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**DEFINITIONS**

All words and phrases used herein, if defined in the Bylaws shall (unless separately defined herein) have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the Bylaws. When the content so intends, works in the singular include the plural and words implying the masculine gender include the female.

1. In the Bylaws and Rules of the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association ("E.M.H.A." or the "Association" or "Hockey Edmonton"), the following terms are defined as:
  - (a) **"AA" Council** – the body responsible for all hockey administered by the Clubs and meets on the first Saturday of each month.
  - (b) **"AA' Council Chairperson"** - the person responsible for all "AA" Hockey who reports to the Board of Directors at Association meetings.
  - (c) **"Annual General Meeting"** - the Association meeting open to all Members held on the second Wednesday of May at the end of each Hockey Season.
  - (d) **"Annual Operating Budget"** - the financial/accounting document setting out in detail the proposed revenues and expenses for a Hockey Season the sufficiency of which will be determined by the Board of Directors.
  - (e) **"Associate Member"** - non-voting
    - (i) Sledge Hockey
  - (f) **"Association"** - the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association or the E.M.H.A. or Hockey Edmonton

- (g) **"Board of Directors"** - the appointed representative(s) from each Member Organization and elected members of the Executive Committee who are responsible for the overall management of the Association.
- (h) **"Category"** – in the case of Hockey Team means one of the following subdivisions of a Division as follows:
- i) Provincial Teams – AAA, AA, A, Federation Midget, Bantam and PeeWee Tier one will be included or in the case of a LMHA means it's Provincial Categorization
  - ii) Non Provincial Teams – a team registered as a Non Provincial Team shall be categorized based on the needs of an LMHA.
- (i) **"Chairperson"** - the person appointed by the Board of Directors or other organization to lead and oversee an Association committee or group.
- (j) **"Club"** – the geographic area in which a Member Organization is responsible for the operation of a hockey program within the "AA" Council consisting of the Canadian, Knights of Columbus, Maple Leaf, and South Side Athletic Clubs.
- (k) **"Discipline Appeal Committee"** – the committee responsible for all game related discipline and hearings.
- (l) **"District"** - the geographic area in which a Member Organization is responsible for the operation of a hockey program within the EFHC consisting of the Edmonton Girls Hockey Association, Knights of Columbus, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest Districts.
- (m) **"Divisions"** – age categories of hockey; Male and Female
- Initiation: open to participants ages 4, 5, 6 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> Hockey Season in which they wish to participate. No scheduled games and follows the Hockey Canada Initiation Program.
  - Novice: open to participants aged 7, 8 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Hockey Season in which they wish to participate.
  - Atom: open to participants aged 9, 10 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Hockey Season in which they wish to participate.
  - Pee Wee: open to participants aged 11, 12 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Hockey Season in which they wish to participate.
  - Bantam: open to participants aged 13, 14 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Hockey Season in which they wish to participate.
  - Bantam AA - AAA
  - NOTE:** No more than one (1) Pee Wee aged player per Bantam team shall be permitted to play in the "AA" Council Bantam program.
  - Midget: open to participants aged 15, 16, 17 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Hockey Season in which they wish to participate.
  - Junior: open to players aged 18, 19, 20 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in the Hockey Season in which they wish to compete.
- (n) **"Edmonton Minor Hockey Area" or "Boundaries of the Association"** - the area within the corporate limits of the City of Edmonton with the following addition:
- 1. Edmonton Garrison Residents and the Enoch Cree Nation.
- (o) **"Edmonton Federation Hockey Council ("EFHC") Chairperson"** - the person responsible for all EFHC Hockey who reports to the Board of Directors at Association meetings.

- (p) **"Edmonton Federation Hockey Council"** – body responsible for all hockey administered by the Districts and meets on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May. Also identified as the EFHC or the Federation.
- (q) **"Elite Hockey"** – means those Divisions and Categories considered as high performance (Major Junior, Junior A, Midget AAA, Minor Midget AAA and Bantam AAA).
- (r) **"E.M.H.A."** - means the Association or the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association or Hockey Edmonton. Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from September to May.
- (s) **"E.M.H.A. Internal Boundaries"** – boundaries of the EFHC Districts and "AA" Council Clubs

**EFHC**

Northwest District - North of the North Saskatchewan River and West of 11 Street, exclusive of the communities known as Rosssdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn, and Griesbach. In addition from 137 Avenue North on 113 A Street and 153 Avenue then West of 97 Street and North to the City Limits. Inclusive of Enoch.

Northeast District - North of the North Saskatchewan River and East of 101 Street inclusive of the communities known as Rosssdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn, and Griesbach. In addition from 137 Avenue North on 113 A Street and 153 Avenue then East of 97 Street and North to the City Limits and Edmonton Garrison Base Residents. DND personnel registering with a CRA number must register with Edmonton Garrison and play in the Northeast District. DND personnel residing in Districts other than Northeast may register in the EFHC District they reside in and must provide a community league membership.

Southwest District - South of the North Saskatchewan River and West of the CPR railroad tracks, inclusive of the community known as Scona Centre.

Southeast District - South of the North Saskatchewan River and East of the CPR railroad tracks, exclusive of the community known as Scona Centre.

Knights of Columbus Hockey Association District - EMHA boundaries

Edmonton Girls Hockey Association District - EMHA boundaries

**"AA" Council**

Canadian Athletic Club – North of the North Saskatchewan river and West of 97 Street, inclusive of the communities known as Rosssdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn and Griesbach.

Maple Leaf Athletic Club – East of 97 Street North of the North Saskatchewan River, inclusive of Edmonton Garrison base residents but exclusive of the communities known as Rosssdale, Spruce Avenue, Westwood, Rosslyn and Griesbach. In addition, it will include the operating area known as North Seera which is the area that is south of the North Saskatchewan river, east of the C.P.R. railroad tracks along 103 Street and North of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue exclusive of the community known as Scona Centre. The communities represented include (but are not limited to) Argyll, Avonmore, Bonnie Doon, Capilano, Cloverdale, Forest Heights/Terrace Heights, Fulton Place, Gold Bar, Hazeldean, Holyrood, Idylwyld, Kenilworth, King Edward Park, Ottewell, Ritchie, Strathearn and the community of Twin Parks.

South Side Athletic Club – South of the North Saskatchewan River, exclusive of the operating area known as North Seera which is the area that is south of the North

Saskatchewan river, east of the C.P.R. railroad tracks along 103 Street and North of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, exclusive of the community known as Scona Centre. The communities represented include (but are not limited to) Argyll, Avonmore, Bonnie Doon, Capilano, Cloverdale, Forest Heights/Terrace Heights, Fulton Place, Gold Bar, Hazeldean, Holyrood, Idylwyld, Kenilworth, King Edward Park, Ottewell, Ritchie, Strathearn and the community of Twin Parks..

Knights of Columbus Athletic Club - EMHA boundaries.

- (s) **"Hockey Season"** - the period beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> and concluding April 30<sup>th</sup> of the next calendar year.
- (t) **"Hockey Team" or "Team"**- means a group of persons comprised of :
  - i) a maximum of nineteen (19) players
  - ii) for teams competing for National and Regional events, a minimum of 15 players (at least two of whom must be goaltenders)
    - iii) players who are all qualified in one Division comprised of not less than twelve (12) players (exclusive of affiliated players) and not more than nineteen (19) players
    - iv) a coach who holds National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) qualifications in compliance with Hockey Canada and HA Regulations
    - v) a Team Official whom has completed the course requirements for the Hockey Canada Safety Program
    - vi) a Team official that has completed the course requirement for the Speak Out Program as required by Hockey Canada and HA Regulations
    - vii) at the PeeWee Division, a head coach who has completed the Checking Skills Program
- (u) **"Import Player"** - player who resides outside of the boundaries of the EMHA (allowed in Midget AAA only).
- (v) **"Ineligible Player"** - an ineligible player may be classified as, but not restricted to the following:
  - i) a player improperly registered with EMHA in contradiction of the Bylaws and Regulations of the EMHA. It is the Associations and individual teams coach's responsibility to make certain that all players are properly registered
  - ii) a suspended player
  - iii) a player not properly released in accordance with EMHA and Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations.
  - iv) all games using ineligible players will be forfeited
- w) **"Junior Council Chairperson"** - the person responsible for all EMHA Junior Hockey who reports to the Board of Directors at Association meetings.
- (x) **"Legal Guardian"** – a person that is granted guardianship of a player under the age of eighteen (18) years by the law courts of competent jurisdiction.
- (y) **"League Director"** - an appointed representative of a hockey Council who is responsible for the operation of a hockey league or Division.

- (z) **"Member"** - includes all players, coaches, managers, other team officials, members of Clubs, members of Districts, members of the Board of Directors, members of the Executive Committee, members of all Member Organizations, and all other individuals working, assisting, volunteering in hockey within the jurisdiction of the Association.
- (aa) **"Member Organizations"** - includes the following organizations:
  - (i) The Districts of the EFHC.
  - (ii) The clubs of the "AA" Council
  - (iii) Any other organizations as may from time to time be formally admitted to the Association.
- (ab) **"Mobility"** – player movement within the EMHA.
- (ac) **"Non Provincial Team"** means a team properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta, who is ineligible to participate in Provincials
- (ad) **"Officers"** - the appointed representatives from each Member Organization and the elected members of the Executive Committee.
- (ae) **"Operating Area"** - a separate area created when a District is broken down into smaller geographic sub-divisions.
- (af) **"Past President"** - the formerly elected President who will assist the Board of Directors in the management of the Association.
- (ag) **"President"** - an elected member of the Board of Directors who is in charge of the management of the Board of Directors.
- (ah) **"Provincial Team"** –means a team, properly and duly registered with Hockey Alberta who is eligible to participate in Provincials
- (ai) **"Quorum"** - the amount of eligible voting Members required before an Association meeting shall proceed.
- (aj) **"Regular Meeting"** - the Association meeting held the second Wednesday of each month over the course of the Hockey Season.
- (ak) **"Registrar"** - the person appointed by the Board of Directors who handles the day to day activities of registration within the Association as conferred upon the Registrar by these Bylaws and Rules, the Registration Standing Committee and the Board of Directors.
- (al) **"Registry"** – means an electronic registration system used by the EMHA, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada to register all players, coaches and teams
- (am) **"Residence"** - the particular municipal address where a player resides as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the Hockey Season.
- (an) **"Resident Player"** - a player who resides within the boundaries of the EMHA Club or District that the player is registered with in any playing season.
- (ak) **"Special Committee"** – committee that deals specifically with abuse, harassment and “Good of the Game” incident reports.
- (al) **"Special Resolution"** - a resolution requiring at least three-quarters of the Members entitled to vote at that meeting.
- (am) **"Sub Registrar"** - the person in charge of procedural registration matters for a Club or District.

