,
- d. when it is deemed the child’s development is compromised,
- e. when both (2) parents are deceased,
- f. married or the equivalent of married.

2) Hockey Nova Scotia, in its sole and unfettered discretion under the powers vested in Hockey Canada By-Law 12 may deem a non-Canadian Citizen to be a resident in Hockey Nova Scotia provided that the player is in strict accordance with Hockey Canada regulations F.1, F.2 and F.3

4.7. The eligibility of a player who moves without parent(s) and establishes a continuous habitual residence with someone other than his/her parent(s) as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F, shall be determined by Hockey Nova Scotia based on regulations 4.1 to 4.6 above.

4.8. There are no Hockey Canada residential qualifications required for players registered with Senior or Junior teams within Hockey Nova Scotia.

4.9. Any player who is in doubt regarding his/her residential status and whether they are permitted to compete in sanctioned games may request in writing a definite ruling of their status from their Regional Director. This also applies to a Minor Hockey Association contesting the residence of a player. If the player or Minor Hockey Association does not agree with the decision of the Regional Director, a request to review may be made through the Conference Coordinator to the Minor Council Executive. Once the teams have been classified for provincial playoffs, no ruling or appeal of a ruling can be made regarding the residency of a player.

4.10. In the event a Minor player moves during the season and establishes a legitimate habitual residence in another regional boundary prior to January 10th in any year, then such player may:

1. Continue to play with his/her current team for the remainder of that season only;
2. play with a team for which he/she is eligible by reason of his new residence, with written approval from the Regional Director.

4.11 The onus of proof to establish habitual residence rests entirely with the player/parent.

Documentation that will be considered will include government issued documents, and must include a signed affidavit from the Minor Hockey Association outlying where the player lives and taking into account Regulation 4.3 # 6. (School Documents, NS Power/ Phone Bills are to be excluded) If the parent, player or association is found to be providing false information; the player will be directed by HNSMC as to where to play and HNSMC will have the final decision.

A player who is absent from home, is registered and in attendance at a Residential School where at least 75% of the students reside away from the home of the parent, may at his/her discretion play for a Minor Hockey team where his/her home is situated or with a team where the school is located.

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Once the teams have been classified for Provincial Playoffs, no ruling or appeal of a ruling can be made regarding the residence of a player.

The player must signify his/her decision in writing to Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director at the time of player registration. Should he/she choose to play for a team where the school is located, the highest level the player will be eligible to play will be AA as it applies to U11, U13, and U15, U18 AA, Minor as per HNS Regulation 4.5 above.

4.12. Situations enabling players to compete on a team in a Minor Hockey Association other than that for which they qualify under residential regulations, are exceptions and will not be permitted unless the proper process is followed and written approvals are granted.

4.13. Minor Council has the right, in its discretion to refuse player movement from one Minor Hockey Association to another within Hockey Nova Scotia, even when authorization has been obtained from the "Local" Minor Hockey Associations.

4.14. Where a release is required under Hockey Canada regulations for a Minor Hockey Age player from a Minor Hockey Association or Major U18 Team for the purpose of an Inter-Branch transfer, such release must be attained through application to the Hockey Canada Registry and approved by the Executive Director or his designate.



# REGULATION FIVE: REGISTRATION

5.1. All players and Team Officials must annually register with the HNS by submitting the appropriate forms and remitting the required registration to their Regional Director, League or HNS office. All insurance and registration fees must be remitted to the HNS office within the required time frames. “Registration” or “Registered” refers to the official acceptance by Hockey Nova Scotia, or designate, of a Hockey Canada Registration Certificate, Team, Registration Form, Nominal List or data entered on the Hockey Canada Registry. All Minor Hockey Associations must also have Director and Officer Insurance. (D&O Insurance).

5.2. Players registered as goaltenders on Minor Hockey representative teams (AAA, AA, A, or B) may play only goal. Goaltenders must be clearly identified on registration form/card. Exception U13 and under.

5.3. Minor U13age hockey players are not permitted to register on Major U15 hockey rosters (unless successful under the Exceptional 12-Year-Old Hockey Male Player Process)

5.4. Minor U15 age hockey players are not permitted to register on Major U18 Hockey rosters (unless successful under the Exceptional Player Process).

5.5. With the permission of the Minor Council Regional Director, U13age hockey players may register on a U15 hockey roster at the beginning of the season provided they have taken the approved 2014 HNS checking clinic and have been approved to move as per Regulation 3.8.

5.6. Minor hockey players may only sign/register with one representative Minor (AAA, AA, A, or B) Hockey team unless released by the team first signed with prior to January 10. Players signing with more than one team without a release could be suspended.

5.7. Players registered on Minor hockey recreational teams are also permitted to register on one (1) competitive team with the approval of the Regional Director. A player may not register on a recreation team after having been approved on a competitive team roster.

5.8. Players previously registered in another Branch/Province must complete an Inter-Branch transfer prior to registering with a Minor Hockey Association for the current season. Refer to Section K of Hockey Canada regulations regarding transfers. A letter must be produced from the parent or guardian that verifies qualifications under Hockey Canada regulations that a player has moved with parents. Final date for processing Inter-Branch transfers is February 10th.

5.9. In Minor Hockey all players and team officials in U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AA, and U18 AA must be registered on rosters approved by the Regional Director prior to participating in any game prior to October 15th.

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The Registration date for all other divisions/teams, excluding U7 and U9, is October 31st. The Registration date for U7 and U9 is November 15th. The final date to register a team to be eligible for Minor Provincial Championships is December 1st, unless otherwise determined by HNSMC.

In all cases, rosters must be entered into the HCR before any league game takes place.

5.10. All Minor Hockey players are required to be on either competitive or recreational rosters.

Competitive teams are identified in HNS Regulation 3.6. Recreational teams cannot enter Provincial Championships.

5.11. The final date to register for Minor Hockey shall be February 10th of the current season.

5.12 Minor Council shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for managing the affairs of all minor hockey activities (excluding Elite Development Programs, High Performance Programs, Canada Games Programs, Female players registered under Female Hockey Council on the Hockey Canada Registry, wherein such responsibility shall be that of Hockey Nova Scotia) in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia By-Laws, Rules and Policies approved by Hockey Nova Scotia

5.13 Minor Council shall be comprised of Minor Hockey Associations that conduct and supervise Minor Hockey within their respective boundaries. No independent clubs or leagues will be accepted from towns, cities or areas having a local Minor Hockey Association.

5.14 U7 players are not permitted to be assessed for or participate in on ice activities at the U9 age levels except with the approval. Of both the Regional Director and the Conference Coordinator.

5.15 It is the responsibility of the MHA to have all teams rostered in the Hockey Canada Registry (IHCR) by December 1 of each season. Each rostered team must have the appropriate number of approved coaching staff to be an eligible team. (Regulation: 11.9)



# REGULATION SIX: AFFILIATION

6.0 PURPOSE: To provide an opportunity for higher Division or category teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the playing rules. The first priority for an affiliate player to a higher-level team is to their regular registered team, unless approved by the player's regular coach.

6.1 Teams may use one of the following systems of affiliation:

1. Team to Team Affiliation. Applicable to all divisions Senior, (male and female) Junior, Minor and Minor Female. A team may only have one affiliated team.
2. Major U15 teams are permitted to sign ten (10) special affiliation agreements, one of which must be a goaltender.
3. U16 AAA teams are permitted to sign ten (10) special affiliation agreements, one of which must be a goaltender.
4. Major U18 Teams are permitted to sign (10) special affiliation agreements, one of which must be a goaltender.
5. 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 per season. 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. For goaltender exceptions, see Hockey Canada Regulations.
6. Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in Hockey Canada Regulations.
7. All such affiliations permitted under Reg. 6.1 shall terminate at the end of the current playing season and may not be altered during the current playing season.

6.2 Minor Hockey will follow the "Club System" as defined in 6.1 above and further defined and governed by Hockey Canada Regulations. This does not apply to Major U15 or Major U18.

6.3 Junior and Senior teams use the special affiliate method of 19 special affiliates (as defined in 6.1(b) above and further defined and governed by Hockey Canada Regulations) may do so provided that the 19 affiliate players are members of a registered league competing in a minimum of 12 home and 12 away



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games, prior to the commencement of the higher category teams' playoffs.

6.4 The purpose of using affiliated players is to replace regular team players who are absent from the team and not to be used to fill a roster. Affiliated players are to replace rostered team players who are sick, injured, suspended or away from the team and are not to be used to increase a roster size.

6.5 General Affiliation Regulations for Minor Hockey as defined in 6.1 above and in Hockey Canada Regulation are applicable, except where defined herein.

1. Only players registered on a Team Registration form, and approved by the Regional Director, may advance to a team of a higher division or category for the purpose of affiliation.
2. Movement of players is restricted as follows:

DIVISION	AFFILIATES TO:
U18 AA	U18 A, B, C
U18 A	U18 B, C
U18 B	U18 C
U18 C	As approved by HNSMC
U15 AA	U15 A, B, C
U15 A	U15 B, C
U15 B	U15 C, U13 A, B
U15 C	As approved by HNSMC
U13 AAA	U13 AA, A, B, U11 AA
U13 AA	U13 A, B, U11 A, B
U13 A	U13 B, C, U11 A, B
U13 B	U13 C, U11 A, B
U13 C	As approved by HNSMC
U11 AA	U11 A, B, C
U11 A	U11 B, C
U11 B	U11 C
U11 C	As approved by HNSMC

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Affiliation from all C levels to checking teams will require approval of HNSMC.

**3. At no time may a player skip a Division for the purpose of affiliation.**

4. Higher Division/Category Minor Teams must attain consent from the lower Division/Category team prior to using an affiliate player. Failure to comply may result in suspension of the offending team's Head Coach.
5. A maximum of three affiliates may be used by one team within one game.
6. With the exception of U13 AAA, U11, U15 or U18 AA, teams from within amalgamated Minor Hockey Associations may only draw upon affiliates from one team.

(Example - If a Minor Hockey Association has 3 "A" teams, that team must choose one "B" team only, to affiliate with). Affiliate teams are to be selected by December 1st.

7. Minor teams may use players from any combination of teams allowed within their club system affiliation.
8. For Minor Hockey Associations with 35 or fewer registered U18 players, the lowest affected team may, with approval of the Regional Director, affiliate to players in the U15 Division who are in their last year of U15 eligibility, in accordance with the club system.
9. All players above U13 must have taken the Approved 2014 HNS checking clinic before being eligible as an affiliate player at a checking level. This does not apply to goaltenders.
10. Teams are not permitted to roster players (excluding goalies) from another association for the purposes of affiliation.
11. Appearance of an Affiliated 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 only actual participation shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report. For this goaltender regulation see Hockey Canada Regulations Section F, 15, e.
12. For the purposes of affiliation, both U7 and U9 players are typically not to be affiliated to any team/division for any purpose. However, in certain situations, this can be reviewed and approved by both the Regional Director and Conference Coordinator.
13. U23 Minor teams can only affiliate players from U18 C or U18 Recreation programs and players must be in their third year of play in the U18 division.



# REGULATION SEVEN: PERMITS

7.1 Travel permits are required by any team wishing to play outside their Region. Travel permits are required for all exhibition games and tournaments whether at home or away.

7.2. Permits for travel within Canada are requested online and are reviewed and processed by the Regional Director Online. Please refer to the HNS website for the new Online Travel Permit Policy and instructions to set up an e-hockey account.

7.3 Permits for travel to the United States are obtained from the Branch through the HNS Executive Director or designate. Application should be made two months in advance.

7.4. Permits for overseas travel are obtained from Hockey Canada by application through the HNS Executive Director or designate. Application must be made by May 1 preceding the season in which the travel is planned.

7.5. Permits will only be issued for sanctioned tournaments or exhibition games. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that any games or tournaments played in are sanctioned by the Hockey Canada Branch in whose jurisdiction they wish to play.

7.6. Teams at the U9 level shall not be permitted to travel outside the province of Nova Scotia.

7.7. Teams at the U11 level shall only be permitted to travel outside the province twice per season.

## **Tournament Permits:**

7.9. Permits are required for tournaments hosted by Minor and Minor Female Councils to satisfy the sanction requirements of Hockey Canada.

7.10. Permits for tournaments involving Minor (Branch tournaments) are obtained from the Regional Director. There is no fee for these permits but two weeks' notice is required.

**7.11. Permits for tournaments involving teams from other provinces (Inter-Branch Tournaments) are obtained from Hockey Nova Scotia's Member Services Manager or designate.**

7.12. Permits for tournaments involving teams from other countries (International Tournaments) are obtained from Hockey Canada by application through Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director. The fee is established by Hockey Canada and depends on the number of out-of-country teams. Application must be made by May 1st preceding the season in which the tournament is planned.

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7.13. All tournament hosts are required to submit a post tournament summary to the Minor Council within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. This summary should include teams that participated, scores of games and a detailed financial statement of income and disbursements.

7.14. Tournaments for the U9 level may not include the retention and posting of statistics, the selection of all-star teams or awards, the selection of MVP's or awards, and shall not include Championship games or any other format that declares a winner.

7.15. Tournament Officials are not permitted to interpret or change suspensions to player(s) or team officials. If any questions arise regarding the Code of Discipline or Regulations, the tournament Chair must refer these to the appropriate level of authority with the appropriate Council (i.e. Regional Director, Conference Coordinator (Minor) or Chair).

7.16 All tournaments game sheets shall be kept by the host association and made available to the Regional Director upon request.

7.17 Failure to comply with Regulation 7 will result in refusal of future tournament sanction permits.



# REGULATION EIGHT: EXHIBITION GAMES/TOURS AND TOURNAMENTS

8.1. No team shall be permitted to participate in any Inter-Branch games of any kind without permission of the Hockey Nova Scotia President or designate. All requests must be submitted in writing to the appropriate Regional Director (Minor or Female), Council Chair or the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia at least 10 days prior to the event.

8.2. Application for permission to make National or International tours will only be considered if made by a team whose players are properly registered with Hockey Nova Scotia.

8.3. Exhibition Games with professional clubs may be arranged with permission of Hockey Canada and the President of Hockey Nova Scotia upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by Hockey Canada.

8.4. Tours outside of Canada may be arranged with the approval of Hockey Canada, through Hockey Nova Scotia.

8.5. Sanctioning for all tournaments under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia must be obtained in accordance with this Regulation.

8.6. Application for sanctioning must be submitted to Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director in writing, indicating the date, location, committee chair and category of tournament (HNS, Inter-Branch, or International) applied for. Application for International Tournaments must be submitted to HNS 90 days prior to the event. Application for HNS and Inter-Branch Tournaments must be submitted to HNS 60 days prior to the event.

8.7. All applications for tournament sanctioning must include a detailed budget and be endorsed by the President of the Minor Hockey Association applying to host the event who is a voting member of the tournament committee, or his/her designate.

8.8. Once approved, Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director shall issue a Tournament Sanction Permit with one copy forwarded to Hockey Canada, one copy forwarded to the Tournament Host and one copy retained by HNS on file.

8.9. Hockey Canada and HNS must sanction international Tournaments. All international teams (excluding teams from USA Hockey) must have written permission from their respective Federation and approval from Hockey Canada in order to participate in any Hockey Canada/HNS sanctioned International Tournament.

## REGULATION EIGHT: EXHIBITION GAMES/TOURS AND TOURNAMENTS

8.10. All games must be officiated by HNS registered officials and must be played under official Hockey Canada playing rules. The only variance to the official Hockey Canada playing rules will be those that are in effect or approved by HNS at the time of application.

8.11 All HNS Minor tournaments and games must be approved by the Regional Director.

8.12 Any Tournament Sanction Permit may be withdrawn if it is found that Hockey Canada or HNS regulations pertaining to such tournaments are not being followed.

8.13. Subsequent permits may not be issued to any tournament host who has been found to conduct an unsanctioned tournament, which has not conformed to Hockey Canada/HNS regulations.

8.14. The Tournament Chair is responsible for submitting to HNS a financial statement of income and disbursements within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in refusal of future Tournament Sanction Permits.

8.15. HNS shall appoint a Branch Representative for all sanctioned tournaments. The Branch representative shall serve on the Host Committee as an ex-officio member responsible for ensuring the tournament is conducted in accordance with Hockey Canada/HNS rules and regulations. The Host Committee shall pay the expenses of the appointed Branch Representative.

8.16. All Minor Hockey Associations granted an International or Inter-Branch tournament permit shall sign a contract with HNS agreeing to abide by playing rules and regulations of Minor Council and shall report all penalties and suspensions daily to the appropriate persons.



# REGULATION NINE: GAME REPORTS

9.1. In any game in which a match penalty has been assessed, under Rule 9.6(a), (b) or (c), the game report is to be forwarded to the Regional Director and HNS Suspension Coordinator immediately following the game. Upon receipt of the game report in relation to rule 9.6, the Regional Director or HNS Suspension Coordinator will forward it to the appropriate Council Chair for investigation and action.

9.2. Game Reports for pre-season, exhibition, regular season, playoffs and tournaments shall be completed in triplicate for all games played and are to be clearly legible and must contain the following: date of game, division and level of play, location of game, names of both teams competing, travel permit number, and any other important information. Officials must count the number of skaters and goaltenders on the ice and bench and compare this to the players listed on the game sheet prior to the start of the game.

The only time these game reports may vary is if the league/team or association is using an electronic game sheet.

- Copies shall be distributed as follows within seven days of the date of the game:  
Original - to the responsible authority for the game or designate
- 1st Copy - to the home team
- 2nd Copy - to the visiting team

Note: The home team is responsible for this distribution.

9.3. Any team playing out of province must send a copy of the game sheet to the Regional Director within five days upon the return of the team. There must be one game sheet for each game played.

9.4 Any regularly registered players who are not in the arena at the start of the game but may be arriving late should be discussed with the referee and the opposing coach and added to the game sheet when they arrive. The late arriving player should be noted on the game sheet with the abbreviation (LA) for late arrival.

9.5 All game sheets shall be kept by the host association and made available to the Regional Director upon request.



# REGULATION TEN: PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT/ INSURANCE/SAFETY

10.1.

a) All players will wear protective equipment (including a neck guard) as indicated in the Hockey Canada playing rules at any time in the field of play during practice, pre- game and games.

b) As of the 2019-2020 hockey season, all teams below Junior A will be required to wear full facial protection.

10.2. All coaches and assistants must wear a CSA certified helmet, properly fastened, while on the ice conducting practice.

10.3. Hockey Nova Scotia is a full participant in the Hockey Canada insurance program, which includes liability, death and dismemberment, and major medical insurance. It is mandatory for all registered teams and leagues to participate in the program.

10.4. Hockey Nova Scotia is a full participant in the Hockey Canada Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. It is mandatory for all Minor Hockey Associations to participate in the program.

10.5. The STOP crest is mandatory on all jerseys for all Minor and Minor Female Hockey players participating within HNS. The STOP crest is to be worn on the back of the jersey, in the center directly above the number and below the name of the player.





# REGULATION ELEVEN: HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

11.1 All Coaches, including assistants, at the U11 AA, A, and B, U11 AAA, AA, A and B, U15 AA, A, B, U18 AA, A, B, and Junior B and C Divisions within HNS must be certified at the NCCP Development 1 level. All Head Coaches at the Major U15, Major U18 and Junior A levels within HNS must be certified at the NCCP High Performance 1 Certification level.

11.2. All instructors at the U7 Division are to be certified in the Intro Coach Program.

11.3. All coaches at the U9 Division are to be certified in the Intro Coach Program.

11.4. All coaches at Level C/Recreational from U11, U13, U15, and U18 must be certified in the minimum Intro Coach Program or former U7 Program. NCCP DEVELOPMENT I is acceptable for Level C/Rec coaches.

11.5 All minor hockey bench staff at the AAA, AA, and A in all divisions must be certified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) Level I. Bench staff includes Head Coach, Assistant Coaches and Trainer.

For the 2023-24 season, it is also a requirement that one bench staff member be certified in CSA Basic First Aid (often called Emergency First Aid by providers), CPR (Level C), and AED certification.

Starting in the 2023-24 season and phasing in over the next 3 seasons, all minor hockey bench staff at the AAA, AA, and A in all divisions must be certified CSA Basic First Aid (often called Emergency First Aid by providers), CPR (Level C), and AED certification.

HCSP Level I is a valid certificate for 3 seasons and starting in the 2023-24 season as each member's certificate expires they must recertify in Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) Level I and CSA Basic First Aid (often called Emergency First Aid by providers), CPR (Level C), and AED certification.

11.6 All teams at the Level B and C/Recreational Division must have all bench staff trained at the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) Level I at least one member of the bench staff certified in CSA Basic First Aid (often called Emergency First Aid by providers), CPR (Level C), and AED certification. Bench staff includes Head Coach, Assistant Coaches and Trainer.

All U7 Program and U9 Teams/Groupings must have at least one coach or instructor certified in CSA Basic First Aid (often called Emergency First Aid by providers), CPR (Level C), and AED certification. This volunteer must be present for all on and off-ice team events and activities.

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11.7 It is recommended that all teams have at least one member of the bench staff seek certification at the HCSP Level II. HCSP Level II is available to individuals who hold current certification in First Aid and CPR from a recognized agency. HCSP Level II is provided once an individual provides proof of certification. There is no training clinic for this certification.

11.8 All Minor Hockey Associations must appoint a Development Coordinator by September 15th annually.

**11.9** Minor Hockey Associations must check certifications and verify that all bench staff are properly certified by November 15th of each hockey season. The deadline for certification each season will be December 1st and any submissions for bench staff without certification after December 1st will not be accepted for Provincial Playdowns. No additional clinics will be conducted beyond this date.

11.10 A list of all Minor Hockey Association coaches, assistants, trainers, and managers must be submitted to HNS by October 15th of each season. The date for U9 and U7 is November 15th. All coaches, including assistants, trainers and managers, shall have completed the Speak Out or Respect in Sport course by December 1st.

11.11 All HNS registered bench staff, dressing room supervisors, and on-ice Officials must complete the screening process as outlined in the HNS Screening Policy. Coaches/Team Officials and supervisors/on ice Officials must complete an initial Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV) which includes a Canadian Criminal Records Check/Local Police Check through the local police or a third-party provider within 30 days of an individual's involvement with any on-ice or off-ice activity within any Association, team or League. Any member as mentioned in this regulation, having been convicted, or having charges pending, of a criminal offence in any jurisdiction, shall complete a Hockey Canada Screening Disclosure Form and submit it directly to HNS, prior to participating in any HNS activity. The responsibility lies with all Hockey Associations/Leagues/teams to ensure that all mentioned participants have completed the process as outlined in the HNS Screening Policy by December 1st of the current playing season.

11.12 A minimum of two certified bench staff must be on the bench to start any game/practice and/or on the roster in the case of U7 and U9 teams in order to be an approved team.

11.13 Any team official who is found to be in violation of any section of HNS- Regulation #11- Coach Certification will be suspended indefinitely until certification for that official has been approved by HNS and it has been added to the HCR. The minimum suspension for a first offence is five [5] games, a second offence will result in the team official being suspended for one full calendar year. HNS, HNSMC and HNSFC reserve the right to lengthen these suspensions depending on the circumstances involved in each violation.

11.14 Any Team Official previously registered on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) with any team and who was not approved due to lack of the following: Respect in Sport Volunteer Program (RIS), Criminal Records Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV) will NOT be eligible to be registered with any team until these are obtained. This includes on-ice or off-ice activities. This regulation would not include Team Officials that have been approved in the past but whose CRC/VSV have expired. These Team Officials must obtain their renewals prior to December 1.

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11.15 All Hockey Associations must create an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for each arena that they participate in. This EAP must be updated on a yearly basis and made available on the Association's website as well as submit a copy to Hockey Nova Scotia and further shared on the website of HNS.

11.16 Rule of Two- To best ensure safety for all participants, all minor hockey programs sanctioned by Hockey Canada and its Members are required to implement the 'Rule of Two' Hockey Canada Policy



# REGULATION TWELVE: FEES

12.1. The annual fees shall be determined by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and approved by the eligible voting delegates at the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting. Once approved, the schedule of annual fees shall be distributed by the HNS Executive Director (or designate) to the membership by way of Information Bulletin.

Any member failing to pay such fees within the time prescribed shall forfeit the right to take part in playoffs and tournaments, to compete against member Minor Hockey Association teams, or to host Provincial Championship Tournaments.

12.2 In addition to fees established by Hockey Nova Scotia, Minor Council shall be responsible for setting their own budget to fund their annual operations, which shall be subject to approval by the eligible voting delegates at the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM.

12.3. All appropriate annual fees for member registration are due and payable upon registration by the applicable member according to the dates specified by Hockey Nova Scotia.

12.4. Associate Member teams shall pay an annual Associate Membership fee as determined by the HNS Board of Directors.



# REGULATION THIRTEEN: PROTESTS/APPEALS

13.1. In the event of any dispute, difference or question regarding any matter of any kind arising at any time and only where there is provided a right to appeal per By-laws, Rules and Regulations of HNS and Hockey Canada, a protest or appeal will be the recourse available to any member dissatisfied with a decision.

13.2. Upon receipt of a protest or appeal in the HNS Office, the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, or designate, will determine if the appeal or protest meets the requirements herein and if it does, will direct the HNS Appeals Committee to proceed with the hearing.

13.3. A cash payment or certified cheque in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and a non-refundable administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a total of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00), made payable to Hockey Nova Scotia shall accompany all protests and appeals.

13.4. No protest or appeal will be entertained if the fee is not included.

13.5. The President of Hockey Nova Scotia will determine the appropriate level of appeal and his decision in this determination will be final.

13.6. Having completed all points of appeal within Hockey Nova Scotia, the aggrieved may appeal to Hockey Canada if not satisfied with the decision per Hockey Canada Bylaw 12, assuming all requirements have been met.

## **PROTESTS:**

13.7. Protests may only be made in regard to interpretations of Rules, By-laws, Regulations, Rules of Competition and Constitutional matters, not in regard to the decision of a referee or linesman.

13.8. A verbal protest must be made by the captain of the aggrieved team to the referee at the first reasonable opportunity after the action or decision complained of, and in all cases must be made within 5 minutes of the close of the period in which such action or decision was made and same must be noted immediately on the official game report.

13.9. Written Process and Protest Procedure.

1. When a protest arises in a League game and the protesting club has complied with Regulation 13.8, then within 24 hours of the completion of the game protested, a fax or written protest, signed by the President or Secretary of the protesting club, must be in the hands of the Secretary of the League and must be accompanied by the required fee per Regulation 13.3. A copy of such fax or written protest must also be served upon the

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protested club within 24 hours of the completion of the game protested.

2. The club protested against shall, within 48 hours after the completion of the game protested, file its defense with the Secretary of the League and a copy of such defense shall also be served on the President or Secretary of the protesting club within 48 hours after the completion of the game protested.
3. The League President shall fix a time and place for the meeting of the League Executive to consider the protest. Each of the clubs interested may have a person to present its case at the hearing of the protest.
4. An appeal shall be allowed from the decision of the League Executive to the HNS President in accordance with Regulation 13.9 - 3).

### 13.10. Branch Playoffs: (NOT HNSMC, HNSFC Provincials)

1. When a protest arises in any of Hockey Nova Scotia's playoff games and the protesting club has complied with Regulation 13.8, then within 12 hours of the completion of the game protested, a fax or written protest signed by the President or Secretary of the protesting club must be in the hands of the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia and must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order of \$350.00. A copy of such fax or written protest must also be served upon the protested club within 12 hours of the completion of the game protested.
2. The club president shall, within 24 hours after the completion of the game protested, file its defense with the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia and a copy of such defense shall also be given to the President or Secretary of the protesting club within 24 hours after the completion of the game protested.
3. A reply to such defense may be entered by the protesting club at least 12 hours before the time fixed for the hearing of the protest by the Protest/Appeals Committee of Hockey Nova Scotia, if the President of Hockey Nova Scotia orders a formal hearing.
4. At the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee, a Committee vote on an appeal may be taken by fax or phone. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Protest/Appeals Committee of Hockey Nova Scotia.

### 13.11. Minor and Female Minor Hockey Protest Specifics

- Written protests must be forwarded to the responsible authority as follows:
  - a. League President for league and playoff games within sanctioned leagues.
  - b. Tournament Chairperson for invitational tournament games.
  - c. Regional Directors for exhibition games

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- d. Conference Coordinator for Minor Conference playoffs and Female Regional Director for Female Conference Playoffs.
  - e. Chair Minor or Chair Female or his/her designate for Provincial Championship Tournaments.
- Protests to League Presidents must follow procedures outlined in the By-Laws of that League.
  - Protests to Tournament Chairpersons shall follow the procedures outlined in the tournament rules.
  - Protests to the Regional Directors, Conference Coordinators, shall follow the procedures outlined herein.
  - Decisions on protests to Regional Directors, Conference Coordinators and the Chair Minor Council and/or Chair Female Council during Regional, Inter-Regional and or Provincial Tournaments, shall be final and binding.

### Appeals

13.12. Any member wishing to file an appeal on any matter may have their request processed by HNS, where:

- Any appeals of the By-Laws and or Regulations of HNS or Hockey Canada must first have been dealt with at the appropriate level (League, Council, etc.)
- Such decision or dispute is in conflict with the By-Laws and or Regulations and Rules of HNS or Hockey Canada.
- Procedural error was committed.
- Original decision was not within party's authority or jurisdiction.

13.13. An appeal shall:

- Be brought within 48 hours of receipt of the written decision.
- Be in writing.
- Describe the error/grounds, which provide the HNS appeals committee with jurisdiction under

Regulation 13.12.

- Describe, in numbered paragraphs, the decision appealed from, the grounds for appeal and relevant facts. Pertinent documents, if any, should be attached and the appellants may not

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introduce any new information and the original protest must accompany the appeal.

- Be filed, with proof of delivery to the Manager of Member Services together with required fee (\$350.00) per Regulation 13.3.

13.14. The HNS President or designate shall:

- Determine, within seven days of receipt of the appeal, whether HNS has jurisdiction to hear the appeal and that the requirements of Regulation 13.12 have been met.
- Notify appellants within seven days of the receipt of the appeal, if requirements of Regulation 13.12 have been met.
- If requirements of Regulation 13.12 have been met, instruct appeals committee or chair of applicable division to convene a hearing within 14 days of the receipt of the appeal.
- If requirements of Regulation 13.12 have been met, notify the appellants in writing of the decision, not more than 48 hours after the appeals hearing has convened.

### **Registration Appeals**

13.15. An appeal may be filed with HNS in disputes involving:

- A refusal by a team or Minor Hockey Association to release a player for purposes of playing with another team in accordance with HNS and Hockey Canada Regulations.
- Any dispute over a ruling of residency by a Regional Director in Minor or Female Minor hockey.

13.16. A cash payment or certified cheque in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and a non-refundable administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a total of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00), made payable to Hockey Nova Scotia shall accompany all protests and appeals.

13.17. No Registration Appeal will be entertained if the appeal fee is not included.

13.18. Minor Hockey registration appeals are to be forwarded to the Manager of Member Services.

13.19. ALL pertinent documentation must be forwarded to the Conference Coordinator or Chair Female for Minor Female proving the residency of the player. No documentation will be accepted for the purpose of the appeal hearing following the seven-day period or entertained at a hearing if convened.

13.20. The appellant must clearly request an “in person” hearing if desired. Failure to do so will forfeit the appellant’s right to present “in person.” In the event such request is not made, a conference call may be conducted.

13.21. On receipt of such an appeal, the Conference Coordinator for Minor, Female Chair for Female Minor will:



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- Within 24 hours fax a copy of the appeal requesting a rebuttal to the Regional Director, the Association to which the Regional Director has determined eligibility and the Association to which the player wishes to register.
- If such rebuttal is not received within 48 hours of receipt of the request from the Conference.
- Coordinator/Female Chair, parties named in Regulation 13.22(a) shall lose their right to make a rebuttal.
- Within 24 hours of receipt of rebuttals, courier information to the President HNS.

13.22. On receipt of ALL documentation from the Manager of Member Services for Minor and the Female Chair for Female Minor, the President HNS shall:

- Within 48 hours, appoint a committee to convene a hearing to be chaired by the VP of Hockey Operations (note: appellant will have opportunity to attend the hearing ONLY if requested in writing with the appeal).
- Set a date for a hearing that will be convened to be no later than seven days from the receipt of information from the Manager of Member Services for Minor, Female Chair for Female Minor.

13.23. The VP of Hockey Operations shall report to the President HNS for approval the findings of the committee and recommendation within 24 hours of completion of the hearing.

13.24. Written notice of the decision shall be forwarded from the President HNS within 48 hours of receipt of the committee report and recommendation.

13.25. The preceding concerning timelines shall not be in effect from May 1st to July 31st of each year. Should an appeal within that time frame; a decision will be rendered by September 1st of the current season.

13.26. The next level of appeal for ALL Registration appeals is to Hockey Canada per Regulation 13.6.

### **Board Decisions - Final and Binding**

13.27. Any recourse to the Courts of any jurisdiction by any member, before all rights of appeal and all the rights and remedies of the By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia have been exhausted, shall be deemed to be a violation and breach of the By- Laws and Regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia. This violation and breach shall result in the automatic indefinite suspension of such member from Hockey Nova Scotia, including all activities and games played under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia or any of its members as defined herein.

13.28. Any member, Minor Hockey Association, Club, League, team, player, coach, manager, trainer, referee who has sought court action before exhausting all proper procedures of appeal shall be liable for all legal costs and disbursement incurred by Hockey Nova Scotia.

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13.29. Until full legal costs are paid, at the discretion of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, the right of membership of the said party will be suspended.

13.30. Any member, Minor Hockey Association, club, league, team, player, coach, manager, trainer, referee who, having exhausted the appeal procedures, proceeds with Court action will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by Hockey Nova Scotia, should be the Courts rule in favor of Hockey Nova Scotia, prior to reinstatement of said party's membership with Hockey Nova Scotia.



# REGULATION FOURTEEN: AMENDMENTS

14.1. Amendments, alterations or additions to Regulations in Hockey Nova Scotia’s handbook can be made by the Directors of the Board at a Regular or Special Meeting by a “Special Resolution”, that is, a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given.



# REGULATION FIFTEEN: STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

15.1. In addition to the Standing Committees listed in By-Law 9 the following are the other Standing Committees:

- Appeals/Protest Committee
- Awards Committee
- Staff Advisory Committee
- Legacy Fund Committee
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Risk Management Committee
- Bylaws Review Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Finance Committee

Members of the Board of Directors will serve on the various Standing Committees listed above.

15.2. The Councils of Hockey Nova Scotia are:

- Minor Council
- Female Council
- Junior Council
- Senior/Adult Recreation Council
- Hockey Development Council

15.3. Standing Committees-Reference Bylaw 9

15.4. Appeals/Protest Committee

The Appeals/Protest Committee, which shall be chaired by the Past President of Hockey Nova Scotia

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and two members appointed by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia and at the request of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, shall deal with:

1. Appeals relating to the Articles, By-laws, and Regulations of its members.
2. Appeals relating to registration of officials.
3. Protest games to the Branch.

### 15.5. Awards Committee

Chaired by the Past President/or designate. Members of the Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia and shall be responsible for the Annual Awards presented by Hockey Nova Scotia, including the distribution of nomination forms, as well as the annual academic/athletic awards. The Awards Committee shall also organize the Annual Awards Banquet to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The Awards Committee Chair shall also co-ordinate HNS nominations for Sport Nova Scotia, Hockey Canada, and other award programs.

### 15.6. Staff Advisory Committee (HNS BOD Executive committee)

### 15.7. Legacy Fund Committee

The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the establishment of a Hockey Nova Scotia Legacy Fund, hereinafter called "The Fund." The purpose of The Fund is to provide a source of revenue for the continued promotion, research, administration and development of amateur hockey programs in Nova Scotia.

All monies received by the Association from hosting International or National events; donations and bequests solely designated for this fund or other sources approved by the Board of Directors shall be for the express purpose of increasing The Fund to a cap of \$750,000.

All monies and investments shall be kept at a recognized financial institution resident in Nova Scotia and shall comply with all laws of Canada and Nova Scotia.

The Fund shall be managed by a Management Committee of not less than three members, those being Hockey Nova Scotia's Vice President Finance and Administration, two non-serving HNS Board, Council or Committee Members appointed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.

Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director shall also be a member of the Management Committee (ex-officio). The Management Committee shall report semi-annually to the Board of Directors all activity within The Fund.

All monies received shall be invested to earn income for the purpose before herein set out. The income earned by the fund shall be used to assist the funding of hockey development and Administration in Hockey Nova Scotia, with excess earnings reinvested for the purpose of increasing the fund. The reporting period for investment income of the fund shall be on a calendar year basis with the allocation being for the following fiscal year.

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There shall be no withdrawal of capital from the fund for any purpose of Hockey Nova Scotia without the approval of the eligible voting members of Hockey Nova Scotia given by at least a two-thirds vote at an Annual General Meeting after notice of the purpose and the amount of the proposed withdrawal has been given to all members of Hockey Nova Scotia at least 45 days before the date of the meeting.

The interest derived from the Legacy Fund shall be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia.

### **Councils**

#### 15.8. Minor Hockey Council

Minor Hockey Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all minor hockey activities (excluding Elite

Development Programs, High Performance Programs and Canada Games Programs wherein such responsibility shall be that of Hockey Nova Scotia) in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada, Rules, Regulations, By Laws and Special Regulations adopted by Minor Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.

- Minor Hockey Council shall be composed of Minor Hockey Associations that conduct and supervise Minor Hockey within their respective boundaries. No independent clubs or leagues will be accepted from towns, cities or areas having a local minor hockey association.
- Membership in Minor Hockey Council is purely voluntary and application for or acceptance of membership entails acceptance of the authority of such council. Such member is empowered to foster, conduct and perpetuate Minor Hockey within its respective area in a manner consistent with the By-Laws and Regulations herein.
- Each member shall adopt a Constitution and By-Laws in conformity with the By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia and shall not at any time make amendments to its Constitution or By-Laws conflicting with the By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- The Minor Hockey Council shall consist of the following members.
  - a. Council Chair
  - b. Past Chair
  - c. North Conference Coordinator
  - d. South Conference Coordinator
  - e. Directors-At-Large (1 or 2)
  - f. Regional Directors (8), one representing each of the eight Minor Hockey Regions
- At each Regular Minor Council Meeting, each Member of Minor Council shall have one vote with the Chair only voting in case of a tie. A quorum at Council Meetings shall consist of the majority of voting members that are entitled to be present.

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- The day-to-day operation of Minor Hockey Council shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee consisting of:
  - a. Chair
  - b. Past Chair
  - c. Conference Coordinators (2)
  - d. Directors at Large (1 or 2)
  - e. Manager Member Services (ex officio)
- The Executive Committee will be the final authority for all membership applications within the Minor Hockey Council.
- The Executive Committee shall appoint the Members at Large on an annual basis and it will be the sole discretion of the Executive Committee as to whether or not one or two Members at Large are appointed annually.
- To be eligible as Past Chairperson, a person must have served one complete term as Chairperson. If a Chairperson fails to complete any subsequent term of office, such person shall have the right to serve as Past Chairperson.
- If a vacancy occurs with any of the Officers of Minor Hockey Council (except for the Chair), the Executive Committee has the right to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting.
- All members of Hockey Nova Scotia's Minor Council shall follow the Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia.

### **By-Law 12 HNS Conflict of Interest Guidelines**

**12.1 No Officer of Hockey Nova Scotia shall have any connection with or hold any position whatsoever with any club/team or league under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada.**

**12.2 A potential conflict of interest is deemed to exist when an Officer of Hockey Nova Scotia is involved:**

- A. As a member of an amateur hockey association, team or league;**
- B. Receives remuneration of any amount for any position of an amateur hockey association, team or league;**
- C. In holding any position on an amateur hockey association, team or league.**

**12.3 No Director of Hockey Nova Scotia, member of a Council of Hockey Nova Scotia or paid employee shall hold any executive or Board position with any team, association, or league under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada.**

**12.4 When a potential conflict is deemed to have arisen, the member involved:**

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- A. Shall immediately notify Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors;**
- B. Shall not participate in discussions and shall withdraw/absent themselves from the meeting when any item is being discussed by the Board Member or any of its committees which the presiding chair considers a conflict;**
- C. Shall not solicit information on any such item; and**
- D. Shall not be provided any information on any such item by any committee member or employee.**
  - At Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual General Meeting the Minor Council Annual General Meeting shall be held. The final order of business at the Minor Council Annual General Meeting shall include the election of Council Chair and one Conference Coordinator for a two-year term. The Council Chair and South Conference Coordinator shall be elected in odd numbered years. The North Conference Coordinator shall be elected in even numbered years.

