



**SCHOOL SPORT
NOVA SCOTIA
SPORT SCOLAIRE
NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE**

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Nova Scotia Education Common Services Bureau
and
Hockey Nova Scotia**

WHEREAS School Sport Nova Scotia (“SSNS”) is the provincial governing body for interscholastic athletics in Nova Scotia and operates as a member organization of School Sport Canada (SSC). SSNS aligns with SSC’s national standards and initiatives while managing and promoting school sports within the province. SSNS functions under the corporation sole of the Nova Scotia Common Services Bureau, which provides services to support the efficient administration and operation of the education system.

WHEREAS Hockey Nova Scotia (“HNS”) is the recognized governing body for the sport of hockey in the Province of Nova Scotia, and is committed to fostering the development, safety, and participation of youth in hockey through sanctioned programs, competitions, and partnerships;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties wish to enter into this Memorandum of Understand (MOU) to establish the terms under which they will collaborate to support, organize, and promote school hockey programs and related activities in a manner consistent with the policies and standards of Hockey Nova Scotia.

1. Term

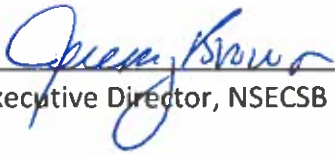
- 1.1.** This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall become effective upon execution by the Parties and shall remain in force until May 1, 2027, unless earlier terminated or amended at the request of either Party.

2. Responsibilities of SSNS

- 2.1.** SSNS hockey shall adhere to the official playing rules of Hockey Canada (HC). Any deviations or modifications to these rules may be made only in accordance with this MOU and must be formally requested in writing;

- 2.2. By no later than February 1 of each calendar year, SSNS shall provide to HNS a complete list of all school hockey teams registered to participate in that year's season;
- 2.3. SSNS, on behalf of each registered school hockey team, shall remit insurance premiums to HNS annually. The premium amount shall be determined each year in accordance with the rate established by HC;
- 2.4. SSNS shall sanction exhibition games under the following conditions:
 - 2.4.1. Competitions against school teams from outside Nova Scotia shall be sanctioned only if those teams carry valid HC insurance coverage; and
 - 2.4.2. tournaments hosted by SSNS member schools that include participation from teams outside Nova Scotia must receive prior sanctioning approval from SSNS.
3. Responsibilities of HNS
 - 3.1. HNS shall be responsible for the assignment and management of game officials;
 - 3.2. HNS shall process any insurance claims arising out of any claims of SSNS hockey;
4. Disciplinary Action of School Sport Student-Athlete and Coach
 - 4.1. SSNS shall notify HNS of any school sport student-athlete or coach who receives a suspension resulting from a severe infraction of five (5) games or more.
 - 4.2. HNS shall notify SSNS of any registered hockey player or coach who receives a suspension resulting from a severe infraction of five (5) games or more.
 - 4.3. SSNS shall recognize and enforce any suspension for serious infractions imposed by HNS as outlined in subsection 4.2;
 - 4.4. HSN shall recognize and enforce any suspension for serious infractions imposed by SSNS as outlined in subsection 4.1;
 - 4.5. Notification of suspensions shall be made by each organization via email to the executive director of the other organization and maintained through a live, continuously updated link;
 - 4.6. Any suspensions of a student-athlete or coach for discrimination shall be communicated to the other organization for tracking purposes in accordance with Hockey Canada's Maltreatment Policy.

Signed this day the 11 day of November, 2025.


Executive Director, NSECSB

Signed this day the 11 day of November, 2025.


Executive Director, HNS