- (an) **“Suspension”** – a temporary debarring of a person from the privileges of playing hockey games or association with a Hockey Team or Member provided that suspension must stipulate a length of time or number of hockey games or type of hockey games or combination thereof.
- (ao) **"Treasurer"** - an elected member of the Board of Directors in charge of financial affairs of the Association.
- (ap) **1<sup>st</sup> "Vice-President"** - an elected member of the Board of Directors to which all Standing Committees report and will have other duties conferred upon him or her by the Board of Directors.
- (aq) **2<sup>nd</sup> "Vice-President"** - an elected member of the Board of Directors to which all Standing Committees report and will have other duties conferred upon him or her by the Board of Directors.

## **EMHA OPERATING DIRECTIVE**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF ARENAS**

#### **1.0 PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 General guidelines of scheduling include: time for the game and fifteen minutes for scrape and flood between games.
- 1.2 Users will appear not more than one hour before the time authorized on the permit and will vacate the arena by the time authorized on the permit, contract or when directed to do so by arena operator.
  - (a) users will not litter the areas of public access with hockey paraphernalia
  - (b) users will not run pre- or post- game preparations or training in areas of public access
  - (c) users will not participate in public skating sessions dressed in or using hockey equipment
- 1.3 The arena operator will indicate to the official or District representatives the end of the schedule time for practice or game. The team must then leave the ice.
- 1.4 The arena operator is the sole judge in deciding if ice conditions are suitable for play, and he is authorized to refuse permission for teams to take the ice.
- 1.5 The arena operator will report to the Community Services, hereinafter referred to as the Department, the name of any team or teams that fail to fulfill their scheduled time. This is to be reported as soon as possible following the time scheduled for the game.
- 1.6 The arena operator will have the authority to evict any persons who, in their opinion, create a disturbance or fail to adhere to warnings relative to accepted conduct and/or established rules and regulations in accordance with Department policy.
- 1.7 If the ice times are cancelled by the Department, any payments made by the user group will be refunded for the specific times cancelled.
- 1.8 When the user group fails to make use of the facilities as scheduled, the maximum charge for the facility will be assessed (in accordance with most current Schedule of Fees and Charges).
- 1.9 Any ice time that is booked and not utilized will be charged at the full adult rental rate per the fees and charges.

#### **2.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 NO HOCKEY TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE TO THE ICE UNTIL THE MANAGER, COACH OR TEAM CAPTAIN HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE ARENA OPERATOR. TEAMS MUST LEAVE THE ICE AT THE APPOINTED TIME, EVEN THOUGH THE GAME MAY NOT HAVE GONE FOR THE REGULATION DURATION.
- 2.2 The manager, coach or team captain shall be responsible for the conduct of their players at all times and will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during and after the game, on or off the ice, in the building or surrounding grounds. Notes of any occurrences should be made by the arena operator on the daily schedule form. Minor aged players shall not be left unsupervised at any time while participating in any aspect of hockey activities whether at a game, practice, tournament, in a hotel or participating in a Special Event. Players who must leave the ice for equipment repairs, injury, illness, game ejection etc. must be accompanied to the dressing room and supervised by an adult. The manager, coach and/or team captain may be suspended due to failure to provide adequate adult supervision at all times.
- 2.3 In compliance with CHA Rule 41 (k) – If for whatever reason, both the Referee and Linesmen appointed are prevented from appearing, the Managers or Coaches of the two competing teams shall agree on a Referee and one or two Linesmen. If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team to act as officials. If the regularly appointed officials appear during the progress of the game, they shall replace the temporary officials immediately. To avoid having to place the demand of officiating on players, coaches should bring their skates to all games.
- If for whatever reason the Linesmen appointed are prevented from appearing or, during the game, a Linesman is unable to continue due to injury or illness, the Referee shall have the power to appoint someone if she feels it is necessary.
- If for whatever reason the Referee appointed is prevented from appearing, one of the Linesmen shall perform the Referee's duties. If for whatever reason during the game the Referee is unable to continue due to injury or illness, the Referee shall select a Linesman to replace her as the Referee for the balance of the game.
- 2.4 No team can make a decision to not play a game or refuse to continue with a game that is in progress, under the guise of "safety" or any other reason. Only the City Category Director, Referee, Ice Committee Chairperson or City of Edmonton Arena attendant can cancel a scheduled game or a game that is in progress. The game may or may not be rescheduled at the discretion of the applicable City Category Director or Council Chairperson.
- 2.5 The Home team shall provide a Timekeeper and the Visiting team shall provide a Scorekeeper.
- 2.6 In compliance with CHA Rule 81(e) – At the end of each period, all players must remain on their respective players' or penalty bench until directed off the ice by the Referee. The Visiting team shall leave the ice first, unless otherwise directed by the Referee.
- 2.7 The City assumes no responsibility for loss of personal property.
- 2.8 Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within the arena.
- 2.9 Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in the suspension of individual(s) or team(s) from the facility.
- 2.10 All persons under the age of 21 years engaged in hockey and/or similar activities (organized or non-organized) must wear a helmet. Failure to do so will result in suspension of ice privileges.
- 2.11 The arena operator has the authority and responsibility to enforce all regulations.
- 2.3 ALL EMHA HOCKEY TEAMS REQUESTING ICE TIME AT CITY-OWNED AND OPERATED ARENAS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE E.M.H.A. ICE OPERATIONS GROUP CHAIRPERSON.

- 2.4 The EMHA and all persons associated with it shall indemnify and save harmless the City from any and all liabilities, damages, costs, suits or action growing out of:
- (b) any breach, violation or non-performance of any covenants, conditions or agreements in this lease set forth and contained in the part of the Licensee to be fulfilled, kept, observed and performed;
  - (c) any damage to property occasioned by the use and occupation of the demised premises or any part thereof;
  - (d) any injury to any person or persons, including death resulting at any time there from, occurring in or about the demised premises or any part thereof during the term of this lease and rising from or occasioned by any cause whatsoever except for an act or omission to the Leasers, Agents or Servers.

### **3.0 PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 League or playoff games have priority at all times over practices or exhibition games, provided the games are recorded on the arena operator's schedule or a permit or contract is produced.

### **4.0 E.M.H.A. DIRECTIVE REGARDING COLLECTING AN ADMISSION FEE**

The EMHA does not permit the enforced collection of any admission fee for spectators at arenas. We do encourage the use of a silver collection for those people who wish to help support the EMHA program by voluntarily donating money at the gate.

The exception to this directive is:

1. Playoffs
2. Tournaments
3. Minor Hockey Week

The fee structure will be determined through negotiations with the City of Edmonton Community Services.

Further exceptions to the above may be negotiated through the City of Edmonton Community Services.

## **DIRECTIVES GOVERNING ALL EMHA HOCKEY TEAMS**

### **1.0 GENERAL**

All Members must comply with the Official Rule Book of the Canadian Hockey Association ("CHA") and Hockey Alberta except as modified by these Bylaws and Rules.

#### Mandatory Liability Insurance

Liability insurance is **MANDATORY** for all players, team coaches, managers, referees, administrators and minor officials subject to the Bylaws and Regulations of the CHA and the Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta.

#### Damage to City and Community Owned Arenas

Communities and Associations shall be held responsible for damages to City owned arenas caused by any team or team members. Further, any player or team that shall cause damage or deface city owned arenas may be suspended until such time (and may be longer) as the damages are paid in full.

## Theft and Vandalism

Any team members who are found responsible for theft of private or community property, or who damage or deface rinks, city arenas, community property and private property on or adjacent to the city or community property may face suspension.

Coaches and Managers please note it is your duty to ensure that all players and anyone else connected with your team thoroughly understand the contents of this Directive.

- 1.1 Each home team is to supply six (6) pucks in good condition.
- 1.2 Each timekeeper will, without exception, start the game clock at the scheduled time and all games must end on time. The following is the procedure for ending games (5 minute/2 minute Method) in the Federation and the "AA" program.

When there are five minutes remaining in the assigned ice slot and there are two minutes or less remaining in the hockey game, the game shall be completed by playing out the remaining time to a conclusion of no time remaining. (See Example 1)

When there are five minutes remaining in the assigned ice slot and there are in excess of two minutes remaining in the hockey game, the game clock shall be set for 2:00. These two minutes of stop time shall be played to a conclusion of no time remaining using the final five minutes of ice time remaining. The referee shall direct the timekeeper to set the clock at 2:00 at the stoppage of play that occurs as near as possible to five minutes of remaining ice time. (See example 2)

Any penalties that are being served or any delayed penalties shall continue to be served in the last two minutes of the game in accordance with the appropriate CHA penalty time procedures. As an example, when the clock is set at 2:00, a player has served 40 seconds of a minor penalty, such player will serve the remaining 1 minute and 20 seconds. The penalty would expire with 40 seconds remaining in the game unless the opposing team scored prior to the expiration of the penalty. If the penalty was responsible for creating a manpower advantage, then the penalty would expire with the scoring of the goal.

If play is stopped at anytime, and because the extenuating circumstances for the stoppage prevent resumption of play prior to there being less than five minutes remaining in the assigned ice slot, then play shall not be resumed. If such extenuating circumstances develop during the reset 2:00 or the final two minutes of game time, then the game would end when the assigned ice time expires. Such conditions would prevail when there is a serious injury where the injured player cannot be removed from the ice, when there is a facility equipment failure or when other such extenuating circumstances exist.

The foregoing procedure shall apply to all LEAGUE games in the EMHA's program in the categories of Junior (recreational), Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom and Novice where stop time is employed as the normal timing procedure.

### EXAMPLES:

1. Ice slot ends at 19:45. At 19:40 there are two minutes or less remaining in the hockey game. Continue play in order that the game will end at or before 19:45.
  2. Ice slot ends at 19:45. At 19:40 there are 5 minutes and 21 seconds of playing time remaining in the game. Set the clock at 2:00 and continue play in order that the game will end at or before 19:45.
- 1.3 (a) Players box doors must be kept closed and latched during the course of the game.  
(b) No players shall direct a puck toward the spectator area during warm-ups and non-playing time.

(c) NO HOCKEY TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE TO THE ICE UNTIL THE MANAGER, COACH OR TEAM CAPTAIN HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE ARENA OPERATOR. TEAMS MUST LEAVE THE ICE AT THE APPOINTED TIME, EVEN THOUGH THE GAME MAY NOT HAVE GONE FOR THE REGULATION THREE PERIODS.

- 1.4 Dressing rooms are to be left clean.
- 1.5 There are to be no more than five (5) registered team officials in the player's box during or between periods.
- 1.6 Profanity, racial slurs and sexist remarks, by players, team officials or club representatives will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
- 1.7 No one, other than the City League Director, the officials working the game and the timekeeper will be allowed in the Game Officials room at any time.
- 1.8 Each team will be responsible for locking its own dressing room while unoccupied.

## **2.0 OFFICIAL OPENING**

League play is to start with finalized schedules as received from District Councils. Coaches and Managers may arrange their own exhibition games prior to the start of the schedule with appropriate (outlined in 3.0) approval.