### **Conference Coordinators**

- There shall be two (2) Conference Coordinators to co-ordinate the activities of their respective Conference:
  - a. The Northern Conference (comprised of the Fundy, Strait, Highland and Cape Breton Regions); and
  - b. The Southern Conference (comprised of the Halifax, Dartmouth, Nova and Western Regions).
- Conference Coordinators must be a resident of the Conference he/she coordinates and be elected by the members of the Conference at the Council's annual meeting. Nominations for the position of Conference Coordinator must be received by the HNS Executive Director or designate no later than thirty (30) days prior to the HNS Minor Council Annual Meeting.
- When two or more are nominated for any office, and all but one declines to serve, that one shall be considered to have been elected. Should more than one ballot be necessary for the election of a Conference Coordinator, the name receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot before proceeding to another ballot.
- The Conference Coordinator shall preside over Conference meetings, Regional elections, attend Regional meetings when requested to do so by the Regional Director and co-ordinate categorization of all teams within his/her Conference.
  - a. Southern Conference shall be elected for two years, effective 2021.
  - b. Northern Conference shall be elected for two years effective 2020.
- Conference structures shall be as follows:
  - a. North Conference Structure



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- i. Cape Breton Region - consisting of Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford, Cape Breton County, and Northside District Minor Hockey Associations.
  - ii. Strait Region - consisting of Strait/Richmond, and Cape Breton West Minor Hockey Associations.
  - iii. Highland Region - consisting of Antigonish, Canso, and Pictou County Minor Hockey Associations.
  - iv. Fundy Region - consisting of Truro & Area, South Colchester, West Colchester, Parrsboro, Cumberland County, and Tatamagouche Minor Hockey Associations.
- b. South Conference Structure
- i. Halifax Region - consisting of Halifax, TASA, Chebucto, Bedford and Sackville Minor Hockey Associations.
  - ii. Dartmouth Region - consisting of Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Eastern Shore, and East Hants Minor Hockey Associations.
  - iii. Western Region - consisting of Yarmouth, Shelburne, South Shore, Queen's County, and Chester Minor Hockey Association.
  - iv. Nova Region - consisting of West Hants, Acadia, Western Valley and Clare-Digby Minor Hockey Associations.

### Regional Directors

- One representative from each of the established Regions, to be known as the Regional Director, shall be duly elected by the members of that Region.
  - a. Regional Directors must reside within the Region they represent and be elected by the members of that Region.
  - b. Nominations for the various Regional Directors of the Council must be received by the HNS Executive Director in writing no later than seven days prior to the Regional meeting set for the election. This meeting must be held prior to the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM.
  - c. When two or more are nominated for any office, and all but one declines to serve, that one shall be considered to have been elected.
  - d. Should more than one ballot be necessary for the election of a Regional Director, the name receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot before proceeding to another ballot.
  - e. Elections shall be held on even number years for the Cape Breton, Highland, Dartmouth,

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and Western Regions, and on odd number years for Nova, Halifax, Fundy, and Strait; each shall be for a two-year term.

- f. Any Regional Director elected must be made by a clear majority vote of the delegates present and eligible to vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall call for a new vote until a winner is declared.
  - g. The successful representative elected as Regional Director at the Regional meeting takes office as soon as the election is over.
  - h. The number of delegates from any Association allowed to vote for the position of Regional Director shall be the same as the number of votes that the association had at the prior annual meeting of Minor Council.
- Minor Council Regional Director
    - a. The duties of the Minor Council Regional Director shall be to carry out the day- to-day functions of his/her Region in conjunction with Minor Hockey Council Chair and shall include:
      1. to be the liaison between the Council and Minor Hockey Associations in his/her Region; to holding Regional Meetings/Conference calls with the MHAs/League executives within his/her Region on a monthly basis and represent Minor Council at Provincial Championship Tournaments or series taking place within their Region.
      2. to approve all HCR transfers, team player approval requests, travel permits for within Nova Scotia, tournament hosting permits, exhibition game permits for his/her Region.
      3. to classify teams for Provincial play-offs and DOC play.
      4. to approve play-off schedules for League play-offs in his/her area.
      5. to receive requests from local Associations wishing to host Provincial Championship tournaments, forwarding same to Manager of Member Services by December 1st each year
      6. to assist in solving disputes between local Associations in his/her Region; and shall ensure the boundaries for Associations within his/her Region are clearly defined, and any changes are completed and approved by all associations involved by August 1st of each year, permitting no change from that date until the end of the playing season.
      7. to conduct discipline investigations in conjunction with the Suspension Coordinator and the Risk Management Committee.
  - To monitor adherence to HNS Regulations while at the Arenas.

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- a. He/she may appoint assistants as the Directors feel are required provided prior approval is obtained from the HNS Executive Committee. Such assistants shall be recognized by the HNS Executive Committee when their name and address is filed by letter with HNS Executive Director. These letters will be authorized by and bear the Regional Director's signature. Assistants will have such powers as the Regional Director permits in his/her name but may not sit or vote on the Executive.

### **Past Chairperson**

- The Past Chairperson shall be a resource person in providing direction to the Executive on all matters relating to the past conduct of business of the HNSMC. He/she shall be a full member of the Executive Committee and shall have full voting privileges. He/she shall perform only those duties as assigned by the Chairperson.

### **Minor Hockey Council Chair – Responsibilities**

- The Chair of Minor Hockey Council shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors through the President and shall:
  - a. Sit on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Committee.
  - b. Preside at all meetings of Minor Hockey Council. He/She shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair, and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a special meeting of the Minor Council or its Committees.
  - c. In case of emergency may exercise all the duties and powers of any of the Minor Council Officers, but such action shall be referred within fifteen (15) days to the Executive Committee of Minor Hockey for approval or rejection.
  - d. With the approval of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, the Chair of Minor Hockey Council or a designated representative shall have the power to suspend any Minor Hockey player, coach, manager, or executive member for misconduct on or off the ice. Such suspension to be referred to the Minor Council Executive Committee within fifteen (15) days, such suspension automatically terminates at the expiration of the period of suspension. All leagues/teams will recognize such suspensions and the Minor Hockey Council's Suspension Coordinator shall notify those necessary of such suspensions and penalties. Any person so suspended shall have the right to appeal.
  - e. Be an ex-officio member of all Minor Hockey Council committees.
  - f. Perform other duties as directed by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.
  - g. Only vote at Minor Hockey Council Meetings in case of a tie.
  - h. Serve on committees as directed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors or the President.

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- Director at Large
  1. To be the liaison between the Minor Council and the Risk Management Committee of Hockey Nova Scotia.
  2. To chair special projects as requested by minor council.
  3. Liaisons with committees and other organizations as needed and or as requested by minor council.
  4. Review By laws, regulations and policies and make recommendations to council.
  5. To be a voting member of the minor council executive committee.
  6. To perform other duties as requested by the chair of minor hockey.

### 15.9. Junior Council

- Junior Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all Junior Hockey activities in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia/ Hockey Canada Rules, Regulations, By Laws and Special Regulations adopted by Junior Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia. Junior Council shall be comprised of:
  - i. Chair
  - ii. One representative from each Junior Team registered with HNS, each of whom shall have a vote.
  - iii. The President from each Junior League registered with HNS who shall also sit on the Junior Council Executive Committee, each of whom shall have a vote.
  - iv. The Chair shall only vote in the event of a tie.
  - v. All members of the Junior Council shall follow Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia (see By-Law 12).

### 15.10 Junior Council Chair - Responsibilities

- The Chair of Junior Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia through the President and shall:
  1. Sit on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
  2. Be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Junior Council and attend its meetings.
  3. Preside at all meetings of Junior Council and all Committee Meetings. He/She

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shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair, and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a special meeting of the Junior Council or its Committees.

4. With the approval of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, the Chair of Junior Council or a designated representative shall have the power to suspend any Junior players, coach, manager, or executive member for misconduct on or off the ice. Such suspension to be referred to the Officers within fifteen (15) days, such suspension automatically terminates at the expiration of the period of suspension. All leagues/teams will recognize such suspensions and Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director shall notify those necessary of such suspensions and penalties. Any person so suspended shall have the right to appeal.
5. Be an ex-officio member of all Junior Council committees.
6. Be a Board member of the MJ AHL.
7. Only vote at Junior Council Meetings in case of a tie.
8. Perform other duties as directed by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.
9. Serve on committees as directed by the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia or the President.

### 15.11. Senior & Adult Recreation Council

- Senior and Adult Recreation Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all Risk Management, Senior/Adult Recreation hockey activities in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia/Canadian Hockey, Rules, Regulations, By Laws and Special Regulations adopted by Risk Management, Senior/Adult Recreation Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia. Senior & Adult Recreation Council shall be comprised of:
  1. Chair who shall also be responsible for Risk Management.
  2. One representative from each Senior Team registered with HNS, each of whom shall have a vote.
  3. The President from each Senior League registered with HNS who shall also sit on the Senior & Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee, each of whom shall have a vote.
- Within the Senior and Adult Recreation Council, the Chair shall only vote in the event of a tie.
- All members of the Senior and Adult Recreation Council shall follow Conflict of Interest

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Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia (see By-Law 12).

### 15.12. Risk Management, Senior and Adult Recreation Council Chair - Responsibilities

- The Chair of Risk Management, Senior/Adult Recreational Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia through the President and shall:
  1. Sit on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
  2. Be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Senior/Adult Recreation Council and attend its meetings.
  3. Preside at all meetings of Senior/Adult Recreation Council and all Committee Meetings. He/she shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair of Senior/Adult Recreation and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a special meeting of the Senior/Adult Recreation Council or its Committees.
  4. With the approval of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia the Chair of Senior/Adult Recreation Council or a designated representative shall have the power to suspend any Senior players, coach, manager, or executive member for misconduct on or off the ice. Such suspension is to be referred to the Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia within 15 days, and such suspension automatically terminates at the expiration of the period of suspension. All Leagues/teams will recognize such suspensions and the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia shall notify the appropriate people of such suspensions and penalties. Any person so suspended shall have the right to appeal.
  5. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Senior/Adult Recreation Council committees.
  6. Shall only vote at Senior/Adult Recreation Council Meetings in case of a tie.
  7. If for any reason the Chair is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by the President on recommendation by Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.
  8. Chair the Risk Management Committee (consisting of the Council Chairs or designates in addition to volunteers recommended by the Chair and approved by the President) with the following responsibilities:
    - i. develop a Branch strategy to promote Risk Management practices by all Hockey Nova Scotia's participants.
    - ii. develop, produce and distribute resource materials that will be used in the promotion of Risk and Safety Management in the Hockey Nova Scotia program

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- iii. coordinate the delivery of information concerning the benefits of Hockey Canada Liability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Major Medical and Dental Insurance to Hockey Nova Scotia members.
  - iv. oversee the promotion and implementation of the STOP and Respect in Sport Programs
  - v. recommend policy and direction to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board.
  - vi. prior to April 15 develop a budget for the following season to be forwarded to the Hockey Nova Scotia Finance Committee for inclusion in the Hockey Nova Scotia Budget.
  - vii. be the official representative for Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Risk and Safety Management Committee.
8. The Chair of Risk Management, Senior/Adult Recreational Council shall be appointed for a two (2)-year term by the elected members of Hockey Nova Scotia at a meeting called for that purpose following the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.
  9. Perform other duties as directed by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.
  10. Serve on Committees as directed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors or the President.

### 15.13. Hockey Development Council (HDC)

- Hockey Development Council is responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for the administration, coordination and conducting of development programs in accordance with Hockey Canada's National Development Program and Hockey Nova Scotia's Development Program. The Hockey Development Council shall consist of:
  1. Chair
  2. Technical Support (Staff)
  3. U7 Program Coordinator
  4. Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) Coordinator
  5. National Coaches Certification Program (NCCP) Coordinator
  6. National Coaches Mentorship Program (NCMP) Coordinator
  7. Development Program Coordinator
  8. High Performance Program Coordinator

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### 9. Coordinator at Large

- Hockey Development Council shall annually conduct the High Performance Program on behalf of its members.

### 15.14. Hockey Development Council Chair - Responsibilities

- The Chair of Hockey Development Council (HDC) shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors through the President and shall:
  1. Sit on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
  2. Be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia at the Hockey Canada HDC meetings.
  3. Be a member of the management team of the Hockey Canada Atlantic Regional Centre (ARC).
  4. Chair the Hockey Development Council and be responsible for the delivery of the Development programs to the membership of Hockey Nova Scotia. These programs shall include but are not limited to:
    - i. The National Coaches Certification Program (NCCP)
    - ii. The U7 Program (U7)
    - iii. The Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)
    - iv. High Performance Program (HPP)
    - v. National Coach Mentorship Program (NCMP)
  5. Shall appoint delivery network Program Coordinators prior to the AGM each year. The Program Coordinators shall be appointed for a period of one year. The Program Coordinators shall include:
    - i. U7 Program (U7) Coordinator
    - ii. Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) Coordinator
    - iii. National Coaches Certification Program (NCCP) Coordinator
    - iv. National Coaches Mentorship Program (NCMP) Coordinator
    - v. Development Programs Coordinator
    - vi. High Performance Program Coordinator
    - vii. Coordinator at Large
  6. Provide a schedule for all development clinics prior to each season. The Program Coordinators shall be responsible to the Chair of HDC to assign and coordinate all course instructors.
  7. Shall annually conduct the High Performance Program on behalf of its members
  8. Serve on any committee as directed by the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova



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Scotia or the President.

9. Perform other duties as designated by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.

### 15.15. Chair at Large - Special Projects - Responsibilities

- The Chair at Large - Special Projects shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors through the President, and shall:
  1. Sit on the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia.
  2. Attend Hockey Nova Scotia/Hockey Canada meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.
  3. Be responsible for all Elite Hockey Programs in Hockey Nova Scotia.
  4. Carry out any other duties/responsibilities as assigned by the Hockey Nova Scotia Officers, Board of Directors and/or President.
  5. Sit as an ex-officio member of the Hockey Nova Scotia Risk Management Committee.
  6. Coordinate all (research and development projects) and any other special projects assigned by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
  7. Perform other duties as assigned by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.
  8. Serve on Committees as directed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors of the President.

### 15.16. Director of Officiating - Responsibilities

- The Director of Officiating shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors through the President for the development, administration and implementation of the Officiating Program in accordance with Hockey Canada's National Referees Certification Program (NRCP) and in addition to the duties assigned by the President shall:
  1. Sit on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
  2. Be the Official Representative of Hockey Nova Scotia at the Hockey Canada Officiating meetings.
  3. Assist in the registration of all Hockey Nova Scotia Officials in conjunction with the Hockey Nova Scotia office.
  4. Establish final registration dates for referees.

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5. Recommend fees for game officials subject to the approval of the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
6. Coordinate Development Opportunities for the membership.
7. Appoint/assign volunteers to act as Officiating Administrators under the direction of the Referee-in-Chief as follows: appointment of Zone Supervisors, appointment of Area Assigners, appointment and training NRCP Instructors, appointment and training of on-ice Supervisors and assignment of Referees and Linesmen.
8. Ensure that all Registered Officials are familiar with the NRCP, Policies and Guidelines.
9. Recommends Strategic Direction and Objectives for all aspects of officiating
10. Establish and recommend Officiating Policies.
11. Conduct a regular review of the Playing Rules and of Rule interpretations. 12) Perform other duties as designated by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.
12. Serve on Committees as directed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors or the President.



# REGULATION SIXTEEN: MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS/COUNCILS

*See also By-Law 10*

16.1. At the Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia, the following shall be the order of business of the Association:

1. Minutes
2. Business Arising From Minutes
3. Correspondence
4. Reports
5. Committee reports, recommendations, resolutions, etc.
6. Election of Officers (even numbered years only)
7. General and New Business
8. Adjournment (No later than 12 Noon)

16.2. Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council Meetings

1. The Annual Meeting of Minor Council shall be held in the same location and on the same weekend as Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual Meeting, with a minimum of 45 days' notice.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Minor Council Executive Committee, or at the request of 2/3 of the membership, upon not less than seven days' notice in Regulation 17.6 Voting. Such notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.
3. At all Annual or Special meetings of the Council, a quorum shall consist of at least 50% plus one of the eligible voting delegates at the meeting.
4. At the Annual Minor Council Congress, the following shall be the order of business:
  - i. Welcome by Chair
  - ii. Moment of silence for former members
  - iii. Opening Remarks
  - iv. Motion to close credentials Appointment of scrutineers Roll Call of Delegates
  - v. Minutes prior meeting (AGM) Business arising from minutes
  - vi. Financial report
  - vii. Officer's reports
  - viii. Committee reports
  - ix. Resolutions
  - x. Elections

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- xi. New Business
- xii. Adjournment

### 16.3. Rules of Order

- The following are the regulations for the governing of Hockey Nova Scotia and its Councils during the time of business and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:
  1. No delegate shall speak twice on the same subject without permission of the chair unless in explanation or the mover, in reply.
  2. A delegate desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing and respectfully address the chair and shall confine his remarks to the question and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.
  3. Upon a point of order being raised while a delegate is speaking or when called to order by the presiding officer, he/she shall at once take his/her seat when the delegate objecting shall then state the point of order. The presiding officer shall decide thereupon without debate and the delegates may then proceed.
  4. No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment.
  5. When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to table, or amend, and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.
  6. 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.
  7. No delegate except one, who has voted with the majority, shall be allowed to move for reconsideration, and in this connection the word majority shall apply to the vote by which the question was first decided.
  8. After the President or Presiding Officer of Hockey Nova Scotia has stated the motion, it becomes the property of Hockey Nova Scotia, but may be withdrawn at any time previous to amendment unless objected by a delegate.
  9. There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put to the vote by the President or Presiding Officer.
  10. At all meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia or of its Committees, voting shall be by show of hands unless the meeting decides on a ballot.
  11. Decisions shall be by majority of the votes cast unless the favorable vote of a larger proportion of the votes is required by the By-Laws.
  12. Notwithstanding the above, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern Hockey Nova Scotia.



# REGULATION SEVENTEEN: VOTING

17.1. At the Annual, Semi Annual and Special Meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia, the following, shall be entitled to vote:

1. Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia
2. Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia
3. Junior Council Official Delegates (three) the President or Designate of the Jr. Leagues
4. Female Council (one) to be determined by Female Council
5. Minor Council Official Delegates (five) to be determined by Minor Council
6. Elite Hockey three votes, Major U18, U16AAA and Major U15 Leagues, one vote for the president or their designate of each league.

17.2. Any delegate holding a credential signed by the President and Secretary of the registered league or team shall be considered the legal representative of that league or team, but in any case, a delegate cannot represent more than one league or team.

17.3. At all meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia, or of its Committees, voting shall be by a show of hands, unless otherwise decided.

17.4. Any matter, which could be voted upon by a Committee of Hockey Nova Scotia in session, may be submitted to the members of such Committee by registered or electronic mail and the members shall vote thereof in like manner, a majority in accordance with the By-Laws the votes thus received by the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director shall decide the matter. Such mail or fax votes shall be taken by the Executive Director under the direction of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia and the ballot of each member must be preserved by the Executive Director. Within 48 hours from the closing of the vote, the Executive Director shall advise the members of the Committee of the result of the vote.

17.5. The President of Hockey Nova Scotia may, of his own volition or upon written request of three members of Hockey Nova Scotia order an electronic mail or fax vote be taken by the Executive Director.

17.6. At the Annual, Semi Annual and/or Special meetings of Minor Council, each member association shall be represented by one official delegate, but voting shall be distributed on the following basis:

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1. One (1) vote for the Minor Hockey Association.
2. One (1) vote for each age division in which 50 or more players are registered, provided proper credentials are deposited with Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director or designate at the opening of the meeting.
3. Any Minor Hockey Association that has one (1) vote only per the above, will be granted an additional vote for a total of two voting delegates.
4. One (1) vote for each Officer of Minor Council.
5. Should Member Associations, Federations and/or Leagues be represented by one (1) delegate, such delegate will be entitled to only one (1) vote on behalf of said members.
6. All Federations and Leagues of three or more associations shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all Regional, Annual or Special meetings of the Council.
7. All official delegate credentials shall be signed by the delegates' MHA President or designate, and then approved by the appropriate Regional Director or Conference Coordinator if the Regional Director is absent. No voting credentials will be accepted if not properly authorized.

17.7. No proxy vote will be accepted.

17.8. At all meetings of the council, voting will be by show of hands unless the meeting decides upon a ballot.



# REGULATION EIGHTEEN: U7 PROGRAM

## 18.1. OBJECTIVES

Hockey Nova Scotia strives to provide all players within the U7 Program with a positive learning environment that includes the opportunity to learn the basic skills of hockey, have fun, and develop self-confidence. Our goal is to teach participants the basic skills, including skating, shooting, and puck handling, while providing a positive experience for players in order to foster continued participation in the sport of hockey.

## 18.2. EDUCATION

Hockey Nova Scotia recommends that all member associations provide education, orientation and awareness to their membership on the benefits of the U7 Program through the use of the U7 Program Jamboree, on an annual basis. Furthermore, member associations are encouraged to seek Branch support in identifying resources to assist in the overall education of its membership on the merits of the U7 Program and the need to focus volunteers and parents on making the experience a positive one.

## 18.3. CURRICULUM

Member Minor Hockey Associations shall use the national U7 Program curriculum developed by Hockey Canada to lead their efforts in providing programming as follows:

- Level One - U7 Program Phase 1 and 2
- Level Two - U7 Program Phase 3 and 4

Players, regardless of age, should be placed at the level that is appropriate to their skill and ability. Associations shall provide for ongoing evaluation of participants and continue to place each at the level appropriate to their level of skill and ability throughout the season.

## 18.4. CERTIFICATION

Individuals who work on-ice teaching the participants within the U7 Program shall be referred to as “instructors”. All instructors involved at the four-six year age group must be certified in the four-hour Intro Coach Program Clinic offered annually by Hockey Nova Scotia. Every U7 team must have at least two registered and certified bench staff per team.

## 18.5 JAMBOREES

U7 teams may enter a maximum of four U7 jamborees per season, only one of which may be outside

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the region.

Permits are required for Jamborees hosted by Minor Council Associations, to satisfy the sanction requirements of Hockey Canada.

Travel permits are required by any U7 team wishing to play in Jamborees outside their Region.

Teams at the U7 level shall not be permitted to travel outside the province of Nova Scotia.

Permits for U7 Jamborees involving Minor teams (Branch jamborees) are obtained from the Regional Director. There is no fee for these permits. Two weeks' notice is required.

18.6 U7 players are not permitted to be assessed for or to participate in on ice activities at the U9 age levels except at the request of an association and with approval of both the Regional Director and Conference Coordinator.





# REGULATION NINETEEN: U9 PROGRAM

## 19.1. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Hockey Nova Scotia U9 Program is to foster respect, sportsmanship and a fun atmosphere. The U9 Program shall strive to continue to develop the participants in the basic skills areas of skating, shooting, and puck handling while introducing them to competitive opportunities within an environment based on skill and ability. The intent is to continue to place a high emphasis on skill development while introducing participants to competition, playing rules, and the “team” concept.

## 19.2. EDUCATION

Hockey Nova Scotia recommends that all member Minor Hockey Associations continue to provide education, orientation and awareness to their membership on the benefits of skill development and the need to continue to focus on making each experience a positive one.

## 19.3. COMPETITION

Players within the U9 Program shall be assigned to levels based on their skill and ability. Minor Hockey Associations shall assign participants to an appropriate learning environment based on an evaluation at the start of the season and continue to provide ongoing evaluation throughout the season to ensure each participant continues to be assigned to the appropriate skill level and most appropriate learning environment. The levels for use within the U9 Program include Level 1 (Developmental), Level 2 (Intermediate), and Level 3 (Advancing).

Minor Hockey Associations may establish leagues, which are internal to the association, for the sole purposes of scheduling competition. Any such league may not include any placement or standings, the retention or publishing of individual statistics, any playoffs or a declared league winner under any format.

Minor Hockey Associations may not join together with other Minor Hockey Associations to form leagues which involve teams from multiple participating Minor Hockey Associations and which are external to a Minor Hockey Association, under any circumstance. Teams, where appropriate based on skill and ability, may play exhibition games against similar caliber teams from other Minor Hockey Associations.

In all U9 program competition, Minor Hockey Associations shall ensure that all players are treated fairly with respect to ice time distribution and situational opportunities. To maximize ice use during competition, if a team is assessed a penalty, the offending player will sit in the penalty box, but the team shall not play a player short. The offending team shall put another player on the ice. There shall be no power plays and no team shall play a player short during any games.

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### 19.4 U9 Seasonal Structure (All levels of U9)

#### DEVELOPMENT SEASON:

From start date in respective associations until December 1 st .

#### HALF-ICE/CROSS-ICE SEASON:

Starts December 1. Not to exceed the game caps in Regulation 2.21

#### **FULL-ICE SEASON:**

**Begins February 1st with a maximum of twelve (12) controlled scrimmages or games between associations or within an association to be used for the purpose of full-ice playing education/ instruction in preparation for moving into the U11 division. Officials can be used. All scrimmages and games shall be approved by the local Regional Director.**

### 19.5. LEVEL 1 - DEVELOPMENTAL

The Developmental level is for players who are either new to the sport or continue to require focused development in the basic skills areas of skating, shooting, and puck handling. The objective of this level is to place a heavy emphasis on skill development while providing minimal introduction to competition. Players may participate in games at this level with a minimum practice to game ratio of 2:1. Teams may participate in a maximum of 30 half-ice games per season including any exhibition and/or tournament play.

### 19.6. LEVEL 2 - INTERMEDIATE

The Intermediate level is for players who possess the basic skills of skating, shooting, and puck handling but who require continued development to accomplish a satisfactory level of some or all of the skills. Players at this level should have sufficient skill and ability to be able to actively participate in a competitive environment with a satisfactory level of success. Players may participate in games at this level with a minimum practice to game ratio of 1:1. Teams may participate in a maximum of 30 half-ice games per season, including any exhibition and/or tournament play.

### 19.7. LEVEL 3 - ADVANCING

The Advancing level is for players who possess many of the basic skills, including skating, shooting, and puck handling, and demonstrate the capability to advance to more challenging levels of skill development. Players at this level should be able to participate fully in a competitive environment with a high probability of success. Players may participate in games at this level with a minimum practice to game ratio of 1:1.

Teams may participate in a maximum of 30 half-ice games per season, including any exhibition and tournament play.

### 19.8. PLAYER MOVEMENT

Minor Hockey Associations and teams shall refrain from conducting “tryouts” in order to select teams or to place players on teams based on skill and ability. All players shall be grouped at the appropriate level based on their skill and ability through evaluation of their skills, which are performed during

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typical program activities such as games or practices.

Under no circumstances shall Minor Hockey Associations “cut” or release players from levels or teams. Minor Hockey Associations must carefully consider all aspects of the player’s skill, ability, social maturity, physical maturity, capability to compete successfully, and any other factor prior to advancing a player to the next level so as to ensure that the player continues to develop and have fun and thereby eliminating any need to release the player back to a lower level. All movement of the player within the U9 program shall be progressive.

U9 players are not permitted to register for programming in another association unless approved by the Regional Director and Conference Coordinator.

### 19.9. PLAYER ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

The assessment of players throughout the season shall be conducted in a fair and objective manner at all times. Minor Hockey Associations are strongly encouraged to implement structured evaluation methods and processes to ensure that all players are treated fairly and are placed at the most appropriate level and learning environment at all times.

The assessment of players shall be done internally at the Minor Hockey Association level in consultation with the U9 Program coaches, administrators, association coaching coordinator, coach mentor coordinator, and approved by the Minor Hockey Association.

Any assessment or evaluation of any player shall not be conducted in a tryout environment. Such evaluation should be conducted while the player is permitted to function within the normal program activities such as games or practices.

### 19.10. TOURNAMENTS

Any tournament in which a U9 team participates must be within Nova Scotia and no U9 team shall be permitted to compete in any activity outside of Hockey Nova Scotia’s jurisdiction or Nova Scotia. Tournaments for the U9 level may not include the retention and posting of statistics, the selection of all-star teams or awards, the selection of MVPs or awards, and shall not include Championship games or any other format that declares a winner.

### 19.11. PLAYER AGE ADVANCEMENT

As specified per HNS Regulation 3.9, at the discretion of the Minor Hockey Association and with approval of Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council, a highly skilled player within the U9 Program may be placed in the U11 division with the consent of their parent(s) or guardians. For any movement of players from the U9 Program to the U11 level, the following process must be followed:

1. Parents of the player to be considered for advancement must apply in writing to their respective Minor Hockey Association, by November 15th, to request that the player be considered for advancement.
2. Only players that are eight years of age and who have been competing in Level 3 -

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Advancing, or as approved by the regional director, are eligible to be moved to the higher level and this player must make the U11 team at the highest level offered in that Minor Hockey Association. If the player does not make this team, he/she must play in the U9 Program in their home association for that year.

3. If the Member Minor Hockey Association decides to consider such a request, it must form an evaluation committee of not less than four members. Committee members must be fully certified to coach as per “Hockey Nova Scotia Regulation 8, Certification Requirements”, and who have at least three years’ experience in coaching. Committee members, being unbiased, shall not be associated in any way to the associations’ U7 Program. One member shall be the coach of the U11 team to whom this player may advance. The committee and its members shall be approved by the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council upon formation and prior to any evaluations is conducted.
4. The approved committee shall evaluate the player in question to determine if the player possesses the skill and ability to compete at the higher level with a high probability of success. The committee shall also consider the social, physical and skill development impact upon the player before making such a decision. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendation in writing to the Minor Hockey Association President. If the Minor Hockey Association finds
5. that the circumstances of such a request are warranted, the Minor Hockey Association President shall submit the findings and recommendation to the Regional Director for written approval.
6. Minor Hockey Associations must ensure that once the player is advanced so that they are not released back to a lower category U11 team. However the player may be returned to the U9 division.

### 19.12 TRAVEL

Minor Hockey Associations and teams wishing to travel outside of the region in which their Minor Hockey Association resides for the purposes of playing exhibition games or attending tournaments/jamborees, must have the prior approval of their Regional Director.

Not all Minor Hockey Association have all of the U9 levels of team classification so for relegation and classification purposes; with approval from both the Regional Director and Conference Coordinator; teams would be approved to play exhibition games to make classification determinations.

The region of travel allowed for U9 programs games of any kind is to be determined by the Regional Director and is not intended to be allowed for province wide travel.

U9 programs are not to exceed the games caps established in Regulation 2.21 for any reason.

Minor Hockey Associations or teams that fail to obtain such approval prior to any such activity shall be sanctioned as described in paragraph. 19.14, Sanctions.

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### 19.13 CERTIFICATION

All coaches, including assistants, involved at the seven-eight year age group shall be certified in the four-hour Intro Coach Program Clinic as offered annually by Hockey Nova Scotia. Coaches who fail to obtain the necessary certification will not be permitted to participate in any Hockey Nova Scotia U9 Program activity including games or practices for any team.

### 19.14 SANCTIONS

Hockey Nova Scotia, as the governing body for Minor Hockey within Nova Scotia may, through their Minor Council, impose sanctions on Minor Hockey Associations, teams and/or members who do not abide by the regulations established for the U9 Program. Any sanctions will be based on the severity of any infraction and the ranges of response, in no specific order, may vary to include written reprimand; suspension of the coach or coaches; suspension of the team; withdrawal of travel permits and/or approvals for future activities; and/or revocation of membership rights of the coach, team and/or association.

### 19.15 U9 GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Every individual game at every Level of U9 is to be calculated into the individual Players', as well as the individual Teams', game cap and ratio of practices to games. This will be monitored by Minor Council and sanctions imposed for non-compliance.
2. U9 Players may play within their home MHA at the recreational level after the Player Evaluation and Level Assignment to each player. However, the intent is for these Recreational Teams to have parity with each other within the MHA, and for these Recreational Teams to have as fair an assortment as possible of
3. Developmental, Intermediate, and Advancing Level Players. Also, so as to provide specific, skill-based instruction pertinent to each Level, MHAs are strongly encouraged to have the various Levels participate in segregated practices with practices and games of their 'Level' Team taking precedence over the 'Recreational' Team.
4. At every Level, U9 Games shall not have posted scores, keep statistics, select All-Stars or MVPs, or present Awards pertinent to any of these, or other, individual skills assessments which indicate the preference of one child over another.



# REGULATION TWENTY: ELITE HOCKEY

## 20.1. Major U18:

A player's eligibility is based on age and residency as defined within Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations. As further definition for active Major U18 players, the following residency regulations shall apply:

- Cape Breton Mitsubishi Rush - Cape Breton Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.i)
- Cape Breton Islanders - Strait Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8(17.a.ii) plus areas inclusive of the Antigonish Minor Hockey Association and Canso Minor Hockey Association commencing with the 2012/13 season.
- Weeks Major U18s - Highland Region and Fundy Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.iii and iv) excluding the area within the boundaries of Antigonish Minor Hockey Association and Canso Minor Hockey Association commencing with the 2012/13 season.
- Halifax - Halifax Region and Dartmouth Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.i and ii)
- Dartmouth - Halifax Region and Dartmouth Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.i and ii)
- Cole Harbour - Halifax Region and Dartmouth Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.i and ii)
- South Shore Mustangs - Western Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.iii)
- Valley Wildcats - Nova Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.b.iv)
  - a. Spring Player Evaluation Camps:  
Major U18 teams are permitted to conduct player evaluation camps for eligible players from their respective Regions as defined in Regulation 20.1, after the U15 AAA Atlantic Championship has been conducted and the NSMBHL season has ended. Spring player evaluation camps may not be conducted before April 15th or after May 30th. All participants shall be registered on a player roster that must be filed with the League Secretary who shall forward a copy to HNS Coordinator Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey.
  - b. Player Selection Camps:

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Major U18 teams are permitted to conduct player selection camps for eligible players and any released players that are eligible, commencing August 1st. All participants shall be registered on a player roster that must be filed with the League Secretary, who shall forward a copy to HNS Coordinator Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Players who are not selected and signed are considered released and may be permitted to tryout with another Major U18 team in accordance with Regulation 20.1(d).

### c. Player Release

1. U18 aged players released by a Major U18 team in the Halifax/Dartmouth Regions may try out for either of the other two Major U18 teams in the Halifax/Dartmouth Regions.
2. Players released by all three Major U18 teams in the Halifax/Dartmouth Regions may try out for the South Shore Mustangs or Valley Wildcats with written request from the League President going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey for approval.
3. Players from the Western Region released by the South Shore Mustangs Major U18 team may try out for any Major U18 team in the South Conference with written request from the League President going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey for approval.
4. Players from the Nova Region released by the Valley Wildcats Major U18 team may try out for any Major U18 team in the South Conference with written request from the League President going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey for approval.
5. Players from the Fundy Region released by Weeks Major U18 team may try out for any Major U18 team in the North Conference or any of the three Major U18 teams in the Halifax/Dartmouth Regions with written request from the League President going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey for approval.
6. Players from the Highland Region released by Weeks Major U18 team may try out for any Major U18 team in the North Conference with written request from the League President going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey for approval.
7. Players from the Strait Region released by the Cape Breton Islanders Major U18 team may try out for any Major U18 team in the North Conference with written request from the League going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey for approval.
8. Players from the Cape Breton Region released by Cape Breton Mitsubishi Rush team may try out for any team in the North Conference with written request from the League President going to the HNS Coordinator Member Services and

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Chair Elite Hockey for approval.

9. Players released by all teams in their respective conference where they reside may apply to NSMMHL for approval to try-out for teams in other conferences. 20.1(e)

### d. Player Registration

Major U18 teams are required to pay for twenty-five (25) players and five (5) bench staff per team to register on the Hockey Canada Registry.

Major U18 teams are permitted to sign twenty (20) players from those eligible or approved released players.

Players are not permitted to play in any regular season league game until they have been signed and approved by the NSMMHL Registrar, HNS Coordinator Member Services and Chair Elite Hockey. The HCR will be unlocked and available for team registration on August 1st. Additional bench staff registrations may be purchased as required. Any unused player registrations may be returned for refund provided they are returned no later than January 31.

### e. Registered Player Release

Registered players aged 15 may not be released to a lower division team after October 31st unless written permission is granted by the League President and approved by the HNS Chair Elite Hockey.

Registered players aged 16 and 17 may not be released to a lower division team after December 15th unless written permission is granted by the League President and approved by the HNS Chair Elite Hockey.

### f. Affiliation

Major U18 teams are permitted to sign ten (10) Special Affiliation Agreements, of whom one (1) must be a goalkeeper. U15 aged goalkeepers (second year) and Minor U18 AAA players are permitted to affiliate with Major U18 teams providing they meet the same criteria as all other affiliated players. The signing of the Special Affiliation Agreements must be completed by January 15th. Special affiliated players are not permitted to participate for the selecting team until their player certificate has been approved by HNS Chair Elite Hockey. The HNS Chair Elite Hockey approval will not be provided until written consent by both teams involved in the affiliation agreement is filed with the HNS Coordinator Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. (Should a team require the use of special affiliated players prior to HNS approval; the team shall request permission from the League President who shall coordinate the approval with the HNS Chair Elite Hockey who shall determine the status of the affiliated player).



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Prior to using any approved special affiliated player, the Major U18 team must obtain permission in writing from the team with which the affiliated player is registered. For this purpose, 'in writing' may be interpreted as an original email or facsimile.

### 20.2 Major U15:

#### a. Regional Teams

Twelve regional areas are designated by HNS to offer a Major U15 program. These areas consist of:

- Region 1: The area comprised of the Cape Breton Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.i)
- Region 2: The area comprised of Strait Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.ii) plus the areas inclusive of the Antigonish Minor Hockey Association and Canso Minor Hockey Association
- Region 3: The area comprised of the Pictou County Minor Hockey Association
- Region 4: The area comprised of the Fundy Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8 (17.a.iv)
- Region 5: The area comprised of Cole Harbour Bel Ayr Minor Hockey Association and Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association
- Region 6: The area comprised of the Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
- Region 7: The area comprised of the Bedford Minor Hockey Association
- Region 8: The area comprised of the Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association
- Region 9: The areas comprised of the TASA Minor Hockey Association and Chebucto Minor Hockey Association
- Region 10: The areas comprised of the Sackville Minor Hockey Association and East Hants Minor Hockey Association
- Region 11: Western Region as defined by HNS Regulation 15.8(17.b.iii) and Clare / Digby MHA
- Region 12: Western Valley; Acadia MHA; West Hants MHA as defined by Hockey Regulation 15.8(17.b.iv)

#### b. Member Teams

The twelve (12) teams shall be awarded a franchise by HNS for a term of two (2) years.

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By no later than January 31st, during the year in which the term expires, teams must notify HNS of their intention to re-apply for an extension of the term. The granting of an extension of the term shall be at the sole discretion of HNS.

### c. Player Registration

Major U15 teams are required to pay for twenty-five (25) players and five (5) bench staff per team to register on the HCR.

Major U15 teams must sign a minimum of 17 players, including two goaltenders. Players are not permitted to play in any regular season league game until they have been signed and approved by the NSMBHL Registrar, HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey.

The HCR will be unlocked and available for team registration on August 1st. Additional bench staff registrations may be purchased as required. Any unused player registrations may be returned for refund provided they are returned no later than January 31st.

### d. Residency

Players must try out for the team within the Region in which the player resides. Should a player not be selected to the team within his Region, he shall have the option of trying out for one additional team in any of the other Regions as outlined in 20.2 (a).

### e. Eligibility

Players must be of U15 age (nominal ages of 13 and 14) as defined by HNS Regulation 3.1. Underage players will not be eligible unless approved by the HNS Chair Elite Hockey, under guidelines as established in the HNS Process for Consideration of Exceptional 12-Year-Old Male Hockey Player Status.

### f. Spring Player Evaluation Camps

Teams are permitted to conduct player evaluation camps for eligible players from the respective Regions as defined in Regulation 20.2a. The camps must not commence before fourteen (14) days after the Atlantic Championships for both U11 and U15, and must be completed by May 31st all participants shall be registered on a roster that must be filed with the League Secretary who shall forward a copy to HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey.

### g. Player Selection Camps

Teams are permitted to conduct player selection camps for eligible players and any released players that are eligible, commencing no earlier than August 15th and must be concluded no later than September 10th of each season. All participants shall be registered on a roster that must be filed with the League Secretary, who shall forward a copy to HNS Coordinator Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Players who are

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not selected and signed by September 1st of each year are considered released and may be permitted to tryout with another team in accordance with Regulation 20.2(d).

### h. Affiliation

Teams are permitted to sign ten (10) Special Affiliation Agreements of whom one (1) must be a goalkeeper, with eligible players who reside within the selecting team's Region, as set forth in Regulation 20.2(a). Selected players must be active players on a registered U15 team, within the selecting team's Region. HNS Regulation Four – Residency, and more specifically Sections 4.5 and 4.12 will apply to all affiliates.

Special affiliated players are not permitted to participate for the selecting team until their player certificate has been approved by the HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Approval will not be provided until written consent by both teams involved in the affiliation agreement is filed with the HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Should a team require the use of special affiliated players prior to HNS approval; the team shall request permission from the League President who shall coordinate the approval with the HNS Chair Elite Hockey who shall determine the status of the affiliated player. The signing of the Special Affiliation Agreements must be completed by January 15th. Prior to using any approved special affiliate player, the Major U15 team must obtain permission in writing from the team with which the affiliated player is registered. For this purpose, 'in writing' may be interpreted as an original email or facsimile.

### 20.3. Minor U16 AAA:

#### a. Regional Teams

The NSMMAAHL consists of eight (8) regionalized teams located in the following regions or as otherwise prescribed by Hockey Nova Scotia. These areas consist of:

- Region 1: Dartmouth MHA, Cole Harbour Bel Ayr MHA, Eastern Shore MHA
- Region 2: Sackville MHA, East Hants MHA
- Region 3: Bedford MHA, Halifax MHA
- Region 4: TASA MHA, Chebucto MHA, Chester MHA, South Shore MHA
- Region 5: Acadia MHA, West Hants MHA, Western Valley MHA, Yarmouth MHA, Clare-Digby MHA, Shelburne, MHA
- Region 6: Pictou County MHA, Cumberland County MHA, Truro MHA, Tatamagouche MHA, Parrsboro MHA, South Colchester MHA and West Colchester MHA
- Region 7: Sydney MHA, Glace Bay MHA, New Waterford MHA, Cape Breton

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County MHA and Northside District MHA.