## **3.0 GAMES AND/OR TOURNAMENTS**

- 3.1 Coaches and Managers of all EMHA registered hockey teams must have approval for all local exhibition and/or tournament games from their respective Operating Area Director(s) before playing the game. For out of town (in province) games, approval must also be obtained from their respective Councils by way of a properly approved EMHA Travel Permit, a copy of which is to be faxed to the EMHA office. In addition, all out of province games must be approved by the E.M.H.A. Board of Directors and the Hockey Alberta Zone Chairperson (Hockey Alberta Minor Council Travel Permit).
- 3.2 Failure to comply with 3.1 may result in a minimum three game suspension for both the Coach and/or Manager at the same time.
- 3.3 Players, Coaches, Managers and Trainers of all "AA" and EFHC Hockey teams will be subject to the same disciplinary action on penalties assessed them in exhibition or tournament games, be it in the City or out of town, as would be assessed to them by City League Directors or Discipline Appeal Committee or Special Committee in regular EMHA league play.
- 3.4 EMHA teams will not be allowed to participate in exhibition or tournament games after May 1 or prior to September 1st of the current playing season unless otherwise approved by the EMHA Board of Directors.
- 3.5 Exhibition or tournament games will not be allowed to interfere with regular scheduled games.
- 3.6 The maximum number of games allowed in the Federation Hockey Council program (excluding AA Council member teams) is:

Prenovice	40 games
Novice	50 games
Atom	60 games
Pee Wee	60 games
Bantam	60 games
Midget	60 games

These maximums include all league, exhibition and tournament games, with tournaments counting as 3 games. Games played during Minor Hockey Week and in playoffs are not included in the limitations.

- 3.7 All tournaments operated by EMHA member organizations must be requested in writing to the EMHA Board of Directors. Approval from the EMHA Board of Directors must be received prior to the organization seeking approval from Hockey Alberta.

#### **4.0 TRAVEL PERMITS**

Whenever a team plays an exhibition game or in a tournament in or outside of Edmonton, they must acquire a travel permit, through the EMHA website, from the City Category Director prior to traveling. This will ensure that the players and coaches of the team are covered under the Hockey Canada Insurance Plan. The permits are no cost and are granted with the following conditions:

- 4.1 Travel Permits (Within Province) - All EMHA and interlocking teams must have a travel permit approved online by their respective zone category director or designate. All game sheets must be submitted to the City Category Director within 24 hours.

- 4.2 Travel Permits (Out Of Province) - All EMHA teams, traveling out of province must submit application to their appropriate Council for approval and then approval by the EMHA.

- all game sheets to be returned to the City Category Director within 24 hours.  
(No game sheets - no further travel permits).

- all EMHA teams must follow this procedure.

- all travel permits for rural teams must follow procedures set up by their respective zone team.

- 4.3 Tournament Sanctions

Tournaments requests must be submitted to appropriate council for approval and then approval by EMHA.

#### **5.0 EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1 Player's protective equipment and all other equipment must abide with the most current edition of the CHA Official Rule Book.

- 5.2 In the event that there is a duplication of team colours during a game, the home team must change uniform colours so as not to conflict with the visiting team colours.

#### **6.0 GAME SHEETS**

- 6.1 After the conclusion of every "AA" game it is the home team's responsibility to deliver the game sheet to the appropriate City League Director within twenty-four (24) hours unless otherwise directed by the "AA" Council. In EFHC hockey the home team shall be responsible for delivering the game sheet to the appropriate Operating Area Director within twenty-four (24) hours. The Operating Area Director will then fax the game sheet to the appropriate City League Director within forty-eight (48) hours unless otherwise directed by the EFHC. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

- 6.2 Game sheets must be signed by team officials in charge of the team before commencement of play, thus verifying the eligibility of the players under their charge and also showing who is responsible for their conduct during the game.

- 6.3 Teams must print player's first and last name on the front of the game sheet. If a team does not appear for a regular scheduled game, the team in attendance will fill out the game sheet, as noted above, have a referee sign same and return to respective Director, recording the score of 3 to 0 in its favor.
- 6.4 All game sheets are to be made out by the Manager or Coach at least fifteen (15) minutes before game time. **NAMES MUST BE PRINTED.**
- 6.5 Coaches and Managers of all EMHA registered teams will be held responsible to provide the appropriate Operating Area Director with an official copy of all exhibition or tournament game sheets within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the exhibition or tournament. The Operating Area Director will then fax a copy of the game sheet to the appropriate City League Director within forty-eight (48) hours.

## **7.0 TEAM MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 Each team shall have in its players box a responsible person, not in uniform, to coach, look after and take responsibility of the team during the game. Failure to provide this responsible person shall ensure an automatic forfeiture of the game. The manager or coach shall at all times be responsible for the conduct of their team, including fans and players. They must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice, and any place about the rink. Minor aged players shall not be left unsupervised at any time while participating in any aspect of hockey activities whether at a game, practice, at a tournament, in a hotel or participating in a Special Event. Players who must leave the ice for equipment repairs, injury, illness, game ejection etc. must be accompanied to the dressing room and supervised by an adult. The manager, coach and/or team captain may be suspended due to failure to provide adequate adult supervision at all times.

## **8.0 DURATION OF GAMES**

- 8.1 Duration of games for all EMHA Hockey shall be recommended by the Ice Operations Group Committee in consultation with all Councils for presentation at the EMHA April General Meeting and for ratification by the Board of Directors, at the May General Meeting.

## **9.0 SUSPENSIONS**

- 9.1 When a player or team official is assessed a penalty which renders him ineligible to participate in the next game, it is the responsibility of the Coach or Manager to ensure the player/team official has been cleared by the proper authorities before participation is permitted. The coach or manager should check the Minimum Suspension Guidelines to determine whether or not there is an automatic suspension associated with a rule violation on the game sheet (see 6.1 Minimum Suspension Guidelines). Failure to determine terms of suspension or obtain clearance will result in a CHA Rule 16 violation and indefinite suspension until the matter can be heard by Hockey Alberta.

**NOTE:** EXHIBITION GAMES DO NOT COUNT AS SUSPENDED GAMES. PLAYERS CAN NOT PLAY EXHIBITION GAMES WHILE SERVING A SUSPENSION.

- (a) For purposes of serving suspensions, Minor Hockey Week games, sanctioned functions, CHA and Hockey Alberta tournament games may be considered as regular league games as approved by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.
- (b) All suspended players/personnel must be recorded on the game sheet as being suspended.

- (c) A suspended player or team official may practice and attend team functions unless special circumstances are otherwise warranted as determined by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.
  - (d) If a suspension is expected to carry more than seven days or carry over into the following season, the person MAY be allowed to participate in tryouts and/or exhibition games until the suspension can be served in a league or tournament game approved by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.
- 9.2 In the event a City League Director, **present at a game**, observes an on-ice offence which in their opinion, is a Misconduct or Major offence, and no penalty was assessed by the Referee, the City League Director shall have the power to assess such suspension as is deemed necessary for the particular offence up to a maximum of three (3) games.
- 9.3 (a) Anyone removed from a game will go directly to their respective dressing room. If any individual causes further disorderly conduct during or after the game, they will be subject to further disciplinary action.
- (b) Any suspended player, Coach, Manager or Trainer will not be allowed in the dressing room from one (1) hour prior to game time to one (1) hour after game time.
- 9.4 If the City League Director is of the opinion that a team is being assessed too many penalties of a serious nature, then the Coach or Manager or both may be liable to suspension for failure to control their team.
- 9.5 Where a Coach, Manager or Trainer is assessed a Game Misconduct, they shall receive, in addition to the game in which they receive the Game Misconduct, an additional suspension, which shall be a minimum of the next league or play-off game.
- 9.6 Where a Coach, Manager or Trainer receives a second Game Misconduct in the same season, they shall be suspended for a minimum of the next three (3) league or play-off games.
- 9.7 Where a Coach, Manager or Trainer receives a third Game Misconduct, in the same season, they shall be suspended until dealt with by the Discipline Appeal Committee.
- 9.8 The EMHA will not tolerate abuses of any kind directed towards EMHA officials, Game Officials, Good of the Game Representatives or City of Edmonton arena staff, by a spectator, player, Coach, Manager or Trainer associated with any EMHA team. Any such abuse will render the offending individual liable to discipline under the Good of the Game.
- 9.9 Suspension: All CHA Rule violations will be dealt with by the City League Director. The City League Director must be kept informed of all suspensions. In addition to the Minimum Suspension Guidelines, the City League Director may give up to a maximum of three (3) additional game suspensions. Appeals will be allowed as per Operating Directive 10.0.
- 9.9.1 Excessive penalties by players or teams will be dealt with by the City League Director and/or Discipline Chairperson.
- 9.9.2 Altercations before or after a game by players, coaches or managers written up by a referee on the game sheet will be dealt with severely by the City League Director. Altercations that are not noted on the game sheet will be dealt with under the Good of the Game and/or by Discipline Chairperson.
- 9.9.3 For all write-ups (excluding rule 71, molesting officials) the referee is responsible for transporting the original copy of the game sheet to the appropriate City League Director or Operating Area Director within 24 hours of the end of the game.

9.9.4 Any Coach and/or Manager who plays an ineligible player may forfeit all games played with said player and will be subject to immediate indefinite suspension until their case has been heard by Hockey Alberta and terms of suspension determined by the Hockey Alberta President (CHA Rule 16).

## 10.0 EMHA APPEALS

### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

The EMHA appreciates that disputes and disagreements concerning issues relating to hockey may occur. It is, however, expected that all parties attempt mediation, alternate dispute resolution methods or use reasonable efforts to resolve such issues prior to the commencement of an appeal to the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee of the EMHA.

The EMHA further requests all appeals to the Club or Association level be attempted prior to the commencement of the appeal herein.

### 10.1 Appeals

An appeal lies to the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee only from the whole or any part of a decision or ruling made by or in respect to:

- (a) suspension imposed by any Category Director, Zone, District or Area Director/Chairperson or Council Chairperson;
- (b) official protest, however, the decision of a referee cannot be protested, unless an improper interpretation of the rules was made;
- (c) suspension imposed by the President pursuant to EMHA Bylaw #51 and #52;
- (d) decisions, rulings or findings of any nature whatsoever by any Category Director, Zone, District or Area Director/Chairperson or Council Chairperson;
- (e) any further matters pertaining to the conduct of players, coaches, managers, teams, trainers, stickboys or any other officials at the request of the President, or any Category Director, Zone, District, or Area Director/Chairperson or Council Chairperson;
- (f) decisions, rulings or findings of any nature relative to the registration in the EMHA
- (g) decisions, rulings, or findings of any nature that the EMHA Executive or its representatives find to have been made without full disclosure of facts that would, in their opinion, have altered a disciplinary decision/s.
- (h) Appeals as a result of a CHA Rule violation cited by a Referee and accompanying minimum suspension as per EMHA or Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines will **not** be entertained. The Referee has full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute in a game. His decision is final on all questions of judgment and not subject to appeal. An appeal to reduce a minimum suspension cannot be entertained, however, an appeal to increase the suspension terms may be.

All appeals must be initiated by notice in writing (Notice of Appeal) addressed to the Discipline Chairperson of the EMHA and delivered not later than seven (7) days from the date of notification of the decision or ruling being appealed. Notification shall mean receipt of the decision to be appealed, whether verbal, in writing, e-mail or otherwise.

Delivery shall mean receipt by the EMHA, at its office, during normal business hours within the time provided.

## 10.2 Notice of Appeal

The Notice of Appeal shall include and contain the following:

- (a) a statement of the decision which is being appealed, including a copy of the written decision, if any;
- (b) concise statement of the grounds for appeal;
- (c) concise statement of the facts alleged by the appellant;
- (d) summary of evidence which the appellant intends to produce at the hearing;
- (e) where the EMHA is of the opinion that it is not necessary for the EMHA to retain a lawyer for the purposes of the appeal, the Appeal Fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (150.00), which sum shall be returned only in the event the appeal is allowed by the Special Committee; or
- (f) where the EMHA is of the opinion that it is in their best interests to retain a lawyer for the purposes of the appeal, the Appeal Fee shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), which sum shall be returned in full if the appeal is allowed by the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee. In the event that the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee does not allow the appeal, then the costs of the EMHA in defending the appeal (including solicitor and client costs) shall be deducted from the Appeal Fee and the balance remaining, if any, of the Appeal Fee shall be returned. In the event that the costs of the EMHA in defending the appeal (including solicitor and client costs) shall be greater than the Appeal Fee, then the person who brought the appeal shall be responsible to reimburse the EMHA for the difference between such costs and the Appeal Fee.
- (g) the Appeal Fee shall be paid by way of cash, money order or certified cheque.

## 10.3 Appeal Hearing

Upon receipt of the Notice of Appeal (in accordance with the requirements hereof) the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee shall hold a hearing within four (4) business days thereafter and deliver at least a verbal decision not later than twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the hearing followed with a written decision as soon as practicable thereafter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that due to circumstances beyond the control of the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee, a hearing cannot be held within the above time limits, the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee shall hold a hearing as soon as practicable thereafter.

All hearings conducted by the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee shall be conducted fairly and impartially and all affected parties shall be entitled to be present, represented by a barrister and solicitor, or by agent. The form and conduct of such hearing and whether evidence need be presented, whether such evidence is given under oath or not, whether proceedings recorded and whether cross-examination is permitted, shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee.

Upon receiving the Notice of Appeal (in accordance with the requirements hereof), the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee shall set a date for the hearing and notify all affected parties. Failure to notify all affected parties or any one of them shall not affect the validity of any decision made.

## 10.4 Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee

(3) The Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairperson (the chairperson of the discipline committee of the EMHA or nominee), together with two (2) or more members of the Executive Committee of the EMHA. Each member, except the chair of the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee is entitled to one (1) vote and in the event of a tie, the chairperson shall cast a deciding vote. A quorum shall consist of not less than three members. In the event that a quorum cannot be achieved, the Discipline Chairperson shall be entitled to nominate such other members as may be necessary to provide a quorum providing such other members are organization representatives of a District, Club or Operating Area, EMHA League Category Directors, Council or Standing Committee Chairpersons or District or Club representatives of the Registration or Discipline Standing Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any party so selected shall be ineligible if such member has a conflict of interest or represents the District, Club, Operating Area or Category from where the appeal originates.

#### 10.5 Disputes and Arbitration Committees

The EMHA further requires that all member clubs and associations set up and maintain a disputes and arbitration committee or similar committee to attempt to mediate any disputes prior to the issues being heard by the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee.

### 11.0 FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

In the interests of sportsmanship and fair play, all those involved in minor hockey shall observe the tenets of fair play as identified in the C.H.A. Fair Play Code and toward that end, all players, coaches, parents and officials are required to sign a pledge to that effect before being allowed to participate in the minor hockey program in Edmonton.

The EMHA Bylaws have been amended giving the EMHA the authority to summarily eject and suspend spectators for conduct unbecoming. This request has been actioned and reads:

#### EMHA Bylaw #51

The President shall have the power to suspend summarily any player, coach, trainer, manager or official of any team under the auspices of the EMHA for any conduct on or off the ice that in the sole discretion of the President is deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the game. Such suspension to be effective until dealt with by the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee.

This authority may be delegated to such EMHA directors and officials as the President may determine.

#### EMHA Bylaw #52

The President shall have the power to prevent summarily any spectator from viewing any game or other activity or entering a facility to view such game or activity under the auspices of EMHA for any conduct that in the sole discretion of the President is deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the game. **Further, the President shall have the power to suspend summarily the player, coach, team official or the team to which the spectator is attached.** Such action to be effective until dealt with by the Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee. This authority may be delegated to such EMHA directors and officials as the President may determine.

The power and delegation granted to the President is significant in that it allows for effective and quick action against conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the game and its participants, as well as action against the team of the contravening spectator. The EMHA is prepared to enforce these provisions as required and are an integral part of the reporting and enforcement protocol initiatives.

#### 11.1 INCIDENT REPORTS THE GOOD OF THE GAME

Incident Report Forms for reporting conduct that contravenes the Good of the Game shall be available on the EMHA website and must contain:

- (a) the name of the offending individual
- (b) the team with which the individual is associated (if applicable)
- (c) the names of witnesses (if any)
- (d) a clear statement of the conduct being reported

**INCIDENT REPORTS** must be submitted to the EMHA Office and will be forwarded to the Discipline Chairperson for submission to the applicable District members of the Discipline Standing Committee for investigation. The District Discipline Committee Representative will provide a written report to the Discipline Chairperson within 2-4 weeks of submission of the Incident Report. It is expected that the Districts will deal with their members in a timely manner and in accordance with the Good of the Game Minimum Suspension Guidelines. Should the District fail to appropriately deal with the Incident Report, the Discipline Chairperson may, at her discretion, form an Investigation Panel to investigate further and impose appropriate suspension/s. Following receipt of the District Discipline Representative's written report, the Discipline Chairperson will notify the complainant of the decision/s reached by the District Discipline Representative/s. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that due to circumstances beyond the control of the District Discipline Representative/s, an investigation cannot be properly completed within the above time limits, the District Discipline Representative/s shall do so as soon as practicable. Undue delays as determined by the Discipline Chairperson will result in an Investigation Panel taking over the investigation and dispensing discipline.

#### 11.2 Minimum Good of the Game Suspension Guidelines

These guidelines are for all persons in or on arena property who are there as a Spectator, Player, Coach, Manager, Referee, Parent, etc. who are not or can not be written up on the game sheet. They are also for all persons who are traveling on team buses, staying in hotels, or as billets while participating in hockey tournaments.

An Incident Report Form, ([http://www.emha.ca/UserFiles/File/incident\\_report\\_form.pdf](http://www.emha.ca/UserFiles/File/incident_report_form.pdf) or [http://www.emha.ca/UserFiles/File/incident\\_report\\_form.doc](http://www.emha.ca/UserFiles/File/incident_report_form.doc)) summarizing a clear description of the unacceptable behavior witnessed, may be submitted to EMHA. They may be submitted by any **GGR** (**Good of the Game Representative**) or spectator, parent, coach, manager, referee, rink attendant, or league official.

The following suspensions are to be assessed against anyone whose behavior is deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the game. A spectator may also be assessed more than one of the following offences based on their conduct.

<u>Non-Player Offence</u>	<u>Minimum Suspension</u>
Abuse of officials	
a- Verbal	2 Games
b- Threaten or attempt to strike	4 Games
c- Striking or intentional touches	Indefinite Suspension
Making inappropriate or unsuitable remarks	
a- To a player (related)	2 Games
b- To a player (non-related)	2 Games
c- To another spectator	2 Games
d- To coach or manager	2 Games
Pre or post game altercations	
a- Verbal	2 Games
b- Intentional touches or holds	4 Games
c- Fighting	Indefinite Suspension
d- Threats	3 Games
Spitting	8 Games

Throwing of objects	6 Games
Person who orders, implies or suggests to a player to deliberately attempt to injure another player	4 Games
Refusal to cooperate with a GGR	6 Games
Threatening a GGR	3 Months
Physical abuse or assault of a GGR	Indefinite Suspension
Striking a GGR	Life time Suspension
Unauthorized stepping onto the ice surface (by coach, assistant coach, any spectator)	4 games
Second Offences	Double the minimum
Third Offences	Indefinite Suspension

Defiance of suspensions will result in first the doubling of any suspension minimum and, secondly, if need be, the player attached to the suspended spectator will be forced to serve the suspension until the spectator has agreed to do so themselves as per By-Law 52.

NOTE: "Non Player Offence" includes players whose conduct on or off the ice was not addressed on a game sheet/write up by the referee by way of a CHA playing rule.

## 12.0 ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

As an organization dedicated to excellence, the EMHA strongly discourages the use and/or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco and tobacco products by all its members at all hockey related activities where minors are present. Alcohol, non-prescription drugs, tobacco and tobacco products are destructive to the minds and bodies of athletes and are destructive to our objective towards a safe and fun environment.

## GENERAL RULES OF REGISTRATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS

### 1.0 CRITICAL DATES

- 1.1 Current Hockey Season refers to the dates from August 1<sup>st</sup> through to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following calendar year.
- 1.2 Associations must have all player and teams (Provincial and Non Provincial Teams) registered in the Registry as required on or before the start of League Play or October 15<sup>th</sup> in each Hockey Season.
- 1.3 All Hockey Teams must be properly and duly registered with the EMHA prior to their first League Game. All players participating on a Hockey Team must be registered in the Registry. Any Hockey Team whose registration is received after November 15<sup>th</sup> is not eligible for Provincial competition. Any and all player(s) or on-ice staff participating in any on-ice activity must be duly registered in the Registry.
- 1.4 Midget age players trying out at Junior Camps must be back to their home Clubs on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.5 No player movement is allowed from the Clubs to the Districts and Operating Areas after October 15<sup>th</sup>. If a situation arises where player movement is in the best interest of the player, the matter will be referred to a committee chaired by the EMHA Registrar and include the District President, City League Director and the Council Chairperson.
- 1.6 In the EFHC program, no player movement from team to team will be allowed after 1<sup>st</sup> league game of the current Hockey Season. Only new, previously unregistered players may be added. If a situation arises where player movement is in the best interest of the

player, the matter will be referred to a committee chaired by the EMHA Registrar and include the District President, City League Director and the Council Chairperson.