- Region 8: Antigonish MHA, Canso MHA, Strait/Richmond MHA and Cape Breton West MHA

### b. Member Teams

The eight teams shall be awarded a franchise by HNS for a term of two years. By no later than January 31st, during the year in which the term expires, teams must notify HNS of their intention to re-apply for an extension of term. The granting of an extension of term shall be at the sole discretion of HNS. As part of the extension, teams are required to submit team financial statements annually to the League President and HNS Chair Elite Hockey by July 31 of each year.

### c. Player Registration

Minor U16 AAA teams are required to pay for 20 players and five bench staff per team to register on the HCR. Minor U16 AAA teams must sign a minimum of 17 players including two goaltenders. Players are not permitted to play in any regular season league game until they have been signed and approved by the NSMMAAHL Registrar, HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. The HCR will be unlocked and available for team registration on August 1st. Additional bench staff registrations may be purchased as required. Any unused player registrations may be returned for refund provided they are returned no later than January 31st.

### d. Residency

Players must try out for the team within the Region in which the player resides. Should a player not be selected to the team within his Region, the released players may try out for any other league team with no limitation on how many other teams they may try out for however they are only permitted to try out for one team at a time.

The Nova Scotia Minor U16 AAA hockey league is designed primarily for the 15-year-old, first-year U16 hockey player. To ensure competitive balance and to foster the development aspect of the league, the following are the rules regarding player eligibility:

The League is open to All players:

- Who are 15 years of age prior to December 31 of the current playing year and
- All players who turn 16 years of age between the months of September and December of the current playing year.
- In addition, each team may sign a maximum of five (5) players who are 16 years old between January and August of the current playing year one of which has to be a goaltender.

### e. Spring Player Evaluation Camps

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Teams are permitted to conduct player evaluation camps for eligible players from the respective Regions as defined in Regulation 20.3(a). The camps must not commence before 14 days after the Atlantic Championships for U15 and must be completed by May 31st all participants shall be registered on a roster that must be filed with the League Secretary who shall forward a copy to the HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey.

## f. Player Selection Camps

Teams are permitted to conduct player selection camps for eligible players and any released players that are eligible, commencing no earlier than August 25th and must be concluded no later than September 20th of each season. All participants shall be registered on a roster that must be filed with the League Secretary, who shall forward a copy to HNS Coordinator Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Players (teams to sign a minimum of 15 skaters and 1 goaltender) who are not selected and signed by September 17th of each year are eligible to be released upon player request and may be permitted to tryout with another team in accordance with Regulation 20.3(c). Final team rosters must be filed by October 17th with the League Secretary, who shall forward a copy to the HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey.

## g. Affiliation

Teams are permitted to sign six (6) Special Affiliation Agreements of whom one (1) must be a goalkeeper, with eligible players who reside within the selecting team's Region, as set forth in Regulation 20.3(a). Selected players must be active players on a registered Major U15 team, U15 AA (second year players), U18 AA and U18 A team within the selecting team's Region. HNS Regulation Four - Residency and more specifically Sections 4.5 and 4.12 will apply to all affiliates. Special approval must be given for affiliation of players who reside outside the selecting team's Region, as set forth in Regulation 20.3(a). The team within the Region in which the affiliated player resides has first choice to affiliate the player to their own team and if not, then the player qualifies to affiliate for one other Minor U16 AAA team within the League.

Special affiliated players are not permitted to participate for the selecting team until their player certificate has been approved by the HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Approval will not be provided until written consent by both teams involved in the affiliation agreement is filed with the HNS Manager Member Services and HNS Chair Elite Hockey. Should a team require the use of special affiliated players prior to HNS approval; the team shall request permission from the League President who shall coordinate the approval with the HNS Chair Elite Hockey who shall determine the status of the affiliated player. The signing of the Special Affiliation Agreements must be completed by January 15.

Prior to using any approved special affiliate player, the Minor U16 AAA team must obtain permission in writing from the team with which the affiliated player is registered. For this purpose, 'in writing' may be interpreted as an original email, text or facsimile.



# REGULATION TWENTY-ONE: NON-SANCTIONED HOCKEY ACTIVITY

## 21.1. Non-Sanctioned Hockey

Participation in non-sanctioned hockey is not permitted during the designated Hockey Nova Scotia season.

Members of Hockey Nova Scotia who were registered in the previous season and participate in “unsanctioned hockey” are herewith advised that Hockey Nova Scotia 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.

For the purposes of interpretation, non-sanctioned hockey is any program not approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.

The normal Hockey Nova Scotia hockey season is interpreted to be from September 1st to April 30th of the calendar year, during which all Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada regulations must be adhered to.

No HNS registered team shall play against a non-sanctioned hockey team.

## 21.2. Procedure for Reporting

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

## 21.3. Process

Once a complaint has been received by Hockey Nova Scotia there will be an investigation into the complaint. In the event that the President of Hockey Nova Scotia 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.

## 21.4. Decisions

A player, coach, or other member who plays or practices with another team or organization, while retaining Hockey Nova Scotia membership and is proven to have participated in a non-sanctioned event will be sanctioned through any of the following means:

1. A reprimand

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2. Suspension of playing or coaching privileges from membership for a specified period of time
3. Have his membership privileges withdrawn
4. Such other action as the committee deems appropriate



# REGULATION TWENTY-TWO: CONFERENCE PLAY-OFFS, DAY OF CHAMPIONS AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

22.1. Hockey Nova Scotia through its Minor/Female Council (HNSMC/HNSFC) shall annually facilitate playoffs leading to Provincial Championships in all competitive divisions and classifications above the U9 division.

22.2. In order to compete in Provincial Championship tournaments or in any HNS playoffs, a team must register a minimum of 16 players where registration numbers permit, except where Hockey Canada rules apply for Regional and National play. Further, that team must play at least 10 games with registered teams in the same division and be classified by the Regional Directors.

22.3. Games required for U15 AA, U18 AA for Provincials: These Leagues shall play a balanced schedule within their own league, with a minimum total of 20 meaningful games being played by each member team. Each member team in the league must also play at least two meaningful games against each team in the league. In conjunction with Regulation 2.16 teams/coaches that do not play all league scheduled games can face disqualification from provincial championship play. The first 20 scheduled league games will be used to determine the seeding based on PPP. All League teams must play in the League Tournament that determines Provincial Championship participants. This includes teams who may be hosting Provincial Championship Tournaments.

22.4. A minimum of 11 skaters and one goalie in uniform on the ice and/or players bench, on each team shall be necessary for the start of any provincial playoff game. Any team dressing less than 11 skaters and one goalie will forfeit the game.

22.5. Minor Hockey Associations wishing to host Provincial Championship tournaments must make application to their Regional Director by December 1st of the current playing year.

22.6. Host Minor Hockey Associations are to ensure that a copy of HNS Rules and Regulations are at the timer's bench for all playoff games.

22.7. Only those players who have participated in 10 meaningful Minor games before the beginning of League Provincial Playdowns shall be permitted to compete in provincial playoff games as a player or affiliate.

22.8. In all HNS games, any team found to be playing with illegal players the win will be given to the non-offending team. The Coach or Team Official will be under indefinite suspension, until dealt with by



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the HNSMC Executive. No protest fee will be required.

For suspensions during HNS Playoffs, to be considered meaningful games, they must be scheduled League games, sanctioned Tournament games and/or Playoff games. These games must be pre-approved games by the Regional Director. Exhibition games are not permitted.

22.9. One,30-second time out per team will be permitted in each HNS Playoff game, including overtime.

22.10. All HNS registered teams competing for provincial Championships must play all scheduled games unless otherwise approved by the HNSMC Regional Director or Conference Coordinator. As well, all teams must play in their League play-off tournament that leads to Qualifying for Provincial Championships. This includes teams that may be hosting the HNS Provincial Championship Tournament. Failure to comply will result in sanctions against the team or the Minor Hockey Association.

22.11. No game involving a team that must travel more than100 km (distance between home rinks) shall start before 12 noon unless mutually agreed upon by both teams involved. This does not apply to the Hockey Nova Scotia Day of Champions event.

22.12. In divisions of U11 hockey and below, no game will be scheduled after 6:00 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by both teams involved.

22.13. The home team will advise their Regional Director, by telephone or email, of the outcome of all playoff games and will forward the original game sheet to the Regional Director within 48 hours.

22.14. Games shall consist of three, 15-minute stop time periods, with ice resurfacing between the second and third periods.

22.15. IN PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF GAMES WHERE A WINNER MUST BE DECLARED, THE FOLLOWING OVERTIME FORMAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

**Overtime period one:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of regulation play, there will be one (1) five-minute, five-on-five sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)- minute break at the conclusion of regulation play. Teams will not change ends.

**Overtime period two:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of the first overtime period, there will be one (1) five-minute, four-on-four sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of the first overtime. Teams will not change ends.

**Shootout:** Should a game remain tied after overtime, there will be a three-player shootout with the home team shooting first. Each team selects their own three (3) shooters.

- If still tied after the first three rounds, the shootout continues one (1) player at a time per team, moving through the roster until a winner is declared. After eleven (11) players on each team (including the original three shooters) have shot, teams may then use a shooter again going through the same process.

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Each team will be permitted one (1) timeout for the game, including overtime.

22.16. In the event of difficulty in scheduling playoff games, the teams involved may refer their problem to the Regional Director(s) and or the Conference Coordinator for a ruling. Any team declining to play as per the Director's/Conference Coordinator's ruling shall forfeit the series.

22.17. The host MHA or Zone must supply minor officials, including scorekeepers and timekeepers (no goal judges).

### **HNSMC PLAYOFF FORMAT**

22.18. HNSMC will each year establish a Playoff Format that will include all registered teams in all Divisions and Categories within HNS minor hockey. This format will be established in early December each year after HNSMC has completed the final Classification and Categorization of all teams.

22.19. The HNSMC Playoff Format will include all teams, those involved in Leagues as well as all other teams. The Format will establish firm deadlines for the completion of all playoff games and series. This annual Playoff Format will be distributed to all MHAS and HNS stakeholders as early in December as possible.

### **HNSMC DAY OF CHAMPIONS (DoC)**

22.20. At the conclusion of each hockey season Hockey Nova Scotia will host a Day of Champions event to declare Provincial Champions in the following HNSMC Divisions and Categories: U11 AA, A, and B; U13 AA, A and B; U15 A and B; U18 A and B.

22.21. At the Day of Champions, the teams involved will come from the HNS North and South Conferences, one from each Conference.

22.22. HNSMC will establish a playoff format leading to the Day of Champions event. This format will be distributed to all Minor Hockey Associations in early December of each hockey season, this will be completed following the final Classification of all teams within the jurisdiction of HNSMC.

22.23. The games played during the DoC will be Championships consisting of one game, with the winner being declared the Provincial Champion. The HNS Provincial banner and plaque will be presented, as well as gold and silver medals.

22.24. The Rules and Regulations for the DoC games will be those outlined for the Championship games in HNS Regulation 23.

22.25. The home teams in the DoC games will alternate each year, for 2014-15 the team furthest west will be the home team. For the 2015-16 season, it will be the team furthest east geographically.

22.26. The site of the HNS DoC will be established as early in the hockey season as possible. This information will then be distributed to all Minor Hockey Associations and teams.



# REGULATION TWENTY-THREE: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS (U18 AA)

23.1. Teams competing in Provincial Championship tournaments shall be the four (4) Inter-Regional Conference winners plus the host team.

23.2. The format and schedule for Provincial Championship tournaments is established annually by the Executive of the HNSMC and is the responsibility of HNS. Neither format nor schedule may be changed without the prior written permission of the HNSMC Chairman or his designate. All games must be played as scheduled, regardless of whether or not they have a bearing on the outcome of the tournament.

23.3. The tournament format is single round robin with a Championship game.

23.4. The tournament schedule is as follows (five teams), with the last named team being designated as the home team:

#### **Friday**

11:00 am 1 vs 2  
1:00 pm 3 vs 4  
3:00 pm 2 vs 5  
5:00 pm 4 vs 1  
7:00 pm 5 vs 3

#### **Saturday**

8:30 am 5 vs 1  
10:30 am 2 vs 4  
12:30 pm 1 vs 3  
2:30 pm Skills Competition  
4:00 pm 4 vs 5  
6:00 pm 3 vs 2

#### **Sunday**

11:00 am Championship Game (2nd vs 1st)

**The team that finished higher in tournament play will be the home team.**

Team Placement:

- a. Team 1 will be the host team.
- b. The distance teams are located from the host city will determine teams 2 through 5.
- c. Closer teams will receive a higher placement.

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- d. This is to allow teams from further away time to travel to the tournament.

23.5. Games shall consist of three, 15-minute stop time periods, with ice resurfacing between the second and third periods.

23.6. For round robin play, if a game is tied at the end of regulation time, teams shall have a two (2)-minute rest without leaving the ice, not change ends, and commence one, five(5)-minute stop-time, sudden victory period. If teams remain tied after the Overtime period, each team will receive one point.

23.7. IN PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF GAMES WHERE A WINNER MUST BE DECLARED, THE FOLLOWING OVERTIME FORMAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

**Overtime period one:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of regulation play, there will be one (1), five (5)-minute, five-on-five sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of regulation play. Teams will not change ends.

**Overtime period two:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of the first overtime period, there will be one (1) five (5)-minute, four-on-four sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of the first overtime. Teams will not change ends.

**Shootout:** A player with time left in a penalty shall not be permitted to participate in a shootout. Should a game remain tied after overtime, there will be a three-player shootout with the home team shooting first. Each team selects their own three shooters. If still tied after the first three rounds, the shootout continues one (1) player at a time per team, moving through the roster until a winner is declared. After eleven (11) players on each team (including the original three shooters) have shot, teams may then use a shooter again going through the same process.

Each team will be permitted one (1) timeout for the game, including overtime.

23.8. Hockey Canada Registry rosters and affiliate player certification must be available and presented upon request. Each team shall designate in writing a maximum of 19 eligible players (20 in case of U18 AA), regular, affiliated or any combination thereof who will participate in the Championships. This shall be done at the officials meeting and there will be no changes to the list for any reason after the Championships begin.

23.9. The host Minor Hockey Association must supply minor officials, including scorekeepers and timekeepers. The four (4)-person officiating system must be used for all games.

23.10. Failure to present player credentials, to appear for any game as scheduled, or to complete any game, shall result in forfeiture, and possible suspension from further play. Any game forfeited shall carry a score of 5-0 against the offending team. Individual records, if any, shall count in the overall statistics.

23.11. Tie Breaking Sequence Two Teams Tied

If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of a round robin series, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final and

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final games are played. In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply: If two teams are tied:

- a. The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams gains the higher position.
- b. The team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position.
- c. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a and 1)b have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against. NOTE: All round robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Therefore, Goal Average Percentage = 10 (Goals For) divided by 10+4 (Goals For plus Goals Against) = .714

NOTE: The higher percentage gains the higher position

- d. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, and 1)c have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round robin games, gains the higher position.
- e. If the two teams are still tied after 1) a., 1) b., 1) c., and 1) d. have been applied, then the team which scored the first goal in the game between the tied teams gains the higher position.
- f. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, 1)c, 1)d, and 1)e have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the higher position.

### Three or More Teams Tied

Note: The three-team tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd seed. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one team, that team assumes that position. The three-team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two-team tiebreaker.

If three teams or more are tied, the head-to-head record between tied teams will determine who advances. If the tied teams have not all played each other, proceed to 2a.

NOTE: All round robin games are included Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

- a. The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
- b. If teams are still tied after 2) a. has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in

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the following manner: total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

Therefore, Goal Average Percentage = 10 (Goals For) divided by 10+4 (Goals For plus Goals Against) = .714

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position(s).

The exercise of 2)b establishes the team or teams with the highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance. If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. They do not go back to the "Two Team Tiebreaker". Example

- a. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances. Team B - .500 = 3 seed - Does not advance. Team C - .650 = 2 seed - Advances.
- b. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances. Team B - .500 = Still tied with team C - go to next step 2)c. Team C - .500 = Still tied with team B - go to next step 2)c.
- c. Team A - .650 = Still tied with team B - go to next step 2) c. Team B - .650 = Still tied with team A - go to next step 2)c. Team C - .500 = Does not advance.
- d. If teams are still tied after 2)a, and 2)b, the team with the fewest goals against (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.
- e. If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, and 2)c, the team with the most goals for (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.
- f. If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, 2)c, and 2)d, have been applied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all the round robin games.
- g. If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, 2)c, 2)d, and 2)e, have been applied, a coin toss shall determine the winner. In a three-team coin toss, the odd team gains the highest position.

23.12. The Chairman of the HNSMC shall appoint an officer of the council /League President or Regional Director to hear and rule without delay on any protests or disputes arising during a Provincial Championship tournament. The requirement for a protest fee is waived. However, should a participant wish to appeal a ruling of the appointed officer, the provisions of Regulation 13.12 must be met.

23.13. A meeting of tournament officials, coaches and managers, the referee assignor, and a representative of the HNSMC, can be held virtually on the Tuesday evening or two (2) hours before the start of the tournament in person to familiarize all parties with the rules and regulations. All teams must have a representative at this meeting. Final decision on the meeting type will be by majority. Final signed rosters are to be submitted prior to the first game of any team.

23.14. HNS shall provide appropriate individual and team recognition for the winning team. The host Minor Hockey Association will be provided with the official HNS gold, silver and bronze medallions,

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Championship Banner, Championship Plaque and Fair Play Banner/Plaque to be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. Fair Play banner/plaque to be selected as the “most sportsmanlike team”. HNSMC will provide funding to each Provincial host to help offset the cost of hosting. The formula for providing the funding will be determined by HNSMC Executive and announced annually when provincial hosts are selected.

**23.15. The host Minor Hockey Association shall provide, as a minimum, 11 trophies as follows: all-star team (six), most valuable player (one), best goalkeeper (one), best defenseman (one), top forward (one), and sportsmanship award (one). The awards plus the bronze medals shall be given out following round robin play. Bronze medals are awarded to the third place finisher in round robin play.**

23.16. An awards selection committee shall be appointed by the host Minor Hockey Association. Representatives of this committee shall attend all games to make their selection on ability displayed during the tournament. All teams involved may have representation on the awards selection committee if they request same when forwarding their team information to the organizers.

23.17. A tournament report, including income and expenditures, problems encountered, and recommendations shall be submitted to the HNS Regional Director within 15 days of the completion of the tournament. The information will assist Council in assessing the tournaments and providing information to associations planning to host a tournament.

**23.18. The Host Minor Hockey Association shall conduct a tournament skills competition as a condition of hosting. The skills competition format will be provided annually by Hockey Nova Scotia’s Technical Director and shall involve participants from all competing teams. The Host Minor Hockey Association shall also provide awards for each of the skills competition events. A game specified suspended player is allowed to participate in the skills competition. A player under indefinite suspension is not allowed to participate.**

23.19. One 30-second time out, per team, will be permitted in each game including overtime.



# REGULATION TWENTY-FOUR: U15 AA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

24.1. The format and schedule for Provincial Championship tournaments is established annually by the Executive of the HNSMC and is the responsibility of HNS. Neither format nor schedule may be changed without the prior written permission of the HNSMC

Chair or his designate. All games must be played as scheduled, regardless of whether or not they have a bearing on the outcome of the tournament.

24.2. The following is the seven-team format to be used in U15 AA Provincials. Teams on the right column of schedule below will be home team.

<b>Thursday</b>	
12:00 – 2:00 pm	7 vs 1
2:00 – 4:00 pm	6 vs 2
4:00 – 6:00	5 vs 3
6:00 – 8:00	4 vs 7
<b>Friday</b>	
8:00 – 10:00 am	2 vs 5
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	3 vs 7
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	6 vs 4
2:00 – 4:00 pm	1 vs 5
4:00 – 6:00 pm	7 vs 2
6:00 – 8:00 pm	3 vs 6
8:00 – 10:00 pm	4 vs 1
<b>Saturday</b>	
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	1 vs 6
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	2 vs 3
2:00 pm	Skills Competition
4:00pm-6:00 pm	5 vs 4
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30-10:30 am	4 vs 1
10:30 am-12:30 pm	3 vs 2
2:00 pm	Championship Game



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The top four teams advance to semi-finals and the two winners advance to the Championship game. Those teams are seeded based on tournament play. The highest seeded team will be the home team.

### Tournament Format

- a. Each team will play four games as scheduled below, with the top four teams advancing to the final four.
- b. There will be no overtime in round robin play. Overtime will only be used in the semi-finals and Championship games.
- c. The final four will then play semi-finals and be seeded based on their standings in this tournament only. The first-place team will play the fourth-place team in one semi-final and second- and third-place teams will meet in the other semi-final. The highest ranked team in each semi-final will be the home team.

### Seeding

- a. The seven teams will be seeded in ranking from one to seven based on their Possible Points.  
$$PPP = \text{Total Points in League Play}$$
- b. If any teams have the same PPP, the following criteria will be used to break the tie(s):
  - i. Team(s) with the highest winning percentage (wins divided by games played).
  - ii. Still tied: Team(s) with the highest goal ration (goals for divided by goals against).

24.3. Games shall consist of three, 15-minute stop time periods, with ice resurfacing between the second and third periods.

24.4. IN PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF GAMES WHERE A WINNER MUST BE DECLARED, THE FOLLOWING OVERTIME FORMAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

**Overtime period one:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of regulation play, there will be one (1) five (5)-minute, five-on-five sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of regulation play. Teams will not change ends.

**Overtime period two:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of the first overtime period, there will be one (1) five (5)-minute, four-on-four sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of the first overtime. Teams will not change ends.

**Shootout:** Any player with time remaining in a penalty is not permitted to participate in the shootout. Should a game remain tied after overtime, there will be a three-player shootout with the home team shooting first. Each team selects their own three shooters.

- If still tied after the first three rounds, the shootout continues one (1) player at a time per

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team, moving through the roster until a winner is declared. After eleven (11) players on each team (including the original three shooters) have shot, teams may then use a shooter again going through the same process.

Each team will be permitted one (1) timeout for the game, including overtime.

24.5. Hockey Canada player cards or HNS Team Registration sheets, and affiliate player certification must be available and presented upon request. Each team shall designate in writing a maximum of 19 eligible players, regular, affiliated or any combination thereof who will participate in the Championships. This shall be done at the officials meeting and there will be no changes to the list for any reason after the Championships begin.

24.6. The host Minor Hockey Association must supply minor officials, including scorekeepers and timekeepers. The four (4)-person officiating system must be used for all games.

24.7. Failure to present player credentials, to appear for any game as scheduled, or to complete any game, shall result in forfeiture, and possible suspension from further play. Any game forfeited shall carry a score of 5-0 against the offending team. Individual records, if any, shall count in the overall statistics.

24.8. Tie Breaking Sequence

### **Two Teams Tied**

If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of a round robin series, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final and final games are played. In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

If two teams are tied:

- a. The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams gains the higher position.
- b. The team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position.
- c. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, and 1)b, have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

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

NOTE: All round robin games are included. Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals  
Therefore, Goal Average Percentage = 10 (Goals For) divided by 10+4 (Goals For plus Goals Against) = .714

NOTE: The higher percentage gains the higher position.

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- d. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, and 1)c have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round robin games, gains the higher position.
- e. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, 1)c, and 1)d have been applied, then the team which scored the first goal in the game between the tied teams gains the higher position.
- f. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, 1)c 1)d, and 1)e have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the higher position.

### Three or More Teams Tied

Note: The three-team tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd seed. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one (1) team, that team assumes that position. The three-team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two (2) remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two (2)-team tie breaker.

If three (3) teams or more are tied, the head-to-head record between tied teams will determine who advances. If the tied teams have not all played each other, proceed to 2a.

- a. The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
- b. If teams are still tied after 2)a, has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner: total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round robin games are included

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Therefore, Goal Average Percentage = 10 (Goals For) divided by 10+4 (Goals For plus

Goals Against) = .714 NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position(s). The exercise of 2)b. establishes the team or teams with the highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance. If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. They do not go back to the "Two Team Tiebreaker"

Example:

- i. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances Team B - .500 = 3 seed - Does not advance  
Team C - .650 = 2 seed - Advances.
  - ii. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances Team B - .500 = Still tied with team C - go to next step 2)c. Team C - .500 = Still tied with team B - go to next step 2)c.
  - iii. Team A - .650 = Still tied with team B - go to next step 2)c. Team B - .650 = Still tied with team A - go to next step 2)c. Team C - .500 = Does not advance
- c. If teams are still tied after 2)a, and 2)b. The team with the fewest goals against (all

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round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

- d. If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, and 2)c, the team with the most goals for (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.
- e. If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, 2)c, and 2)d, have been applied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all the round robin games.
- f. If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, 2)c, 2)d and 2)e have been applied, a coin toss shall determine the winner. In a three (3)-team coin toss, the odd team gains the highest position.

24.9. The Chair of the HNSMC shall appoint an officer/League President or Regional Director (Add) of the Council to hear and rule without delay on any protests or disputes arising during a Provincial Championship tournament. The requirement for a protest fee is waived. However, should a participant wish to appeal a ruling of the appointed officer, the provisions of Regulation 13.12 must be met.

24.10. A meeting of tournament officials, coaches and managers, the referee assignor, and a representative of the HNSMC, can be held virtually on the Tuesday evening or two (2) hours before the start of the tournament in person to familiarize all parties with the rules and regulations. All teams must have a representative at this meeting. Final decision on the meeting type will be by majority. Final signed rosters are to be submitted prior to the first game of any team.

24.11. HNS shall provide appropriate individual and team recognition for the winning team. The host Minor Hockey Association will be provided with the official HNS gold, silver and bronze medallions, Championship Banner, Championship Plaque and Fair Play Banner/plaque to be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. Fair Play banner/plaque to be selected as the “most sportsmanlike team”. HNSMC will provide funding to each Provincial host to help offset the cost of hosting. The formula for providing the funding will be determined by HNSMC Executive and announced annually when provincial hosts are selected.

**24.12. The host Minor Hockey Association shall provide, as a minimum, eleven (11) trophies as follows: all-star team (six), most valuable player (one), best goalkeeper (one), best defenseman (one), top forward (one), and sportsmanship award (one). The awards plus the bronze medals shall be given out after completion of the cross over games. Bronze medals are awarded to the highest seeded team that loses in the semi final round.**

24.13. An awards selection committee shall be appointed by the host Minor Hockey Association. Representatives of the committee shall be at all games to make their selection on ability displayed during the tournament. All teams involved may have representation on the awards selection committee if they request same when forwarding their team information to the organizers.

24.14. A tournament report, including income and expenditures, problems encountered, and recommendations shall be submitted to the HNSMC Chair within fifteen (15) days of the completion of the tournament. The information will assist Council in assessing the tournaments and providing information to Minor Hockey Associations planning to host a tournament.

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**24.15. The Host Minor Hockey Association shall conduct a tournament skills competition as a condition of hosting. The skills competition format will be provided annually by Hockey Nova Scotia's Technical Director and shall involve participants from all competing teams. The Host Minor Hockey Association shall also provide awards for each of the skills competition events. A game specified suspended player is allowed to participate in the skills competition. A player under indefinite suspension is not allowed to participate.**

24.16. One (1) 30-second time out, per team, will be permitted in each game including overtime.



# REGULATION TWENTY-FIVE: CODE OF DISCIPLINE

25.1. The Hockey Nova Scotia Code of Discipline and Minimum Suspensions is located in a separate standalone document, which can be found immediately following the regulations section.

**Suspension notices will be forwarded to the local MHA and will include the following directions that are to be provided to the suspended player or coach.**

- 1. The suspended member will not be permitted to participate in any capacity whatsoever in exhibition, jamboree, tournament, league or play-off games until midnight on the Date of Expiry listed below or for the number of games listed below, whichever expires first.**
- 2. The suspended member may not act in any capacity within the confines of our Association or Affiliated Organizations until midnight on the Date of Expiry listed below or for the number of games listed below, whichever expires first.**
- 3. Meaningful and approved games-(In addition to Regulation 1.13) Meaningful Games are regularly scheduled games, sanctioned tournament games and pre-approved exhibition games verified on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) by the Regional Director or their designate. Any games that are added to the schedule after a suspension has occurred, will not count as meaningful games. A game must take place in order to count towards a suspension.**



# REGULATION TWENTY-SIX: OFFICIALS

26.1. On-ice officials (referees and/or linesmen) must be registered and in good standing with HNS.

26.2. Minor Hockey Associations through their Director of Officiating are responsible for assigning capable officials for all games within their jurisdiction. This should take into consideration maturity and physical capabilities as well as the level of certification held by an official. During inter Minor Hockey Association games on-ice officials shall not be a member of the executive of the Minor Hockey Association of either of the competing teams except by mutual written consent of the head coach of the participating teams.

26.3. Referees and linesmen should be appropriately dressed for their role, including black (or dark blue) and white striped sweater, black (or dark blue) pants, and CSA approved hockey helmet, preferably black with a clear plastic half-face shield.

26.4. Minor Hockey Associations and leagues may use either the two-man or three-man officiating system for exhibition, league and tournament games within their jurisdiction with the approval of the Regional Director. Does not apply to U18, U16, U15 Major, U15 AA and U13 AAA.

26.5. The three-man system (consisting of one (1) referee and two (2) linesmen) must be used for all Regional, Inter-Regional and Provincial playoff games (exception: four (4) officials must be used for U13 AAA, U15 AA, U15 Major, U16 and all U18 excluding C). The referee for these games must have at least Level 3 certification and the linesmen Level 2. If officials with these qualifications are not available, the appropriate authority (Zone Supervisor for Officials, Regional Director, Conference Coordinator, or Chair of Minor/Female) may approve assignment of officials with a lower skill level or the use of the two-man system. No protests will be allowed in this respect.

26.6 All hockey at U18 B and above (Minor and Female) must be officiated using four (4) officials. A minimum of three (3) officials must be used for U18 C. It is highly recommended that the four (4) official system also be used at U18 C.

26.7. Unless unavoidable, and only if agreed to by coaches in writing, a referee or linesman shall not officiate in any game in which a participant is related in any way.

26.8. Officials (referees) shall report all Minor/Female game misconducts, gross misconducts and match penalties which lead to a suspension under the HNS Code of Discipline to the HNSMC Suspensions Coordinator at [suspensions@hockeynovascotia.ca](mailto:suspensions@hockeynovascotia.ca)

26.9. All Minor Hockey Associations, through their President and Director of Officiating, must ensure that officials playing both Minor Hockey and officiating hockey, only referee games up to one division below the level they presently play. (These officials may continue to act as a linesman for games within the division in which they play hockey. EXAMPLE - A U18 player could do lines for any U18 game, but

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only referee U15 and below.) Associations who find this taxing their officiating resources may make application to the Officiating Committee for exception. We expect applications for exception would only be submitted from smaller Minor Hockey Associations because of their limited resources.

26.10. All Minor Hockey Associations, through their Association President, shall appoint or elect a Director of Officiating who is either a registered referee with HNS or retired referee previously registered with the Hockey Canada/HNS officiating system.





# REGULATION TWENTY-SEVEN: RELEASES AND TRANSFERS

27.1. Releases only apply to players in the Major U18, Major U15 and Female U18 AAA leagues. There may be unusual circumstances where a player who does not play in one of these leagues needs a release. Such requests along with documentation outlining why a release is necessary must be sent to the Executive Director of HNS. The request with the documentation will be forwarded to the appropriate committee for review and action.

27.2. A player desiring to move from a team in their geographical boundaries to another within HNS must first secure a release in writing from the club or team of which he is a member. Such release shall be filed with the HNS Executive Director along with the new registration data. In the event of a team using a player not properly registered, HNS shall have the right to discipline the team as they see fit.

27.3. Even though a release has been obtained, the HNS Executive shall have the right, in its discretion, to refuse the release from a team within HNS to another team within HNS.

27.4. Where the release of a player is required, it shall be effective only if signed by the President and Secretary or by the designated signing Officers of the team of which the player is a member.

27.5. All releases shall be unconditional (subject to Regulation 28.3). A player receiving a release shall have the right to remain with the new team if he/she wishes. If he/she wishes to return to his/her original team at the end of the playing season to try out for the team for the next season, they have that right. No player receiving a release can be forced to return to his/her original team. A player that transfers to another team after being released must notify the league registrar of their intent to return to their home association/regional team by April 12th, otherwise they will remain with their current team.

27.6. Transfers are for players who do not play on one of the leagues referred to in Reg. 27.1 and shall be for no longer than one playing season. At the end of the playing season for the year the transfer was in place, the player shall return to their MHA. If the player who receives a transfer wishes to transfer in subsequent years, they must re- apply for new transfers each year. The request, along with the documentation as to why the request is being made, must be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Director. The Regional Director will discuss with the Conference Coordinator for Minor and the Female Regional Director with the Chair Female Council for Female Minor before a decision is made. This includes ensuring that the receiving MHA has agreed to the transfer. No request for a transfer shall be unreasonably withheld.



# REGULATION TWENTY-EIGHT: U13 AAA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

At the conclusion of the NSU13AAA League play, there will be a play-off round to determine teams who then advance to a Provincial Championship tournament. (Provincial host will not play in the play-off round).

## **Format as follows:**

Wild card Game: Teams 15 and 16 will play a one game play-off to determine who advances to the play-off round as seed number 14.

Playoff Round: Lower seed will host game 1. Higher seed will host games 2 and 3 (if necessary). Series will be best 2 out of 3. Each team winning their playoff round will advance to Provincials.

1vs14

2vs13

3vs12

4vs11

5vs10

6vs9

7vs8

If at the conclusion of the NSU13AAAHL Regular Season two or more teams are tied for a play-off position then the HNSMC Executive committee will make a tie breaking decision, the method used to make the decision is in the order as follows;

28.1.1 The team with the highest number of wins during the regular season;

28.1.2 The record of the teams in games against each other,[total points]

28.1.3 If still tied, the higher standing will be determined based on the ratio of total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against to three decimal places. In calculating this ratio only the records of the teams against each other will be considered. The higher ratio will be given the higher standing.

28.1.4 If still tied, the goal spread in games between the tied teams only. [Goals for minus goals against]

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28.1.5 If still tied, the team scoring the most goals in the games against each other will finish higher.

28.1.6 If still tied, repeat steps 2 to 4 but include the records of all teams in the league.

28.1.7 If still tied, a single game will be played to determine the highest placed team, at a site to be determined by the HNSMC Executive Committee, each team will share the cost or surplus revenue, whichever is applicable.

### **28.2 Provincial Tournament 2023-2024:**

The seven Playoff-winning teams and the host will advance to the HNS Provincial Championship Tournament. They will form two divisions of 4 teams each. Regular season Teams ranked 1, 3, 5 and 7 form division A. Regular season Teams ranked 2, 4, 6, and 8 form division B. (Host team is assigned seed #8).

Each division plays a 3-game round robin within their division. Top two Teams cross over with other division in the Semi Finals, winners proceed to Final. No bronze game played.

All games must be played as scheduled, regardless of whether or not they have a bearing on the outcome of the tournament.

Home Teams in round robin are pre-determined in appendix A

Home Teams for Semi-finals will be seed #1 in each pool.

Home Teams in Gold Medal game will be highest seed or if same, highest seed in Regular season standings will be denoted as Home Team.

28.2.1. Games shall consist of three, 15-minute stop time periods, with ice resurfacing between the second and third periods.

28.2.2. IN U13AAA PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF GAMES WHERE A WINNER MUST BE DECLARED (Semi-Finals and Finals) THE FOLLOWING OVERTIME FORMAT MUST BE FOLLOWED:

**Overtime period one:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of regulation play, there will be one (1) five (5)-minute, five-on-five sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of regulation play. Teams will not change ends.

**Overtime period two:** Should a game end in a tie at the end of the first overtime period, there will be one (1) five (5)-minute, four-on-four sudden victory period. There will be a two (2)-minute break at the conclusion of the first overtime. Teams will not change ends.

**Shootout:** Any player with time remaining in a penalty is not permitted to participate in the shootout. Should a game remain tied after overtime, there will be a three-player shootout with the home team shooting first. Each team selects their own three shooters.

If still tied after the first three rounds, the shootout continues one (1) player at a time per team, moving

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through the roster until a winner is declared. After eleven (11) players on each team (including the original three shooters) have shot, teams may then use a shooter again going through the same process.

28.2.3 Each team will be permitted one (1) timeout for the game, including overtime

28.2.4. Hockey Canada player cards or HNS Team Registration sheets, and affiliate player certification must be available and presented upon request. Each team shall designate in writing a maximum of 19 eligible players, regular, affiliated or any combination thereof who will participate in the Championships. This shall be done at the officials meeting and there will be no changes to the list for any reason after the Championships begin.

28.2.5. The host Minor Hockey Association must supply minor officials, including scorekeepers and timekeepers. The four (4)-person officiating system must be used for all games.

28.2.6. Failure to present player credentials, to appear for any game as scheduled, or to complete any game, shall result in forfeiture, and possible suspension from further play. Any game forfeited shall carry a score of 5-0 against the offending team. Individual records, if any, shall count in the overall statistics.

### **28.2.7. Tie Breaking Sequence: Two Teams Tied:**

If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of a round robin series, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final and final games are played. In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

- If two teams are tied:
  1. The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams gains the higher position.
  2. The team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position.
  3. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, and 1)b, have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

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

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

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals Therefore, Goal Average Percentage = 10 (Goals For) divided by 10+4 (Goals For plus Goals Against) = .714

NOTE: The higher percentage gains the higher position.

4. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, and 1)c have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round robin games,

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gains the higher position.

5. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, 1)c, and 1)d have been applied, then the team which scored the first goal in the game between the tied teams gains the higher position.
6. If the two teams are still tied after 1)a, 1)b, 1)c 1)d, and 1)e have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the higher position.

### Three or More Teams Tied Note:

The three-team tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd seed. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one (1) team, that team assumes that position. The three-team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two (2) remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two (2)-team tie breaker.

2) If three (3) teams or more are tied, the head-to-head record between tied teams will determine who advances. If the tied teams have not all played each other, proceed to 2a.

- The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
- If teams are still tied after 2)a, has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner: total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

### NOTE: All round robin games are included

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals Therefore, Goal Average Percentage =  $\frac{10}{10+4}$  (Goals For) divided by  $10+4$  (Goals For plus Goals Against) = .714 NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position(s). The exercise of 2)b. establishes the team or teams with the highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance. If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. They do not go back to the "Two Team Tiebreaker"

Example: i. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances Team B - .500 = 3 seed - Does not advance Team C - .650 = 2 seed - Advances.

ii. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances Team B - .500 = Still tied with team C - go to next step 2)c. Team C - .500 = Still tied with team B - go to next step 2)c.

iii. Team A - .650 = Still tied with team B - go to next step 2)c. Team B - .650 = Still tied with team A - go to next step 2)c. Team C - .500 = Does not advance

- If teams are still tied after 2)a, and 2)b. The team with the fewest goals against (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.
- If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, and 2)c, the team with the most goals for (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

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- If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, 2)c, and 2)d, have been applied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all the round robin games.
- If teams are still tied after 2)a, 2)b, 2)c, 2)d and 2)e have been applied, a coin toss shall determine the winner. In a three (3)-team coin toss, the odd team gains the highest position.

<b>U 13 AAA Provincial Schedule</b>	
<b>Thursday (12 pm-9 pm)</b>	
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	5 (V) vs 1 (H)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	6 (V) vs 2 (H)
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	7 (V) vs 3 (H)
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	8 (V) vs 4 (H)
<b>Friday (10 am-8 pm)</b>	
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	7 (V) vs 5 (H)
12:00 am – 2:00 pm	4 (V) vs 2 (H)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	3 (V) vs 1 (H)
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8 (V) vs 6 (H)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Skills
<b>Saturday (10 am -7 pm)</b>	
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	2 (V) vs 8 (H)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	1 (V) vs 7 (H)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	5 (V) vs 3 (H)
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	6 (V) vs 4 (H)
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	6 (V) vs 4 (H)
<b>Sunday (9 am – 3 pm)</b>	
9:00 am -11:00 am	Semi 1-1st (H) Pool A vs 2nd (V) Pool B
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Semi 2 – 1st (H) Pool B vs 2nd (V) Pool A
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Championship Game



# FEMALE REGULATIONS

REVISED SEPTEMBER 2024



# OFFICIAL DATES

Event	Date	Regulation(s)/Policy
Start of season	Sep 1	Reg F1.20
Preseason	Sep 1	Regs F1.20 & F1.23
Regular season	Oct 15	Reg F1.24
Team registration deadline - except U7 & U9	Oct 15	Regs F1.23 & F5.6
Team staff submission deadline - except U7 & U9	Oct 15	Reg F5.6
Female provincial championships date to be set	Oct 31	Policy F1.30
U7 & U9 team registration date	Oct 31	Reg F5.6
U7 & U9 team staff submission deadline	Nov 15	Regs F1.23 & F11.10
Provincial playdown format	Nov 15	Policy F2.32
Female U9 teams in MHAs request to join a female league	Nov 15	Policy F2.23
Team classifications by Female Council	Dec	Reg F3.5
U9 half-ice/cross-ice games allowed	Dec 1	Reg F19.4
Team staff certifications deadline	Dec 1	Reg F11.9
Release deadline to lower classification team	Dec 1	Reg F3.6
Playoff format	Dec 1	Reg F22.14
Player deadline to be added to a team	Jan 10	Reg F5.3
Player deadline to be added to team - branch transfer	Feb 10	Reg F5.5



Deadline for player registration	Feb 10	Reg F5.8
Deadline for competitive team roster changes	Feb 10	Reg F5.8
U9 full-ice scrimmages allowed	Feb 15	Reg F19.4
End of season	Apr 30	Reg F1.20
Maritime Major U18 Female League annual meeting deadline	Jun 30	Reg F2.4

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# REGULATION ONE: DEFINITIONS

F1.1 For the purpose of all Hockey Nova Scotia regulations, unless otherwise defined in a specific regulation, the definitions of the words, terms, and expressions contained in Hockey Canada Regulations shall apply.

F1.2 HC - Hockey Canada

F1.3 HNS - Hockey Nova Scotia

F1.4 HNSFC - Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council

1. FC - Female Council

F1.5 HNSMC - Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council

F1.6 Branch - Refers to Hockey Nova Scotia

F1.7 FHA - Female Hockey Association

1. FREC - Female Regional Executive Committee as approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.

F1.8 Association - Refers to a Female Hockey Association or a Female Regional Executive Committee.

F1.9 Club - A local Female Hockey Association or Female Regional Executive Committee operated and controlled by a duly elected board of directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves the signing officers for that club [HC Regulation I. 1.g) - Club].

F1.10 Players - Goaltenders and skaters

F1.11 Goaltender(s)/Goalkeeper(s) - All players other than skaters

F1.12 Skaters - All players other than goaltenders

F1.13 Affiliate Player (AP) - Players from club teams, affiliated teams, or specially affiliated players when such player(s) are participating with a higher division/level team.

F1.14 High School Player - A player registered in a public or private high school having played at least one regular scheduled high school game in the current school season.

F1.15 All Stars - Means a selection of exceptional players registered with various teams from a common league, association, branch, region, or the nation-at-large, grouped together for a specific competition.

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F1.16 Female Hockey Player - A female player whose date of birth falls within the age limits (for the various divisions of female hockey) approved by Hockey Canada.

F1.17 Female Hockey Bench Staff - Defined as one (1) head coach, one (1) trainer, and assistant coaches up to the maximum number of bench staff (5) permitted on the bench. A minimum of two (2) certified bench staff must be on the bench to start any game.

F1.18 New Coach - Someone who is assisting on the ice and/or the bench that has not been registered with Hockey Canada at any time previous.

F1.19 Certification - Refers to bench staff/team official requirements as per FC Regulation Eleven - Certification Requirements.

F1.20 Female Hockey Season - Hockey Nova Scotia does not support and will not sanction any hockey activities between May 1 and August 31 of any year unless Hockey Canada or its branches sponsor these activities. The normal Hockey Nova Scotia season shall be interpreted to be from September 1 to April 30, during which all Hockey Canada and Hockey Nova Scotia rules must be adhered to.

F1.21 Meaningful Games - Are regularly scheduled games, sanctioned tournament games, preseason games, and preapproved exhibition games verified on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) by the Regional Director or their designate. Games that are added to the schedule after a suspension has occurred will not count as meaningful games. A game must take place to count towards a suspension.

F1.22 Exhibition Game - A game that is not part of the preseason, regular season, tournament, or playoff schedule.

1. Preapproved Exhibition Game - A game request entered in the Hockey Canada Registry prior to a player suspension.

F1.23 Preseason - That time prior to October 15 of the current season when Female Hockey Association or Female Regional Executive Committee teams are permitted to play exhibition games and must request a travel exhibition permit from their Regional Director. It is the responsibility of the FHA President or FREC Chair to ensure all players are properly registered with their association during the preseason. This date is to be November 15 for U7 and U9.

F1.24 Regular Season - The approved regular hockey season for league games. By October 15, and prior to participation in regular season games, all U11 to U18 teams must register and receive approval from their Regional Director.

F1.25 Division - Age group in which a player is registered

F1.26 Levels - The separation of the players within a division

F1.27 Game - A meeting of two teams playing for a specific length of time for the purpose of declaring a winner through the scoring of goals. Scores are not kept or posted in the U7 and U9 divisions.

F1.28 League Game - Scheduled by the Female Council Scheduling Committee and is one of the total predetermined games that defines the regular season.

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F1.29 Playoff Game - A hockey game or series of games that are used to declare the winner of a league, regional, conference, or provincial championship.

F1.30 Provincial Champions - Decided at a provincial championship weekend hosted by Female Council [FC Policy F1.30 - Provincial Champions].

F1.31 Playoffs and provincial championships are governed by Hockey Nova Scotia and are under the jurisdiction of Female Council.

F1.32 Tournament - A schedule of games played among three (3) or more teams, which follows an interlocking schedule and leads to an eventual winner.

F1.33 Representative - Competitive teams registered and classified under regulations defined herein, eligible for provincial championships and for the purposes of affiliating players [FC Policy F1.33 - Representative Teams].

F1.34 Recreational - Defined as a community-oriented program structured to provide development and competition at the recreational level. Recreational/non-competitive teams are not eligible for provincial championships [FC Policy F1.34 - Recreational Teams].

F1.35 Sledge Hockey - Is an innovative team sport that incorporates the same rules and discipline structure as ice hockey. Players sit on specially designed sleds, or sledges, with skate blades under the seat. Two sticks are used to not only pass, stick handle, and shoot the puck, but also to propel and maneuver the sledges.

F1.36 Release - Means the unconditional discharge of a player from a team or association, except where defined herein.

F1.37 Quorum - The number of members of a group or organization required to be present to transact business legally, usually a majority.

F1.38 Hockey teams are a group of players comprised of:

1. A maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goalkeepers.
  - a. If only one goalkeeper is dressed, the maximum is 17 skaters and 1 goalkeeper.
2. For U18 teams a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goalkeepers.
  - a. If only one goalkeeper is dressed, the maximum is 18 skaters and 1 goalkeeper.
3. For teams in an association that have a maximum of 23 players or less in a division, permission may be granted by the Regional Director to register all 23 or less players to one roster, (maximum of 21 skaters and two goaltenders). For any given game, a team may only dress a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goalkeepers.
  - a. U18 teams may dress a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goalkeepers.
  - b. C teams may roster up to 23 (maximum of 21 skaters and two goaltenders).
4. 4. For U7 teams refer to Female Regulation 18.
5. For U9 teams refer to Female Regulation 19.

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F1.39 Hockey Canada Accredited School (HCAS) - An entity that provides an education first hockey program to students within grades 8 - 12 in the divisions of female hockey.



# REGULATION TWO: COMPETITION

F2.1 The bylaws, regulations, and playing rules of Hockey Nova Scotia along with those of Hockey Canada govern competition within Hockey Nova Scotia.

F2.2 The normal Hockey Nova Scotia season shall be interpreted to be from September 1 to April 30 of the calendar year during which all Hockey Canada and Hockey Nova Scotia rules must be adhered to.

F2.3 The playing rules of the game shall be the standing rules of Hockey Canada. For the purpose of these regulations, a league must consist of three (3) or more registered teams playing a minimum of 6 home games and 6 away games.

F2.4 The Maritime Major U18 Female League must hold its annual meeting no later than June 30 in each year.

F2.5 Any team wishing to participate in exhibition games with member teams must first make an application to the appropriate Regional Director stating when, where, and against whom they wish to compete.

F2.6 All sanctioned games played by members and the qualifications of all players competing in such games as members of the teams shall conform with the bylaws and the rules of competition as adopted by Hockey Nova Scotia.

F2.7 All league winners must be declared in time to meet Hockey Nova Scotia's playoff dates. Any league that fails to declare its league winner in time to meet the playoff dates set by the association forfeits its right to be eligible for playoffs and is liable for suspension.

F2.8 Any Major U18 and U15 AAA Female teams wishing to compete in Atlantic regional playoffs must comply with applicable dates as established by Hockey Canada.

F2.9 Hockey Nova Scotia must declare its final league winner in time to allow winners to engage in interbranch competition.

F2.10 To be eligible for provincial championships and conference playdowns, teams and players who are registered at the start of the season must play 10 preseason, regular season, or scheduled exhibition/tournament games. The games that will be considered eligible towards provincial playdowns will be at the discretion of Female Council.

F2.11 In all divisions, except for Major U18 and U15 AAA, the playing time of games shall not exceed 45 minutes [FC Policy F2.11 - Game Protocol].

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F2.12 Timeouts are only permitted in playoffs and provincial championship tournaments.

F2.13 Teams competing in national or regional events must consist of a minimum of 17 players, two of whom must be goaltenders.

F2.14 To start a game, teams require a minimum of 12 players, one of whom must be a goaltender.

F2.15 If female players are available, representative teams must accept a minimum of fifteen (15) skaters and two (2) goaltenders. Any exception must be processed through the Regional Director to the Female Council for consideration.

F2.16 Any team which fails to compete in any scheduled preseason, regular season, or playoff game shall have the head coach suspended by Hockey Nova Scotia. The offending team will be responsible for covering the costs of ice and officials for any missed games.

F2.17 Games sanctioned by Hockey Nova Scotia must involve only teams and players registered with Hockey Nova Scotia, or with a branch of Hockey Canada, or teams outside Canada which have been approved by Hockey Canada for competition. Games with non-association teams or non-Hockey Canada teams are not sanctioned and all medical and liability insurance is void.

F2.18 All teams should strive to achieve a practice to game ratio of two practices for each game played, but in all cases the number of games must not exceed the number of practices.

F2.19 The maximum number of games to be played by division shall be as follows:

- U9 Development - maximum of 30 half-ice games
- U9 Intermediate - maximum of 30 half-ice games
- U9 Advancing - maximum of 30 half-ice games
- U11 maximum of 45 games
- U13 maximum of 60 games
- U15 maximum of 65 games
- U18 maximum of 65 games

Games noted above are defined as all exhibition, preseason, regular season, and tournament games. Tournaments count as three games. The above caps would include all hockey games except for regional, conference, league, and provincial playoff games.

F2.20 The movement of players from their age-appropriate division will only be permitted with the approval of Female Council [FC Policy F2.20 - Player Movement].

F2.21 Players choosing to play female hockey must attend the female tryout process from the beginning and will not be permitted to be part of both minor and female tryout processes at the same time.

- a. Exception - Female players who try out for Major U18 Female will be permitted to be part of the association female tryout process [FC Policy F2.21 - Tryout Process].

F2.22 Players playing female hockey on teams or in programs comprised of all female players must be registered with an approved Female Hockey Association or Female Regional Executive Committee [FC



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Policy F2.22 - Female Players - Female Teams].

F2.23 Teams must declare their intent by October 15 to compete in provincial championships.

F2.24 Players may try out for one U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AAA, or U18 AA team per year. A second U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AAA, or U18 AA tryout may be allowed, only where players are required, with permission of their home association, the Regional Director, and the Female Council Executive. Player placement, when leaving their home association, will be solely at the discretion of the Female Council Executive.

F2.25 Hockey Nova Scotia emphatically endorses Hockey Canada Rule 3.6 (b): While on the ice, including pregame warmups, all players, including goaltenders, will wear a CSA-certified hockey helmet, to which a CSA-certified facial protector must be securely attached and not altered in any way. Any alteration to a CSA-certified helmet or facial protector automatically destroys the certification. The chin straps of the helmet will be securely fastened under the chin. The straps of the facial protector, when designed to allow such straps, will also be securely fastened to the hockey helmet. Coaches and assistants shall wear properly fastened CSA approved hockey helmets at all times while on the ice.

F2.26 First aid services should be available, whenever possible, at arenas during all tournaments, including provincial, Atlantic, and national championship tournaments.

F2.27 For representative leagues, Hockey Nova Scotia will provide league championship banners to the top team in each level. A plaque and banner will be presented to the teams winning a provincial championship.

F2.28 For recreational teams, the association(s) will provide league championship banners to the top team in each level.

F2.29 Female players who are playing high school hockey shall be permitted to register in female hockey.

F2.30 Players who are playing hockey with a Hockey Canada Accredited School (HCAS) shall not be permitted to register in female hockey [FC Policy F2.30 - Hockey Canada Accredited Schools].

F2.31 All Hockey Nova Scotia registered teams competing for provincial championships must play in all scheduled preseason, regular season, and playoff games unless otherwise approved by their Regional Director or Conference Coordinator. Failure to comply may result in sanctions against the team [FC Policy F2.31 - Provincial Championships].

F2.32 Hockey Nova Scotia promotes fair play and sportspersonship at all levels of competition, therefore at the conclusion of each game, unless otherwise directed by the referee, all players and coaches are to shake hands.

F2.33 Teams are only permitted to play against other teams registered at the same division and level.



# REGULATION THREE: CLASSIFICATION

F3.1 A player's age is determined for the current season by the player's age on December 31 of the current season. Players must be four years of age prior to January 1 of the current season to register with Hockey Nova Scotia. Players shall not have reached the higher nominal age for the division in which they are registered before January 1 of the current playing year.

F3.2 Female Council shall have sole discretion in classifying teams under its jurisdiction in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations. Such determination shall be made in December of the playing year.

The following divisions and categories shall normally be recognized:

- Major U18, U18 AA, A, C: Open to players of nominal ages 15-17
- U15 AAA, AA, C: Open to players of nominal ages 13-14
- U13 AAA, AA, C: Open to players of nominal ages 11-12
- U11 AA, A, C: Open to players of nominal ages 9-10
- U9: Open to players of nominal ages 7-8
- U7: Open to players of nominal ages 4-6

F3.3 The number of representative players registered by an association within a division will determine the number of teams at each level at the start of each season [FC Policy F3.3 - Matrix].

If an association makes a request to their Regional Director at the start of the season to play at the highest level without meeting the required numbers, it may be permitted at the discretion of the Female Council.

F3.4 An association may register more than one team in the same classification within a division. These teams must be made up of players balanced in skill, ability, and of mixed ages within the division.

F3.5 The final placement of teams into classifications is the responsibility of the Female Council and should reflect the teams' demonstrated ability to compete at the assigned level of competition. Placements will take place by December of each year.

F3.6 Players may not be released to a lower classification team, except under Hockey Canada transfer rules, after December 1 of the playing year.



# REGULATION FOUR: RESIDENCY

F4.1 It shall be the obligation/responsibility of Hockey Nova Scotia under the authority of Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to implement residency registration regulations for the formation of teams within its boundaries. The residency regulation must allow for increased movement of players as the age of the player increases.

F4.2 Players must play in the branch where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside.

F4.3 Residence is established by the following criteria:

1. The parents' usual residence when the parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
2. In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; or if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; or again, if the player lives equally with both parents, their place of residence shall be determined by Hockey Nova Scotia.
3. When legal custody has been granted to a third person, residency is the usual residence of that person.

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

Note: In the application of the above, the term "legal custody" and/or "legal guardian" refers to the granting of custody as determined by a court of law in one of the following circumstances:

- a. The application of the Divorce Act
- b. In the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement
- c. Loss of parental authority
- d. When it is deemed the child's development is compromised
- e. When both (2) parents are deceased
- f. Married or the equivalent of married

F4.4 The eligibility of a player who moves without parent(s) and establishes a continuous habitual residence with someone other than their parent(s) as defined in Hockey Canada's Regulation C. Players - Residential Qualifications, shall be determined by Hockey Nova Scotia based on:

1. Where the player's parent(s) reside,
2. Where the player goes to school; and

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3. The amount of time spent in the alleged place of residence.

F4.5 In the case of a player who establishes a residence, other than that as described in 4.3 above, for the purpose of attending a private or public school, the player will be eligible to play at the highest level as it applies to U11, U13, U15, or U18.

F4.6 Hockey Nova Scotia, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers invested in Hockey Canada Bylaw 12, may on application to Hockey Nova Scotia by or on behalf of any player:

1. Deem such player to be resident in a place within Hockey Nova Scotia other than that where their parent is resident and Hockey Nova Scotia's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
2. Deem a non-Canadian citizen to be a resident in Hockey Nova Scotia provided that the player is in strict accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations H.1., H.2., and H.3.

F4.7 Any player who is in doubt regarding their residential status and whether they are permitted to compete in sanctioned games may request in writing a definite ruling of their status from their Regional Director. This also applies to an association contesting the residence of a player. If the player or association do not agree with the decision of the Regional Director, a request to review may be made through the Conference Coordinator to the Female Council Executive.

Once the teams have been classified for provincial playoffs, no ruling or appeal of a ruling can be made regarding the residence of a player.

F4.8 If 19 players or fewer have been registered in a division of hockey within their association and there are not enough players to form two (2) teams, the players who do not make the team can, with the approval of the applicable Regional Directors, move to an association that is offering the same level of hockey. Any player wishing to move from one region to another must be recommended by the Regional Director to the Female Council Executive. The recommendation must have the approval of both Regional Directors involved.

F4.9 In the event a player moves during the season and establishes a legitimate habitual residence in another regional boundary prior to January 10th in any year, then such player may:

1. Continue to play with their current team for the remainder of that season only.
2. Play with a team for which they are eligible by reason of their new residence, with written approval from the Regional Director.

F4.10 The onus of proof to establish habitual residence rests entirely with the player/parent(s) - guardian(s). Documentation from the player's school would serve as proof of residence (power and phone bills are excluded).

F4.11 A player who is absent from home, is registered, and is in attendance at a residential school where at least 75% of the students reside away from the home of the parent, may at their discretion play for a female hockey team where their home is situated or with a team where the school is located.

The player must signify their decision in writing to Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director at the time

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of player registration. Should they choose to play for a team where the school is located, the player will be eligible to play at the highest level as it applies to U11, U13, U15, or U18.

F4.12 Situations enabling players to compete on a team in an association other than that for which they qualify under residential regulations, are exceptions and will not be permitted unless the proper process is followed, and written approvals are granted.

F4.13 Female Council has the right in its discretion to refuse player movement from one association to another within Hockey Nova Scotia, even when authorization has been obtained from the home association.

Where a release is required under Hockey Canada regulations for a player from an association or Major U18 Female team for an interbranch transfer, such release must be attained through application to the Hockey Canada Registry and approved by the Executive Director or their designate.



# REGULATION FIVE: REGISTRATION

F5.1 All players and team officials must annually register with Hockey Nova Scotia by submitting the appropriate forms and remitting the required registration to their Regional Director, league, or Hockey Nova Scotia office. All insurance and registration fees must be remitted to the Hockey Nova Scotia office within the required time frames.

“Registration” or “registered” refers to the official acceptance by Hockey Nova Scotia, or designate, of a Hockey Canada Registration Certificate, Team Registration Form, Nominal List, or data entered on the Hockey Canada Registry. All associations must also have directors and officers insurance (D&O insurance).

F5.2 Players registered as goaltenders on:

1. Representative teams may play only goal. Goaltenders must be clearly identified on the Hockey Canada Registry at U15 and U18.
2. Recreational teams do not require goaltenders to be identified as such on the Hockey Canada Registry.

F5.3 Players may only sign/register with one representative team unless released by the team first signed with prior to January 10. Players signing with more than one team without a release could be suspended.

F5.4 Players registered on female representative teams are also permitted to register, within the same association, on one (1) female recreational team with the approval of the Regional Director.

F5.5 Players previously registered in another branch/province must complete an interbranch transfer prior to registering with an association for the current season. Refer to Hockey Canada Regulation H. Transfers regarding transfers. A letter must be produced from the parent(s)/guardian(s) that verifies qualifications under Hockey Canada Regulations that a player has moved with parent(s)/guardian(s). The final date for processing interbranch transfers is February 10. Reference FC Regulation F22.7 for playoff eligibility.

F5.6 All players and team officials in U11 AA, U13 AAA, U15 AAA, and U18 AA must be registered on rosters approved by the Regional Director prior to participating in any game prior to October 15. The registration date for all other divisions/teams, excluding U7 and U9, is October 31. The registration date for U7 and U9 is November 15. The final date to register a team to be eligible for provincial championships is December 1, unless otherwise determined by Female Council. In all cases, rosters must be entered into the Hockey Canada Registry before any league game takes place.

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F5.7 All players are required to be listed on either representative or recreational rosters. Representative teams are identified in FC Regulation F1.33. Recreational teams cannot enter provincial championships.

F5.8 The final date to register for a representative team shall be February 10 of the current season.

F5.9 Female Council shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for managing the affairs of all female hockey activities (excluding female players registered under Minor Hockey Council on the Hockey Canada Registry, wherein such responsibility shall be that of Hockey Nova Scotia) in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia bylaws, rules, and policies approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.

F5.10 Female hockey shall be comprised of Female Hockey Associations and Female Regional Executive Committees that conduct and supervise female hockey (excluding female players registered under Minor Hockey Council on the Hockey Canada Registry) within their respective boundaries. No independent clubs or leagues will be accepted from towns, cities, or areas having a local Female Hockey Association or Female Regional Executive Committees.



# REGULATION SIX: AFFILIATION

F6.1 Purpose: To provide an opportunity for higher division or category teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the playing rules. Affiliated players are to replace rostered team players who are sick, injured, suspended, or away from the team and are not to be used to increase a roster as approved in the Hockey Canada Registry.

F6.2 Teams will use the club system of affiliation:

1. A club system is defined as the movement of players within an association. This movement shall only be to a team in a higher division/category.
2. A player of a team of a lower division or level of the same club may affiliate to a team or teams of higher divisions and levels at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per season. 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.

Exhibition and tournament games, which are not part of preseason, regular season, or playoff games, are excluded from the maximum of ten (10) games per season.

Goaltender exceptions:

- a. Goaltenders who affiliate but do not play will not have the game count against the maximum ten (10) restriction (HC Regulation F.15.e).
  - b. Goaltenders may be used as an affiliate, in exception to F6.2, and will only be permitted to play if the rostered goaltender is injured and cannot return to the ice or is ejected from the game. If they are not used in the game, it will not count against the maximum of ten (10) games per season.
3. Affiliation is in place for the current playing season.
  4. Teams attending Atlantic or national events may affiliate players using the club system to get to the maximum number of players based on the event affiliation limits. Affiliate players must be from a lower division or category.

F6.3 Recreational players can affiliate, with Regional Director approval, to the lowest level representative team. Players must be age appropriate to the team to which they are affiliated.



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F6.4 General affiliation regulations for female hockey as defined in F6.2 above are applicable.

1. Movement of players is restricted as follows:

Affiliation (Female)	
Major U18 Female	U18 AA, A   U15 AAA
U18 AA	U18 A   U15 AA
U18 A	U15 A
U15 AAA	U15 AA   U13 AAA
U15 AA	U15 A   U13 AA
U15 A	U13 A
U15 C	U13 C
U13 AAA	U13 AA, A
U13 AA	U13 A   U11 AA
U13 A   U11 AA	Policy F2.23
U13 A	U11 A
U13 C	U11 C
U11 AA	U11 A
U11 A	U11 C
U11 C	As approved by Female Council

- Teams cannot pull affiliates from a higher-level team in a division below.
- Due to the mixed nature of some C teams, affiliation must be age appropriate.
- In associations where multiple levels do not exist for affiliation, teams may, with Female Council approval, affiliate from the next team available, regardless of level, without skipping a division.

i.e. U15 AA may affiliate from U13 AAA where U13 AA does not exist.

2. At no time may a player skip a division for the purpose of affiliation.
3. Only players registered on a team registration form, and approved by the Regional Director, may advance to a team of a higher division or level for the purpose of affiliation.

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4. Higher division/category teams must attain consent from the lower division/category team prior to using an affiliate player. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of the offending team's head coach.
5. A maximum of three affiliates may be used by one team within one game.
6. Teams may use players from any combination of teams allowed within their club system affiliation.
7. Players registered with female hockey are not permitted to affiliate to a Hockey Canada Accredited School.



# REGULATION SEVEN: PERMITS

F7.1 Travel permits are required by any team wishing to play outside their region.

F7.2 Exhibition permits are required by any team hosting a game that is not part of a league schedule.

F7.3 Permits for travel within Canada are requested online and are reviewed and processed by the Regional Director online. Please refer to the Hockey Nova Scotia website for the Online Travel Permit Policy and instructions on how to create a Hockey Canada Registry account.

F7.4 Permits for travel to the United States are obtained from the branch through the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director. Application should be made two months in advance.

F7.5 Permits for overseas travel are obtained from Hockey Canada by application through the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director. Application must be made by May 1 preceding the season in which the travel is planned.

F7.6 Permits will only be issued for sanctioned tournaments or exhibition games. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that any games or tournaments played in are sanctioned by the Hockey Canada branch in whose jurisdiction they wish to play.

F7.7 Teams at the U7 and U9 levels shall not be permitted to travel outside the province of Nova Scotia.

F7.8 Teams at the U11 level shall only be permitted to travel outside the province twice per season.

F7.9 Failure to comply with this regulation will result in refusal of future tournament sanction permits.

F7.10 Permits are required for tournaments hosted by associations under Female Council to satisfy the sanction requirements of Hockey Canada.

F7.11 Permits to host a tournament are obtained from the Regional Director. There is no fee for these permits. Two weeks' notice is required [see Hockey Nova Scotia Tournament/Jamboree Application Form Female].

F7.12 Permits for tournaments involving teams from other provinces (interbranch tournaments) are obtained from Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director. There is no fee for these permits. Two months' notice is required.

F7.13 Permits for tournaments involving teams from other countries (international tournaments) are obtained from Hockey Canada by application through Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director. The fee is established by Hockey Canada and depends on the number of out-of-country teams. Application

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must be made by May 1, preceding the season in which the tournament is planned.

F7.14 Any association, league, or team hosting teams from outside the province shall be responsible to notify Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director as to the arrival and departure dates of such teams, as well as the teams they will be playing and the name and address of the president of the branch that the visiting team is from.

F7.15 All tournament hosts are required to submit a post tournament summary including teams that participated, scores of games, and a detailed financial statement of income and disbursements to the Female Council within 30 days of the completion of the tournament.

F7.16 Tournaments for the U9 level may not include the retention and posting of statistics, the selection of all-star teams or awards, the selection of most-valuable players or awards, and shall not include championship games or any other format that declares a winner.

Officials of female tournaments are not permitted to interpret or change suspensions to player(s) or team officials. If any questions arise regarding the code of discipline or regulations, the tournament chair must refer these to the appropriate level of authority with the appropriate council (i.e. Regional Director, Conference Coordinator, or Chair).



# REGULATION EIGHT: EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

F8.1 No team shall be permitted to participate in any interbranch games of any kind without permission of the Hockey Nova Scotia President or designate. All requests must be submitted in writing to the appropriate Regional Director, Council Chair, or the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia at least 10 days prior to the event.

F8.2 Exhibition games with professional clubs may be arranged with permission of Hockey Canada and the President of Hockey Nova Scotia upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by Hockey Canada.

F8.3 Sanctioning for all tournaments under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia must be obtained in accordance with this regulation.

F8.4 Application for sanctioning must be submitted to Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director, in writing indicating the date, location, committee chair, and category of tournament (Hockey Nova Scotia, interbranch, or international) applied for. Application for international tournaments must be submitted to Hockey Nova Scotia 90 days prior to the event. Application for Hockey Nova Scotia and interbranch tournaments must be submitted to Hockey Nova Scotia 60 days prior to the event.

F8.5 All applications for tournament sanctioning must include a detailed budget and be endorsed by the president of the association applying to host the event who is a voting member of the tournament committee, or their designate.

F8.6 Once approved, Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director shall issue a Tournament Sanction Permit with one copy forwarded to Hockey Canada, one copy forwarded to the tournament host, and one copy retained by Hockey Nova Scotia on file.

F8.7 Hockey Canada and Hockey Nova Scotia must sanction international tournaments. All international teams (excluding teams from USA Hockey) must have written permission from their respective federation and approval from Hockey Canada to participate in any Hockey Canada/Hockey Nova Scotia sanctioned international tournament.

F8.8 All games must be officiated by Hockey Nova Scotia registered officials and must be played under official Hockey Canada playing rules. The only variance to the official Hockey Canada playing rules will be those that are in effect or approved by Hockey Nova Scotia at the time of application.

F8.9 All exhibition games and tournaments must be approved by the appropriate Regional Director.

F8.10 Any Tournament Sanction Permit may be withdrawn if it is found that Hockey Canada or Hockey Nova Scotia regulations pertaining to such tournaments are not being followed.

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F8.11 Subsequent permits may not be issued to any tournament host who has been found to conduct an unsanctioned tournament or one that has not conformed to Hockey Canada/Hockey Nova Scotia regulations.

F8.12 The tournament chair is responsible for submitting to Hockey Nova Scotia a financial statement of income and disbursements within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in refusal of future Tournament Sanction Permits.

F8.13 Hockey Nova Scotia shall appoint a branch representative for all sanctioned branch tournaments. The branch representative shall serve on the host committee as an ex-officio member responsible for ensuring the tournament is conducted in accordance with Hockey Canada/Hockey.

F8.14 Associations granted an international or interbranch tournament permit shall sign a contract with Hockey Nova Scotia agreeing to abide by playing rules and regulations of Female Council and shall report all penalties and suspensions daily to the appropriate persons.



# REGULATION NINE: GAME REPORTS

F9.1 In any game in which a match penalty has been assessed, under Hockey Nova Scotia Rule 9.6(a), (b), or (c) from the Hockey Nova Scotia Code of Discipline and Minimum Suspensions, the game report is to be forwarded to the Hockey Nova Scotia President or their designate. Upon receipt of the game report in relation to Hockey Nova Scotia Rule 9.6, it will be forwarded to the appropriate council chair for investigation and action.

F9.2 Game reports for preseason, exhibition, regular season, playoff, and tournaments shall be completed in triplicate for all games played and are to be clearly legible and must contain the following: date of game, division and level of play, location of game, names of both teams competing, travel permit number, and any other important information. Officials must count the number of skaters and goaltenders on the ice and bench and compare this to the players listed on the game sheet prior to the start of the game.

- Copies shall be distributed as follows within seven days of the date of the game:
  - i. Original - to the responsible authority for the game or designate - collected by the home association.
  - ii. 2nd copy - to the visiting team
  - iii. 3rd copy - to the home team
- Score and game sheet reporting to be completed within 48 hours by the home team using the Female Council score reporting process [FC Policy F9.2 - Game Reports DRAFT].

F9.3 Any team playing outside of the province must submit the game sheet to the Regional Director who will use the Female Council game sheet recording process within two days upon the return of the team. There must be one game sheet for each game played.

F9.4 Any regularly registered players who are not in the arena at the start of the game but may be arriving late should be discussed with the referee and the opposing coach and added to the game sheet when they arrive. The late arriving player should be noted on the game sheet with the abbreviation LA for late arrival.



# REGULATION TEN: PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT/INSURANCE/ SAFETY

F10.1 All players will wear protective equipment as indicated in the Hockey Canada playing rules. As of the 2019-2020 hockey season, all teams below Junior A will be required to wear full facial protection.

F10.2 All coaches and assistants must wear a CSA certified helmet, properly fastened, while on the ice conducting practice.

F10.3 Hockey Nova Scotia is a full participant in the Hockey Canada insurance program, which includes liability, death and dismemberment, and major medical insurance. It is mandatory for all registered teams and leagues to participate in the program.

F10.4 Hockey Nova Scotia is a full participant in directors and officers liability Insurance through Hockey Canada. It is mandatory for all associations to participate in the program.

F10.5 The STOP crest is mandatory on all game jerseys for all players participating within Hockey Nova Scotia. The STOP crest is to be worn on the back of the game jersey, in the centre directly above the number and below the name of the player.





# REGULATION ELEVEN: CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

F11.1 All coaches, including assistants, in representative divisions within Hockey Nova Scotia must be certified at the minimum NCCP Development 1 level. All head coaches at the Major U18 Female level within Hockey Nova Scotia must be certified at the NCCP High Performance 1 level. See the full requirements on the Hockey Nova Scotia website – Volunteer Requirements.

F11.2 All instructors in the U7 division are to be certified in the Intro Coach Program.

F11.3 All coaches in the U9 division are to be certified in the Intro Coach Program.

F11.4 All coaches in recreational divisions must be certified in the minimum Intro Coach Program or former U7 program. NCCP Development I is acceptable for recreational coaches.

F11.5 All bench staff in AAA, AA, and A divisions at all levels must be certified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP). Bench staff includes the head coach, assistant coaches, and trainer.

F11.6 All teams in recreational divisions must have at least one member of the bench staff certified in the HCSP. Bench staff includes the head coach, assistant coaches, and trainer. All U7 programs and U9 teams/groups must have at least one coach or instructor certified in the HCSP.

F11.7 It is recommended that all teams have at least one member of the bench staff seek certification at the Hockey Canada Safety Program Level II. HCSP Level II is available to individuals who hold current certification in first aid and CPR from a recognized agency. HCSP Level II is provided once an individual provides proof of certification. There is no training clinic for this certification.

F11.8 All associations must appoint a development coordinator by September 15 annually.

F11.9 Associations must check certifications and verify that all bench staff are properly certified by November 15 of each hockey season. The deadline for certification each season will be December 1 and any submissions for bench staff without certification after December 1 will not be accepted for provincial playdowns. No additional clinics will be conducted beyond this date.

F11.10 A list of all association coaches, assistants, trainers, and managers must be submitted to Hockey Nova Scotia by October 15 of each season. The date for U7 and U9 is November 15. All coaches, including assistants, trainers, and managers, shall have completed the Speak Out or Respect in Sport course by December 1.

F11.11 All Hockey Nova Scotia registered bench staff, dressing room supervisors, and on-ice officials must complete the screening process as outlined in the Hockey Nova Scotia Screening Policy. Coaches/team officials and supervisors/on-ice officials must complete an initial Vulnerable Sector

## REGULATION ELEVEN: CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Verification (VSV) which includes a Canadian Criminal Records Check/Local Police Check through the local police or a third-party provider within 30 days of an individual's involvement with any on-ice or off-ice activity within any association, team, or league. Any member as mentioned in this regulation, having been convicted, or having charges pending, of a criminal offence in any jurisdiction, shall complete a Hockey Canada Screening Disclosure Form and submit it directly to Hockey Nova Scotia, prior to participating in any Hockey Nova Scotia activity. The responsibility lies with all associations, leagues, and teams to ensure that all named participants have completed the process as outlined in the Hockey Nova Scotia Screening Policy by December 1 of the current playing season.

F11.12 A minimum of two certified bench staff must be on the bench to start any game.

F11.13 Any team official who is found to be in violation of any section of Regulation Eleven will be suspended indefinitely until certification for that official has been approved by Hockey Nova Scotia and it has been added to the Hockey Canada Registry. The minimum suspension for a first offence is five [5] games, a second offence will result in the team official being suspended for one full calendar year. Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council, and Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council reserve the right to lengthen these suspensions depending on the circumstances involved in each violation.

F11.14 Any team official previously registered on the Hockey Canada Registry with any team who was not approved due to lack of the following: Respect in Sport Volunteer Program (RIS), Criminal Records Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV) will not be eligible to be registered with any team until these are obtained. This includes on-ice or off-ice activities. This regulation does not include team officials who have been approved in the past but whose CRC/VSV have expired. These team officials must obtain their renewals prior to December 1.



# REGULATION TWELVE: FEES

F12.1 The annual fees shall be determined by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and approved by the eligible voting delegates at the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting (AGM). Once approved, the schedule of annual fees shall be distributed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director, or designate, to the membership by way of information bulletin. Any member failing to pay such fees within the time prescribed shall forfeit the right to take part in playoffs, or tournaments, or to compete against member associations.

F12.2 In addition to fees established by Hockey Nova Scotia, Female Council shall be responsible for setting their own fees to fund their annual operating budget which shall be communicated to associations at the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM Female Congress.

F12.3 All annual fees for member registration are due and payable upon registration by the applicable member according to the dates specified by Hockey Nova Scotia.

F12.4 Association member teams shall pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.



# REGULATION THIRTEEN: PROTESTS/APPEALS

F13.1 In the event of any dispute, difference, or question regarding any matter of any kind arising at any time and only where there is provided a right to appeal per bylaws, rules and regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada, a protest or appeal will be the recourse available to any member dissatisfied with a decision.

F13.2 Upon receipt of a protest or appeal in the Hockey Nova Scotia office, the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, or designate, will determine if the appeal or protest meets the requirements herein and if it does, will direct the Hockey Nova Scotia Appeals Committee to proceed with the hearing.

F13.3 A cash payment or certified cheque in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and a nonrefundable administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a total of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00), made payable to Hockey Nova Scotia, shall accompany all protests and appeals.

F13.4 No protest or appeal will be entertained if the fee is not included.

F13.5 The President of Hockey Nova Scotia will determine the appropriate level of appeal and their decision in this determination will be final.

F13.6 Having completed all points of appeal within Hockey Nova Scotia, the aggrieved may appeal to Hockey Canada if not satisfied with the decision per Hockey Canada Regulation XI. Dispute Resolution, assuming all requirements have been met.

## **Protests**

F13.7 Protests may only be made regarding interpretations of rules, bylaws, regulations, rules of competition, and constitutional matters, not in regard to the decision of a referee or linesperson.

F13.8 A verbal protest must be made by the captain of the aggrieved team to the referee at the first reasonable opportunity after the action or decision complained of, and in all cases must be made within 5 minutes of the close of the period in which such action or decision was made and same must be noted immediately on the official game report.

## **Female Hockey Protests - Provincial Championship Tournaments**

1. Protests to tournament chairs shall follow the procedure laid down in the tournament rules.
2. Protests to Regional Directors and Conference Coordinators shall follow the procedures laid down herein.
3. Decisions on protests to Regional Directors, Conference Coordinators, and the Chair of Female Council during provincial tournaments, shall be final and binding.

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### Appeals

F13.9 Any member wishing to file an appeal on any matter may

1. Written protests must be forwarded to the responsible authority as follows:
  - a. Chair of Female Council, or their designate, for preseason, regular season, and playoff games within sanctioned leagues.
  - b. Tournament chairs for invitational tournament games.
  - c. Regional Directors for exhibition games.
  - d. Conference Coordinators for conference playoffs.
  - e. Chair of Female Council, or their designate, for provincial championship tournaments.

F13.10 Have its request processed by Hockey Nova Scotia, where:

1. Any appeals of the bylaws and/or regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada must first have been dealt with at the appropriate level (league, council, etc.)
2. Such decision or dispute conflicts with the bylaws and/or regulations and rules of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada.
3. A procedural error was committed.
4. The original decision was not within the party's authority or jurisdiction.
5. The local association does not have their own appeals process.
  - a. here is no fee when using F13.10.5.

F13.11 An appeal shall:

1. Be brought within 48 hours of receipt of the written decision.
2. Be in writing.
3. Describe the error or grounds for appeal, which provide the Hockey Nova Scotia Appeals Committee with jurisdiction under Regulation F13.10.
4. Describe, in numbered paragraphs, the decision appealed from, the grounds for appeal, and relevant facts. Pertinent documents, if any, should be attached and the appellants may not introduce any new information and the original protest must accompany the appeal.
5. Be filed, with proof of delivery to the Manager of Member Services, together with the required fee

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(\$350.00) per Regulation F13.3.

F13.12 The Hockey Nova Scotia President or designate shall:

1. Determine, within seven days of receipt of the appeal, whether Hockey Nova Scotia has jurisdiction to hear the appeal and that the requirements of Regulation F13.11 have been met.
2. Notify appellants within seven days of receipt of the appeal if the requirements of Regulation 13.11 have been met.
3. If the requirements of Regulation F13.11 have been met, instruct the appeals committee or chair of applicable division to convene a hearing within 14 days of the receipt of the appeal.
4. If the requirements of Regulation F13.11 have been met, notify the appellants in writing of the decision, not more than 48 hours after the appeals hearing has convened.

### **Registration Appeals**

F13.13 An appeal may be filed with Hockey Nova Scotia in disputes involving:

1. A refusal by a team or association to release a player for purposes of playing with another team in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada regulations.
2. Any dispute over a ruling of residency by a Regional Director.

F13.14 A cash payment or certified cheque in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and a nonrefundable administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a total of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00), made payable to Hockey Nova Scotia, shall accompany all protests and appeals.

F13.15 No registration appeal will be entertained if the appeal fee is not included.

F13.16 Registration appeals are to be forwarded to the Manager of Member Services.

F13.17 All pertinent documentation must be forwarded to the Manager of Member Services and copied to the Chair of Female Council proving the residency of the player. No documentation will be accepted for the purpose of the appeal hearing following the seven-day period or entertained at a hearing if convened.

F13.18 The appellant must clearly request an “in-person” hearing if desired. Failure to do so will forfeit the appellant’s right to present “in person”. In the event such a request is not made, a conference call may be conducted.

F13.19 On receipt of such an appeal, the Manager of Member Services will:

1. Within 24 hours provide an electronic copy of the appeal requesting a rebuttal to the Regional Director, the association to which the Regional Director has determined eligibility, and the association to which the player wishes to register.

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2. If such a rebuttal is not received within 48 hours of receipt of the request from the Manager of Member Services, the parties shall lose their right to make a rebuttal.
3. Within 24 hours of receipt of rebuttals, send the information to the Hockey Nova Scotia President.