- 1.7 Hockey Teams may use players from an affiliated Hockey Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations. It should be noted, however, that such affiliations must be registered, filed with and endorsed by the EMHA Registrar or designate no later than:  
AA – affiliates will be duly registered in the Registry by October 15<sup>th</sup>  
EFHC – all affiliates will be duly registered in the Registry by November 1<sup>st</sup>
- 1.8 All players, team officials and teams are to be duly registered in the Registry prior to any on-ice activities.
- 1.9 All teams are to carry an approved Registry Provincial or Non Provincial registration sheet to all games. Teams will be protected with no further changes made without approval of EMHA Registrar on November 15<sup>th</sup> or before stepping on the ice for a league game whichever occurs first.
- 1.10 Final date to complete all certification, in compliance with minimum Coach Education Requirements, (as found in Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations, Section F), is December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current hockey season.
- 1.11 The final date for Player Registration is January 10<sup>th</sup> of the current hockey season.

Not-with-standing the above, players may apply to the HA President designate (EMHA-Registrar) for special permission to register with a LMHA if they or their family have been transferred to another locale by the employer or for any other extenuating circumstance acceptable to HA up to and including February 10<sup>th</sup>. (HA Bylaws & Regulations, Section A, 3.5(d).

## **2.0 RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 No player shall be allowed to register as a member of an EMHA team nor shall a player be allowed to play for or practice with an EMHA team unless that player's parents and the player reside within the Boundaries of the EMHA. Players must register within the boundaries of the Districts in which they reside as defined, except as otherwise provided for within these Rules of Registration. A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing hockey.
- 2.2 Players must meet the rules of residency as of September 1 of the current playing season. All eligible players must register with their designated Area/Club or District in accordance with EMHA Residency Rules. Residency will be determined by where the player habitually resides with his/her parents.
- 2.3 For all minor aged players within EMHA whose parents do not reside together, the following will apply in determining residency:
  - (a) Residency will be determined by the parent who has custody of the player. Players must reside with at least one of their parents (as defined in F3 of the CHA Regulations) or legal guardian(s). Legal guardianship rules will apply.
  - (b) If parents share custody, the residency will be determined by where the player habitually resides. (per Hockey Canada Regulations section F)
  - (c) If there is no habitual residence, EMHA Registrar will determine the residency of the player, generally determined by where the player attends school
  - (d) Once residency is established and the player registers with their designated Area/Club/District they are not eligible to register with another Area/Club/District until duly transferred in the Registry.
- 2.4 A player who is moving without one or both parents from outside of Canada must apply in writing directly to Hockey Alberta.

- 2.5 Any player who is applying to register under legal guardianship must apply to register with the EMHA Registrar. The player will complete an application to register form and provide all appropriate documentation as per Hockey Canada Rules (F4) as well provide the following information in writing:
- (a) the name(s) of that person's legal guardian(s)
  - (b) copies of Court appointed guardianship documents
  - (c) the municipal address at which this player will reside within the Boudaries of the Association
  - (d) the decision to permit such a player to play and/or practice with an Association team shall be at the sole discretion of the EMHA Registrar.
- 2.6 All players making application to register within the EMHA Boundaries under legal guardianship are not eligible to compete in the top category of their division, nor are they eligible to affiliate to the top category of their division.
- 2.7 All communications with respect to registration between Member Organizations shall be between the Sub-Registrar of the Member Organization and the Registrar or Registration Standing Committee.
- 2.8 All players must play within the Division in which they are eligible unless the EMHA Registrar otherwise approves. For player acceleration, the decision remains with the Registration Committee; for Overage approval the decision is at the Hockey Alberta Representative's, Manager of Operations, sole discretion.
- 2.9 Application for Player Acceleration and Overage must be made to the EMHA Registrar (section 16.0 & 17.0 respectively). Approval must be received in writing prior to the player playing outside of their division. The approval and the criteria is to be carried with the team at all times.
- 2.10 A player applying to register for the first time with EMHA, transfer players, and/or upon request of the Registrar or Sub-Registrar, shall provide the following:
- (a) Proof of age in the form of an official, legally recognized birth certificate. In cases where it is impossible to secure a birth certificate, a valid passport or a duly certified baptismal certificate issued before the age of 10 years or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry, may be accepted per CHA F.18.
  - (b) Proof of medical insurance – Alberta Health Care or other medical coverage
  - (c) For new players and players transferring within Edmonton or moving into Edmonton (or upon request by the Registrar/Sub-registrar, a signed accepted Parent Declaration Form along with an original or photocopy of a residential bill, such as: utility or cable bill, to ensure the player resides with his parents in Edmonton.
  - (d) Completed and signed EMHA Player Application to register form
  - (e) Applicable current hockey season community league membership, per Federation operating directive (Current Hockey Season refers to the dates from August 1<sup>st</sup> through to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following calendar year)
- 2.11 Players must be transferred or released in the Registry and duly registered with their respective operating area/district/club prior to participating in any on ice activities
- 2.12 Any player requesting registration who is neither a Canadian Citizen nor a Landed Immigrant, including student exchange players, must apply to Hockey Alberta (HA 3.8)
- 2.13 New players into Edmonton shall not participate in any game, tryout, exhibition, league or tournament games unless duly registered in the Registry.
- 2.14 A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing hockey and to participate at the highest category within a division you must have resided within

Edmonton with one or both parents for a minimum of six months prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current hockey season.

- 2.15 A minor age player whose parents have joint custody and reside in different Districts or AA boundaries within Edmonton shall register with the district/club where they registered the previous season if one parent still resides within the boundaries where the player played the previous season.
- 2.16 The Sub-Registrar must have on file all properly completed applications to register forms as well as the accompanying documents required to register. Each Member Organization, through its Sub-Registrar, shall be responsible for proper registration of all players, coaches, managers and trainers of its District or Club, ensuring that all names, addresses, birth dates, residency, releases, Fair-play pledge forms and all other required documents are current and accurate in every detail. The Sub-Registrar is to keep all player information in a secure and locked place. At the end of the hockey season all personal information is to be shredded and disposed of.

### **3.0 Registration – Player**

- 3.1 Every player competing in the games sanctioned by HA and EMHA shall be duly registered in the Registry and shall be a member of a Hockey Team registered with EMHA and shall be duly registered in the Registry.
- 3.2 All operating areas, districts and clubs must register all their players in their hockey association. A player may only be registered on one team.
- 3.3 Save as set out below, no player may be registered after January 10<sup>th</sup> in any hockey season with any operating area, district or club.
- 3.4 Players who move within the borders of the Province after January 10<sup>th</sup> and up to and including February 10<sup>th</sup>, may apply to the HA President for special permission to register with a local member if they or their family have been transferred by an employer or for any other extenuating circumstance acceptable to Hockey Alberta. Such players are not eligible for Provincials.
- 3.5 In circumstances where in the discretion of the Zone 8 Director it is appropriate to allow a player from outside of EMHA boundaries to come into Edmonton, application must be made to the Zone 8 Director for this exception to be made. The application must be accompanied by:
- (a) a valid player release
  - (b) a letter from the president of the resident LMHA or his designate advising that it supports the player in question registering with an association within Edmonton.
  - (c) a letter from the player requesting the granting of the exception
  - (d) a letter from any closer LMHA's the player bypasses in the direction of travel from the players resident LMHA to the new LMHA, consenting to the transaction and waiving any rights they may have to the player
  - (e) **All Exceptions:** must be approved in writing by the appropriate Hockey Alberta Zone Director

### **4.0 Registration – Teams**

- 4.1 All EMHA hockey associations will register all hockey teams operating within their boundaries in the Registry.
- 4.2 There are two systems of registration. A hockey team may register as a Provincial team or as a Non Provincial team in the Registry.
- 4.3 Non resident players, with the exception of **AMHL** and Midget **Major** AAA are not eligible to play for any EMHA team.

- 4.4 All hockey teams must be properly registered with Hockey Alberta in the Registry prior to their first league game or November 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever occurs first. All players participating on a hockey teams must be registered in the Registry. Hockey teams and players will be registered in accordance with Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta and EMHA Bylaws and Regulations.
- 4.5 **Provincial Team** player allotments in the Registry shall be provided in the following numbers:
- |        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Midget | not more than 25 allotments |
| Bantam | not more than 20 allotments |
| Peewee | not more than 20 allotments |
| Atom   | not more than 20 allotments |
- Non Provincial Teams** - a maximum of 19 allotments may be signed
- 4.6 All hockey teams may register at any one time, a maximum of nineteen (19) players. Of those nineteen (19), two (2) must be goaltenders. The **exception** is Novice/Atom teams who do **not** designate goaltenders. For clarification of the above:  
When eighteen (18) players are registered, one (1) must be designated as a goaltender. When seventeen (17) players or less are registered, teams may not designate a goaltender
- 4.7 Member teams of the AMHL, being recognized as “AAA” Midget Major by Hockey Alberta, will be allowed to register and play twenty (20) players, two (2) of which must be goaltenders, for any scheduled league game.
- 4.8 The Coach and Manager shall be responsible for ensuring all players on their team satisfy the registration rules to play for that team. The Coach and Manager will ensure that all players and team officials are listed on their approved team sheet. Disciplinary action will be taken against team officials for not properly ensuring that all players and team officials are on their team sheets.
- 4.9 Failure to duly register all team officials and player information will result in suspensions and disqualification for any provincial playoffs.
- 4.10 The approved Registry team sheet or copies of the pending Registry tryout rosters must be with a team official on the bench at all hockey games and must be produced for on-ice officials or opposing team officials upon request.
- 4.11 If a Coach or Manager asks to examine an opposing team's team sheet/roster, it must be requested at the start of the game. If they are not on hand, they must be produced before the end of the game. Failure to do so could mean forfeiture of the game. Coaches are required to carry the approved Registry team sheet/roster to sanctioned games.
- 4.12 Team officials must indicate their current coaching level on all team registration sheets. All coaches at Initiation must have Initiation certification. The following regulation requirements are based on a team's categorization prior to December 31 of the current playing year. Refer to HA Bylaws and Regulations Section F Coach Education Requirements. (Section F-Coach Education)
- 4.13 All teams outside of the EMHA boundaries interlocking with the EMHA must submit a copy of the approved Registry team sheet to the EMHA Registrar prior to the team's first league game. (2009/2010= St. Albert, Spruce Grove, Sherwood Park & EGHA Interlock teams)

- 4.14 Team officials participating in any on ice activities or are on the bench with any duly registered hockey team must be duly registered in the Registry prior to participating with said team.
- 4.15 Team officials participating in any on ice activities or are on the bench with more than one (1) hockey team in the same season, shall be duly registered with each and every team of which he/she is a member, prior to participating with the respective team(s).
- 4.16 Registered hockey teams must not play against unregistered hockey teams at any time. All team officials associated with any hockey team playing against an unregistered team will be suspended and shall remain suspended until dealt with by the EMHA registrar.
- 4.17 **Substitute Goaltender** – Hockey Alberta may allow during any scheduled league game or during any Provincial Zone Playoff or during any Provincial Tournament, the use of a goalkeeper from another hockey team of equal or lower Division or Category if medical evidence or extenuating circumstances show that a replacement goalkeeper is required by the hockey team concerned. The substitute goalkeeper may only be taken from **District/Area/Club within EMHA** in which the team plays. Permission must be obtained from the **Zone 8 Manager of Operations**. This does **not** apply to Atom Division and below.