F13.20 On receipt of all documentation from the Manager of Member Services, the Hockey Nova Scotia President shall:

1. Within 48 hours, appoint a committee to convene a hearing to be chaired by the Vice President of Hockey Operations.
2. Set a date for a hearing or conference call that will be convened no later than seven days from the receipt of information.

F13.21 The Vice President of Hockey Operations shall report to the Hockey Nova Scotia President for approval the findings of the committee and recommendation within 24 hours of completion of the hearing.

F13.22 Written notice of the decision shall be forwarded from the Hockey Nova Scotia President within 48 hours of receipt of the committee report and recommendation.

F13.23 The timelines shall not be in effect from May 1 to August 31 of each year. Should an appeal be made within that time, a decision will be rendered by September 1 of the current season.

F13.24 The next level of appeal for registration appeals is to Hockey Canada per Hockey Canada Regulation XI. Dispute Resolution.

### **Board Decisions - Final and Binding**

F13.25 Any recourse to the courts of any jurisdiction by any member, before all rights of appeal and all the rights and remedies of the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia have been exhausted, shall be deemed to be a violation and breach of the bylaws and regulations of Hockey Nova Scotia. This violation and breach shall result in the automatic indefinite suspension of such member from Hockey Nova Scotia, including all activities and games played under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia or any of its members as defined herein.

F13.26 Any member, association, club, league, team, player, coach, manager, trainer, or referee who has sought court action before exhausting all proper procedures of appeal shall be liable for all legal costs and disbursement incurred by Hockey Nova Scotia.

F13.27 Until full legal costs are paid, at the discretion of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, the right of membership of the said party will be suspended.

F13.28 Any member, association, club, league, team, player, coach, manager, trainer, or referee who, having exhausted the appeal procedures, proceeds with court action will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by Hockey Nova Scotia, should the courts rule in favour of Hockey Nova Scotia, prior to reinstatement of said party's membership with Hockey Nova Scotia.



# REGULATION FOURTEEN: AMENDMENTS

F14.1 Amendments, alterations, or additions to regulations in Hockey Nova Scotia’s handbook can be made by the directors of the board at a regular or special meeting by a “special resolution,” that is, a resolution passed by not less than a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given.





# REGULATION FIFTEEN: STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL

## F15.1 Female Council

1. Female Council shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for managing the affairs of all female hockey activities (excluding elite programs, leagues, High Performance Programs, and Canada Games wherein such responsibility shall be that of Hockey Nova Scotia) in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia/Hockey Canada rules, regulations, bylaws, and special regulations adopted by Female Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia. Female Council shall consist of the following members:
  - a. Council Chair
  - b. Two Conference Coordinators
  - c. Six Regional Directors
2. The Female Council Chair shall be a member of the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and the official Hockey Nova Scotia representative on the Hockey Canada Female Council.
3. At each Female Council meeting, each member shall have one vote, with the Chair only voting in case of a tie. A quorum at Female Council meetings shall consist of the majority of voting members entitled to be present. The Chair of Female Council shall call Female Council meetings.
4. Other delegates from associations, leagues, and teams may attend Female Council meetings as observers only with the right to speak being granted at the sole discretion of the Chair.
5. Female Council Executive
  - a. The day-to-day operation of Female Council will be the responsibility of:
    - ii. Chair of Female Council
    - iii. Female North Conference Coordinator
    - iv. Female South Conference Coordinator
    - v. Hockey Nova Scotia Vice President of Hockey Operations
6. All members of the Female Council shall follow conflict of interest guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia Bylaw Twelve - Conflict of Interest.
7. Should a vacancy arise on the Female Council the position may be filled by the Advisory Committee until the next annual meeting.
8. Female Council Regional Directors

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- a. Regional Directors must be a resident of the zone they represent and be elected by the members of the zone at the Female Council's annual meeting. Nominations for the position of Regional Director must be received by the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director or designate no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM Female Congress.
- b. When two or more are nominated for any office, and all but one declines to serve, that one shall be considered to have been elected. Should more than one ballot be necessary for the election of a Regional Director, the name receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot before proceeding to another ballot.
  - *These positions are currently appointed, but they will become elected positions once seven (7) Female Hockey Associations are present within the branch.*

### 9. Powers & Duties

- a. The duties of the Regional Directors shall be to carry out the day-to-day functions of their regions in conjunction with the Female Council Chair and shall include:
  - i. Hold regional meetings.
  - ii. Supervise provincial championship tournaments or series taking place within the province.
  - iii. To be the liaison between the Female Council and associations in their region.
  - iv. To issue team registration forms and other registration materials to associations in their region.
  - v. To receive, check, and forward Hockey Canada Playing Certificates and Female Council Team Lists to the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director for approval; classify teams for provincial playoffs.
  - vi. Receive requests for travel permits and issue same to teams travelling or playing exhibition games in Nova Scotia.
  - vii. To assist in solving disputes between local associations in their region.
  - viii. Ensure the boundaries for associations within their region are clearly defined by August 1 of each year, permitting no change from that date until the end of the playing season.
- b. Directors may appoint assistants as they feel is required provided prior approval is obtained from the Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council Executive Committee.

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Such assistants shall be recognized by the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Committee when their name and address is filed by letter with the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director. These letters will be authorized by and bear the Regional Director's signature. Assistants will have such powers as the Regional Director permits in their name but may not sit or vote on the Female Council.

10. There shall be two (2) Conference Coordinators to coordinate the activities of their respective conference:
  - a. The Northern Conference (comprised of the Fundy Highland, Quad County, and Cape Breton regions)
  - b. The Southern Conference (comprised of the Metro West, Metro East, Valley, and Western regions)
  - c. Conference Coordinators must be a resident of the conference they coordinate and be elected by the members of the conference at the Female Council's annual meeting. Nominations for the position of Conference Coordinator must be received by the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Director or designate no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM Female Congress.
  - d. When two or more nominated for any office, and all but one declines to serve, that one shall be considered to have been elected. Should more than one ballot be necessary for the election of a Conference Coordinator, the name receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot before proceeding to another ballot.
    - *These positions are currently appointed, but they will become elected positions once seven (7) Female Hockey Associations are present within the branch*
  - e. Conference Coordinators shall preside over conference meetings and regional elections, attend regional meetings when requested to do so by the Regional Director, coordinate interregional playoffs within their conference, coordinate categorization of all teams within their conference, and if requested by the Executive Committee, shall be a signing officer of the Female Council.
  
11. Conference structures shall be as follows:
  - a. North Conference Structure
    - i. Cape Breton Region - consists of industrial Cape Breton
    - ii. Fundy Highland Region - consists of Pictou County, Colchester County, and Cumberland County
    - iii. Quad County Region - consists of Antigonish, Canso, Strait-Richmond, and Cape Breton West

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### South Conference Structure

- i. Metro West Region - consists of Halifax, TASA, Chebucto, Bedford, and Sackville
- ii. Metro East Region - consists of Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Eastern Shore, and East Hants
- iii. Western Region - consists of Yarmouth, Shelburne, South Shore, Queen's County, and Chester
- iv. Valley Region - consists of West Hants, Acadia, Clare/Digby, and Western Valley

Note: Players from Clare/Digby have the option of playing in the Valley or Western Region. The player must make this request through the Regional Director for Valley if they wish to play in the Western Region.

F15.2 The Chair of Female Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia through the President and shall:

1. Sit on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.
2. Preside at all meetings of Female Council and all committee meetings. They shall generally perform the duties usual to the office of the Chair, and may at their discretion, order a special meeting of the Female Council or its committees.
3. In case of emergency, may exercise all the duties and powers of any of the Female Council Regional Directors, but such action shall be referred within fifteen (15) days to the Advisory Committee of Female Council for approval or rejection.
4. With the approval of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia, the Chair of Female Council or a designated representative shall have the power to suspend any player, coach, manager, or executive member for misconduct on or off the ice. Such suspension to be referred to the Advisory Council within fifteen (15) days, such suspension automatically terminates at the expiration of the period of suspension. All leagues/teams will recognize such suspensions and Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Director shall notify those necessary of such suspensions and penalties. Any person so suspended shall have the right to appeal.
5. Be an ex-officio member of all Female Council committees.
6. Only vote at Female Council meetings in case of a tie.
7. Perform other duties as directed by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia.
8. Serve on committees as directed by the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia or the President.

F15.3 Any information on standing committees and the other councils of Hockey Nova Scotia are available in the Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations.



# REGULATION SIXTEEN: MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS/COUNCILS

F16.1 See Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations for meetings of the associations/councils.



# REGULATION SEVENTEEN: VOTING

F17.1 See Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations for voting.



# REGULATION EIGHTEEN: U7 PROGRAM

## F18.1 Objectives

Hockey Nova Scotia strives to provide all players within the U7 Program with a positive learning environment that includes the opportunity to learn the basic skills of hockey, have fun, and develop self-confidence. Our goal is to teach participants the basic skills, including skating, shooting, and puck handling, while providing a positive experience for players that fosters continued participation in the sport of hockey.

## F18.2 Education

Hockey Nova Scotia recommends that all associations provide education, orientation, and awareness to their members on the benefits of the U7 Program using the U7 Program jamboree on an annual basis. Furthermore, associations are encouraged to seek branch support in identifying resources to assist in the overall education of their members on the merits of the U7 Program and the need to focus volunteers and parents on making the experience a positive one.

## F18.3 Curriculum

Associations shall use the national U7 Program curriculum developed by Hockey Canada to lead their efforts in providing programming as follows:

- Level One - U7 Program - Phase 1 and 2
- Level Two - U7 Program - Phase 3 and 4

Players, regardless of age, should be placed at a level that is appropriate to their skill and ability. Associations shall provide ongoing evaluation of participants and continue to place each at the level appropriate to their level of skill and ability throughout the season.

## F18.4 Certification

Individuals who work on ice teaching the participants within the U7 Program shall be referred to as “instructors.” All instructors involved in the four-to-six-year-old age group must be certified in the four-hour Intro Coach Program Clinic offered annually by Hockey Nova Scotia.

## F18.5 Jamborees

1. U7 teams may enter a maximum of four U7 jamborees per season.
2. Permits are required for jamborees hosted by Female Council associations to satisfy the sanction

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requirements of Hockey Canada.

3. Travel permits are required by any U7 team wishing to play in jamborees outside their region.
4. Teams at the U7 level shall not be permitted to travel outside the province of Nova Scotia.
5. Permits for U7 jamborees involving female teams (branch jamborees) are obtained from the Regional Director. There is no fee for these permits. Two weeks' notice is required.





# REGULATION NINETEEN: U9 PROGRAM

## F19.1 Objectives

The objective of Hockey Nova Scotia's U9 Program is to foster respect, sportsmanship, and a fun atmosphere. The U9 Program shall strive to continue to develop the participants in the basic skills areas of skating, shooting, and puck handling, while introducing them to competitive opportunities within an environment based on skill and ability. The intent is to continue to place a high emphasis on skill development while introducing participants to competition, playing rules, and the "team" concept.

## F19.2 Education

Hockey Nova Scotia recommends that all associations continue to provide education, orientation, and awareness to their members about the benefits of skill development and the need to continue to focus on making each experience a positive one.

## F19.3 Competition

Players within the U9 Program shall be assigned to levels based on their skill and ability. Associations shall assign participants to an appropriate learning environment based on an evaluation at the start of the season and continue to provide ongoing evaluation throughout the season to ensure each participant continues to be assigned to the appropriate skill level and most appropriate learning environment. The levels for use within the U9 Program include Level 1 (Developmental), Level 2 (Intermediate), and Level 3 (Advancing).

Female Council may establish leagues for the sole purpose of scheduling competition. Any such league may not include any placement or standings, the retention or publishing of individual statistics, any playoffs, or a declared league winner under any format.

Teams, where appropriate and based on skill and ability, may play exhibition games against similar caliber teams from other female associations within their conference.

In all U9 Program competitions, associations shall ensure that all players are treated fairly with respect to ice time distribution and situational opportunities. To maximize ice use during competition, if a team is assessed a penalty, the offending player will sit in the penalty box, but the team shall not play a player short. The offending team shall put another on the ice. There shall be no power plays and no team shall play a player short during any games.

## F19.4 U9 Seasonal Structure for All Levels

- Development season:
  - a. From start date in respective associations until December 1

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- Half-ice/cross-ice season:
  - b. Starting December 1, a maximum of thirty (30) half-ice games including jamborees. Officials will be required for each half-ice game.
- Full-ice season:
  - c. After February 15 up to six (6) full-ice games within their conference and with the approval of the Regional Director. These games are overseen by coaches only - no officials.

### F19.5 Level 1 - Developmental

The Developmental Level is for players who are either new to the sport or continue to require focused development in the basic skills areas of skating, shooting, and puck handling. The objective of this level is to place a heavy emphasis on skill development while providing minimal introduction to competition. Players may participate in games at this level with a minimum practice to game ratio of 2:1.

### F19.6 Level 2 - Intermediate

The Intermediate Level is for players who possess the basic skills of skating, shooting, and puck handling but who require continued development to accomplish a satisfactory level of some or all of the skills. Players at this level should have sufficient skill and ability to be able to actively participate in a competitive environment with a satisfactory level of success. Players may participate in games at this level with a minimum practice to game ratio of 1:1.

### F19.7 Level 3 - Advancing

The Advancing Level is for players who possess many of the basic skills including skating, shooting, and puck handling and demonstrate the capability to advance to more challenging levels of skill development. Players at this level should be able to participate fully in a competitive environment with a high probability of success. Players may participate in games at this level with a minimum practice to game ratio of 1:1.

### F19.8 Player Assessment and Evaluation

Associations shall conduct evaluations to select teams or to place players on teams based on skill and ability. All players shall be grouped at the appropriate level based on their skill and ability through evaluation of their skills, which are performed during typical program activities such as games or practices.

Under no circumstances shall associations “cut” or release players from levels or teams. Associations must carefully consider all aspects of the player’s skill, ability, social maturity, physical maturity, capability to compete successfully, and any other factor prior to advancing a player to the next level to ensure that the player continues to develop and have fun and thereby eliminating any need to release the player back to a lower level. All movement of the player within the U9 Program shall be progressive. The assessment of players throughout the season shall be conducted in a fair and objective manner. Associations are strongly encouraged to implement structured evaluation methods and processes to ensure that all players are treated fairly and are placed in the most appropriate level and learning

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environment.

The assessment of players shall be done internally at the association level in consultation with the U9 Program coaches, administrators, Association Coaching Coordinator, Coach Mentor Coordinator, and approved by the association. Any assessment or evaluation of any player shall not be conducted in a tryout environment. Such evaluation should be conducted while the player is permitted to function within the normal program activities such as games or practices.

### F19.9 Tournaments

Any tournament in which a U9 team participates must be within Nova Scotia and no U9 team shall be permitted to compete in any activity outside of Hockey Nova Scotia's jurisdiction or Nova Scotia.

Tournaments for the U9 level may not include the retention and posting of statistics, the selection of all-star teams or awards, the selection of MVPs or awards, and shall not include championship games or any other format that declares a winner.

### F19.10 Player Movement

As specified per FC Regulation F2.20, at the discretion of the association and with the approval of Female Council, players may be placed in the U11 division with the consent of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

- Only players that are eight years of age are eligible for consideration to advance to U11.

### F19.11 Travel

Teams wishing to travel outside of the region in which their association resides for the purposes of playing exhibition games or attending tournaments, must have the prior approval of Female Council by applying for a travel permit in the Hockey Canada Registry. Teams that fail to obtain such approval prior to any such activity shall be sanctioned as described in FC Regulation F19.13 - Sanctions.

### F19.12 Certification

All coaches, including assistants, involved at the seven-eight-year-old age group shall be certified according to FC Regulation Eleven – Certification Requirements. Coaches who fail to obtain the necessary certification will not be permitted to participate in any Hockey Nova Scotia U9 Program activity, including games or practices, for any team.

### F19.13 Sanctions

Hockey Nova Scotia, as the governing body for Female Hockey within Nova Scotia may, through their Female Council, impose sanctions on associations, teams and/or members who do not abide by the regulations established for the U9 Program. Any sanctions will be based on the severity of any infraction and the ranges of response, in no specific order, may vary to include written reprimand; suspension of the coach or coaches; suspension of the team; withdrawal of travel permits and/or approvals for future activities; and/or revocation of membership rights of the coach, team, and/or

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association.

### F19.14 U9 General Information

1. Every individual game at every level of U9 is to be calculated into the individual players' and teams' game cap and ratio of practices to games. This will be monitored by Female Council and sanctions imposed for non-compliance.
2. At every level, U9 games shall not have posted scores, keep statistics, select all-stars or MVPs, or present awards pertinent to any of these, or other individual skills assessments which indicate the preference of one child over another.



# REGULATION TWENTY: MARITIME MAJOR U18 FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE

## F20.1 Objectives

The objectives of the Maritime Major U18 Female Hockey League (MMFHL) are:

1. To provide a higher caliber of play for skilled female players in all areas of Nova Scotia.
2. To encourage players to stay at home in Nova Scotia by providing a viable competitive alternative.
3. To provide a competitive level of hockey under female hockey rules that provides for an emphasis on education, skill development, and sportspersonship.
4. To enable skilled players to compete against players of a similar level while limiting the impact on family and travel to players.

## F20.2 Structure

The league will consist of four regionalized teams located in the following regions:

Region 1: Area inclusive of all Cape Breton island and Strait regions.

Region 2: Area inclusive of all Fundy Highland.

Region 3: Area inclusive of all Metro East, Bedford, and Sackville.

Region 4: Area inclusive of Metro West, excluding Bedford and Sackville, and all of Valley, and Western zones.

- Boundaries may be adjusted with the approval of Female Council.
- Any expansion of these teams within the league will require the approval of Female Council and the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors.

## F20.3 Governance

The Maritime Major U18 Female Hockey League is governed by Hockey Nova Scotia and is under the jurisdiction of Female Council. All regulatory issues must be submitted and processed through the Female Council Executive.

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In the absence of a regulation in FC Regulation Twenty - Maritime Major U18 Female Hockey League, the league will fall under current approved female hockey regulations and established policies [FC Policy F20.3 - MMFHL Governance].

Oversight of the MMFHL will be governed by Female Council and will include the High-Performance Female Coach as a liaison between the league and the Female Council. They will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the league which will include, but not be limited to:

- Approval of the league schedule
  - Approval of all spring identification camps
  - Approval of all requested player releases
  - Conducting of monthly meetings
  - Approval of the provincial playoff qualifying structure
1. Each team will be responsible to fill the following executive positions:
- President  
Responsible for:
    - » Immediate oversight of the team
    - » Setting and monitoring the goals of the club
    - » Running club meetings
    - » Filling supporting positions within the club
    - » Delegating tasks as necessary
    - » Recruiting, training, and retaining members
    - » Marketing of the club
    - » Maintaining regular communication with Female Council
  - Treasurer
    - » Controls the club's money
    - » Submits projected budget at start of season to Female Council
    - » Collection and disbursement of member dues
    - » Prepares and monitors the budget
    - » Maintains accurate financial records
    - » Submits an actual financial report at the end of season to Female Council
  - Registrar
    - » Secures the number of participants attending all team events
    - » Ensures players are added to the Hockey Canada Registry
    - » Once completed, advises their respective Regional Director for all player approval
    - » Notifies Female Council of any player releases within 24 hours of that release
    - » Ensures game sheets are forwarded to Female Council through the online game reporting protocol

### F20.4 Financials

Each team shall provide:

- The proposed budget by September 30
- The actuals by April 30

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- Financial updates to Hockey Nova Scotia where any changes have been made to the proposed budget
- The financial statement may be provided to Hockey Nova Scotia or parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Please see FC Policy F20.4 - MMFHL Financials for additional information and the budget template

### F20.5 Residency

Players must try out for the teams within their respective region(s).

Should a player not be selected to the team within their region, they may try out for one (1) of the three (3) remaining teams in the league. Each player is only permitted to try out for a maximum of two (2) Major U18 Female teams per season.

Should there be a boundary change, players currently registered with a team whose new boundaries do not include their residence may choose to stay for the remainder of their U18 eligibility with their current team or play with the regional team from their home jurisdiction. Players must choose where they will play their remaining U18 eligibility by April 30 of the end of that season. This clause is not applicable to players who are not currently participating in the Major U18 Female League, including siblings of current players.

### F20.6 Player Eligibility

Players must be U18 aged (15, 16, or 17 years old within the calendar year) and residentially eligible to register and play female hockey with Hockey Nova Scotia to be eligible to tryout for their Major U18 Female zone team.

### F20.7 Player Selection

Player evaluation and selection will be the responsibility of each respective team utilizing the Hockey Nova Scotia High Performance Program Evaluation/Selection model.

- Try-outs for all clubs shall not commence prior to August 15 annually and conclude no later than September 10 each season.
- Spring identification (ID) camps shall be held no later than May 30.

### F20.8 Player Affiliation

Teams will utilize the club system of affiliation [FC Regulation Six - Affiliation].

### F20.9 Team Composition

Teams shall consist of a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders.

### F20.10 Team Uniforms

All teams must provide the following equipment to all participating players:

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- Sweaters
- Matching socks
- Gloves
- Helmets with CSA approved masks
- Pants or shells

*Any change or addition of team colours must be approved by Female Council.*

### F20.11 Conflict of Interest

Female Council shall approve team executives and volunteers on each team and must be informed of any changes in team administrative structure [FC Policy F20.11 - MMFHL Conflict of Interest].

### F20.12 Registration

All team members and officials must be registered as specified in Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations.

### F20.13 Schedule

Teams will play a balanced league schedule with all games being played on weekends, Saturday evenings, and Sunday mornings or afternoons, and scheduled at times that allow players to commute to games from their place of residence on the day of the game [FC Policy F20.13 - MMFHL Schedule].

### F20.14 Competition

Please see FC Policy F20.14 - MMFHL Competition for detailed breakdown on game structure. The MMFHL will refer to FC Regulation Two - Competition if not covered in the policy.

### F20.15 Practices

Teams must hold a minimum of two practices per week at a minimum of one-hour duration each. Players are expected to make every effort to attend all practices.

### F20.16 Coach Selection

Coach selection will be administered by the teams; however, all coaches must be approved by the Female Council. All coaches and bench staff must meet the minimum certification standards as specified in Hockey Nova Scotia Regulations.

### F20.17 Discipline

The Hockey Nova Scotia Code of Discipline and Minimum Suspensions will apply.

### F20.18 Member Teams

The league's Nova Scotia teams will be awarded through an evaluation of submitted bids from interested groups who must meet specific bid criteria. Teams will be awarded terms of two years, upon



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conclusion of which they must reapply. Hockey Nova Scotia has the right to revoke membership upon completion of this term. Teams will be evaluated during this period to ensure they adhere to all aspects of the bid solicitation requirements and Hockey Nova Scotia policies and procedures [FC Policy F20.18 - MMFHL Member Teams Bid Requirements].

New out-of-province teams must apply to Hockey Nova Scotia's Female Council through their respective branch by August 31 with their intention to join the league.

To secure their membership for the upcoming season in the MMFHL, they must satisfy one of the following:

- A franchise performance bond of at least \$1,000 has been provided to Hockey Nova Scotia.
- Teams without franchise bonds are required to pay a MMFHL performance bond of \$500 that will be held by Hockey Nova Scotia until the end of the applicable season.
- Should any team fail to compete in the season, the performance bond will be forfeited to Hockey Nova Scotia to cover administrative costs.
- Admission, or readmission, to the MMFHL will require approval from Hockey Nova Scotia's Female Council and the appropriate branch from the applicable province.

F20.19 Current teams are required to submit a renewal notice in writing to Hockey Nova Scotia's Female Council by February 1 where they intend to return for another two-year term [FC Policy F20.19 - MMFHL Member Teams Renewal Requirements].



# REGULATION TWENTY-ONE: NON-SANCTIONED HOCKEY ACTIVITY

## F21.1 Non-Sanctioned Hockey

Participation in non-sanctioned hockey is not permitted during the hockey season.

Members of Hockey Nova Scotia who were registered in the previous season and participate in “unsanctioned hockey” are advised that Hockey Nova Scotia 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.

For the purposes of interpretation, “non-sanctioned hockey” is any hockey program that is not approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.

## F21.2 Procedure for Reporting

Any complaint against a member participating in a non-sanctioned activity during Hockey Nova Scotia’s year, must be in written form and signed by the coach and manager of the team and/or president/ chair of the association outlining the nature of their complaint. The evidence associated with this complaint shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia, who can arrange for a hearing into this allegation.

## F21.3 Process

Once a complaint has been received by Hockey Nova Scotia there will be an investigation into the complaint. If the President of Hockey Nova Scotia determines that sufficient information has been provided, a committee shall be struck by the President to hear the complaint.

## F21.4 Decisions

A player, coach, or other member who plays or practices with another team or organization while retaining Hockey Nova Scotia membership and is proven to have participated in a non-sanctioned event will be sanctioned through any of the following means:

1. A reprimand.
2. Suspension of playing or coaching privileges for a specified period of time.
3. Have their membership privileges withdrawn.
4. Such other action as the committee deems appropriate.



# REGULATION TWENTY-TWO: FEMALE PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF QUALIFICATIONS

F22.1 In order to compete in the provincial championship tournament or in any Hockey Nova Scotia playoffs, a team must adhere to FC Regulation F2.15.

F22.2 Female teams must adhere to game play rules as identified in FC Regulation F2.16.

F22.3 Female Council will be responsible for the playoff structure leading to provincial championships in all divisions. The structure will be posted by November 15.

F22.4 The top 4 teams in each representative level will qualify for the provincial championship tournament at the conclusion of the playoff round.

F22.5 A minimum of 11 skaters and 1 goaltender in uniform on the ice and/or players' bench, on each team shall be necessary for the start of any provincial playoff game. Any team dressing fewer than 11 skaters and 1 goaltender will forfeit the game.

F22.6 Associations are to ensure that a copy of Hockey Nova Scotia's Rules and Regulations is present at the timekeepers' bench for all playoff games.

F22.7 Players who have participated in a minimum of 10 preseason, regular season, or scheduled exhibition/tournament games shall be permitted to compete in provincial playoff games.

- a. Players who are added after the team tryout process is completed and are returning from preparatory schools must have participated in 70% of their team's scheduled regular season games to compete in provincial playoff games as a player or to be used as an affiliate.

F22.8 In all Hockey Nova Scotia playoffs, any team found to be playing with illegal players will forfeit the game to the non-offending team. The coach or team official will be under indefinite suspension until dealt with by the Female Council Executive.

F22.9 Oversight of the schedule shall be the responsibility of the Regional Director in charge of scheduling [FC Policy F22.9 - Scheduling].

F22.10 Games shall consist of three 15-minute stop time periods, with ice resurfacing between the second and third periods according to the FC Policy F23.5 - Game Protocol. All playoff games must be played to completion.

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F22.11 One 30-second timeout per team will be permitted in each playoff game including overtime.

F22.12 In provincial playoff games where a winner must be declared the FC Policy F23.8 - Overtime Format must be followed.

F22.13 The host association must supply minor officials, including score and timekeepers (no goal judges).

F22.14 Female Council will establish a playoff format leading to the provincial championship event. This format will be posted to [novascotiafemalehockey.ca](http://novascotiafemalehockey.ca) and [hockeynovascotia.ca](http://hockeynovascotia.ca) by December 1.



# REGULATION TWENTY-THREE: FEMALE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

F23.1 Teams competing in the provincial championship tournament shall be the four top teams at the representative level as determined by the league playoffs.

F23.2 The format and schedule for provincial championship tournaments is established annually by the Female Council Executive and is the responsibility of Hockey Nova Scotia. Neither format nor schedule may be changed without the prior written permission of the Female Council Chair or their designate. All games must be played as scheduled, regardless of whether they have a bearing on the outcome of the tournament.

F23.3 The provincial tournament format is single round robin with a championship game. Team placement is based on the league playoffs:

- Teams 1 and 2 will receive 2 home games.

F23.4 The tournament schedule can be found at [novascotiafemalehockey.ca](http://novascotiafemalehockey.ca) under Provincials.

F23.5 Games shall consist of three 15-minute stop-time periods with ice resurfacing between the second and third periods [FC Policy F23.5 - Game Protocol].

F23.6 One 30-second timeout per team will be permitted in each game including overtime.

F23.7 For round-robin play, if a game is tied at the end of regulation time, teams shall have a two (2)-minute rest without leaving the ice, not change ends, and commence a five-minute stop clock, four-on-four sudden victory period. If teams remain tied after the overtime period, each team will receive one point.

F23.8 In provincial championship games where a winner must be declared the Female Council Overtime Format policy must be followed [FC Policy F23.8 - Overtime Format].

F23.9 Hockey Canada Registry rosters and affiliate player certification must be available and presented upon request. Each team shall designate in writing a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goaltenders - eligible players, regular, affiliated, or any combination thereof - who will participate in the championships. This shall be done at the officials' meeting and there will be no changes to the list for any reason after the championships begin.

Note: U18 shall designate in writing a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders.

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F23.10 Hockey Nova Scotia Officiating Program (HNSOP) will supply officials and Female Council will supply scorekeepers/timekeepers.

HNSOP will attempt to supply female officials where possible.

F23.11 Failure to present player credentials, or to appear for any game as scheduled, or to complete any game, shall result in forfeiture and possible suspension from further play. Any game forfeited shall carry a score of 5-0 against the offending team. Individual records, if any, shall count in the overall statistics.

F23.12 Any ties in the standings after round-robin play will be resolved using the Tie Breaking Format, available on the [novascotiafemalehockey.ca](http://novascotiafemalehockey.ca) website [FC - Tie Breaking Format].

F23.13 The Chair of Female Council shall appoint an officer of the Female Council to hear and rule without delay on any protests or disputes arising during a provincial championship tournament. The requirement for a protest fee is waived. However, should a participant wish to appeal a ruling of the appointed officer, the provisions of FC Regulation F13.11 must be met.

F23.14 A virtual meeting of tournament officials, coaches and managers, the referee assignor, and a representative of Female Council, shall be held on the Wednesday evening before the start of the tournament to familiarize all parties with the rules and regulations. All teams must have a representative at this meeting.

F23.15 Hockey Nova Scotia shall provide appropriate individual and team recognition for the winning team. Female Council will provide the official Hockey Nova Scotia gold and silver medals, Championship Banner, Championship Plaque, and Fair Play Plaque to be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. The Fair Play Plaque is awarded to the “most sportspersonlike team.”



# REGULATION TWENTY-FOUR: FEMALE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

F24.1 Scheduling for the recreation leagues will be done by the Female Council Scheduling Committee.

F24.2 Leagues will be determined geographically by the number of teams.

F24.3 League playoffs and championships will be administered by the respective associations.

F24.4 All award costs will be covered by the associations.



# REGULATION TWENTY-FIVE: CODE OF DISCIPLINE

F25.1 The Hockey Nova Scotia Code of Discipline and Minimum Suspensions is a stand-alone document.

25.4e Coaches and players who are suspended indefinitely shall not be eligible to take part in practices or other team activities until deemed eligible by Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council Discipline Committee.

25.9. Any person placed under suspension shall not be eligible to participate in any event under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey Canada, International Ice Hockey Federation, or any other organization with which Hockey Nova Scotia has a formal agreement.





# REGULATION TWENTY-SIX: OFFICIALS

F26.1 On-ice officials, referees, and linespersons must be registered and in good standing with Hockey Nova Scotia.

F26.2 Associations, through their referee-in-chief/director of officiating, are responsible for assigning capable officials for all games within their jurisdiction. This should take into consideration maturity, physical capabilities, as well as the level of certification held by an official. During interassociation games, on-ice officials shall not be a member of the executive of the association of either of the competing teams except by mutual written consent of the head coach of the participating teams.

F26.3 Referees and linespersons should be appropriately dressed for their role, including a black (or dark blue) and white striped sweater, black (or dark blue) pants, and a CSA approved hockey helmet, preferably black with a clear plastic half-face shield.

F26.4 Representative female hockey will utilize the following officiation systems:

1. U11 - three-person officiating system
2. U13 - three-person officiating system
3. U15 AA - three-person officiating system
4. U15 AAA - four-person officiating system
5. U18 - four-person officiating system

F26.5 Recreational female hockey will utilize the following officiation systems:

1. U9 - one official per game
2. U11 - two/three-person officiating system
3. U13 - three-person officiating system
4. U15 - three-person officiating system

F26.6 The three-person system, consisting of a referee and two linespersons, must be used for all games (exception: 4 officials must be used for U15 AAA and all U18). The referee for these games must have at least level 3 certification and the linespersons level 2. If officials with these qualifications are not available, the appropriate authority (Zone Supervisor for Officials, Regional Director, Conference Coordinator, or Chair of Female Council) may approve assignment of officials with a lower skill level or the use of the two-person system. No protests will be allowed in this respect.

F26.7 Unless unavoidable, and only if agreed to by coaches in writing, a referee or linesperson shall not officiate in any game in which a participant is related in any way.

F26.8 Officials (referees) shall report all game misconducts, gross misconducts, and match penalties

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which lead to a suspension under the Hockey Nova Scotia Code of Discipline to the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council Suspensions Coordinator at [suspensions@hockeynovascotia.ca](mailto:suspensions@hockeynovascotia.ca)

F26.9 All associations, through their President and Referee-in-Chief/Director of Officiating, must ensure that officials both playing and officiating female hockey, only referee games up to one division below the level they presently play. These officials may continue to act as linespersons for games within the division in which they play hockey.

Example - A U18 player could do lines for any U18 game, but only referee U15 and below. Associations who find this taxing their officiating resources may make an application to the Officiating Committee for an exception.

F26.10 All associations, through their President, shall appoint or elect a Referee-in-Chief/Director of Officiating who is either a registered referee with Hockey Nova Scotia or a retired referee previously registered with the Hockey Canada/Hockey Nova Scotia officiating system.



# REGULATION TWENTY-SEVEN: RELEASES AND TRANSFERS

F27.1 A player desiring to move from a team in their geographical boundaries to another within Hockey Nova Scotia must first secure a release in writing from the association where they are a member. Such a release shall be filed with the Female Council using the Female Council Player Movement Form. In the event a team uses a player not properly registered, Hockey Nova Scotia shall have the right to discipline the team as they see fit.

F27.2 Even though a release has been obtained, Female Council shall have the right, in its discretion, to refuse the release from one team within Hockey Nova Scotia to another team within Hockey Nova Scotia.

F27.3 Where the release of a player is required, it shall be effective only if signed by the president and registrar of the association of which the player is a member.

F27.4 All releases are conditional, subject to FC Regulation F27.2, and shall be for no longer than one playing season. At the end of the playing season, the player shall return to their home association. If the player who receives a transfer wishes to transfer in subsequent years, they must reapply for new transfers each year.

The request, along with the documentation as to why the request is being made, must be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Director. The Regional Director will discuss the request with the Conference Coordinator and the Chair of Female Council before a decision is made. This includes ensuring that the receiving association has agreed to the transfer.

F27.5 In the Major U18 Female League all releases shall be unconditional, subject to FC Regulation.

F27.2. A player receiving a release shall have the right to remain with the new team or to return to their original team at the end of the playing season. No player receiving a release can be forced to return to their original team.

The request, along with the documentation as to why the request is being made, must be forwarded to Female Council. The Conference Coordinators will discuss the release request with the Chair of Female Council before a decision is made. This includes ensuring that the receiving team has agreed to the transfer.

A player that transfers to another team after being released must notify the league registrar of their intent to return to their regional team by April 12, otherwise they will remain with their current team.

F27.6 No request for a transfer shall be unreasonably withheld.

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### F27.7 Release procedure

1. Player to request release in writing from association or club (Major U18 Female).
  - a. Regional Director to be copied.
2. Association or club responds in writing to request.
  - b. Regional Director to be copied.
3. If the release is granted by the association, then the player will be placed by Female Council where the need is required.
  - c. Exception: Major U18 Female - If the release is granted by the club, then the player will have the option to attend one of the other three clubs.
4. Releases are only for the current year of the release; the player must return to their home association at the completion of that playing season.
  - d. Exception: Major U18 Female - Once the player has been approved for release, they will remain with the new club team after the release should they make that team.



# CODE OF DISCIPLINE AND MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

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# REGULATION TWENTY-FIVE: CODE OF DISCIPLINE

25.1. The Association has a Code of Discipline Policy to:

- a. ensure that its members are aware of the serious nature of certain rule violations and to protect every players right to compete in hockey without fear of violence or abuse.
- b. apply a common minimum standard of discipline across the Branch, for offences that are similar in nature. That discipline may be in the form of a suspension, fine, expulsion or other sanction.
- c. make team, league and association officials, more aware of their responsibilities in controlling the conduct of their teams and applying discipline where warranted.

25.2.

- a. The Code of Discipline Policy applies to all players, teams, leagues, associations, organization and club officials who are registered members of the Association.
- b. The Code of Discipline applies to all hockey games, be they league, tournament, play-off, or exhibition, in which HNS players and team officials from HNS registered clubs are participating, including games outside the boundaries of HNS Branch.
- c. A team playing in an out of Branch tournament shall abide by the out of Branch code of discipline for the duration of the tournament only. Games that players or team officials have outstanding as per the HNS Code of Discipline must be served immediately upon return to HNS.

25.3. Types Of Suspensions

- a. **GAME SPECIFIED:** The offender is removed from specified games and shall not participate in any games, including exhibition, as a player, on ice or off ice official until the suspension is served in full.
- b. **SUSPENSIONS:** The offender is removed for a specified number of games from all hockey excluding practices and tryouts. **Suspended players may participate in skills competition unless under indefinite suspension.**

25.4. When And Where For Suspensions

- a. Suspensions shall commence immediately.
- b. Teams that are members of sanctioned leagues, who have their season schedule and playoffs approved by the HNS, shall be subject to game specified suspensions. Game specified suspensions

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result in the offender being suspended immediately from the game the penalty was assessed. The specified games begin with the team's next meaningful game.

- c. Sanctioned tournaments may, at their discretion, use either time specified or game specified suspensions during the tournament. Suspensions extending beyond the tournament will revert to the normal disposition of suspensions the team normally plays under.
- d. In the event the team has completed all league, playoff and tournament games for the season, a time specified suspension and/or game specified suspension shall be issued for the following season by the respective HNS officials.
- e. However, any player under a game specified suspension, other than that assessed for a violation of Hockey Canada Rule 9.6, that has been carried over from a previous season shall not be prohibited from participating in pre-season tryout activities (not including exhibition games). Carry over suspensions from previous season will start being served on October 15th

or when the league starts whichever occurs first..

Coaches and players who are suspended indefinitely, shall not be eligible to take part in practices or other team activities until deemed eligible by HNSMC Discipline Committee.

- f. (1) Meaningful games are regularly scheduled games, sanctioned tournament games and pre-approved exhibition games verified on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) by the Regional Director or his/her designate. Games approved after a suspension has occurred will not count as meaningful games. **A game must be played in order to count towards a suspension.**

(2) In exceptional circumstances a player may be unable to serve a suspension in a reasonable amount of time [ ie: end of season], in those very rare circumstances the Regional Director, the Conference Coordinator, the appropriate Chair, and Referee-in-Chief TOGETHER will review such circumstances and make a decision on how this suspension will be served. Any such request to review such a suspension must come to HNS in writing from the President of the player's MHA. All HNS suspensions must be served in a MEANINGFUL manner, consistency and fairness will be critical in making the decisions on these suspensions.

- g. In divisions of U13 and below and Female hockey, a minor penalty shall be assessed any player who, in the opinion of the referee, intentionally body checks, bumps, shoves or pushes an opposing player. A major penalty and game misconduct shall be assessed if such intentional body contact results in injury.
- h. The MINIMUM suspensions listed in this Code of Discipline shall be applied by the appropriate Council official. If such official determines that the offence warrants a suspension other than that listed, he/she shall report same to the Council Discipline Committee complete with his/her recommendation. A player who is playing as an affiliate will serve the suspension with the team he/she is registered with and may not play as an affiliate again until the suspension is served.
- i. Any incident involving a player or coach who receives a suspension of 10 games or more as a result of applied Code of Discipline infractions stemming from one incident, shall be reviewed by a

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committee consisting of the Chair of HNSMC, VP Operations HNS, Chair of Female Council and the Referee-in-Chief of HNS (ex officio) which will determine the final suspension.

- j. The HNS Suspension Coordinator's position is to Receive Incident Reports from Officials, Enter in the Hockey Canada Registry and send notification to the Association Group. Any questions on suspensions should be directed to the Association.

25.5. The onus for control of a team rests with the officials of the team, or any person(s) acting for the designated officials of the team. They are, therefore, responsible for ensuring that, without further notice from anyone, players and/or officials serve the minimum suspensions.

25.6. Failure of officials to ensure that suspensions are served as assessed may result in the suspension of the officials, team, and/or Association from further play, pending review by the President or Designate of the HNS.

25.7. In accordance with Hockey Canada rules, no team official or player may enter the official's dressing room during or after a game on the day of the game.

25.8. Any registered member having been suspended by Hockey Nova Scotia and seeking reinstatement in any capacity shall not be reinstated without the approval of the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Committee.

25.9. Any person placed under suspension shall not be eligible to participate in any event under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey Canada, International Ice Hockey Federation, or any other organization with which Hockey Nova Scotia has a formal agreement.

25.10. Any player suspended in Minor or Minor Female Hockey at the end of a season and is graduating to a higher division within Hockey Nova Scotia must serve his/her remaining suspension at the start of the next regular season scheduled games. The player is allowed to participate in training camps and exhibition games that are part of the tryout process. Once the team is picked the player will not be permitted to play further pre-season exhibition games until his/her suspension has been served.

25.11. The President or designated representative, shall have the power to suspend summarily any player, coach, manager or other team official in minor hockey or female hockey for ungentlemanly conduct on or off the ice, or for abusive language to any game participant before, during or after a game.

25.12. The following policies and/or minimum suspension guidelines of Hockey Nova Scotia are aimed towards ensuring high standards of skill and fair play, integrity and good sportsmanship by HNS member players, coaches and team management.

25.13. Any player or team official who is suspended by their MHA must have the suspension notice come through the HNS Suspension Coordinator. For any suspension dealing with any form of abuse the Suspension Coordinator must copy the Chair of Risk Management. This will ensure that the suspension records of all players and team officials are properly recorded in the suspension records of HNS and can be used for any future disciplinary action.



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ANY GAME MISCONDUCT, GROSS MISCONDUCT OR MATCH PENALTY OCCURRING IN THE LAST TEN (10) MINUTES OF A GAME, WILL RESULT IN AN EXTRA ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION (MINIMUM 2 GAMES).

**See corresponding chart for Major and Match accumulation penalties**

**\* PLEASE NOTE ANY BENCH STAFF RECEIVING A SUSPENSION WHICH INVOLVES A GREEN ARM BAND OFFICIAL, WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL ONE GAME SUSPENSION**

### RULE 11 – MALTREATMENT

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1 game
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	2 games
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	4 games
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	5 games
11.4(f)	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing (any suspension must be at least 5 games).
11.5(c)	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.
Accumulation Sanctions – Player or Team Official			
Rule #	Penalty		Suspension
11.1(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		2 games
11.1(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.1 in a season		Indefinite
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		4 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite suspension
11.2(f)	Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season		Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.
11.4(f)	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season		Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

**CHECKING FROM BEHIND PENALTY SITUATIONS**

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
7.5(a and b)	Minor/Major	Checking from behind Minor or Major	1 <sup>st</sup> Offence - 2 games 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence - 3 games 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence - Indefinite
7.5 (b and c)	Major/Match in Non-Checking Game	Checking from behind Major or Match in Non-checking game	1 <sup>st</sup> Offence - 4 games Subsequent infractions - Suspension doubles each time
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	4 games
<b>Accumulation Sanctions</b>			
In addition to the minimum suspension, a player accumulating 2 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions.			6 games
Any player receiving 3 Match penalties for any of the above infractions.			Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

**MAJOR PENALTY SITUATIONS**

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
7.2(b)	Major	Boarding	2 games
7.3(b)	Major	Body Checking	2 games
7.4(b)	Major	Charging	1 game
7.5 (a)	Major	Checking from behind	See Chart above for CFB infractions
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	2 games
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	1 game
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	1 game
9.3(b)	Major	Slashing	1 game

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Accumulation Sanctions - Player	
Any player receiving 2 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions	2 games
Any player receiving 3 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing
Accumulation Sanctions - Coach	
Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.	1 game
For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.	3 games
For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 penalties in the same game from a Major penalty, Match penalty or fighting infraction.	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

## MATCH PENALTY SITUATIONS

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
7.1(c)	Match	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury <i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.</i>	3 games
7.2(c)	Match	Boarding	3 games
7.3(c)	Match	Body Checking	3 games
7.4(c)	Match	Charging	3 games
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	4 games
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	3 games
8.8(c)	Match	Slew Footing	3 games

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9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	3 games
9.2(c)	Match	Cross Checking	3 games
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	3 games
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	3 games
<b>Accumulation Sanctions</b>			
Any player receiving 2 Match penalties for any of the above infractions			6 games
Any player receiving 3 Match penalties for any of the above infractions.			Indefinite suspension pending a hearing.

## FIGHTING SITUATIONS

Rule #	Penalty	Suspension
7.10(b)	<b>Fighting Major Penalty</b>	
	First Offence	5 games
	Second Offence	10 games
	Third Offence	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing
	Fourth Offence	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing
7.10(e)	Third player in a fight	2 games
7.10(e)	Any player receiving a fighting Major penalty, which is a result of a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play.	2 games
10.4(e)	Player identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	5 games
10.4(e)	Coach of a team whose player is identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games

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10.4(e)	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 game
10.4 (f)	Team Official getting on the ice – Game Misconduct	1st - Indefinite
7.11(a)	<b>Instigator / Aggressor of a Fight</b>	
	First Offense	2 games
	Second Offense	Indefinite Suspension
7.10(b)	<b>Pre/Post Game Altercations</b>	
	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	2 games
	Coach of team whose players are so penalized.	Indefinite suspension
	Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite suspension

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Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
4.7 C	Game Misconduct	Any player who is assessed a second 10 minute misconduct in the same game shall automatically be assessed a game misconduct penalty.	1 game
4.8(c)	Game Misconduct	Any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game.  <i>Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.8(c) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.</i>	1 game

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4.9(b)	Gross Misconduct	<p>Any player or team official who is assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game.</p> <p><i>Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.</i></p>	1 game
4.10	Match penalty	<p>Any player or team official who is assessed a Match penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game.</p> <p><i>Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.</i></p>	1 game

**OTHER**

**\*ANY GAME MISCONDUCT WILL RESULT IN A MINIMUM OF ONE ADDITIONAL GAME SUSPENSION**

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
HC - F22	Hockey Canada Rule	Ineligible Player - Player or Team Official	Three years (falsifying a birth certificate or using an assumed name)
2.2	Hockey Canada Rule	Ineligible Player - Team Official	Five games (using a player unrostered, affiliated or under suspension)
7.2a	Hockey Nova Scotia Rule	Body Checking - Minor Penalty (in a Rec/C level game) *Does not apply to Female hockey	1st - 2min + 10min misconduct 2nd offence same game - 1 game

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10.14 A	Hockey Canada Rule	Fails to return and start play - Team officials	Up to one year
10.14 B	Hockey Canada Rule	Fails to return and start play - Second time in same game	One to one year
10.14 C	Hockey Canada Rule	Fails to present themselves at a game for playoff provincials	Six Games
10.14 D	Hockey Canada Rule	Refusal to leave area after game misconduct assessed.	1st - Indefinite
		Not completing game or series	1st - Indefinite
		Pre-Game or Post Game Incidents where Majors and Game misconducts are assessed	1st - Indefinite
Reg 11.13	Hockey Nova Scotia Regulation	Uncertified Team Official After December 1st	1st Offence -Indefinite until certification is obtained, minimum 5 games [ no interview required  2nd Offence - one year

25.14. 25.14. Pre-Game, between Periods or Post Game Incidents (Junior/Senior)

Fights prior to the start of the game - teams involved will receive an automatic \$500.00 fine plus suspensions, which may occur as a result of review of the incident by the League Disciplinary Committee.

Pre-game warm-up - players are restricted to their half of the ice and must stay there for the duration of the warm-up:

Players who cross or touch the centerline with their skates will be assessed a Minor Penalty.

Players who cross the center ice line to instigate opponents will be assessed a Gross Misconduct Penalty.

Players who instigate opponents anywhere in the pre-game warm-up will be assessed a Gross Misconduct Penalty.

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Note: Players can only enter their opponents half during pre-game warm-up following approval from the Game Official monitoring the warm-up.

Incidents between periods or the end of game - automatic fine of \$500.00 for each team, and if instigator identified, player(s) involved suspended a minimum of five (5) games and coach identified player(s) suspended a minimum of three (3) games, in addition to any other penalties, which may apply.

### 25.15. Line Brawl (Junior/Senior)

- Definition: more than two (2) fights during the same stoppage. As players involved in line brawl suspensions will be:
- Initial fight As per “Hockey Canada Rule 6.7”
- All other players involved Three (3) additional games
- Coach Five (5) additional games pending investigation by league

### 25.16. Involvement with Fans - Players or Team Officials

- Team Official(s) penalized for any incident involving a fan(s)
- Indefinite suspension pending investigation by the League Disciplinary Committee.
- Player(s) penalized for any incident involving with a fan(s)
- Indefinite suspension for a maximum of five (5) games, pending investigation by the League Disciplinary Committee.
- Any Player or Team Official making derogatory remarks in public, or through the media regarding 1) the HNS &/ or representatives, 2) the MINOR COUNCIL &/ or representatives, 3) Hockey Canada &/ or representatives, 4) Governing League &/ or representatives, or 5) Game Officials shall be fined \$200.00.

Note:

- i. Suspensions for regulation 10 (I) represent minimum suspensions. Disciplinary Committee may apply additional suspensions upon review.
- ii. All **players**, coaches or team officials suspended, for any reason, will not be permitted in the dressing room or players area from one hour before game time until one hour after the conclusion of the game. They shall also be seated in an area of the arena as designated by the League or governing body until the suspension has been served. Any violation will result in additional suspension for the coach and a fine of \$1,000.00 to team.



- iii. Definition - “Coach” - Head Coach or his Designate - in the event the Head Coach is under suspension or not present.
- iv. “Fines do not apply for Minor Hockey teams, according to Hockey Canada Rules & Regulations.”
- v. All fines, with the possible exception of that of derogatory remarks (payable to HNS), will be payable to the Governing League.

#### 25.17. Rule 4.6 - Game Misconduct

- 1st Offense - Remainder of the game plus One (1) additional game
- 2nd Offense - Remainder of the game plus Two (2) additional games
- 3rd Offense - Remainder of the game plus Three (3) additional games
- 4th and Subs. - Remainder of the game plus Suspended indefinitely until dealt with by Disciplinary Committee

#### 25.18. Rule 4.8 - Match Penalties

- 1st Offense - Remainder of the game plus Three (3) additional games
- 2nd Offense - Remainder of the game plus Six (6) additional games
- 3rd Offense - Remainder of the game plus Disciplinary Committee

#### 25.19. Incident or Behavior Detrimental to Hockey

Offender shall be automatically suspended from all hockey activities under the jurisdiction of Hockey Canada, HNS and MINOR COUNCIL until dealt with by proper Disciplinary Committee.

Offenses could include, but are not limited to:

- “Playing under suspension”
- “Playing suspended or illegal players” “Removal of team from ice”
- “Travelling without a travel permit”
- “Unacceptable conduct on and off the ice”

#### 25.20. Coaches Registered with 2+ Teams/Leagues

Coaches registered in more than one league must serve their suspension in the league in which they were suspended. In addition, they will not be permitted to coach in any registered league until the suspension is served.

25.21. Registration Suspensions

- A. Any player, Team Official, or Executive Member of a team or Minor Association found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having knowledge of such, shall be indefinitely suspended until dealt with by the HNSMC Executive Committee.
- B. 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.
- C. 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 his 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 his/her suspension.
- D. Any Team or Minor Association Executive Member, proven guilty of having been a party to, or having had such 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.
- E. Any player who refuses to provide reasonable identification as to his person when requested by a Minor/Female Director, or designate, supervising a game, series or any Minor/Female competition, shall be suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years.
- F. Any Team or Minor Association Executive Member who advises a player to conceal his identity once asked by an official of Minor/Female Council shall be automatically suspended for life from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with Hockey Canada.



# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA & MINOR COUNCIL AWARDS

# HOCKEY CANADA. ORDER OF MERIT

At the Hockey Canada's Annual General Meeting in 1960, approval was given to the institution of annual "Hockey Canada Meritorious Awards" to honor those individuals who for many years have served amateur hockey faithfully, having participated as players, served as coaches and association members, and made outstanding contributions to Canadian amateur hockey. The first such awards were made in January and May of 1962.

Award winners will have their names placed on a Roll of Honor and become members of Hockey Canada Order of Merit. The Roll of Honor will be located at a suitable site in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

**The following individuals from Hockey Nova Scotia have been presented with this prestigious award:**

1962 Hanson T. Dowell, Q.C., Middleton, NS	2002 Denny Deveau, Kingston, NS
1967 Judge J. Elliott Hudson, Halifax, NS	2003 Jed Ritcey, Truro, NS
1981 Fred Fox, Lunenburg, NS	2009 Lauchie MacIsaac, Antigonish, NS
1982 Steve MacDonald, Sydney, NS	2012 Don Matheson, Sydney, NS
1988 Ken Mantin, Halifax, NS	2015 Alvin Anstey, Dartmouth, NS

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the highest honor, which may be bestowed by this Association and is to be awarded only for very distinctive services to this Association. Nominations for life membership may be made by the Officers and shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting for approval by a majority vote. Life members shall act in an advisory capacity to the Officers of the Association and are entitled to attend all meetings of the Association, exercising all privileges of the Executive (except where otherwise restricted in the Articles, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules), but shall not be eligible to vote on any issue. Life members shall also be entitled to a life pass, entitling such person to admission to any game or games played under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia.

**The following individuals have been bestowed with the honor of becoming life members of HNS:**

1984 Fred Fox, Lunenburg, NS	2023 Terry Moore Sydney, NS
1994 Ken Mantin, Halifax, NS	2023 Heather Murphy, Antigonish, NS
2002 Dr. Carl "Bucky" Buchanan, Sydney, NS	2023 Garth Isenor, East Hants, NS
2004 Jed Ritcey, Truro, NS	2023 Lauchie MacIsaac, Antigonish, NS
2021 Alvin Anstey, Dartmouth, NS	

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award was instituted in 1988 by Hockey Nova Scotia President, Ken Mantin. The recipient is selected on an annual basis by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia and the award is given to an individual who, in the opinion of the selector, has made a remarkable contribution and has provided outstanding service to amateur hockey throughout Nova Scotia for many years.

## The following have been recipients of the President's Award:

1988 Tony Ivanko, Halifax, NS	2006 Joe Stewart, Antigonish, NS
1989 Eric Thomson, Halifax, NS	2007 Dave Campbell, Timberlea, NS
1990 Charlie Neville, New Waterford, NS	2008 Kevin Mitchell, Halifax, NS
1991 Lynn Hackett, Halifax, NS	2009 Frank Osbourne, Dartmouth, NS
1992 Bob Walker, Dartmouth, NS	2010 Graham Quinn, Sydney, NS
1993 Bill Fraser, Antigonish, NS	2011 Doug Currie, Wentworth, NS
1994 Carl Sheffer, Dartmouth, NS	2012 Alvin Anstey, Dartmouth, NS
1995 Dave Campbell, Timberlea, NS	2013 John Sellers, Tatamagouche, NS
1996 Al Hollingsworth, Lower Sackville, NS	2014 Bob Mayo, Dartmouth, NS
1997 Bill Schipilow, Dartmouth, NS	2015 Ken Boyce, Dartmouth, NS
1998 Wayne MacPherson, Aylesford, NS	2016 Todd Watson, Bedford, NS
1999 Cyril MacInnis, Port Hood, NS	2017 Mike Beamish, Spryfield, NS
2000 Eric MacRae, Sydney, NS	2018 Brian Wentzell, Bridgewater, NS
2001 Don Matheson, Sydney, NS	2019 Jill Saulnier, Halifax NS
2002 John Sellers, Tatamagouche, NS	2020 Heather Murphy, Antigonish, NS
2003 Elizabeth and Phil Herritt, Cole Harbour, NS	2021 Mike Field, Truro, NS
2004 Denny Deveau, Kingston, NS	2022 Christina Lamey, Sydney, NS
2005 Randy Pulsifer, St. Margarets Bay, NS	2023 Kori Cheverie, New Glasgow, NS

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. KEN MANTIN AWARD

This award was established in 1996 and named in honor of long time HNS President, Ken Mantin, to recognize individuals for outstanding contribution to the development of amateur hockey in Nova Scotia at the Provincial Level. Nominees are from the fields of research, sports medicine, psychology, coaching, officiating, administration or related categories. This award is presented annually to those having made outstanding contributions to development of amateur hockey at the provincial level.

## Recipients of this award have been:

1996 Dr. Carl “Bucky” Buchanan, Marion Bridge, NS

1997 Dornie Gillis, Port Hood, NS

1998 Bob Mayo, Dartmouth, NS

1999 Brian Burley, Truro, NS

2000 Jim O’Hearn, Halifax, NS

2001 Chris Donnelly, Dartmouth, NS

2002 Kevin Mitchell, Halifax, NS

2003 Andre Arseneau, Sydney River, NS

2004 John Gallagher, Debert, NS

2005 Paul Murphy, Wolfville, NS

2006 Mike MacDonald, Halifax, NS

2007 Bernie Lawlor, Halifax, NS & Barry Wisener, Cole Harbour, NS

2008 Paul Murphy, Wolfville, NS

2009 Ron Watkins, Musquodoboit Harbour, NS

2010 Karen Decker, Halifax, NS

2011 Troy Ryan, Spryfield, NS

2012 Bill Short, Dartmouth, NS

2013 Tom Lee, Tantallon, NS

2014 Laura Lundquist, Halifax, NS

2015 Randy Morgan, Halifax, NS

2016 Jim Midgley, Halifax, NS

2017 Clary Melanson, Pictou County, NS

2018 Aimee Lee, Halifax, NS & Meredith Waisman, Halifax, NS

2019 Dwayne Murphy, New Glasgow, NS

2020 Shawn MacKenzie, Bedford, NS

2021 Tina Atkinson, Shelburne, NS

2022 Brian MacInnis, Port Hood, NS

2023 Norman Thompson, Lantz, NS

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. CLARY MACDONALD MEMORIAL AWARD (COACH OF THE YEAR)

This award was established by the Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia in recognition of the outstanding service given by the late Clary MacDonald to amateur hockey as a volunteer for many years.

## Recipients of this award have been:

1990 Bob Boucher - Dartmouth Moosehead Mounties Senior AAA Hockey	Exports Brad Crossley - Dartmouth Subways Major Midget AAA
1991 Club Jim Bottomley - Halifax Molson Junior A Canadians Hockey Club	2003 Andy Conrad - Sackville Junior B Blazers
1992 Steve Crowell - Dartmouth AAA Midget Thrifty Car Kings	2004 Paul Currie - Yarmouth Jr A Mariners
1993 Danny Berry - Antigonish Bulldogs Junior A Hockey Club	2005 Steve Crowell, Truro, NS
1994 David Ritcey - Truro Pye Chev-Olds Pee Wee A Bearcats Hockey Club	2006 Craig MacInnis, Port Hood, NS
1995 John Hutchinson - Truro TSN Senior Bearcats Hockey Club	2007 Robert Bisson, Truro, NS
1996 Tom Duffy - Halifax Irving Bantam Hawks Hockey Club	2008 Troy Ryan, Halifax, NS
1997 Bruce Campbell and Ken Tracey - Cape Breton Alpines	2009 Dana MacCarthy, Shelburne, NS
1998 Harry O'Donnell, Derek Ross and Steve Nelson - Cole Harbour	2010 Kirk Tomlinson, Halifax, NS
1999 Bantam AAA Frank Isherwood - Antigonish Bulldogs Midget Females	2011 Paul Mason, Cole Harbour, NS
2000 Brenda Ryan - Esso Senior Women's Team	2012 Paul Gentile, Sydney, NS
2001 Ed Saunders - Cape Breton County MHA Bantam A	2013 Fabio Sani, Halifax, NS
2002 Jim Bottomley - Halifax Junior A Oland	2014 Tim Boyce, Halifax, NS
	2015 Troy Ryan, Halifax, NS
	2016 Derrick Warrington, Queens County, NS
	2017 Kyle MacDonald, Inverness, NS
	2018 Greg MacDonald, Bedford, NS
	2019 Kevin Mitchell, Halifax, NS
	2020 Mitchell Hamilton, Eastern Shore, NS
	2021 Charles Clow, East Hants, NS
	2022 Daryl Babstock, Glace Bay, NS
	2023 Donnie Grant, Antigonish, NS

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. RON CONRAD AWARD (FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR)

The Ron Conrad Award was founded in 1996 by Hockey Nova Scotia and named in honor of HNS Past President, Ron Conrad. This award is presented annually to HNS registered Female Team deemed to have had the most successful season in the past year.

## Recipients of the award have been:

1996 Mabou Bantam Female Team	2011 Dartmouth Atom
1997 NS Under 18 Team	2012 Metro Boston Pizza Midget AAA
1998 Antigonish Bantam Team	2013 Valley Wild Peewee AAA
1999 St. Francis Xavier Senior Women's Team	2014 East Hants Penguins Midget AAA
2000 Antigonish Midget Female Team	2015 Chester Flurries Peewee A
2001 Cape Breton County MHA Bantam AA Female Team	2016 TASA Peewee AA Ducks & Pictou County Peewee AA Selects
2002 Halifax MHA Midget Girls	2017 Colchester Cyclones Female Bantam A
2003 Cole Harbour Bantam Blues	2018 Metro West Force Midget AA
2004 East Hants MHA Peewee Girls	2019 Colchester Atom A Cyclones
2005 Dartmouth Bantam White Girls	2020 Cape Breton Blizzard Atom AA
2006 South Colchester Atom Female	2021 Fundy Highland U13 A Subway Selects & Valley U15 A Wild
2007 Lunenburg Falcons Peewee Girls	2022 Northern Subway Selects (U18 AAA)
2008 Glace Bay Bantam Female Tier I	2023 Team Nova Scotia, 2023 Canada Games
2009 Metro Boston Pizza Midget AAA	
2010 Bedford Bantam AA	



# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. FRED FOX AWARD (MALE TEAM OF THE YEAR)

The Fred Fox Award was founded in 1996 by Hockey Nova Scotia and named in honor of long time HNS President, Fred Fox. The award is presented to HNS registered Male Team who excelled during the past season.

## Recipients of this award have been:

1996 Halifax Irving Hawks Bantam Team	2011 BMO Western Hurricanes Major Bantam
1997 Cape Breton Junior "B" Team	2012 Halifax ACCEL Hawks Major Bantam
1998 Truro TSN Bearcats Senior AAA Team	2013 Bedford Midget AAA Minor
1999 Port Hawkesbury Junior "B" Strait Pirates	2014 Bubba Ray's Gulls Major Bantam
2000 East Hants Midget "AA" Team	2015 Canada Winter Games/QMJHL Excellence Challenge team
2001 Cole Harbour MHA Bantam AAA	2016 East Hants Peewee AAA Penguins
2002 Halifax Oland Exports Jr A	2017 Cape Breton West Islanders Major Midget
2003 Sackville Junior B Blazers	2018 Bedford Blues Peewee AAA
2004 Halifax Hawks MHA Peewee AAA	2019 Dartmouth Whalers Peewee AA
2005 Cole Harbour McCain's Major Midget	2020 South Shore Mustangs Major Midget
2006 Bay Ducks Jr B	2021 Eastern Shore U13 AAA Mariners
2007 Sackville Peewee AAA	2022 Antigonish AA Munro Bulldogs
2008 Cole Harbour Bantam AAA	2023 Yarmouth Mariners, Maritime Hockey League
2009 Antigonish Atom AAA	
2010 Eastern Shore Junior C Mariners	

# HAL LEWIS (OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD)

The Hal Lewis Award was instituted in 1999 in honor of the late Mr. Hal Lewis who was involved for many years with Hockey Nova Scotia and later with Hockey Canada.

To be considered for the award an individual must have been involved as an active official and/or served in an administrative role. The individual must exemplify the standards of both Hockey Canada and HNS. He/she must give back to the officiating program as an instructor, supervisor, or mentor.

## The recipients of the Hal Lewis Award are:

1999 Rick Hill	2012 Gerard MacNeil, Port Hawkesbury, NS
2000 John McLeod	2013 Tim Connors, Williamswood, NS
2001 George Croucher	2014 Nelson Thompson, Truro, NS
2002 Gun Mason	2015 Lloyd Smith, Pictou, NS
2003 John Sellers	2016 Avarid Fahey, Eastern Passage, NS
2004 Allan MacDonald	2017 Brian "Caper" MacDonald, Antigonish, NS
2005 Brad Smith, Tatamagouche, NS	2018 Leo Mroz, Dartmouth, NS
2006 Todd Robinson, Sackville, NS	2019 Adrian Hanna, Cape Breton County, NS
2007 Scott Russell, Kentville, NS	2020 Colin Miller, Cole Harbour, NS
2008 Kent Brewer, North Sydney, NS	2021 Allan Affleck, Sutherlands River, NS
2009 Michael MacDonald, Hammonds Plains, NS	2022 Shauna Neary, Antigonish, NS
2010 Peter MacDonald, New Glasgow, NS	2023 Corey Hayne, Antigonish, NS
2011 Randy Pulsifer, Tantallon, NS	

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. JED RITCEY AWARD (HNS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR)

The Jed Ritcey Award was instituted in 1999 in honor of HNS Past President Jed Ritcey. It recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has contributed to amateur hockey and HNS. Volunteer service may include years of participation, administrative contribution or innovation towards the advancement of amateur hockey. The award is to be presented to an individual who has dedicated himself, (herself), to the ideals of Hockey Canada/HNS and who has worked tirelessly for the improvement of the Association.

## The recipients of the Jed Ritcey Award are:

1999 Lauchie MacIsaac, Antigonish, NS	2012 Terry Moore, Sydney, NS
2000 Wade Taylor, Truro, NS	2013 Devan Naugler, Newcombville, NS
2001 Bill Schipilow, Dartmouth, NS	2014 Arnie Farrell, Antigonish, NS
2002 Alvin Anstey, Halifax, NS	2015 Scott Kennedy, Yarmouth, NS
2003 Denny Deveau, Kingston, N	2016 Ryan Rees, Tatamagouche, NS
2004 Brenda Roos, Lantz, NS	2017 Dave Verge, Cole Harbour, NS
2005 Stephen Clayton, Bridgetown, NS	2018 David Jamael, Sydney, NS
2006 Kevin Mitchell, Halifax, NS	2019 Garth Isenor, Bedford, NS
2007 Donald Matheson, Coxheath, NS	2020 Mark MacIntyre, Cape Breton, NS
2008 Randy Pulsifer, Stillwater Lake, NS	2021 Michel Chiasson, Cheticamp, NS
2009 Barb Rathbun, Bedford, NS	2022 Lisa McCarthy, Halifax, NS
2010 Laurie Dauphinee, Kentville, NS	2023 Margaret Boyle, Antigonish, NS
2011 Grant MacDonald, Eastern Shore, NS	2024 Wayne Fowler, Western Valley MHA

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. FEMALE OFFICIATING AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This award is presented annually to the Female Official who has shown significant promise within the officiating program. The official has shown the initiative to further develop her officiating skills and has been identified as a positive role model within the program.

**The recipients of the Officiating Distinction Award Female are:**

2007 Rachel Devries, Truro, NS

2008 Brittany O'Neill, Lower Sackville, NS

2009 Amy Facey, Halifax, NS

2010 Alison Smith, Dartmouth, NS

2011 Erica Holmes, Halifax, NS

2012 Leslie Jordan, Halifax, NS

2013 Emilee Bendell, Halifax, NS

2014 Caitlyn Sandluck, Thorburn, NS

2015 Morgan Greek, Chester, NS

2016 Shauna Neary, Halifax, NS

2017 Diane Ikeda, Dartmouth, NS

2018 Sophie Thompson, Halifax, NS

2019 Chelsea Thibeau, Antigonish, NS

2020 Miranda MacMillan, Truro, NS

2021 Jane Ogilvie, Truro, NS

2022 Rebecca Mallais, Hammonds Plains, NS

2023 Mykaela Sherry, Truro, NS

2024 Hannah Graham, Judique NS

# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the association who has best demonstrated a strong commitment to the overall development of its players, coaches, officials, administrators, and parents.

**The recipients of the Development Association of the Year are:**

2004 Halifax MHA Pictou County MHA East Kings MHA	2014 Halifax MHA
2005 Chebucto MHA	2015 Antigonish MHA
2006 Cole Harbour MHA Sydney MHA	2016 Sackville MHA
2007 Acadia MHA Cole Harbour MHA	2017 Acadia MHA
2009 Bedford MHA	2018 Shelburne MHA
2010 Dartmouth MHA Bedford MHA Cumberland MHA	2019 TASA MHA
2011 Yarmouth MHA	2020 Dartmouth MHA
2012 Bedford MHA	2021 Strait Richmond MHA
2013 Halifax MHA	2022 No winner
	2023 Eastern Shore MHA

# DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the minor hockey association Development Coordinator who best supports the concept of development at the association level .

**The recipients of the Development Coordinator of the Year are:**

2004 Barry Wisener, Cole Harbour MHA  
2005 Cliff Taylor, Pictou County MHA  
2006 Kim Gray, Sackville MHA  
2007 Graham Burgess, Halifax MHA  
2008 Roger Foster, Chester, NS  
2009 Dave Verge, Dartmouth, NS & Jeff Norrie,  
Dartmouth, NS  
2010 Matt Chitty, Cumberland, NS  
2011 Bobbi MacDonald, Sydney, NS  
2012 Jamie Stone, Bedford, NS  
2013 Paul Keats, Antigonish, NS

2014 Troy Pellerine, Berwick, NS  
2015 Adam Pellerine, Halifax, NS  
2016 Chris Davison, Bedford, NS  
2017 John MacPhee, Groves Point, NS  
2018 Kegin Watt & Andrew Holland, Shelburne, NS  
2019 Brian O'Neill, Glace Bay, NS  
2020 Mike Stewart, Antigonish, NS  
2021 John Kibyuk, Sydney, NS  
2022 Nick Levy, New Minas, NS  
2023 Rebecca Warner, Gaetz Brook, NS  
2024 Sean Donovan, Antigonish NS

# JACQUES COMEAU AWARD (REP COACH OF THE YEAR)

The award is named after Jacques Comeau, a volunteer coach with the Halifax Hawks who passed away in 2014 and is presented to the rep team coach who best demonstrates dedication, respect, and fair play at the minor hockey level, all qualities Jacques was known for.

**The recipients of the Rep Coach of the Year are:**

2005 Brian MacInnis, Port Hood, NS	2015 Alex Johnson, Sydney Mines, NS
2006 Graham Burgess, Halifax, NS	2016 Glenn Cox, Sydney, NS
2007 Fred MacEachern, Inverness, NS	2017 Bryan Smith, Antigonish, NS
2008 Craig Chisholm, Antigonish, NS	2018 Robbie Sinclair, Glace Bay, NS
2009 Andrew Holland, Barrington, NS	2019 Kyle Schmeisser, Bedford, NS
2010 Kevin Aucoin, Truro, NS	2020 Chris MacKinnon, Truro, NS & Brent MacEachern, Port Hood, NS
2011 Darren MacDonald, Port Hood, NS	2021 Dante Manuel, Chebucto MHA
2012 Wayne Normore, Halifax, NS	2022 Tim Dauphinee, Halifax MHA
2013 Jimmy Smith, Sydney, NS	2023 Kyle MacLennan, Weeks U18 Majors
2014 John Cunningham, Upper Tantallon, NS	

# HOCKEY CANADA. OFFICIATING PROGRAM BRANCH AWARDS

The Hockey Canada Officiating Branch Awards are presented annually to the Most Promising, Most Improved and Most Deserving Official in the Branch. The guidelines established for these awards are as follows:

## Most Promising:

A young official in their first, second or third year of officiating as being the best rookie.

2000 Jonathan McIsaac, Truro, NS	2012 Dave Ivey, North Sydney, NS
2001 Jeff Lynch, Westville, NS	2013 Drake Robinson, Timberlea, NS
2002 Dan Donovan, Glace Bay, NS	2014 Colin Delorey, Antigonish, NS
2003 Ben Dupuis, Dartmouth, NS	2015 Madison Grace, New Waterford, NS
2004 Jay Inkpan, Dartmouth, NS	2016 Jonathan Boutin, Dartmouth, NS
2005 Chantelle Ervanowitz, Halifax, NS	2017 Dante Coulter, Tatamagouche, NS
2006 Kevin Arsenault, Dartmouth, NS	2018 Miranda McMillan, Truro, NS
2007 Ryan Oakley, Sydney, NS	2019 Scott Morrison
2008 Joel Simms, Brooklyn, NS	2020 Adam Culbert, Bridgewater, NS
2009 Andy Fleck, Stillwater Lake, NS	2021 Jake Leslie, Musquodoboit, NS
2010 Brett Boyce, Dartmouth, NS	2022 Justin Blanchard, Upper Tantallon, NS
2011 Liam Wadden, Lake of the Woods, NS	2023 Liam Ferguson, Dartmouth, NS

## Most Improved:

The official who has shown the most improvement within their officiating caliber of hockey. This is not necessarily the best official but the one who has progressed the most through their attendance at clinics, seminars and on-ice efforts.

2000 Tina Berardo, Halifax, NS	2008 John MacDonnell, Antigonish, NS
2001 Stephen Starzomski, Clydesdale, NS	2009 Kevin Arsenault, Dartmouth, NS
2002 Nick Joseph, Sydney, NS	2010 Stephen Clarke, Parrsboro, NS
2003 Sheila MacKinnon, Sackville, NS	2011 Donnelly Archibald, Aspen, NS
2004 Michael Babis, Ellershouse, NS	2012 Colin Delorey, Antigonish, NS
2005 Phil Power, Halifax, NS	2013 Nick Conway, Seabright, NS
2006 Colin Miller, Dartmouth, NS	2014 Adam Aldred, West Pubnico, NS
2007 Ryan Normore, Bedford, NS	2015 Dylan Dauphinee, Kentville, NS



## HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA & MINOR COUNCIL AWARDS

2016 Matt Mroz, Dartmouth, NS  
2017 Travis Parrell, Amherst, NS  
2018 Sam Currie, Debert, NS  
2019 Nathan Livingston, Glace Bay, NS  
2020 Quentin Knock, Amherst, NS

2021 Pierre-Olivier Couture, Hammonds Plains, NS  
2022 Chad O'Neill, Glace Bay, NS  
2023 Hannah Graham, Judique, NS

### Most Deserving:

The official who is rated on their own officiating skills and what they put back into the Branch/Division.

2000 Shaun Mills, Amherst, NS  
2001 Dave Lothead, Westville, NS  
2002 Chris Brown, North Sydney, NS  
2003 Ron McNeil, Lawrencetown, NS  
2004 Brad Smith, Tatamagouche, NS  
2005 Michael MacDonald, Halifax, NS  
2006 Tom Porter, Oxford, NS  
2007 Gary Clarke, Springhill, NS  
2008 Nelson Thompson, Truro, NS  
2009 Gerald Chaisson, Cheticamp, NS  
2010 Willie Murphy, Port Hood, NS  
2011 Brian MacDonald, Antigonish, NS  
2012 Tim Connors, Halifax, NS

2013 Stephen Starzomski, Antigonish, NS  
2014 Corey Hayne, Antigonish, NS  
2015 Colin Miller, Cole Harbour, NS  
2016 John Gallant, Yarmouth, NS  
2017 Craig Sloan, Amherst, NS  
2018 Jason Clark, Cole Harbour, NS  
2019 Adam Aldred, West Pubnico, NS  
2020 Nathan Cormier, Antigonish, NS  
2021 Shauna Neary, Antigonish, NS  
2022 Ryan Walker, Bridgewater, NS  
2023 David Silver, Lunenburg, NS  
2024 Josh Tannahill, Amherst NS

# HNSMC HOCKEY CANADA. AWARD OF MERIT

Each year the Officers and Members of the HNSMC search the province for deserving recipients of this award. The award, considered the most prestigious that a person in minor hockey can receive, has only been presented 34 times in its 18-year history and only to persons who have made a significant contribution to minor hockey in Nova Scotia.

**The HNSMC is proud to have had the following individuals such as these associated with its program:**

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| 1979 Fred Fox Lunenburg, NS   | 1991 Robert MacIsaac, Glace Bay, NS & Ken Millar, Canso, NS & Wallace Deveau, Cole Harbour, NS            |
| 1980 Roy Maltby Amherst, NS Charles Wentzell, Brooklyn, NS  | 1992 Gene Nurse, Dartmouth, NS & Blair MacPhee, Glace Bay, NS   |
| 1981 Pauline Stanick, Sackville, NS & Irvine MacKie, Port Hawkesbury, NS                            | 1993 John Rhynold, Halifax, NS  |
| 1982 John Sellers, Tatamagouche, NS & Richard Hines, Newport, NS                                    | 1995 Hughie Smith, Antigonish, NS & Ron Whiting, Cole Harbour, NS & Roger Gouchie, Amherst, NS            |
| 1983 Frank MacGibbon, Antigonish, NS & Albert Peppard, Middleton, NS                                | 1996 Colin MacGillivray, Antigonish, NS & Clint Lettice, Sydney Mines, NS & Sharon Johnson, Kentville, NS |
| 1984 Walter Maltby, Amherst, NS & Gerry Kilbride, Dartmouth, NS                                     | 1997 Don Matheson, Sydney, NS   |
| 1985 Clary Mullane, Cole Harbour, NS & Courtney Malcom, Trenton, NS                                 | 1998 Charles Locke, Sydney, NS & Dennis Irwin, Cole Harbour, NS   |
| 1986 Ed Hornsby, Dartmouth, NS & Arne Jollimore, Liverpool, NS                                      | 1999 Bill Dowell, Greenwood, NS   |
| 1987 Cliff Pottie, Halifax, NS  | 2002 Bernie Lawlor, Halifax, NS   |
| 1988 Percy Leyte, Sydney Mines, NS & Ardene Crowe, Springhill, NS & Carol O'Neill, Lawrencetown, NS | 2004 Terry Moore, Sydney, NS  |
| 1989 Clary MacDonald, Halifax, NS & R.E. (Bud) Kimball, Windsor, NS                                 | 2005 Laurie Carr, Cole Harbour, NS  |
| 1990 Mike Martin, Halifax, NS   | 2006 Dave Duncan, Wolfville, NS   |
|   | 2008 Laurie Isenor, Dutch Settlement, NS  |
|   | 2010 Ken Boyce, Dartmouth, NS   |
|   | 2013 Mark Chisholm, Antigonish, NS  |
|   | 2014 Tom Kiely, Antigonish, NS  |

# HNSMC LAUCHIE MACISAAC AWARD

The Lauchie MacIsaac Award was established by the HNSMC Board of Director's in 1987. It is presented annually to associations and/or leagues that have achieved outstanding success or progress in the administration of minor hockey during that year.

**Dedication, hard work and cooperation are the qualities that are used as criteria in determining winners of this award.**

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| 1988 Truro and District Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Bob Taylor  | 2003 Halifax Minor Hockey Association President:<br>Donna Goguen                 |
| 1989 Nova Scotia Minor Junior League Colchester<br>Minor Hockey Association President: Gay Pottie<br>DoadyHazelton | 2004 Central Inverness Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Lawrence MacLellan |
| 1990 Clare Minor Hockey Association President:<br>Gary Patterson   | 2005 South Colchester Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Sherry Budd         |
| 1991 Cornwallis Minor Hockey Association<br>President: W. R. Dobson  | 2006 Bedford Minor Hockey Association<br>Registrar: Exie Sciocchetti             |
| 1992 Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Terry Degen  | 2007 CB Island AAA League President: Graham<br>Quinn                             |
| 1993 Pictou County Hockey Association<br>President: Ed Doucette  | 2008 Central Minor Hockey Federation President:<br>Peter Bugden                  |
| 1994 South Colchester Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Eric Simms  | 2009 South Shore Minor Hockey Association<br>President:                          |
| 1995 Dartmouth Whalers Hockey Association<br>President: Geoff Howell   | 2010 Annapolis Valley MHL President:   |
| 1996 Cape Breton County Minor Hockey<br>Association President: Paul Crane  | 2011 Glace Bay MHA President: James Edwards                                      |
| 1997 Tatamagouche Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Lee Briggs  | 2012 Dartmouth Whalers MHA President:  |
| 1999 Trail Minor Hockey Association President:<br>Cyril Camus  | 2013 South Shore MHA President: Mike Conklin                                     |
| 2000 Sydney Mines Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Fred Howard   | 2014 Northside and District MHA President:<br>Gordie McGean                      |
| 2001 Bridgewater Minor Hockey Association<br>President: Jim Whynot   | 2015 Chebucto MHA President: Mike Beamish  |
|  | 2016 Western Nova MHL/Mainland League<br>President: Leo Stacey                   |
|  | 2017 NS Midget X Winter League President: Todd<br>Watson                         |
|  | 2018 Annapolis Valley MHL President: Sean<br>Edwards                             |

## HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA & MINOR COUNCIL AWARDS

2019 Bedford MHA President: Jason Hale

2020 West Colchester MHA President: Alan Porter

2021 Nova Scotia U13 AAA Hockey League  
President: Sean Leslie

2022 Halifax Hawks MHA President: Craig  
Robinson

2023 Nova Scotia U16 AAA Hockey League  
President: Jamie Stone

# HNSMC REGISTRAR'S AWARD

The Registrar's Award was established in 1983 to recognize an Association for its cooperation, preciseness, efficiency, and expediency to ensure that all eligible members within that Association are duly registered and that all registration cards are in proper order and forwarded to the Director of Operations.