## **5.0 Movement of Players within the EMHA**

- 5.1 Except as hereinafter provided, no player shall be registered as a member of or compete for a hockey team in any organization within EMHA unless the player is a Resident Player of that organization.
- 5.2 A player's residence shall be determined by reference to the residence of his parents (as defined in CHA Regulations F).
- 5.3 A player may not establish residency for the purpose of playing or practicing hockey.
- 5.4 A player's residence as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the hockey season will determine where the player registers.
- 5.5 There will be no mobility for Atom and Peewee aged hockey players. An Atom and Peewee aged player must register in the District in which he resides with his parents and that will determine their "RESIDENT DISTRICT". If a player initially registers with Knights of Columbus, then Knights of Columbus will be determined their "RESIDENT DISTRICT".
- 5.6 Where a player plays his last year of Novice will determine the player's resident district for Atom and Peewee.
- 5.7 There is no restriction on mobility for EFHC registered Initiation/Bantam and Midget aged players
- 5.8 A player and family who moves from one district to another district must register with the new resident district program or the Knights of Columbus.
- 5.9 After October 15<sup>th</sup>, player movement shall be permitted within the AA Clubs, however, no player movement will be permitted that would result in a player not having a place to play within the club.
- 5.10 After October 15<sup>th</sup>, player movement from the AA program to the EFHC program will be permitted only if the player makes written application to the EMHA Registrar with rationale supporting the move.

- 5.11 After November 15<sup>th</sup>, no player movement is allowed from team to team in the EFHC program. (Refer to section 1.6)
- 5.12 In the case of Initiation, Bantam and Midget, a player from one District may transfer to another District provided the operating area/program that player wishes to go to has given first priority to players residing within their own boundaries. If then the receiving program chooses to do so, they may accept the Non-District player. No transfers between Districts will be issued after November 15<sup>th</sup> of the Hockey Season. The District receiving the player is responsible for handling potential complaints from its membership. The transfer must be duly and completely registered in the Registry prior to participating in any on-ice activity. A transfer will NOT be issued:
1. **If a player is suspended**
  2. **If a player owes monies or equipment**
  3. **If receiving area/district does not accept the player.**

## **6.0 Transfer(s) in HCR**

- 6.1 A player who, last hockey season, was registered with a LMHA must first obtain a transfer in HCR from the LMHA prior to being registered in the Registry for the current hockey season with any other LMHA.
- 6.2 A transfer in HCR and a Parent Declaration Form of the type and in the form as required by Hockey Alberta must be obtained prior to registering for the current hockey season, by all players:
- (a) who, in the previous season, were registered in a LMHA
  - (b) who wish to register with a LMHA other than the one they were registered with in the previous season
- 6.3 In order to obtain a transfer in HCR, a player must first:
- (a) pay; any outstanding fees or other financial obligations owing to the LMHA being asked for the release.
  - (b) provide; a signed Parent Declaration accompanied by a copy of an acceptable Residential Bill to the releasing LMHA to indicate the player has moved.
- 6.4 Failure to complete a transfer and submit any outstanding fees or equipment will result in the player NOT being registered and ineligible to play in any game. In cases where a player is found to have played in a game without first having completed a required release, the team officials with which the player has played will be subject to discipline in accordance with HA Sec. 13.0

## **7.0 AFFILIATION RULES**

The following affiliation rules should clarify the intended principles of affiliation, ensuring all participants are eligible and reducing the risk of having ineligible players participating in games as affiliates.

- 7.1 An "Affiliated Player" shall mean a player, referred to and approved by EMHA, as: eligible to play, for a team in a higher Category/Division than the team in the Category/Division with whom the player is registered.
- 7.2 Affiliations must be declared and filed with the respective Sub Registrar prior to an affiliated player being allowed to participate in any game with the hockey team to which he is affiliated. Affiliation will be accepted and endorsed up to and including November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current hockey season. Affiliation will only be recognized where:
- (a) players are added to teams in the Registry by the Registrar/Sub-Registrar and identified as approved 'affiliates' by the EMHA Registrar.

- (b) the EMHA Registrar acknowledges receipt and identify said players as approved prior to participating in any on-ice activities.
- 7.3 Any player participating in any game as an affiliated player without approval and duly registered in the Registry shall be considered an Ineligible player and team officials subject to discipline in accordance with HA Sec. 13.0
- 7.4 Affiliations will not be deemed to have taken place automatically. (ie) hockey team to hockey team without filing said affiliation with the Sub Registrar. If affiliations are not properly filed on the form provided, the team will not be allowed affiliates for the current hockey season. AA programs affiliating players from Edmonton Federation Hockey Program must use the EMHA player to player affiliation forms. All required signatures must be in place.
- 7.5 Coaches are to ensure the required permission has been obtained from the affiliate player's team management each time the player is needed.
- 7.6 Appearance of a registered player's name (regular or affiliate) on the official game sheet shall be considered participation in the game. Except in the case of an affiliated goalkeeper, in which case, actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game sheet.
- (a) The use of affiliates is intended to supplement a team in case of illness, injury, suspension or other forms of absenteeism on the team.
  - (b) A player who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a landed immigrant who is registered with EMHA is ineligible to participate as an affiliate player.
  - (c) There is no affiliation allowed prior to league play or during Minor Hockey Week.
  - (d) A player may be affiliated to ONE (1) team ONLY.
  - (e) A team may affiliate with one (1) full team OR up to nineteen (19) players.
  - (f) Hockey Teams registered as Provincial Teams may affiliate players from a hockey team within their ASSOCIATION, IN A LOWER DIVISION OR CATEGORY, THAT IS REGISTERED AS A Non Provincial team. These players may participate in league, Exhibition and tournament games only. (Excludes Provincials).
  - (g) Hockey teams registered as a Non Provincial team may affiliate players from a hockey team within their association in a lower Division or Category; that is also registered as a Non Provincial team. These players may participate in League, Exhibition and Tournament games only.
  - (h) An affiliated Novice player will NOT be recognized outside of the EMHA boundaries.
  - (i) Initiation players will NOT be used as affiliate players.
  - (j) An Affiliated Player must come from a lower tier, division or category within the Resident District.
  - (k) If, through the tiering process, an affiliated player or team moves up to the same tier as the team they have been affiliated to, the affiliated player/team is no longer eligible while at the higher tier. If subsequently re-tiered to a lower tier, the affiliate player/team would once again become eligible. Conversely, if a team is moved down through the tiering process, it is possible that named affiliate players are no longer from a lower tier, and therefore no longer eligible. It is recommended, therefore, that the original affiliation selections be named players from different teams of lower tiers of divisions.
  - (l) An affiliate player, other than a goaltender, may not play more than 5 games unless permission is obtained with the higher division club after January 10<sup>th</sup> (excluding Exhibition and Non-Provincial Tournament games). Players who play in the 6<sup>th</sup> league game (unless prior permission is obtained) as an affiliate will be deemed to be an ineligible player and will not be eligible to play for any team (including the one on which they were originally registered for the balance of the season. Permission can be obtained from the EMHA Registration Committee to play more than the 5 games but it must happen prior to playing the 6<sup>th</sup> and any subsequent games. Prior to January 10<sup>th</sup>, a player is not restricted on the number of games they can play provided they were properly registered as an affiliate and permission was obtained from the players coach

- or manager. Team officials using affiliates in excess of five (5) games after January 10<sup>th</sup> without permission from EMHA will be suspended for up to one year.
- (m) In case of injury or illness to a goaltender, the team may use an affiliated goaltender. If the affiliated goalie is not available, permission can be obtained from the EMHA Registrar to use a replacement goaltender from the same or lower tier, division or category from the same District/Club. Sufficient evidence must be provided to the EMHA Registrar that a team's goaltender(s) are unavailable due to injury or illness, to continue further participation in a game or games. If permission is obtained from the EMHA Registrar and from the team the goaltender is registered with, a replacement goaltender shall be permitted to return to his registered team regardless of the number of games played.
  - (n) An affiliate goaltender must actually participate in a game to count as a game played. The timekeeper and/or referee should verify this on the back of the game sheet when it occurs. All other affiliates, named on a game sheet, will have a game charged against their record regardless if they participate in the game or not.
  - (o) The team using the affiliate player is required to identify the player on the game sheet as an "A" (affiliate player) and the affiliate player's team number (i.e.) NW482 noted. These will then be reviewed by the City Category Directors to ensure the rules concerning affiliation have been adhered to.
  - (p) Before an affiliate player can play or practice for a team, permission must be obtained from the affiliate player's team management each and every time the player is needed. If a controversy over a player exists, EMHA would then recognize a set of facts that no affiliation exists until the matter can be resolved internally. Failure to obtain permission to use the affiliate player may result in the loss of 2 game points and the coach of the higher team receiving a one (1) game suspension.
  - (q) All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current hockey season.

#### 7.7 Edmonton Federation Hockey Council Affiliations

- (a) At no time can the number of players on the game sheet exceed the number of players registered on the EMHA Team Registration sheet.
- (b) Except for Novice, affiliates may be used for League, City Playoffs, City Finals, Exhibition and Tournament games only. They may NOT be used in Minor Hockey Week.
- (c) All teams outside of EMHA boundaries interlocking with EFHC must submit a copy of their official team affiliation lists to the EMHA Registrar by midnight of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7.8 "AA" Council Affiliations

- (a) If a "AA" Council team has only one registered goaltender available to play, Hockey Alberta rule 4.9 - Substitute Goaltender will apply.
- (b) Team officials using affiliates who have played their 5<sup>th</sup> league game after January 10<sup>th</sup> must inform the player that playing a sixth league game will make that player ineligible to return to the team for which he is a registered player, for ANY FURTHER competition (including post league tournaments). Before an affiliate player may participate in a sixth league game, written permission must be obtained from the player, the player's parent(s), the affiliating team's head coach and the Club President. All parties shall sign off on a EMHA permission to play form and forward to the EMHA Registrar and appropriate Category Director prior to the player playing the sixth game.

#### 7.9 Edmonton Girls Hockey Association Affiliations

- (a) follow the guidelines as established by EMHA
- (b) Only Edmonton Senior Midget AAA team(s) will be allowed to affiliate 3<sup>rd</sup> year Midget players

#### 7.10 Junior Affiliations

- (a) Only Edmonton Junior "B" and "C" Clubs will be allowed to affiliate with EMHA Club or District players.
- (b) All affiliations must be filed with the EMHA Registrar on an approved EMHA Individual Player to Player affiliation form. All affiliations to Junior must be endorsed by the EMHA Registrar or EMHA President.