1994 West Hants Wendall Davison

1995 Eastern Shore Dave Smith

1996 Sackville Wade Sturge

1997 CB County Susan Ferguson

1998 Dartmouth Jim Connors

1999 Chebucto Sandra Armswothry

2000 Lunenburg MHA Donna Silver

2001 Glace Bay MHA Charlene Keylor

2002 Truro MHA Marion Manuel

2003 Cole Harbour MHA Dan Miller

2004 East Kings MHA David Duncan

2005 TASA MHA Dan Dyer

2006 Western Valley Karen Gorman

2007 Strait MHA Joan Burke

2008 CB County Pam Reid

2009 Halifax Tony MacAdam

2010 Margaree Isadore Murphy

2011 Acadia Burnadette Bishop

2012 Northside and District Carla Carmichael

2013 TASA Robin Beaton

2014 Glace Bay MHA Tracey Hanrahan

2015 Eastern Shore MHA Deanna Baker

2016 East Hants MHA Anita Williams

2017 Pictou County MHA Carla King

2018 Dartmouth MHA Beth MacMullin

2019 Sydney MHA Irene Ferguson

2020 Eastern Shore MHA Janie Conrad

2021 Matt Oxford, Bedford Blues MHA

2022 Eric Tufts, Nova Scotia U15 Major Hockey  
League

2023 Tanya Rafuse, Western Valley MHA

# HNSMC AWARD OF MERIT

Each year the Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council search the province for deserving recipients of this award. The award considered the most prestigious that a person in Minor Hockey can receive has been presented to a person who has made a significant contribution to Minor Hockey in Nova Scotia.

1997 Jim Cummings, Central Inverness & Bill Cooper, Inverness

1999 Billy Doucet, Trail & Donnie Stewart, Antigonish, NS

2000 Loren Cushing, Yarmouth, NS & Bob Dulhanty, Dartmouth, NS & Brian Halliday, Sydney Mines, NS

2001 Bill Church, Chester, NS & Brian Trask, Yarmouth, NS & Bob Vair, Truro, NS & Doug Taylor, Dartmouth, NS

2002 Laurie Carr, Cole Harbour, NS

2003 Norm Keeping, Sydney Mines, NS & Ron White, New Waterford, NS

2004 Fred MacNeil, Strait-Richmond, NS

2005 Doug Curry, Cumberland, NS & Grant Veinot, West Hants, NS

2006 Randy Hussey, West Hants, NS

2007 Doug Eaton, Kentville, NS

2008 Brad MacKinley, Marion Bridge, NS

2009 Paul Baxter, Bedford, NS & Paul Mason, Cole Harbour, NS & Tom Lee, Fergusons Cove, NS

2010 Kim Gray Sackville, NS

2011 Kathy Latour CB Island AAA League

2012 Paul MacEachern, Dartmouth, NS & Joe Peck

2013 Jeff Lynds, & Trisha MacInnes, Truro, NS & Shelly Syms, Glace Bay, NS

2014 Laurie Carr Cole Harbour, NS

2015 Max Field, Sydney, NS & Kevin Sears Lower Sackville, NS

2016 Bob Hillier, Antigonish, NS

2017 Fred Howard, Florence, NS

2018 Ginnie Clark, Dartmouth, NS

2019 Mary-Lou Paetznick, Timberlea, NS & Gerald Green, Stellarton, NS

2020 Allan Matheson, Aberdeen, NS

2021 James Edwards, Glace Bay

2022 Marc Blinn, Church Point, NS

2023 Jamie Leblanc, Halifax, NS

# HNSMC OUTHIE MORIARITY AWARD

The Outhie Moriarity Memorial Award was established in 1988 by the estate of the late Outhie Moriarity. Mr. Moriarity was an avid minor hockey fan who usually could be found at one minor hockey rink or another in the Halifax/Dartmouth area watching the kids playing the game. He had a particular fondness of House League hockey. The award honoring him is presented annually to the house league player who most epitomizes the objectives of minor hockey through dedication, responsibility and reliability.

## The winners of that award have been:

1989 Jerrett MacKay, Dartmouth, NS  
1990 Aaron Beck Cole, Harbour, NS  
1991 Michael Hubley, Cole Harbour, NS  
1992 Adam Home, East Hants, NS  
1993 Jamie Brace-Gridle, Eastern Shore, NS  
1994 Miranda Withrow, East Hants, NS  
1995 Sara Dahm, Dartmouth, NS  
1996 Jason Lockyer, Cole Harbour, NS  
1997 Patrick Connors, Dartmouth, NS  
1998 Andrew Whychyn, Eastern Shore, NS  
1999 Matthew Myers, East Hants, NS  
2000 Chris Pierce, Cole Harbour, NS  
2001 Jason Johnson, Dartmouth, NS  
2002 Clary MacKinnon, Milford, NS  
2003 Aaron Dunbrack, Jeddore, NS  
2004 Evan Nowlan, Cole Harbour, NS  
2005 Scott Foote, Dartmouth, NS  
2006 Kale Burbine, East Hants, NS

2007 Aaron Hoyt, Sackville, NS  
2008 Meghan McTiernon, Bedford, NS  
2009 Connor Stubbert, Dartmouth, NS  
2010 Patrick Maskell, Chezzecook, NS  
2011 Matty ``McLovin`` McClusky, Cole Harbour, NS  
2012 Shawn Bates, East Hants, NS  
2013 Luke Burke, Halifax, NS  
2014 Aidan Nickerson Ring, Sackville, NS  
2015 Brandon Purcell, Cole Harbour, NS  
2016 Keigan O'Grady, Eastern Shore, NS  
2017 Ethan MacCarthy, Stillwater Lake, NS  
2018 Aidan MacKinley, Dartmouth, NS  
2019 Lauchlin McManus, TASA, NS  
2020 Kyle Orychock, Bedford, NS  
2021  
2022  
2023

# DENNY DEVEAU AWARD

The Denny Deveau Award was instituted in 2004 in honor of HNS Past President Denny Deveau. This annual award is presented by Hockey Nova Scotia in recognition of an individual for outstanding leadership and contribution to the advancement of Female hockey in Nova Scotia. Nominees originate from the fields of coaching, officiating, research and administration.

2004 Binney Leslie, Halifax, NS

2005 Lynn Hackett, Bedford, NS

2006 Cheryl French, Truro, NS

2007 Stephen Murray, Cole Harbour, NS

2008 Mike Zelman, Eastern Shore & Patty Perrot,  
Greenwood, NS

2009 Marie Normore, Bedford, NS

2010 Andre Arseneau, Sydney River, NS

2011 Terry French, Bible Hill, NS

2012 Trish Fader, Dartmouth, NS

2013 Heather Murphy, Antigonish, NS

2014 Barry Wiesner, Cole Harbour, NS

2015 Brian MacPhee, Cole Harbour, NS

2016 John Weatherbie, Hammonds Plains, NS

2017 Sueann Musick, Pictou County, NS

2018 Jamie Green, Lunenburg, NS

2019 Peter Twohig, Halifax, NS

2020 Christina Lamey, Cape Breton FHA

2021 Mackenzie Wright, Quad County FHA

2022 Lewis MacLellan and Mark MacIntyre, Quad  
County FHA

2023 Chris Hayes, Western Riptide FHA

# HNSFC AWARD OF MERIT

In 2008 The Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council put in place an Award of Merit. This award will be presented by the Female Council in recognition of a deserving individual who has made a significant impact in promoting Female Hockey in Nova Scotia. This is a very prestigious award and Female Council will accept nominations from all areas of Female Hockey including players, coaches, administration, volunteers etc.

2008 Olivia Hodder, Mineville, NS & Taylor Eisan  
Porters Lake, NS  
2009 Chuck Linney Amherst, NS  
2010 Barry Wisener Cole Harbour, NS  
2011 Todd Watson Bedford, NS  
2012 James Edwards Glace Bay, NS  
2013 Jodi Tsitouras Halifax, NS  
2014 Les Parker Shubenacadie, NS  
2015 Greg Burrows Pictou County, NS  
2016 Mike Chapman, Chester, NS

2017 JoAnn Kini, Yarmouth, NS  
2018 Mike Perrin, Dartmouth, NS  
2019 Kevin Bennett, Kentville, NS  
2020 Dan McMullen, South Conference  
Coordinator, HNS Female Council  
2021 Tim Clayton (Western/Nova RD)  
2022 Craig Clarke, Northern Subway Selects  
2023 Josanne Deveau, Western Riptide FHA  
2024 Peter Giles, Metro West FHA

# HNS AWARD OF MERIT

The HNS Award of Merit is presented to an individual who has served hockey faithfully over many years, participating in any capacity (player, coach, official, manager, trainer, volunteer etc.). Through their service, the individual has made a significant contribution to the game, its players, coaches, officials or volunteers.

The HNS Award of Merit can be, but is not necessarily, awarded annually. The recipient is selected by the HNS Board of Directors. Individuals may be nominated by HNS Board, Council and Staff members.

2009 Lionel Jackson Halifax, NS  
2011 John Brophy Antigonish, NS  
2012 Pat Connolly Halifax, NS  
2013 Phil Herritt Cole Harbour, NS  
2014 Wilf Jackson Dartmouth, NS  
2015 Robert MacIsaac Sydney, NS  
2016 Denny White Halifax, NS  
2017 Tom Myketyan, Dartmouth, NS

2018 Heather Murphy, Antigonish, NS  
2019 Peter Mowat, Halifax, NS  
2020 Jamie Blair, West Colchester, NS & Dean  
Smith, Chebucto  
2021  
2022  
2023



## HNS ADULT REC AWARD

The HNS Adult Rec Award is presented annually to an individual who has devoted many years to the delivery, development, and growth of Adult Rec hockey, through organizing, delivering and administration of the game. Nominees must be involved with leagues, groups or teams registered with HNS and must be nominated through the regular HNS award process.

2008/09 Bob Dowling, Halifax, NS

2009/10 Paddy White, Halifax, NS

2013/14 Richie Warren (Vince Ryan Memorial Tournament) Sydney, NS

## RBC-HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA ACADEMIC/ ATHLETIC AWARD

2011-12 Danielle Eustace Sackville, NS

2012-13 Nicholas Graham Timberlea, NS

2013-14 Jenna McNamara Hammonds Plains, NS

2014-15 Charles Young Whycocomagh, NS

2015-16 Daniel Reid Sydney, NS

2016-17 Nathan Livingston Glace Bay, NS



# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

# MINOR U11 AAA

1975-76	SEDMHA	2007-08	Halifax
1976-77	Whitney Pier	2008-09	Halifax
1977-78	Strait Area	2009-10	Truro
1978-79	Centennial	2010-11	Dartmouth
1979-80	SEDMHA	2011-12	Acadia
1980-81	Antigonish	2012-13	TASA
1981-82	Strait Area	2013-14	TASA
1982-83	SEDMHA		
1983-84	Antigonish		
1984-85	Antigonish		
1985-86	Pictou County		
1986-87	Pictou County		
1987-88	Pictou County		
1988-89	Bedford		
1989-90	Pictou County		
1990-91	Cole Harbour		
1991-92	Cole Harbour		
1992-93	Halifax		
1993-94	Hants		
1994-95	Pictou County		
1995-96	East Hants		
1996-97	Kentville		
1997-98	Cole Harbour		
1998-99	Dartmouth		
1999-00	Cole Harbour		
2000-01	Halifax		
2001-02	Sydney		
2002-03	Halifax		
2003-04	Bedford		
2004-05	Sackville		
2005-06	Halifax		
2006-07	Halifax		

# MINOR U11 AA

1975-76	Truro	2007-08	West Hants
1976-77	Stellarton	2008-09	Strait-Richmond
1977-78	Windsor	2009-10	TASA
1978-79	Eastern Shore	2010-11	TASA
1979-80	Kentville	2011-12	Bedford
1980-81	Amherst	2012-13	Halifax
1981-82	New Glasgow	2013-14	Halifax
1982-83	Bridgewater	2014-15	Pictou County
1983-84	New Glasgow	2015-16	Antigonish
1984-85	Newport	2016-17	West Hants
1985-86	Newport	2017-18	Glace Bay
1986-87	Glace Bay	2018-19	Acadia Axemen
1987-88	Colchester County	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Port Hood	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	New Waterford	2021-22	Sackville Flyers
1990-91	Kentville	2022-23	Cape Breton West Islanders
1991-92	Cole Harbour	2023-24	Cape Breton County Islanders
1992-93	Pictou County		
1993-94	Cape Breton County		
1994-95	Pictou County		
1995-96	West Hants		
1996-97	Yarmouth		
1997-98	West Hants		
1998-99	Sydney Mines		
1999-00	Shelburne County		
2000-01	South Colchester		
2001-02	Eastern Shore		
2002-03	Cole Harbour		
2003-04	Eastern Shore		
2004-05	Dartmouth		
2005-06	Yarmouth		
2006-07	Bedford		

# MINOR U11A

1975-76	Herring Cove	2007-08	Bedford
1976-77	Eastern Shore	2008-09	South Shore
1977-78	Baddeck	2009-10	New Waterford
1978-79	Greenwood	2010-11	Dartmouth
1979-80	Greenwood	2011-12	TASA
1980-81	Sydney Mmes	2012-13	Halifax
1981-82	Shelburne	2013-14	Halifax
1982-83	Port Hood	2014-15	South Shore
1983-84	Trail	2015-16	East Hants
1984-85	Middleton	2016-17	Glace Bay
1985-86	Middleton	2017-18	South Shore
1986-87	Springhill	2018-19	South Shore Lumberjacks
1987-88	Trail	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Inverness	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Trail	2021-22	Strait Pirates
1990-91	Queens County	2022-23	Yarmouth County Mariners
1991-92	Yarmouth County	2023-24	Cole Harbour Wings
1992-93	Antigonish		
1993-94	North Sydney		
1994-95	Shelburne		
1995-96	Western Valley		
1996-97	Lunenburg		
1997-98	Tatamagouche		
1998-99	Trail		
1999-00	North Sydney		
2000-01	Cape Breton County		
2001-02	Trail		
2002-03	Kentville		
2003-04	TASA		
2004-05	Bedford		
2005-06	Bedford		
2006-07	Shelburne		

# MINOR U11 B

1996-97	Western Valley
1997-98	Dartmouth
1998-99	Baddeck
1999-00	Pictou County
2000-01	Pictou County
2001-02	Central Inverness
2002-03	Bedford
2003-04	Canso
2004-05	Pictou County (Trenton)
2005-06	Bedford
2006-07	Bedford
2007-08	Chebucto
2008-09	Tatamagouche
2009-10	Queens County
2010-11	TASA
2011-12	Halifax
2012-13	TASA
2013-14	Halifax
2014-15	Eastern Shore
2015-16	Bedford
2016-17	Queens County
2017-18	Bedford Blue
2018-19	Clare-Digby Ravens
2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2021-22	Cole Harbour Wings
2022-23	Cole Harbour Wings
2023-24	TASA Ducks Black

# MINOR U13 AAA

1970-71	Amherst	2001-02	Cole Harbour
1971-72	Whitney Pier	2002-03	Cole Harbour
1972-73	Strait Area	2003-04	Halifax
1973-74	Whitney Pier	2004-05	Sackville
1974-75	SEDMHA	2005-06	Bedford
1975-76	Greenwood	2006-07	Sackville ***
1976-77	Antigonish	2007-08	Halifax ***
1977-78	Whitney Pier	2008-09	Halifax
1978-79	Cape Breton County	2009-10	Halifax
1979-80	SEDMHA	2010-11	Bedford
1980-81	Antigonish	2011-12	Bedford ***
1981-82	Cole Harbour	2012-13	Truro
1982-83	Dartmouth	2013-14	Antigonish
1983-84	Cole Harbour	2014-15	TASA
1984-85	Antigonish	2015-16	East Hants
1985-86	Sackville	2016-17	Pictou County
1986-87	Dartmouth	2017-18	Bedford
1987-88	Antigonish	2018-19	Bedford Blues ***
1988-89	Cole Harbour	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Dartmouth	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1990-91	Bedford	2021-22	Pictou County Crushers
1991-92	Cole Harbour	2022-23	Pictou County Crushers ***
1992-93	Cole Harbour ***	2023-24	Chebucto Atlantics
1993-94	Truro		
1994-95	Halifax		
1995-96	West Hants ***		
1996-97	Cole Harbour		
1997-98	Cole Harbour		
1998-99	Cole Harbour ***		
1999-00	Cole Harbour ***		
2000-01	East Hants		

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# MINOR U13 AA

1973-74	Bridgewater	2005-06	Sackville
1974-75	Wolfville	2006-07	Eastern Shore
1975-76	Windsor	2007-08	Bedford
1976-77	Windsor	2008-09	Chebucto
1977-78	New Glasgow	2009-10	West Hants
1978-79	Stellarton	2010-11	Dartmouth
1979-80	Pictou	2011-12	TASA
1980-81	Canning	2012-13	Halifax
1981-82	New Glasgow	2013-14	Chebucto
1982-83	Amherst	2014-15	TASA
1983-84	Amherst	2015-16	TASA
1984-85	Amherst	2016-17	Pictou County
1985-86	Trail	2017-18	Cumberland County
1986-87	Northside	2018-19	Bedford Blues Blue
1987-88	Pictou County	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Greenwood	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Colchester County	2021-22	Pictou County Crushers
1990-91	Amherst	2022-23	Yarmouth County Mariners
1991-92	New Waterford	2023-24	Pictou County Crushers
1992-93	Dartmouth		
1993-94	Halifax		
1994-95	Pictou County		
1995-96	Pictou County		
1996-97	Pictou County		
1997-98	West Hants		
1998-99	Glace Bay		
1999-00	Cole Harbour		
2000-01	Sydney Mines		
2001-02	Cumberland County		
2002-03	West Hants		
2003-04	West Hants		
2004-05	West Hants		



# MINOR U13A

1972-73	Queen's County	2004-05	Halifax
1973-74	Queen's County	2005-06	TASA
1974-75	New Waterford	2006-07	CB West (Port Hood)
1975-76	Sydney	2007-08	Shelburne
1976-77	Bridgetown	2008-09	South Shore (Chester)
1977-78	South Colchester	2009-10	Bedford
1978-79	Canning	2010-11	Chebucto
1979-80	Sydney Mines	2011-12	Acadia
1980-81	Sydney Mines	2012-13	Dartmouth
1981-82	Baddeck	2013-14	Sackville
1982-83	South Colchester	2014-15	Northside
1983-84	Berwick	2015-16	Northside
1984-85	Shelburne	2016-17	Halifax
1985-86	Richmond	2017-18	Bedford
1986-87	Trail	2018-19	Yarmouth Mariners
1987-88	Pictou County	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Sydney Mines	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Sydney Mines	2021-22	TASA Ducks
1990-91	Antigonish	2022-23	Western Valley Spartans
1991-92	Antigonish	2023-24	Glace Bay Miners
1992-93	Antigonish		
1993-94	Western Valley		
1994-95	Clare		
1995-96	Eastern Shore		
1996-97	Cole Harbour		
1997-98	Glace Bay		
1998-99	Lunenburg		
1999-00	East Hants		
2000-01	Trail		
2001-02	New Waterford		
2002-03	Kentville		
2003-04	Glace Bay		

# MINOR U13 B

1988-89	Canso	2021-22	New Waterford Sharks
1989-90	Baddeck	2022-23	South Shore Lumberjacks
1990-91	Oxford	2023-24	New Waterford Sharks
1991-92	Steel City		
1992-93	Western Valley		
1996-97	Dartmouth		
1997-98	Pictou County		
1998-99	Clare		
1999-00	Pictou County		
2000-01	Pictou County		
2001-02	East Kings		
2002-03	Pictou County		
2003-04	Central Inverness		
2004-05	CB West (Inverness)		
2005-06	Bedford		
2006-07	Bedford		
2007-08	CB West		
2008-09	CB West		
2009-10	Pictou County		
2010-11	CB West		
2011-12	Halifax		
2012-13	Dartmouth		
2013-14	TASA		
2014-15	Bedford		
2015-16	Cole Harbour		
2016-17	Halifax		
2017-18	Bedford White		
2018-19	TASA Ducks Black		
2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic		
2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic		

# MINOR U15 AAA

1970-71	Amherst
1971-72	North Sydney
1972-73	Greenwood
1973-74	Antigonish
1974-75	Shannon
1975-76	Dartmouth
1976-77	Greenwood
1977-78	Greenwood
1978-79	Greenwood
1979-80	Whitney Pier
1980-81	Cape Breton County
1981-82	Centennial
1982-83	Cole Harbour
1983-84	SEDMHA ***
1984-85	Pictou County
1985-86	Pictou County
1986-87	Pictou County ***
1987-88	Dartmouth
1988-89	Pictou County
1989-90	Pictou County ***
1990-91	Halifax
1991-92	Antigonish
1992-93	Pictou County
1993-94	Pictou County
1994-95	Kentville
1995-96	Halifax ***
1996-97	Western Valley
1997-98	Cole Harbour
1998-99	Pictou County
1999-00	Halifax
2000-01	Cole Harbour ***
2001-02	Halifax

2002-03	West Hants
2003-04	Halifax
2004-05	Pictou County ***
2005-06	Truro
2006-07	Truro
2007-08	Cole Harbour ***
2008-09	Halifax ***
2009-10	Halifax

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# MAJOR U15

2010-11	Halifax ACCEL Hawks
2011-12	Bubba Ray's Gulls *** (Host Halifax wins Atlantic)
2012-13	Halifax ACCEL Hawks
2013-14	Bubba Ray's Gulls ***
2014-15	Nova Jr. X-Men ***
2015-16	Landworks Gulls
2016-17	All Credit Auto Rangers
2017-18	Landworks Gulls
2018-19	The Gulls (ACCEL Hawks won Atlantic; Gulls hosted Atlantic)
2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2021-22	The Rangers
2022-23	The Gulls
2023-24	Bedford Bandits

# MINOR U15 AA

1972-73	Timberlea	2004-05	Pictou County
1973-74	Rockingham	2005-06	Dartmouth
1974-75	Rockingham	2006-07	Cole Harbour
1975-76	Rockingham	2007-08	Halifax
1976-77	Sydney	2008-09	Sackville
1977-78	Sydney	2009-10	West Hants
1978-79	Amherst	2010-11	Cole Harbour
1979-80	New Glasgow	2011-12	Yarmouth
1980-81	Centennial	2012-13	Sydney
1981-82	Amherst	2013-14	Sackville
1982-83	Thorburn	2014-15	Cole Harbour
1983-84	Springhill	2015-16	Bedford
1984-85	Northside	2016-17	Acadia
1985-86	Glace Bay	2017-18	Acadia
1986-87	Glace Bay	2018-19	Halifax Hawks
1987-88	Glace Bay	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Sydney Mines	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Cole Harbour	2021-22	Glace Bay Miners
1990-91	Dartmouth	2022-23	Antigonish Bulldogs
1991-92	Cole Harbour	2023-24	Halifax Hawks
1992-93	Cole Harbour		
1993-94	Halifax		
1994-95	Cole Harbour		
1995-96	Halifax		
1996-97	Pictou County		
1997-98	Western Valley		
1998-99	Shelburne		
1999-00	Shelburne		
2000-01	Shelburne		
2001-02	Antigonish		
2002-03	Bedford		
2003-04	Antigonish		

# MINOR U15 A

1972-73	Digby	2004-05	Dartmouth
1973-74	Halifax	2005-06	TASA
1974-75	Halifax	2006-07	CB West (Cheticamp)
1975-76	New Waterford	2007-08	Sackville
1976-77	Greenwood	2008-09	Shelburne
1977-78	Bridgewater	2009-10	Dartmouth
1978-79	Sydney Mines	2010-11	CB County
1979-80	Middleton	2011-12	Truro
1980-81	Port Hood	2012-13	Bedford
1981-82	Eastern Shore	2013-14	Chebucto
1982-83	Inverness	2014-15	Sackville
1983-84	TASA	2015-16	East Hants
1984-85	Shelburne	2016-17	Shelburne
1985-86	TASA	2017-18	Sackville
1986-87	Antigonish	2018-19	
1987-88	Pictou County	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Steel City	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	North Sydney	2021-22	South Colchester Elks
1990-91	New Waterford	2022-23	Eastern Shore Mariners
1991-92	Steel City	2023-24	South Colchester Elks
1992-93	Sydney Mines		
1993-94	South Colchester		
1994-95	Cape Breton County		
1995-96	Glace Bay		
1996-97	Cole Harbour		
1997-98	New Waterford		
1998-99	Trail		
1999-00	Antigonish		
2000-01	Cape Breton County		
2001-02	Yarmouth		
2002-03	Glace Bay		
2003-04	Southwest Nova		

# MINOR U15 B

1997-98	Pictou County
1998-99	Pictou County
1999-00	Western Valley
2000-01	Western Valley
2001-02	Western Valley
2002-03	Dartmouth
2003-04	Cape Breton County
2004-05	Pictou County (Westville)
2005-06	Eastern Shore
2006-07	Queens County
2007-08	Pictou County (Trenton)
2008-09	CB West
2009-10	Eastern Shore
2010-11	CB West
2011-12	Pictou County (Thorburn)
2012-13	Pictou County (Thorburn)
2013-14	Halifax
2014-15	West Colchester
2015-16	Bedford
2016-17	Dartmouth
2017-18	Halifax
2018-19	TASA Ducks Black
2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2021-22	Sackville Flyers
2022-23	Bedford Blues White
2023-24	Sackville Flyers Black

## MINOR U15 C

2010-11 Chebucto

2011-12 Bedford

2012-13 Chebucto

2013-14 Chester

## MINOR MIDGET AAA

2002-03 Antigonish

2003-04 New Waterford

2004-05 Cumberland County

2005-06 East Hants

2006-07 East Hants

2007-08 Truro

2008-09 Antigonish

2009-10 Antigonish

2010-11 Truro

2011-12 Truro

2012-13 Bedford

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2017-18 Admirals

2018-19 Basin Armada

2019-20 Cancelled due to COVID-19  
pandemic

2020-21 Cancelled due to COVID-19  
pandemic

2021-22 Basin Armada

2022-23 Basin Armada

2023-24 Kings Hockey Club (Basin Armada  
won Maritime Championship)



# MINOR U18 AA

1974-75	Amherst	2006-07	Yarmouth
1975-76	Antigonish	2007-08	Truro
1976-77	Antigonish	2008-09	Antigonish
1977-78	Antigonish	2009-10	South Shore
1978-79	SEDMHA	2010-11	Sackville
1979-80	Centennial	2011-12	Western Valley
1980-81	Sydney	2012-13	CB County
1981-82	North Sydney	2013-14	Bedford
1982-83	Sydney	2014-15	TASA
1983-84	SEDMHA	2015-16	Truro
1984-85	Antigonish	2016-17	Bedford
1985-86	Halifax	2017-18	Truro
1986-87	West Hants	2018-19	Cape Breton West Islanders
1987-88	West Harts	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Colchester County	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Halifax	2021-22	TASA Ducks
1990-91	Cape Breton County	2022-23	Cape Breton County Islanders
1991-92	Amherst	2023-24	Cape Breton West Islanders
1992-93	Truro		
1993-94	New Waterford		
1994-95	Antigonish		
1995-96	New Waterford		
1996-97	Halifax		
1997-98	Cumberland County		
1998-99	Cumberland County		
1999-00	East Hants		
2000-01	Antigonish		
2001-02	Halifax		
2002-03	Tatamagouche		
2003-04	Cole Harbour		
2004-05	Antigonish		
2005-06	Clare		

# MINOR U18 A

1972-73	Pictou	2004-05	Antigonish
1973-74	Pictou	2005-06	Shelburne
1974-75	Armdale	2006-07	Clare
1975-76	Spryfield	2007-08	Clare
1976-77	TASA	2008-09	Antigonish
1977-78	Pictou	2009-10	Western Valley
1978-79	Windsor	2010-11	Pictou County
1979-80	Truro	2011-12	CB West (Cheticamp)
1980-81	Sackville	2012-13	CB County
1981-82	Antigonish	2013-14	Truro
1982-83	New Waterford	2014-15	Pictou County Maripacs
1983-84	Strait Area	2015-16	Queens County
1984-85	North Sydney	2016-17	Pictou County Maripacs
1985-86	Springhill	2017-18	Queens County
1986-87	Colchester County	2018-19	Pictou County Crushers
1987-88	Eastern Shore	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Port Hawkesbury	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Pictou County	2021-22	Cumberland County Ramblers
1990-91	Bridgetown-Lawrencetown	2022-23	Cape Breton West Islanders
1991-92	Kentville	2023-24	Queens County Cougars
1992-93	Yarmouth County		
1993-94	Antigonish		
1994-95	Western Valley		
1995-96	Antigonish		
1996-97	New Waterford		
1997-98	Western Valley		
1998-99	Glace Bay		
1999-00	New Waterford		
2000-01	Western Valley		
2001-02	Clare		
2002-03	Central Inverness		
2003-04	Kentville		

# MINOR U18 B

1972-73	Western Shore	1997-98	Pictou County
1973-74	Trenton	1998-99	Lunenburg
1974-75	Antigonish	1999-00	East Hants
1975-76	New Waterford	2000-01	Clare
1977-78	Westville	2001-02	Pictou County
1978-79	Westville	2002-03	Whycocomagh
1979-80	Sackville	2003-04	Canso
1980-81	Tatamagouche	2004-05	CB West (Inverness)
1981-82	Windsor	2005-06	Pictou County
1982-83	Chebucto	2006-07	Thorburn GoldenHawks
1983-84	Inverness	2007-08	Chebucto
1984-85	Queen's County	2008-09	Shelburne
1985-86	Baddeck	2009-10	CB West (Inverness)
1986-87	Kentville	2010-11	Pictou Maripacs
1987-88	Canso	2011-12	Pictou Maripacs
1988-89	Colchester County	2012-13	Pictou Maripacs
1989-90	Cape Breton County	2013-14	Bedford
1990-91	Oxford	2014-15	Cole Harbour
1991-92	Pictou County	2015-16	Cole Harbour
1992-93	Pictou County	2016-17	Cole Harbour
1993-94	Chester	2017-18	Cole Harbour
1994-95	Western Valley	2018-19	Cole Harbour Wings
1995-96	Kentville	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1988-89	Pictou County	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
1989-90	Oxford		
1990-91	Canso		
1991-92	Chester		
1992-93	West Colchester		
1993-94	Chester		
1994-95	Western Valley		
1995-96	Kentville		
1996-97	Steel City		

## MINOR U18 C

1996-97	North Sydney	2010-11	Pictou County (Trenton)
1997-98	Sydney Mines	2011-12	Pictou County (Trenton)
1998-99	Sydney Mines	2012-13	South Shore
1999-00	Central Inverness	2013-14	Cole Harbour
2000-01	Cape Breton County		
2004-05	Yarmouth		
2005-06	Yarmouth		
2006-07	No Tournament		
2007-08	Truro		
2008-09	Bedford		
2009-10	Dartmouth		

## MAJOR U18 AAA

2010-11	Halifax Titans	2017-18	Dartmouth Steele Subaru
2011-12	Halifax Titans	2018-19	Halifax McDonald's ***
2012-13	Valley Wildcats *** Won Atlantics	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2013-14	Halifax McDonald's *** Won Atlantics	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2014-15	Newbridge Gladiators *** Won Atlantics	2021-22	Halifax McDonald's
2015-16	Dartmouth Steele Subaru	2022-23	Weeks Majors ***
2016-17	Cape Breton West Islanders **** WON TELUS CUP	2023-24	Halifax McDonald's

## JUVENILE A

1973-74	Coxheath
1974-75	Coxheath
1975-76	SEDMHA
1976-77	Coxheath
1977-78	Chebucto
1978-79	New Waterford
1979-80	Sydney
1980-81	Sydney
1981-82	Dartmouth
1982-83	Dartmouth

1983-84	Steel City
1984-85	Cole Harbour
1985-86	Chebucto
1986-87	Cole Harbour

## MINOR JUNIOR AAA

1987-88	Centennial
1988-89	Centennial
1989-90	Kentville
1990-91	Kentville
1991-92	Truro

1992-93	Truro
1993-94	Halifax
1994-95	Cumberland Co.
1995-96	Cumberland Co.

## JUVENILE B

1972-73	Glace Bay
1973-74	Newport
1974-75	North Sydney
1975-76	Cornwallis
1976-77	Sydney
1977-78	Yarmouth County
1978-79	Glace Bay
1979-80	Glace Bay
1980-81	Yarmouth County

1981-82	Bridgetown-Lawrencetown
1982-83	Cape Breton County
1983-84	Antigonish
1984-85	Antigonish
1985-86	Cape Breton County
1986-87	Cape Breton County

## MINOR JUNIOR AA

1987-88	Dartmouth
1988-89	Halifax
1989-90	Colchester County
1990-91	West Colchester
1991-92	North Sydney
1992-93	Cape Breton County
1993-94	Oxford
1994-95	Cape Breton County

## MINOR JUNIOR

2016-17	Dartmouth
2017-18	Dartmouth

## FEMALE MIDGET

1991-92	Mabou	2002-03	Central Inverness
1992-93	Bedford	2003-04	East Kings
1993-94	Bedford	2004-05	Truro
1994-95	Central Inverness	2005-06	Antigonish
1995-96	Antigonish		
1996-97	Central Inverness		
1997-98	Central Inverness		
1998-99	Antigonish		
1999-00	Antigonish		
2000-01	Pictou County		
2001-02	Halifax		

# FEMALE MAJOR U18 AAA

2008-09	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza	2018-19	Station Six Fire ***
2009-10	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza	2019-20	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2010-11	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza	2020-21	Northern Subway Selects (No Atlantic tournament due to COVID-19 pandemic)
2011-12	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza ***	2021-22	Northern Subway Selects ***
2012-13	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza ***	2022-23	Northern Subway Selects ***
2013-14	Pro Cresting Penguins	2023-24	Northern Subway Selects ***
2014-15	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza		
2015-16	Halifax Metro Boston Pizza ***		
2016-17	Northern Subway Selects		
2017-18	Northern Subway Selects ***		

# FEMALE U18 AA

2006-07	Antigonish	2016-17	Metro West Force Black
2007-08	Antigonish	2017-18	CB West Islanders
2008-09	Western Valley	2018-19	Metro East Inferno
2009-10	Pictou County	2019-20	Metro East Inferno
2010-11	Pictou County	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2011-12	Halifax	2021-22	Quad County Whitecaps
2012-13	Western Valley	2022-23	Fundy Highland Stars
2013-14	Valley	2023-24	Fundy Highland Stars
2014-15	NO COMPETITION		
2015-16	Valley Wild		

## FEMALE U18 A

2006-07	Truro	2017-18	Metro West Force Blue
2007-08	Sydney	2018-19	No provincial championship
2008-09	Colchester	2019-20	Cape Breton Blizzard
2009-10	Cumberland County	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2010-11	Cole Harbour	2021-22	Quad County Whitecaps
2011-12	Parrsboro	2022-23	Quad County Whitecaps Teal
2012-13	Cumberland County	2023-24	Metro East Inferno
2013-14	Cumberland County		
2014-15	Yarmouth		
2015-16	Glace Bay		
2016-17	Metro West Force Blue		

## FEMALE PEEWEE

1991-92	Cape Breton County	1999-00	East Hants
1992-93	Mabou	2000-01	Cole Harbour
1993-94	Antigonish	2001-02	Central Inverness
1994-95	Antigonish	2002-03	East Hants
1995-96	Cape Breton County	2003-04	East Hants
1996-97	Cape Breton County	2004-05	Halifax
1997-98	Cape Breton County	2005-06	Halifax
1998-99	Cole Harbour		

## FEMALE U13 AAA

2011-12	Halifax
2021-22	Metro West Force Hurricanes
2022-23	Metro West Force Warriors
2023-24	Metro West Force Warriors ***



## FEMALE U13 AA

2006-07	South Colchester	2016-17	Metro West Force Blue
2007-08	CB West (Inverness)	2017-18	Metro West Force White
2008-09	Halifax	2018-19	Metro West Force White
2009-10	Pictou County	2019-20	Quad County Bulldogs
2010-11	Pictou County	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2011-12	Colchester	2021-22	Metro West Force Snipers
2012-13	West Hants	2022-23	Quad County Whitecaps
2013-14	TASA-Chebucto	2023-24	Metro West Force Avalanche
2014-15	Pictou County Selects		
2015-16	Pictou County Selects and TASA Ducks		

## FEMALE U13 A

2006-07	Glace Bay	2017-18	Antigonish
2007-08	Pictou	2018-19	Western Riptide White
2008-09	Antigonish	2019-20	Metro West Force Rams
2009-10	Glace Bay	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2010-11	Glace Bay	2021-22	No provincial championship
2011-12	Antigonish	2022-23	Quad County Whitecaps
2012-13	CB County	2023-24	Quad County Whitecaps Teal
2013-14	CB West		
2014-15	Cape Breton West		
2015-16	Pictou County Selects		
2016-17	Western Riptide		

## FEMALE BANTAM

1992-93	Cape Breton County	2003-04	Western Valley
1993-94	Central Inverness	2004-05	East Hants
1994-95	Central Inverness	2005-06	Dartmouth
1995-96	Central Inverness		
1996-97	Antigonish		
1997-98	Antigonish		
1998-99	Western Valley		
1999-00	Central Inverness		
2000-01	Cape Breton County		
2001-02	Cape Breton County		
2002-03	Central Inverness		

## FEMALE U15 AAA

2021-22	Quad County Whitecaps
2022-23	Metro West Force Citadels
2023-24	Metro West Force Citadels

## FEMALE U15 AA

2006-07	Cole Harbour	2016-17	Metro West Force Red
2007-08	Glace Bay	2017-18	Metro West Force Blue ***
2008-09	Sackville	2018-19	Fundy-Highland Selects
2009-10	Colchester	2019-20	Metro West Force Warriors
2010-11	Bedford	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2011-12	Pictou County	2021-22	Metro West Force Blades
2012-13	Halifax	2022-23	Metro East Inferno
2013-14	TASA-Bedford ***	2023-24	Quad County Whitecaps
2014-15	Bedford		
2015-16	Cole Harbour ***		

\*\*\* won Atlantic

## FEMALE U15 A

2006-07	Bedford	2017-18	Pictou County
2007-08	CB West	2018-19	Quad County Bulldogs
2008-09	Antigonish	2019-20	Metro West Wildcats
2009-10	Glace Bay	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2010-11	Antigonish	2021-22	No provincial championship
2011-12	Antigonish	2022-23	Metro East Inferno
2012-13	Antigonish	2023-24	Cape Breton Blizzard
2013-14	Yarmouth		
2014-15	Cape Breton West		
2015-16	Cape Breton West		
2016-17	Cape Breton West		

## FEMALE ATOM

2007-08	Halifax	2012-13	Pictou County
2008-09	Pictou County	2013-14	Valley Wild
2009-10	TASA	2014-15	Valley Wild
2010-11	Halifax		
2011-12	Pictou County		

## FEMALE U11 AA

2015-16	Halifax	2021-22	Metro East Inferno
2016-17	Metro West Force Blue	2022-23	Quad County Whitecaps
2017-18	Metro West Force Blue	2023-24	Metro West Force Citadels
2018-19	Metro East Inferno		
2019-20	Quad County Islanders		
2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic		

## FEMALE U11 A

2015-16	Antigonish	2020-21	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
2016-17	Antigonish	2021-22	Western Riptide
2017-18	CB West Islanders	2022-23	Metro East Inferno Ice
2018-19	Fundy Highland Cyclones	2023-24	Fundy Highland Stars
2019-20	Valley Wild		

## FEMALE U13 B

2019-20	Metro West Force Clashers
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## JUNIOR A

1968	Windsor Royals	1988	Halifax Lions
1969	East Hants	1989	Moncton Hawks
1970	Truro Bearcats	1990	Amherst Ramblers
1971	Truro Bearcats	1991	Halifax Canadians
1972	Truro Bearcats	1992	Halifax Mooseheads
1973	New Glasgow Bombers	1993	Antigonish Bulldogs
1974	Truro Bearcats	1994	Antigonish Bulldogs
1975	Dartmouth Arrows	1995	Moncton Beavers
1976	Truro Bearcats	1997	Halifax Oland Exports
1977	Dartmouth Arrows	1998	
1978	Cole Harbour Colts	1999	
1979	Halifax Lions	2000	Halifax Oland Exports
1980	Scotia Colts	2001	Antigonish Bulldogs
1981	Scotia Colts	2002	Halifax Oland Exports
1982	Halifax Lions	2003	Amherst Ramblers
1983	Halifax Lions	2004	Yarmouth Mariners
1984	Halifax Lions	2005	Truro Bearcats
1985	Scotia Colts	2006	Amherst Ramblers
1986	Scotia Colts	2007	Truro Bearcats
1987	Dartmouth Fuel Kids	2008	Yarmouth Mariners

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2009 Truro Bearcats  
 2010 Pictou Crushers  
 2011 Pictou Crushers  
 2012 Yarmouth Mariners  
 2013 Truro Bearcats\*\*\*  
 2014 Truro Bearcats  
 2015 Truro Bearcats  
 2016 Pictou County Crushers  
 2017 Truro Bearcats

2018 Yarmouth Mariners  
 2019 Yarmouth Mariners  
 2020 Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic  
 2021 Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic  
 2022 Truro Bearcats  
 2023 Yarmouth Mariners\*\*\*  
 2024

\*\*\* Won Fred Page Cup

## JUNIOR B

1997 Windsor Royals  
 1998 Windsor Royals \*\*\*  
 1999 Strait Pirates  
 2000 Cape Breton Alpines  
 2001 Strait Pirates (\*\*Host Windsor Royals win  
 Don Johnson Cup)  
 2002 Strait Pirates  
 2003 Sackville Blazers  
 2004 Sackville Blazers  
 2005 Sackville Blazers  
 2006 Antigonish Bulldogs  
 2007 East Hants Penguins  
 2008 Windsor Royals  
 2009 Cumberland Blues  
 2010 Cumberland Blues  
 2011 Bay Ducks  
 2012 East Hants Penguins  
 2013 Sackville Blazers  
 2014 Sackville Blazers

2015 Glace Bay Miners  
 2016 Valley Maple Leafs \*\*\*  
 2017 Pictou County Scotians  
 2018 Kameron Jr. B Miners \*\*\*  
 2019 Sackville Blazers  
 2020 No Winner  
 2021 No Winner  
 2022 Antigonish Bulldogs  
 2023 Antigonish Bulldogs\*\*\*  
 2024 Antigonish Bulldogs\*\*\*

\*\*\* Won Don Johnson Memorial Cup

# JUNIOR C

- 2000 Thorburn
- 2001 Barrington Ice Dogs
- 2002 Yarmouth Raiders
- 2003 Chebucto Canadians
- 2004 Barrington Ice Dogs
- 2005 Barrington Ice Dogs
- 2006 Barrington Ice Dogs
- 2007 New Waterford Jets
- 2008 Harbour Crunch
- 2009 Barrington Ice Dogs
- 2010 Eastern Shore Jr Mariners
- 2011 Eastern Shore Jr Mariners
- 2012 Chester Clippers
- 2013 Chester Clippers
- 2014 Spryfield Silver and Black Attack \*\*\*
- 2015 Truro MU Rhino
- 2016 Spryfield Attack
- 2017 Metro Jaguars
- 2018 Spryfield Attack
- 2019 Spryfield Attack
- 2020 Eastern Shore Thunder
- 2021 No Winner
- 2022 Southwest Storm
- 2023 Southwest Storm
- 2024 Southwest Storm

\*\*\* Won Maritime Hockey North Championship



# HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS



# MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS Hockey Nova Scotia is a voluntary Association of “members” and “individuals”, as defined in By-Law 3, designed to promote and foster amateur hockey throughout Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS Hockey Nova Scotia is the self-governing body of all amateur hockey in Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS Hockey Nova Scotia consists of Amateur Hockey Associations, Amateur Hockey Teams, Amateur Hockey Leagues, Registered On Ice and Team Officials, Life Members, Associate Members and Individuals elected and/or appointed in accordance with the Associations’ By-Laws.