## **8.0 MOVEMENT AND RELEASES OUT OF THE EMHA**

- 8.1 A release will be issued when an HCR transfer is generated and is accompanied by an acceptable signed Parent Declaration form or provided to the EMHA Registrar from the receiving Local Minor Hockey Association.
- 8.2 A release shall only be effective when the EMHA Registrar upon the approves any transfer in HCR.
- 8.3 All releases (as opposed to transfers) must be unconditional.
- 8.4 No player will be released or transferred in HCR if they have an outstanding financial obligation (i.e. registration fees, equipment, etc) to the Club, District or Association.

## **9.0 TAMPERING**

- 9.1 The tampering rules set out in the CHA Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations shall apply to all Members as if set out here.

## **10.0 APPEALS RELATING TO THE RULES OF REGISTRATION**

- 10.1 It is not the intent to cover all possibilities with these Rules of Registration. We have attempted to cover the vast majority of possibilities but, nonetheless, some conflicts will occur. These conflicts may be with the contents of the Rules of Registration, or something relative to registration that these rules do not cover. In these cases, the EMHA Registrar and the Registration Standing Committee has sole discretion to interpret and apply these rules and make all registration decisions as they see fit. Notwithstanding anything contained in any bylaw, regulation, or operating directive, or any other rule of the EMHA Board of Directors, Federation, Junior, or AA Hockey, registration as a player or member is not a right, but a privilege, and the EMHA reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership and or registration to anyone whose conduct or that of her parent, guardian, or family has failed to comply with the values of our mission statement, vision statement, or "Good of the Game" conduct requirements. However, decisions made by the EMHA Registrar and the Registration Standing Committee can be appealed as set out in 10.0 of the EMHA General Regulations.
- 10.2 When decisions are made by the Operating Areas relating to the procedural aspects of the Rules of Registration, those decisions can be appealed to the Sub-Registrar of the District in which the Operating Area is a member. A further Appeal can be made to the EMHA Registrar.
- 10.3 If a decision of the EMHA Registrar is appealed, the appeal lies to the EMHA Discipline Appeal Committee as herein before provided.

## **11.0 VIOLATION OF THE REGISTRATION RULES**

- 11.1 Violation of any Rules of Registration by a Member may result in disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee. Disciplinary action may take the form of suspension or other sanction as deemed appropriate by the Discipline Appeal Committee.
- 11.2 Minimum Suspension Guidelines
  - (a) Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a Player not properly registered with that team or properly affiliated to that team.

## **Indefinite Suspension**

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

## **12.0 GUIDELINES FOR OVERAGE PLAYER APPROVAL**

All players must play within the Division in which they are eligible unless the EMHA Registrar otherwise approves, the decision of which is at the Hockey Alberta Representative's sole discretion. The application for overage player approval must be in writing before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Hockey Season.

### **12.1 Application for Approval of Overage Players**

- (a) Application forms and proposed guidelines for overage approval are available at EMHA office or from the District/Club registrar.
- (b) All steps for approval must be followed. No overage players can play until the final stage of approval has been secured.
- (c) All approvals for overage play are for games within Alberta only. You must secure additional approval for any activity outside the Province of Alberta.
- (d) The procedure for overage approval is the parent, Operating Area President, Club or District President and EMHA Registrar. Final approval rests with the Hockey Alberta Representative.
- (e) No overage player can play in any game without the above approval.
- (f) If participating in a tournament, the tournament committee must be notified and approve the use of the overage player prior to participation in the tournament.

### **12.2 Criteria for Continuing Overage Status. These criteria must be met and maintained to assure the status as an overage player will be kept intact for the current hockey season.**

- (a) Overage players are not eligible to play Provincial Championship zone play-downs or the Provincial Championship tournament.
- (b) Overage status will be granted for one year only.
- (c) Any major penalty incurred will move the player back to their proper age division.

- (d) Any match penalty will result in suspension for the remainder of the playing season (which can be appealed through the proper appeal process).
- (e) The player cannot be in the top twenty-five (25) in League scoring.
- (f) The player must be in the bottom 1/4 of his team in penalty minutes.
- (g) The original circumstances for approval have not changed.
- (h) Overage players are not eligible as affiliates to a higher Division or Category.
- (i) No roster can exceed the maximum of nineteen (19) players.

12.3 All coaches are responsible to let the team that they are playing know they have overage players. The overage player must be clearly marked on every game sheet with (OA) beside the player's name or the coaches could face discipline.

12.4 ALL GAME SHEETS MUST BE FAXED or EMAILED (as a pdf file) TO THE HOCKEY ALBERTA REPRESENTATIVE.

12.5 Coaches, Operating Area Presidents, Club/District Presidents and the Hockey Alberta Representative will be responsible for overseeing that all the overage criteria is met and maintained. Failure to comply with and maintain the above noted conditions will result in immediate removal of the player's overage status.

### 13.0 PLAYER ACCELERATION

Those players wishing to register for a category older than their age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season must meet the following criteria, as outlined:

“Underage players must be ranked in the top third of the top team in the higher age category into which they are moving. Player Acceleration Application must be made to the EMHA Registration Committee prior to participating in tryouts, exhibition or league play”.

Once a player has satisfied the requirement described above and been given approval by the EMHA Registration committee he may register on the top team in the higher age category without further approval of EMHA.

Players must register within their proper age category as described below:

Junior B*	18, 19 and 20 years of age
Junior C*	18, 19 and 20 years of age
Junior Female	18, 19 and 20 years of age
Midget AAA, AA	15, 16 and 17 years of age
Midget REM 15	15 years of age
Midget Federation	15, 16 and 17 years of age
Midget Female	15, 16 and 17 years of age
Bantam	13 and 14 years of age
Pee Wee	11 and 12 years of age
Atom	9 and 10 years of age
Novice	7 and 8 years of age
Initiation	4, 5 and 6 years of age
N-HL	11 through 17 years of age

NOTE: Age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current hockey season.

- The Capital Junior B and Edmonton Junior C Hockey League allow a limited number of overage players pursuant to Hockey Canada rules and as authorized for Junior hockey in Alberta by Hockey Alberta.

13.1 If player acceleration is for the purpose of balancing rosters, a written request must be sent to EMHA Registration Committee providing the names of the players to be accelerated and the age category they are being accelerated to. Approval will only be granted to complete the roster

of the bottom team in the higher age category. Acceleration of goaltenders will be considered to any team in a higher age category at the discretion of the EMHA Registration Committee.

This policy applies to all levels of hockey in Edmonton for the age categories of Novice through Midget. Player Acceleration from Initiation and Pre Novice to Novice is not recommended.

#### Player Acceleration

Acknowledging that Edmonton Minor Hockey Association and/or Edmonton Federation Hockey Council currently have no policy in place to address player acceleration the question of how to implement fair and equitable criteria needs to be addressed. The criteria should include a uniform and consistent process for approving players to move out of their age division to a higher division.

The guideline for player acceleration as well as the criteria for player acceleration needs to be reviewed and applied consistently thru out EMHA.

#### Proposal for Consideration

1. There should be a pre-requisite, comprised of specific criteria that have to be met before player acceleration would be considered for final approval.
2. There should be separate guidelines for the EMHA Registration Committee to follow when considering the final approval of an application for player acceleration.
3. Currently a criterion for player acceleration is not in place within EMHA. As well there are real questions as to who will be managing this process. If player acceleration is allowed, then monitoring it through the year should be a major consideration for EMHA. The areas/districts and clubs within EMHA agree that the EMHA Registration committee monitor this process to ensure proper registration and consistency thru out EMHA.
4. An application form is to be developed and to contain more relevant information on the player and the bases for requesting player acceleration status, similar to the Overage Application Process.
5. Player acceleration application will be made by the area and submitted to the EMHA Registration Committee with all rationale in place. Evaluation scores, where they played last year and the reason for the request for player acceleration.

The issue of risk management, player development, and skill level as well player self esteem and self confidence has to be considered, when reviewing the player acceleration application, but more importantly the granting of player acceleration status should be fair to everyone, not only the player and the associations. Player acceleration should be the exception and not the rule, and also for the betterment and not the detriment of the player, the team and the game. Player acceleration is not recommended.

#### PRE REQUISITES FOR OBTAINING PLAYER ACCELERATION STATUS

Skill Level would mean: player has been at the top of his division and category in previous years; includes increased aptitude for the game; Player must show above average to excellent skills

Verification would mean completing a Player Acceleration Application form confirming the skill level, the evaluation criteria and ability to play in a division higher than their age category. The player must be of the appropriate size. The application would be accompanied by letters from two of the following: evaluation director, previous coaches. City Category Director or district President, defining the player's physical and emotional abilities to play up.

Parent requests for siblings to participate on the same team. Players should not be asked to participate at a level above their ability or in the case of overage below his ability. Financial need would have to be addressed.

Initiation                      Player acceleration not recommended

Novice to Atom	Must be independently evaluate and be able to play on the top team, in the districts Atom Division
Atom to Peewee	Player must have participated in a body checking/hitting clinic or league. Player must provide a letter from a Doctor supporting the movement.
Peewee to Bantam	Player must rank in the top 1/3 of the team of the highest division and category
Note:	If player acceleration is approved no more than one PeeWee aged player per Bantam team shall be permitted to play in the AA Council Bantam AAA program. This will act as a cap so as not to hinder the Federation program.
Bantam to Midget:	Player must have maturity and social skills to participate in a league where there will be 18 year old players.
Note:	Underage players are limited to players who have reached their 14 <sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 31 of the current hockey season and must be ranked in the top third of the Midget AAA team in AA Council program and Midget Tier 1 in the Federation Hockey program
Midget to Junior:	To be in accordance with the Canadian Hockey Development model

Exceptions may be reviewed and approved if an Area/Club/District does not have enough players to make the team

Once the pre requisites have been met, final approval by EMHA Registration Committee will be based on the EMHA criteria for player acceleration.

#### CRITERIA FOR EMHA FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAYER ACCELERATION

“PLAYER ACCELERATION IN A DIVISION SHOULD BE THE EXEPTION NOT THE RULE”

Final approval by the EMHA Registration Committee is to be based on the following:

1. Approval from parent
2. Endorsement/documentation of Club/District President and Sub Registrar
3. Two of the following: Evaluation reports, letter from District, letter from players doctor, letter from previous coaches , City Category Directors
4. Applicant meeting the EMHA pre requisites
5. Completed application form for Player Acceleration with all required documentation to support the movement up.
6. Conditions of Player Acceleration

In addition to the above criteria for player acceleration the following exception may be considered: Association does not have enough players to make a Team without the applicant.

Player Acceleration may not be approved for the following reasons:

- dislike of coach and team members
- ice times
- parent wishes

EMHA may revoke player acceleration status at any time.

#### CONDITIONS FOR PLAYER ACCELERATION STATUS

- Only 2<sup>nd</sup> year players (by birth date) in a Division will be eligible for Player Acceleration
- All steps for approval by EMHA Registration Committee must be followed and be in writing.
- All approval for player acceleration is for EMHA only

- A player can not play up until approval is received
- Player acceleration status will be granted for one year only
- Players approved to play up are not eligible to affiliate.
- EMHA Registration Committee can revoke Player Acceleration status at any time. (For valid reasons)
- Application acceptance critical date is anytime prior to the player playing up.
- Final approval for Player Acceleration status must be obtained from the EMHA Registration Committee
- Exceptions from midget to junior must be reviewed and in consultation with EMHA Registration Committee
- Leagues may strengthen criteria.
- Players can accelerate only within the association boundaries in which they reside.
- Each application should be reviewed independently and carefully.