AND WHEREAS Hockey Nova Scotia’s members share the same goals, philosophy and responsibilities of membership, and agree to be governed by a uniform set of rules and By-Laws that it shall establish from time to time.

Hockey Nova Scotia’s objects are to:

- A. Foster and encourage the sport of amateur hockey throughout Nova Scotia;
- B. Foster and encourage leadership programs in all areas related to the development of hockey in Nova Scotia;
- C. Support and encourage Associations, Leagues and Teams and other members in the development of amateur hockey within their jurisdictions and responsibility;
- D. Establish and maintain uniform playing rules for amateur hockey;
- E. Conduct Inter-Branch contests including nationals of amateur hockey.



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### BY-LAW ONE - NAME OF ASSOCIATION

1.1 This organization shall be called Hockey Nova Scotia and shall be comprised of the Province of Nova Scotia.

### BY-LAW TWO - STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

2.1 Hockey Nova Scotia is the governing body of amateur hockey in Nova Scotia; an amateur hockey player is one who is not participating in organized professional hockey.

2.2 Hockey Nova Scotia shall create a Board of Directors, which is responsible for the administration of the Association's By-Laws and Policies.

2.3 Hockey Nova Scotia is a member of Hockey Canada, the governing body of amateur hockey in Canada.

### BY-LAW THREE - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The members of Hockey Nova Scotia are:

- A. Amateur Hockey Teams
- B. Amateur Hockey Leagues
- C. Minor Hockey Associations
- D. Female Regional Executive Committees/Hockey Associations**
- E. Registered On and Off Ice and Team Officials
- F. Life Members
- G. Individuals elected in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia's By-laws
- H. Individuals appointed in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia's By-laws
- I. Associate Members

### BY-LAW FOUR - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

4.1 Amendments can only be made to the By-Laws at the Annual General Meeting or at the Semi-Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia. With a quorum in place, a three fourths majority is required to adopt an amendment to a By-Law. At all Annual, Semi-Annual or Special or General Meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia a quorum shall consist of at least 50% plus 1 of the eligible-voting delegates.

4.2 Notices to amend the By-Laws must be received in writing or by electronic mail by the Association Executive Director 60 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Director shall communicate by electronic mail and posting on the Hockey Nova Scotia web site all such proposed amendments to each member thirty (30) days before the Annual General Meeting.

### BY-LAW FIVE - MEMBERSHIP

5.0 Whenever used in the By-Laws, Rules or Policies, the words:

- A. "Member" shall be deemed to include where the context permits, any person, team, or

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association registered with Hockey Nova Scotia or participating in games or activities of any kind sponsored or organized by Hockey Nova Scotia.

- B. "Individual" shall include where the context permits, any player, coach, manager, official, volunteer affiliated with or associated with in any capacity, any team or association participating in games or activities of any kind sponsored or organized by Hockey Nova Scotia or any of its members and shall include game officials.

### 5.1

- A. "Membership in Hockey Nova Scotia", as defined herein is purely voluntary, but application or acceptance of membership requires acceptance by Hockey Nova Scotia.
- B. Membership may be acquired by application in writing to the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia, expressing compliance with and adherence to the By-Laws of Hockey Nova Scotia and accompanied by the requisite fee for membership. The executive director will then forward to the HNS Board of Directors for acceptance.
- C. Where applicable, each unincorporated member shall adopt a Memorandum of Association and By-Laws which conform to the By-Laws of Hockey Nova Scotia and shall not at any time make any amendments to their own Memorandum of Association or By-Laws which conflicts with the By-Laws of Hockey Nova Scotia. Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors through its Councils must approve such Memorandum of Association and any amendments to such Memorandum of Association or By-Laws on an annual basis.

5.2 A member may resign from membership in Hockey Nova Scotia by submitting its resignation in writing to the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia. Upon such resignation becoming effective such member shall forfeit all its rights and privileges.

5.3 All games played within Hockey Nova Scotia, and the qualifications of all persons competing in such games as members of its Teams, Leagues or Associations shall conform to the By-Laws, Rules and Policies of Hockey Nova Scotia and with the rules and conditions of competition adopted and prescribed by Hockey Nova Scotia.

5.4 Councils of Hockey Nova Scotia shall have the **responsibility** in classifying the teams under their jurisdiction in the divisions of Senior, Junior, Minor Junior, U18, U15, U13, U11 and U9 consistent with age limits.

5.5 Any member shall be subject to forfeiture or suspension in the event of failure to comply with any requirements of Hockey Nova Scotia or any decree or ruling of the Board of Directors and it is expressly stipulated that any decree of forfeiture or suspension when affirmed by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors voting, shall be binding until the next Annual or Special Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.

5.6 Any member can inspect the books and records of the association at the business office during regular business hours.

**BY-LAW SIX - EXPULSION**

6.0 Any violation of the By-Laws or policies, or failure to accept and endorse all decisions of Hockey Nova Scotia or the Board of Directors shall render a member, or individual liable to expulsion by a two-thirds vote of Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors until the next Annual or Special meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia and the expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the delegates voting at such meeting. (see By-Law 11)

**BY-LAW SEVEN - THE OFFICERS, THEIR AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

7.1 The Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia shall be the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President Finance and Administration, Vice President Hockey Operations, **Chair of Minor** and the Executive Director (ex-officio). The Officers shall also be known as the Executive Committee.

7.2 The President and the Vice President Hockey Operations shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual General Meeting. If there is more than one candidate for either position, then there shall be a vote. The voting for the President and the Vice President Hockey Operations shall require separate ballots. For each of these two (2) positions, election requires a majority of fifty (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast. If more than two (2) candidates are seeking election for one (1) of these two (2) positions, then the candidate who obtains the fewest votes is declared defeated. Voting continues until the required majority is obtained.

7.3 The Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion, and Medical Director shall be appointed by the elected members of the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term. The elected members of the Board of Directors are the President, the Past President, the Vice President Hockey Operations, the Chair of Minor Council, the Chair of Junior Council, the Chair of Elite Hockey, and the Chair of Female Council.

7.4 Any Officer vacancy will be filled by the Executive Committee until the next Annual Meeting.

7.5 The President **and Vice President** may only serve two (2) terms of two (2) years.

7.6 To be eligible as Past President a person must have served one (1) complete two (2) year term as President. If a person fails to complete any subsequent term as President, such person shall have the right to serve as Past President.

**7.7 President's Responsibilities:**

- A. Preside at all meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia and all Committee Meetings. He/she shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of President and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a Special Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia or its Committee.
- B. In the case of emergency, may exercise all the duties and powers of any of the Board of Directors, but such action shall be referred within fifteen (15) days to the Executive for approval or rejection.
- C. Has the power to suspend any member/volunteer under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova

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Scotia to include but not limited to: player, team official, league volunteer/board member, association volunteer/board member, coach or referee for any breach or violation.

- i. of the provisions of the By-Laws and Playing rules,
- ii. of any decision or ruling of the Board of Directors.
- iii. involving unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the ice.
- iv. involving abusive language to any of the officials.
- v. involving an alleged infraction of the amateur definition.

Provided that the President or designate is satisfied that such player, coach, manager, team member or individual has committed such breach or violation. Such suspension will be automatically and continuously effective until dealt with by the Officers who shall deal with such suspension within fifteen (15) days.

- D. The President or designate shall have the power to impose such suspension in respect to any incident which may occur at any time whether having to do with a game of any kind (exhibition, regularly scheduled or otherwise). Such suspension automatically terminates at the expiration of the period of suspension. All Leagues/Teams will recognize such suspensions and the Executive Director shall notify those necessary of such suspensions and penalties. Any person so suspended shall have the right to appeal to Hockey Canada.
- E. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees and shall have signing authority with any one of the designated signing officers approved by the Board.
- F. The President shall be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Board of Directors of Hockey Canada and shall attend the Board Meetings of Hockey Canada.

### 7.8 Vice President Hockey Operations – Responsibilities

The VP – Hockey Operations shall:

- A. report directly to the President and in the absence of the President, shall exercise the powers and duties of the President and shall also perform all duties assigned by the President.
- B. be a member of Hockey Nova Scotia's Executive Committee.
- C. be responsible for the Hockey Operational side of HNS Operations including rules, regulations and policy.
- D. be the Executive Committee's liaison and responsible for the monitoring of Junior Hockey, **Risk Management**, Senior & Adult Recreational Hockey, Minor Hockey, Female Hockey, Director of Officiating, **Elite Hockey**, Hockey Development Council
- E. be a member of the Finance Committee.
- F. be the Hockey Nova Scotia representative and liaison with Associate members.

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- G. serve on committees as required.
- H. serve on Female Council Advisory Committee.
- I. other duties as assigned by the President.

### 7.9 Vice President Finance & Administration – Responsibilities

The VP–Finance & Administration, shall report directly to the President, and be the Chair of the Finance Committee, and in addition to the duties of the Finance Committee shall :

- A. be a **voting** member of Hockey Nova Scotia’s Executive Committee **and Board**
- B. chair Hockey Nova Scotia’s Legacy Fund Management Committee.
- C. chair the Finance Committee.
- D. Be responsible for all aspects related to finance & administration including communications, marketing plans and policies, licensing, HNS trademark management, inventory management, business planning, office management, technology and all aspects of financial and administrative support to ensure the effective operation of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- E. Keep proper books of accounts.
- F. Present to the Annual General Meeting and/or the Semi-Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia an Annual Report showing:
  - i. The audited results of the yearly operation of Hockey Nova Scotia, including an annual budget.
  - ii. Such other financial reports and matters as may appear to be of interest to Hockey Nova Scotia or that the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia may prescribe, including an annual budget.
- G. Receive, in the name of Hockey Nova Scotia, all monies which shall be deposited in one or more chartered banks of Hockey Nova Scotia, and pay out of the funds of Hockey Nova Scotia any costs, charges and expenses involved in the Administration and operation of Hockey Nova Scotia in accordance with the policies and guidelines as laid down from time to time by the Finance Committee.
- H. invest money in the name of Hockey Nova Scotia in accordance with policies and guidelines as approved by the Finance Committee.
- I. Ensure the accounts of Hockey Nova Scotia are audited and reported upon annually by an auditor licensed pursuant to the Public Accountants Act, as may be appointed by the Finance Committee, as part of the cost of administration of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- J. Serve on committees as required by the Board or the President.

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K. Other duties as assigned by the President.

### 7.10 Past President - Responsibilities

The Past President shall/may:

- A. be a member of both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- B. chair the Appeals/Protests Committee.
- C. chair the Nominating Committee.
- D. chair the Hockey Nova Scotia Awards Committee.
- E. Be Hockey Nova Scotia's liaison with Sport Nova Scotia in regards to the Sport Nova Scotia's Awards Program.
- F. Be responsible for the co-ordination of Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual General Meeting, Semi Annual Meeting (Fall Forum) and Annual Awards Banquet
- G. serve on committees as directed by the Board of Directors or President.
- H. chair Hockey Nova Scotia Sledge Hockey program.
- I. serve on the Female Council Advisory Committee.
- J. chair By-Law committee**
- K. perform other duties as assigned by the President.

### 7.11 Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council Chair - Responsibilities

The Chair of Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors through the President and shall:

- A. be a member of the Hockey Nova Scotia Executive Council**
- B. be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Minor Council and attend its meetings.
- C. preside at all meetings of Minor Council and all Committee Meetings. He/She shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair, and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a special meeting of the Minor Council or its Committees.
- D. perform other duties as directed by the President.
- E. If the Chair for any reason is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by the President on recommendation provided by Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- F. The Chair shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the authorized delegates at their Council Meeting at the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.
- G. The Chair shall serve on committees as directed by the Board of Directors or the President.

**BY-LAW EIGHT - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEIR AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

8.0 The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- i. the Officers of the Board (see By-Law Seven)
- ii. the Chair of Female Hockey Council
- iii. the Chair of Junior Hockey Council
- iv. the Chair of Risk Management, Senior and Adult Recreational Hockey Council
- v. the Chair of Elite Hockey
- vi. the Director of Officiating
- vii. the Medical Director
- viii. The Chair of Diversity and Inclusion Committee

8.01 The Board of Directors shall be determined as follows: (as further described in By-Law 7 and By-Law 8)

- A. The President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual General Meeting.
- B. The Vice-President, Hockey Operations shall be elected for a two (2) year term at Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual General Meeting.
- C. The immediate Past President is the previously elected President.
- D. The Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and the Medical Director shall be appointed by the elected members of the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term.
- E. The Chair of Minor Hockey Council shall be elected for a two (2) term by the authorized delegates at a Minor Hockey Council meeting called for that purpose.
- F. The Chair of Female Hockey Council shall be **elected for a two (2) year term by members of the Female Council and the Presidents or designates of the six (6) Regional Executive Committees/ Hockey Associations at a meeting prior to the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM.**
- G. The Chair of Junior Hockey Council shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the authorized delegates at a Junior Council meeting called for that purpose.
- H. The Chair of **Risk Management**, Senior and Adult Recreational Hockey Council shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the elected members of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- I. The Chair of Elite Hockey shall be **elected** for a two (2) year term by the **Major U18, U16AAA and Major U15 League Presidents or designates, as well as each league member teams President or designate at a meeting prior to the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM.**
- J. The Director of Officiating shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the elected members of Hockey Nova Scotia.

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8.02 For clarity, the elected members of the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia are the President, the Past President, the Vice-President of Hockey Operations, the Chair of Minor Council, ***the Chair of Junior Council, the Chair of Elite Hockey, and the Chair of Female Hockey.***

8.03 All appointments to the Board of Directors made by the elected members of the Board shall be ratified by the membership at either the Annual or Semi-Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.

8.04 Any persons who have been duly elected or appointed to a new position with Hockey Nova Scotia at the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM will start their new position on the first Monday following the Hockey Canada AGM which is held in late May of the same year.

8.1 The management of the operation of Hockey Nova Scotia shall be vested in the Directors who, in addition to the powers and authorities provided by these By-Laws or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by Hockey Nova Scotia and are not hereby or by statute expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by Hockey Nova Scotia in general meeting, but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the statutes in that behalf and of these By-Laws as amended from time to time by Hockey Nova Scotia in general meeting; provided that no by-law so made shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors that would have been valid if such by-law had not been made.

Without restricting the generality of the terms of the last preceding By-law and without prejudice to the powers conferred thereby, and the other powers conferred by these By-laws, the Directors shall have power:

- A. to take such steps as they see fit to carry out any agreement or contract made by or on behalf of Hockey Nova Scotia;
- B. to purchase or otherwise acquire for Hockey Nova Scotia any property, rights or privileges that Hockey Nova Scotia is authorized to acquire, and at such price and generally on such terms and conditions as they see fit;
- C. at their discretion to pay for any property, rights or privileges acquired by, or services rendered to Hockey Nova Scotia either wholly or partially in cash or in shares, bonds, debentures or other securities of Hockey Nova Scotia, and any such shares may be issued either a fully paid-up, or with such amount credited as paid-up thereon as may be agreed upon.
- D. to make and give receipts, releases and other discharge for money payable to Hockey Nova Scotia and proclaims and demands of Hockey Nova Scotia;
- E. from time to time to make, vary and repeal rules related to the business of Hockey Nova Scotia, its Officers and servants, the members of Hockey Nova Scotia or any section or class of them;
- F. to enter into all such negotiations and contracts, rescind and vary all such contracts, and execute and do all such acts, deeds and things in the name and on behalf of Hockey Nova Scotia as they may consider expedient for or in relation to any of the matters aforesaid or otherwise for the purposes of Hockey Nova Scotia;



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- G. from time to time to provide for the management of the affairs of Hockey Nova Scotia in such manner as they shall think fit.
- H. to adjudicate all disputes between teams, leagues, associations, or any other members or individuals which arise between Hockey Nova Scotia's Annual General Meeting or any Special or General Meetings which are not possible to be resolved through normal process.
- I. to employ an Executive Director, in keeping with the contractual agreement with Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission.
- J. to formulate, prescribe, alter and amend Policies and Playing Rules for the governing of Hockey Nova Scotia, not inconsistent with the scope and provisions of its By-Laws and in general, to make rulings or decisions on any matter brought before it from any source.
- K. to refuse applications for membership in Hockey Nova Scotia.
- L. to impose and enforce appropriate penalties for any violation or breach of the By-Laws, Policies or Playing Rules of Hockey Nova Scotia or for any violation or breach of any decision or ruling of the Board of Directors (which penalties shall be in addition to the automatic suspension set out in By-Law Six).
- M. to authorize the Executive Committee with the endorsement of the VP Finance/ Administration to borrow money from time to time. The Executive Committee is authorized on behalf of Hockey Nova Scotia to borrow to a limit of \$50,000.00 as of June 30, 1998, from a chartered Bank or Credit Union upon the credit of Hockey Nova Scotia in such amounts and on such terms as deemed expedient.
- N. to execute contracts, deeds, bills of exchange and other instruments and documents on behalf of Hockey Nova Scotia.

8.2 Each Board member shall have one (1) vote.

8.3 The President shall only vote in the event of a tie.

8.4 The Chair of **Risk Management**, Medical Director, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion and the Director of Officiating shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the elected members of Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors.

8.5 During the hockey season, any officer vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by the Executive Committee. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by an appointment by the Board of Directors. All vacancy appointments shall be approved by the Board of Directors and be in place until the next annual meeting.

8.6 Any member of the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia, who resigns his or her position or is removed from the Board in accordance with By-Law 8.7, is ineligible to resume their position during the term for which they were elected or appointed unless their reappointment is approved by a two thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors of

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Hockey Nova Scotia at a meeting called for that purpose.

8.7 By a majority vote, the Board of Directors, at any meeting of the Board, may remove any officer, any member of the Board of Directors or any Council Member who, by being remiss or neglectful to duty, or who by conduct intending to impair his/her use in Hockey Nova Scotia shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her position.

### 8.9 Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council Chair- Responsibilities

The Chair of Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors through the President and shall:

- A. sit on Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors
- B. be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Female Council and attend its meetings.
- C. preside at all meetings of Female Council and all Committee Meetings. He/She shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair, and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a special meeting of the Female Council or its Committees.
- D. perform other duties as directed by the President.
- E. If the Chair for any reason is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by the President on recommendation provided by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- F. The Chair shall serve on committees as directed by the Board of Directors or the President.

### 8.10 Hockey Nova Scotia Junior Council Chair- Responsibilities

The Chair of Hockey Nova Scotia Junior Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors through the President and shall:

- A. sit on Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors.
- B. be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Junior Council and attend its meetings.
- C. preside at all meetings of Junior Council and all Committee Meetings. He/She shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair, and may at his/her discretion, order the calling of a special meeting of the Junior Council or its Committees.
- D. the Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all Junior Council committees.
- E. be a Board member of the MHL (Maritime Hockey League)

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- F. other duties as directed by the President.
- G. if the Chair for any reason is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by the President on recommendation of Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- H. The Chair of Junior Council shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the authorized delegates at the Junior Council meeting called for that purpose.

### 8.11 Hockey Nova Scotia Risk Management

The Chair of Hockey Nova Scotia **Risk Management** shall be responsible to the Board of Directors through the President and shall:

- A. sit on Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors.
- B. be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada **Risk Management Council and attends its meetings Councils and attend its meetings.**
- C. If the Chair for any reason is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by the President on recommendation by Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- D. The Chair of **Risk Management** shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the elected members of Hockey Nova Scotia at a meeting called for that purpose following the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.
- E. **chair the Risk Management Committee (consisting of the Council Chairs or designates in addition to volunteers recommended by the Chair and approved by the President) with the following responsibilities:**
  - i. **develop a Branch strategy to promote Risk Management practices by all Hockey Nova Scotia's participants.**
  - ii. **develop, produce and distribute resource materials that will be used in the promotion of Risk and Safety Management in Hockey Nova Scotia program.**
  - iii. **coordinate the delivery of information concerning the benefits of Hockey Canada Liability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Major Medical and Dental Insurance to Hockey Nova Scotia members.**
  - iv. **oversee the promotion and implementation of the STOP and Respect in Sport Programs**
  - v. **recommend policy and direction to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board.**
  - vi. **prior to April 15 develop a budget for the following season to be forwarded to the Hockey Nova Scotia Finance Committee for inclusion in the Hockey Nova Scotia Budget.**
  - vii. **be the official representative for Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Risk and**

***Safety Management Committee.***

F. Perform other duties as directed by the President.

**8.12 Hockey Nova Scotia Chair of Elite Hockey –Responsibilities**

The Hockey Nova Scotia Chair of Elite Hockey shall be responsible to the Board of Directors through the President, and shall:

- A. Sit on Hockey Nova Scotia’s Board of Directors.
- B. Attend Hockey Nova Scotia/Hockey Canada meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Responsible for all Hockey Nova Scotia Elite Hockey.
- D. Carry out any other duties/responsibilities as assigned by the Officers, Board of Directors and/or President.
- E. Sit as an ex-officio member of the Risk Management Committee.
- F. Co-ordinate all (research and development projects) and any other special projects assigned by the Board of Directors.
- G. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- H. If the Chair for any reason is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by Hockey Nova Scotia’s Officers. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.

**8.13 Hockey Nova Scotia Director of Officiating – Responsibilities**

The Hockey Nova Scotia Director of Officiating shall be responsible to Hockey Nova Scotia’s Board of Directors through the President for the development, administration and implementation of the Officiating Program in accordance with Hockey Canada’s National Referees Certification Program (NRCP) and in addition to the duties assigned by the President shall:

- A. Sit on Hockey Nova Scotia’s Board of Directors.
- B. Be the Official Representative of Hockey Nova Scotia at the Hockey Canada Officiating Meeting
- C. Establish final registration dates for referees.
- D. Recommend fees for game officials subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and ratification of the membership.
- E. Co-ordinate Development Opportunities for the membership.

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- F. Assist in the registration of all Hockey Nova Scotia Officials in conjunction with the Office.
- G. Appoint/assign volunteers to act as Officiating Administrators under the direction of the Director of Officiating as follows: appointment of Zone Supervisors, appointment of Area Assigners, appointment and training NRCP Instructors, appointment and training of On-ice Supervisors and assignment of Referees and Linesmen.
- H. Ensure that all Registered Officials have a copy of the Hockey Canada Officiating Manual and are familiar with the NRCP, Policies and Guidelines.
- I. Recommends Strategic Direction and Objectives for all aspects of Officiating.
- J. Establish and recommend Officiating Policies.
- K. Conduct a regular review of the Playing Rules and of Rule interpretations.
- L. The Director of Officiating shall be appointed for a two {2} year term by the elected members of Hockey Nova Scotia at a meeting called for that purpose following the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.
- M. If the Director of Officiating for any reason is unable to complete his/her tenure of office, the position shall be filled by an appointment by the Officers. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.

### 8.14 The Hockey Nova Scotia Medical Director shall:

- A. Sit on Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors.
- B. Shall be a voting member of the board of directors.
- C. Attend Hockey Nova Scotia meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Act as the medical consultant for Hockey Nova Scotia.
- E. Advise HNS on all areas of safety including but not limited to:
- F. Protective equipment, concussions, safety protocols, safety rep position, etc.
- G. Advise HNS high-performance teams on medical care standards and doping controls
- H. Act as a liaison with Hockey Canada's Medical Director
- I. Act as a liaison with the Canadian Sport Centre Institute
- J. Such additional duties as may be delegated to the CMO by the President of Hockey Nova Scotia

8.15 Hockey Nova Scotia Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair The Hockey Nova Scotia Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair shall be responsible to Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors through the President for advising recommendations that address combating racism, discrimination and abuse in hockey, as well as suggestions for making the sport more diverse and inclusive, and in addition to the duties assigned by the President:

- A. Sit on Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors.
- B. Shall be a voting member of the board of directors.

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- C. Attend Hockey Nova Scotia meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Preside at all meetings of the Diversity and Inclusion committee. They shall generally perform the duties usual to the Office of the Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. They may, at their discretion, order the calling of a special Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting.
- E. Responsible for leading and advising on Diversity and Inclusion initiatives for Hockey Nova Scotia.
- F. Carry out any other duties/responsibilities as assigned by the Officers, Board of Directors and/or President.
- G. The Chair for any reason is unable to complete their tenure of office, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President on the recommendation of Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be valid until the next Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia.

### **BY-LAW NINE - STANDING COMMITTEES and COUNCILS**

9.1 The Standing Committees of Hockey Nova Scotia are:

By-Laws Review Committee  
Nominating Committee  
Risk Management Committee

Finance Committee  
Diversity and Inclusion Committee  
Resolution Committee

9.2 The Councils of Hockey Nova Scotia are:

Minor Council  
Female Council  
Junior Council

Elite Hockey Council

#### **9.3 Standing Committees**

##### **9.3.1 By-Laws Review Committee**

The By-Laws Review Committee will be chaired by the VP Hockey Operations and comprised of members of the Board of Directors named by the President. The By-Laws Review Committee will receive, review and recommend proposed changes in By-Laws to the Board of Directors and then to the voting members of Hockey Nova Scotia at the Semi-Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia. The committee will receive, review and recommend proposed changes in the playing rules and regulations and recommend to the Board of Directors for their action.

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### 9.3.2 Nominating Committee

- A. The Nominating Committee, which shall be chaired by the Past President and comprised of two members in good standing named by the President. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for the positions of President, VP Hockey Operations, and elected Council Chairs to the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual Meeting with such being forwarded via electronic mail to the voting members along with the official meeting notice. As well, they will be posted on the Hockey Nova Scotia website.
- B. Other nominations for the positions of President or Vice President of Hockey Operations must be received by the Executive Director of Hockey Nova Scotia, in writing or electronic mail, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Five members in good standing shall endorse any nomination, other than those presented by the Nominating Committee. If there is more than one candidate for either position then there shall be an election.
- C. To be eligible as a candidate for President, a nominee must have served one complete term (2 years) on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors. To be eligible for Vice President Hockey Operations, a nominee must have served on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for one (1) year.
- D. The Chairs of Minor Council and Junior Council will be elected by the authorized delegates at their Council meeting called for that purpose. If there is more than one candidate for either position then there shall be an election. The names of elected Chairs of Minor and Junior Council will be given to the Chair of the Nominating Committee for presentation to the delegates at the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.
- E. **To be eligible for the Chair of a council or Chair of Elite Hockey**, a person must have served on the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors or on the appropriate council for a two (2) year term or held an Executive Position with a League, Club or Minor Hockey Association for a minimum of three (3) full years.

### 9.3.3 Risk Management Committee

- A. The Risk Management Committee shall be chaired by **the Chair of Risk Management, Senior/Adult Recreation**, who shall be the official representative of Hockey Nova Scotia on the Hockey Canada Risk and Safety Management Committee. Members of the Risk Management Committee shall be the Council Chairs or designates in addition to volunteers recommended by the Chair Risk Management Committee and approved by the President.
- B. The committee shall meet as required in accordance with the approved budget. Prior to April 15th each year, the Risk and Safety Management Committee shall develop a budget for the following season to be forwarded to Hockey Nova Scotia's Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget.

### 9.3.4 Finance Committee

- A. The Hockey Nova Scotia Vice-President Finance and Administration shall be the Chair of the

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Finance Committee, which shall be appointed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for establishing financial policy and planning for Hockey Nova Scotia and to exercise general financial oversight on the projects and expenditures of all Committees and Councils. The Finance Committee shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for developing the annual budget for approval by the delegates at the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.

- B. In addition to presenting an audited financial report to the Hockey Nova Scotia Semi-Annual Meeting, the Finance Committee shall recommend the appointment of an Auditor to audit the accounts of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- C. Hockey Nova Scotia may derive its income from sources determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. These sources may include (but not be limited to) grants; annual membership fees; annual team assessments; gate receipts; performance bonds; fines; appeal and protest fees; proceeds from sale of goods, products and educational materials; sponsorships; fundraising and marketing ventures.

### 9.3.5 **Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

- A. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Diversity and Inclusion, which shall be appointed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall be responsible for establishing recommendations to the board of directors with respect to addressing racism, discrimination and abuse in hockey as well as suggestions for making the sport more diverse and inclusive. The Diversity and Inclusion committee shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for an Annual Report for review by the delegates at the Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.
- B. The committee shall meet as required in accordance with the approved budget. Prior to April 15 each year, the Diversity and Inclusion committee shall develop a budget for the following season to be forwarded to Hockey Nova Scotia's Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget.

### 9.3.6 **Resolution Committee**

- A. The Resolution Committee shall be governed by:
  - Vice President Operations, Chair
  - Diversity and Inclusion Director, Optional
  - Director of Officiating
  - Affected Chair/League
  - Female Representative
- B. The Resolution Committee shall have the power to review complaints and findings provided from the Risk Management Committee (or other internal Hockey Nova Scotia process) and determine the appropriate remedy in consideration of the circumstances and in contemplation of Hockey Nova Scotia bylaws, rules, regulations, codes and policies, as applicable. Possible remedies include, but are not limited to:



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- Indefinite suspensions;
  - Interim suspensions;
  - suspensions;
  - restorative solutions such as additional education or volunteering requirements;
  - probationary periods;
  - issuance of apologies; and
  - any other remedies deemed necessary in keeping with HNS and Hockey Canada directives.
- C. In issuing these remedies the Resolution Committee will be responsible for setting out timelines and determining the appropriate lengths of any remedies applied. In making these determinations, the Resolution Committee will have the power to consult with external resources on an as needed basis.
- D. The Resolution Committee will be responsible for drafting the final decision and providing the communications to the Parties involved in the dispute along with the HNS Administrative Coordinator, and the Suspension Coordinator, as necessary.
- E. The Resolution Committee members shall declare conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from any decision making in instances where a:
- Member is part of the investigation or a witness of the subject complaint;
  - Member is a party to the subject complaint;
  - Member's family member is a party to the subject complaint, or participated in the investigation; and
  - Member has either direct knowledge, or information acquired through external sources which will bias their decision making.
- F. In cases where the Resolution Committee finds they are, as a whole, in a conflict, they will defer the matter to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- G. The Resolution Committee shall have the power to revert matters back to the Risk Management Committee if it is determined that further investigation is required.
- H. The Referee in Chief shall declare a conflict of interest and recuse themselves from involvement in matters involving complaints alleged against Hockey Nova Scotia officials

### 9.4 **Councils**

#### 9.4.1 **Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council**

- A. Minor Council shall be governed by the following:
- Council Chair,
  - Past Chair,
  - North Conference Coordinator,
  - South Conference Coordinator,
  - Directors at Large (one or two)
  - Regional Directors (nine), one representing each of the nine Minor Hockey Regions.

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- B. The day-to-day operation of Minor Council shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee consisting of:
- Council Chair,
  - Past Chair,
  - North Conference Coordinator,
  - South Conference Coordinator,
  - Directors at Large (one or two),
  - Monthly Rotating Regional Director (ex-officio)
- C. Minor Council shall be responsible to the Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors for managing the affairs of all minor hockey activities (excluding Elite Development Programs, High Performance Programs, Canada Games Programs, **Female players registered under Female Hockey Council on the Hockey Canada Registry**, wherein such responsibility shall be that of Hockey Nova Scotia) in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia By-Laws, Rules and Policies approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.
- D. Minor Council shall be comprised of Minor Hockey Associations who conduct and supervise Minor Hockey (**excluding Female players registered under Female Hockey Council on the Hockey Canada Registry**) within their respective boundaries. No independent clubs or leagues will be accepted from towns, cities or areas having a local Minor Hockey Association.
- E. Membership in Minor Council is purely voluntary and application for or acceptance of membership entails acceptance of the authority of such council. Such member is empowered to foster, conduct and perpetuate Minor Hockey within its respective area in a manner consistent with the By-Laws herein.
- F. Each Minor Hockey Association/approved League shall adopt a Memorandum of Association and By-Laws in conformity with the By-Laws and Policies of Hockey Nova Scotia, and shall not at any time make amendments to its Memorandum of Association or By-Laws conflicting with the By-Laws and Policies of Hockey Nova Scotia.
- G. The Council Chair shall be a member of Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and the official Hockey Nova Scotia representative on the Hockey Canada Minor Council.
- H. All members of the Minor Council shall follow Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia. (see By-Law Twelve)

### 9.4.2 **Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council**

- A. Female Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all Female Hockey activities (excluding elite programs, High Performance and Canada Games wherein such responsibility shall be that of Hockey Nova Scotia) in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia By Laws, Rules- and Policies adopted by Female Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.
- B. The Council Chair shall be a member of Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and the official Hockey Nova Scotia representative on the Hockey Canada Female Council.

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- C. Female Council shall be comprised of:
- *A Council Chair*
  - *Seven Regional Directors appointed by the Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia on recommendation from the Chair of Female. Each director must reside within the respective region.*
  - *Two Conference Coordinators appointed by the Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia on recommendation from the Chair of Female*
  - *One Director at Large appointed on an annual basis by the Executive of Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council.*
- D. All members of the Female Council shall follow Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia. (see By-Law Twelve)

### 9.4.3 **Hockey Nova Scotia Junior Council**

- A. Junior Council shall be governed by:
- Council Chair,
  - Presidents or designates of each of the three Junior Leagues.
  - One (1) representative from each Junior Team registered with HNS, each of who shall have a vote.
- B. Junior Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all Junior hockey activities in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia By Laws, Rules and Policies adopted by Junior Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.
- C. The Council Chair shall be a member of Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and the official Hockey Nova Scotia representative on the Hockey Canada Junior Council.
- D. All members of the Junior Council shall follow Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia. (see By-Law Twelve)

### 9.4.4 **Hockey Nova Scotia Senior & Adult Recreation Council**

- A. Risk Management,** Senior and Adult Recreation Council shall be governed by:
- Council Chair.
- B. Senior and Adult Recreation Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all Senior/adult Recreation hockey activities in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia By Laws, Rules and Policies adopted by Senior/Adult Recreation Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.
- C. The Council Chair shall be a member of Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors and the official Hockey Nova Scotia representative on the Hockey Canada Senior and Adult Recreation Council.
- D. All members of the Senior Council shall follow Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia. (see By-Law Twelve)

### 9.4.5 **Elite Hockey Council**

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- A. Elite Hockey Council shall be governed by:
- Chair of Elite Hockey
  - Director of High Performance,
  - Two (2) representatives from each of the three leagues (U15 Major, U16 Major, and U18 Major)
- B. Elite Hockey Council shall be responsible to the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia for managing the affairs of all Elite hockey activities in accordance with Hockey Nova Scotia By Laws, Rules and Policies adopted by Elite Hockey Council and approved by Hockey Nova Scotia.
- C. The Council Chair shall be a member of Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors
- D. All members of the Elite Hockey Council shall follow Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out by Hockey Nova Scotia. (see BYLAW 12)

### **BY-LAW TEN - MEETINGS OF HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA/COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

10.1 The Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia shall be held in the province of Nova Scotia no later than the last Saturday in June of each year with a minimum of 45 days notice by way of electronic mail and by posting on the Hockey Nova Scotia website. The date, place and time of such meeting shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia.

10.2 Final notice of the Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia shall be sent by the Executive Director at least 7 days prior to the date of such meeting by way of electronic mail and include a copy of the proposed budget.

10.3 The Semi-Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia shall be held no later than the last Saturday of October of each year with a minimum of 45 days notice by way of electronic mail and by posting on the Hockey Nova Scotia website. The date, place and time of such meeting shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia.

10.4 Special or General Meetings may be called by the President upon not less than 7 days notice to those as outlined in By-Law 11 by way of electronic mail. A special or general meeting shall be called by the President if requested to do so in writing by 25% of the voting delegates.

10.5 At all Annual, Semi-Annual or Special Meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia a quorum shall consist of at least 50% plus 1 of the eligible-voting delegates.

10.6 The business of the Annual General Meeting/Semi-Annual Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia shall be to receive and consider the financial statements/budgets of Hockey Nova Scotia, the reports of the Directors, to elect and appoint officers and directors in accordance with the process as contained in these by-laws and to transact any other business which under these By-Laws ought to be transacted at an ordinary general meeting.

10.7 The Executive Director shall:

- A. have responsibility for the preparation and custody of all books and records including:

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- the minutes of members' meetings
- the minutes of directors' meetings
- the register of members.

Any such minutes of any meeting of the Directors or of any committee of the Directors or of Hockey Nova Scotia, if purporting to be signed by the chairperson of such meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting, shall be receivable as prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes. The minutes would be generally available to the membership by attending at the Hockey Nova Scotia office during regular business hours.

10.8 The Directors shall arrange for the safe custody of the Common Seal of Hockey Nova Scotia with the Executive Director. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument unless authorized by a resolution by the Board of Directors or of a committee thereof and then only in the presence of and contemporaneously with the attesting signature of the Vice President Finance and Administration or other officer or person appointed by the Board for the purpose.

### **BY-LAW ELEVEN - VOTING**

11.1 At the Annual General Meeting, Semi-Annual Meeting and Special or General Meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia, the following shall be entitled to one (1) vote each. A member of the Board of Directors who is also an Officer is entitled to only one vote.

Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia  
Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia

Junior Council Official Delegates three (3) in addition to the Chair (to be the President or Designate of each of the three (3) Junior Leagues, one (1) vote per League)

Female Council one (1) in addition to the Chair (to be determined by Female Council) Minor Council Official Delegates five (5) in addition to the Chair (to be determined by Minor Council)

Elite Hockey three (3) votes, U18 Major, U16AAA and U15 Major Leagues, one (1) vote for the president or their designate for each league.

11.2 Any delegate holding a credential signed by the President and Secretary of the registered league or team shall be considered the legal representative of that league or team, but in any case, a delegate cannot represent more than one (1) league or team. All credentials for registered leagues or teams must also be signed by the Chair of the Council or designate.

11.3 At all meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia or of its Committees, voting shall be by a show of hands, unless otherwise decided.

11.4 For the Board of Directors' meetings only, the President may, of his own volition, order a mail or fax vote be taken by the Executive Director.

11.5 No proxy vote will be accepted.

**BY-LAW TWELVE - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

12.1 No Officer of Hockey Nova Scotia shall have any connection with or hold any position whatsoever with any club/team or league under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada.

12.2 A potential conflict of interest is deemed to exist when an Officer of Hockey Nova Scotia is involved:

- A. As a member of an amateur hockey association, team or league;
- B. Receives remuneration of any amount for any position of an amateur hockey association, team or league;
- C. In holding any position on an amateur hockey association, team or league.

12.3 No Director of Hockey Nova Scotia, member of a Council of Hockey Nova Scotia or paid employee shall hold any executive or Board position with any team, association, or league under the jurisdiction of Hockey Nova Scotia or Hockey Canada.

12.4 When a potential conflict is deemed to have arisen, the member involved:

- A. Shall immediately notify Hockey Nova Scotia Board of Directors;
- B. Shall not participate in discussions and shall withdraw/absent themselves from the meeting when any item is being discussed by the Board Member or any of its committees which the presiding chair considers a conflict;
- C. Shall not solicit information on any such item; and
- D. Shall not be provided any information on any such item by any committee member or employee.

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