#### EMHA PLAYER ACCELERATION RESPONSIBILITY

Please note that with having been approved for special player acceleration status some conditions must be adhered to

1. Players approved for accelerated status are not eligible to affiliate to a higher division or category.
2. Player acceleration approval must be obtained prior to participating in any tryouts, exhibition, tournament, or league play.
3. EMHA may revoke player acceleration status at any time, when it has been deemed that the actions of the accelerated player are not in his/her best interest, the team's best interests or those affected.

#### LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITY

1. Leagues may strengthen these criteria within their respective leagues.
2. Leagues may set criteria for maintaining and monitoring acceleration status within their respective leagues.

#### **14.0 Permission to Try Out**

- (a) BANTAM OR MIDGET AGE PLAYERS wishing to try out for a Junior team must have a Permission to Try Out form (as provided by the Junior team), specifying the Association and team for which the player is requesting Permission to Try Out, signed by the EMHA Registrar, who, in turn, will advise the applicable Sub-Registrar that such form has been signed for that player.
- (b) Upon being selected to the specified team noted in the Permission to Try Out form, the Junior team will initiate the transfer in the Hockey Canada Registry. Upon receipt of the transfer in HCR the Athletic Club will review and EMHA will approve the transfer in the registry.
- (c) In failing to be selected to the specified team, or, in the case of a player who registers with that Junior team and is subsequently released, the player must return to his/her resident Club or District.
- (d) Midget age players trying out at the Junior level must return to their respective home Clubs by midnight of October 15th of the current hockey season to be eligible to register for Midget AAA or AA hockey in Edmonton.

#### **15.0 OTHER REGISTRATION RULES GOVERNING "AA" COUNCIL**

15.1 The General Registration Rules shall apply unless varied below:

- (a) All players and team management participating in any pre-season game must be fully registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) and on an HCR-generated roster sheet. Registration on the HCR Team Roster sheet allows players and teams to play exhibition games against League members only. Each team may have up to a maximum of forty (40) players registered on the roster sheet. At no time will they be permitted to register more than this maximum.
- (b) The HCR Team Roster shall contain the player's name and birth date. City Category Directors will access HCR and check game sheets against the information on the Team Roster sheets in HCR. Registration on this roster shall constitute registration to said team until such time as the player is released from that roster on HCR. This list must be carried to, and be available at, all pre-season games.
- (c) In order to update the Team Roster in HCR, each and every pre-season change to the Team Roster must be faxed to the Club's Registrar. The specific City League Director will access HCR and review, comparing the roster to game sheet. The Club Registrar shall ensure that each coach receives a copy of the HCR-generated roster after any/every change. Coaches must carry the correct roster at all times. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all coaches/bench staff and players are correctly listed on the team roster. Any errors or omissions must be reported immediately to their respective Club Registrar for immediate correction in HCR. Sanctions/suspensions will be imposed on the Coach of the team if players/coaches/bench staff are not listed properly. Players that are released from the team will remain on the HCR Team Roster and will be identified as "Released".
- (d) The intent of the HCR Team Roster and subsequent reductions is to ensure teams finalize their rosters in a timely manner and to minimize the impact on the forming of teams in lower divisions.
- (e) At the start of League play, only HCR "Approved" players may play in a league game. The EMHA Registrar will change the status of the player and/or the team from "Pending" to "Approved" prior to the start of league play.
- (f) In the case of Midget AAA teams, a minimum of fifteen (15) players and all team officials must be properly registered and "Approved" in HCR prior to the first league game. The Club Registrar will ask the EMHA Registrar to "Approve" players prior to the first league game. The balance of MAAA players must appear on the HCR Team Roster to be "Approved" in accordance with the timelines established by the Alberta Midget Hockey League Team/Player roster guidelines. Prior to participation in any game following the fifth league game all Midget AAA players must be properly registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) and their status marked "Approved" on the Team Roster.

## **15.2 "AA" COUNCIL PLAYER TRANSFER**

BE ADVISED: The player and the parents must recognize that entry into the "AA" Council Player Transfer draft does not guarantee a position at a higher level; and may also affect a player's opportunity to make a team at a lower level of her home club due to timelines and roster cut down dates.

No coach, manager, or Team official shall contact any player prior to that player being waived by her Home Club. Players entering the AA Council Player Transfer draft will contact their home Club's transfer representative who will provide them with the proper documentation (A properly signed and dated AA Permission to Tryout Form or appropriate Alberta Development Model (ADM) Form in the case of Midget AAA).

All Clubs must provide written disclosure of the "AA" Council Player Transfer rules to all players at the time of registration with their Club or, it is to be mailed out with invitations to tryouts. As each player is waived at either "AAA", "AA" or "A", a complete list of contacts and player options must be provided to the player.

The AA Council Player Transfer draft was established to ensure competitive play in the AA program. The primary objective is to balance teams by allowing players of the highest ability to have an opportunity to try out for other teams if the player is not selected by her Home Club team. Players should be encouraged to play at the highest skill level, and clubs should accommodate this objective as much as possible. Players are expected to play for their Home Clubs and this transfer process is not a tool for players to move to another club because of coaching, costs, or other incentives. However, when the players Home Club has indicated that they do not have a place in the appropriate Category, the Transfer draft process offers a player the opportunity to try out with another club.

The General Rules of Registration shall apply unless varied below. The following rules apply to: Midget "AAA", Midget "AA", and Midget "A", Bantam "AAA", and Bantam "AA" categories only. All players must register with their Club of residence and attend tryouts. In addition to these rules, teams may be required to adhere to the rules and policies of the league that they participate in, as well as any ratified agreements that leagues may have with Hockey Alberta.

### **15.3 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

- (a) The AA Council Player Transfer draft applies to any player waived by her Home Club.
- (b) In Bantam "AA" and "AAA" only thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) year old players are eligible. In the Midget "AA" and "AAA" only fifteen (15), sixteen (16), and seventeen (17) year old players are eligible.
- (c) In the Midget Minor AAA and Midget A "only fifteen (15) year old players are eligible.
- (d) Movement of a registered player from one Club to another Club must go through the "AA" Council Player Transfer process.
- (e) A "AAA" Midget or Bantam player who is waived by their Home Club may try out for another Club's "AAA" team but is not eligible to try out for any other lower levels until waived by their "AA" Home Club.
- (f) 15 year-olds once waived from their resident Major Midget AAA club will automatically be assigned to their resident Minor Midget AAA team. To be eligible to enter the Major Midget AAA transfer draft, the 15 year old must provide a written request to the President or Designate of the Resident Club stating the reason for trying out for another Club's Major Midget AAA team. The Resident Club shall respond within 24 hours. Once approved by the Resident Club or Designate, the AA Council Draft Waiver form will be completed and the player will have ten (10) days to try out for another Major Midget AAA team in accordance with the rules within the AA Council Player Transfer Draft.
- (g) A player who 'quits' a team or is deemed to have quit a team or does not attend tryouts shall be ineligible for participation in the "AA" Council Player Transfer.
- (h) All Transfer Draft players must return to their Resident/Home Club at the end of the current hockey season.
- (i) A player's Resident/Home Club is determined by her residence (per EMHA regulations), and a player must always register and play for her home club except as provided for in this transfer draft.
- (j) Clubs withdrawing from the AA Council Player Transfer must notify the EMHA Registrar in writing or by email.

### **15.4 Transfer Dates**

For each "A", "AA" and "AAA" Category, AA Council will establish rules, procedures, and dates for the AA Council Player Transfer process no later than August 20th of the current hockey season with copies to be filed with the Sub-Registrars and the EMHA Registrar.

### **15.5 SUPPLEMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE "AA" COUNCIL PLAYER DRAFT**

- 1) The transfer of players will be held in accordance with the EMHA Directives governing all EMHA hockey teams.
- 2) The names of the Club Transfer Representatives must be turned in to "AA" Council and the EMHA Registrar at the first "AA" Council meeting (usually August) for the upcoming hockey season.
- 3) The Home Club must inform all eligible players of the Transfer Draft process.
- 4) The "AA" Council Player Transfer for Bantam age players will not be initiated prior to the FIRST TUESDAY in September. For midget age players the "AA" Council Player Transfer will not be initiated prior to the SECOND MONDAY in September. The EMHA Registration Committee will provide the start dates of the AA Council Player Transfer Draft to AA Council at the May meeting of the Council.
- 5) Once a player is waived from her Home Club the Club's transfer representative must complete a AA Permission to Tryout Form for the waived player and email notification of the Player's Transfer to their club Registrar.

6) Once the Home Club waives a player she may choose to enter the Transfer Draft or decline and remain with her Home Club in the next lower category. The transfer draft will offer all players, once waived by their Home club, one seven (7) day window of opportunity to be signed by another Club of their choice or return to their Home Club to tryout at the next lower level. IN MIDGET 'AAA' Major ONLY, PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED A TEN (10) DAY WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY.

7) The Transfer draft player may choose to skate with more than one Club at the same time but may only appear on one HCR Team roster.

All players who participate in exhibition play must appear on that team's HCR Team roster. A player can only be on one roster at any given time. Upon removal from a Team's HCR roster the player is free to continue in the transfer draft process (within the seven day time frame, TEN DAYS IN MAAA). The coach is to ensure that the 'released' player information is forwarded to their Club registrar to enter into the Hockey Canada Registry. The Club registrar will then generate an updated HCR Team Roster to the coach to carry. City Category Directors will access the Registry to ensure the game sheets match up to the HCR Team Rosters.

8) Players or parents that misrepresent themselves or a player who does not have a properly signed AA Permission to Tryout Form shall be deemed an ineligible player and shall be disqualified from the Transfer Draft and returned to their Home club at the next lower level and/or face an indefinite suspension.

9) The date on the AA Permission to Tryout Form to start the seven (7) days/ TEN (10) DAYS IN MAAA will be the 1st day following the waived date of that player and will end on midnight of the seventh (7th) day OR TENTH (10TH) DAY IN MAAA. The player is only eligible in the receiving Club's category in which she was transferred.

10) The player entering the Transfer Draft has seven (7) days/ 10 (TEN) DAYS IN MAAA to be designated "Approved" on a Receiving Club's HCR Team Roster or return to her Home club at the next lower level. The Transferring Club is responsible for and MUST ensure that the start and end dates are completed on the AA Permission to Tryout Form. Ensuring that the seven day/TEN DAY IN MAAA time limitation is met is solely the responsibility of the player.

11) Once a transfer draft player's status is "Approved", that player cannot be released by the receiving club for the balance of the current hockey season. Any club who keeps a player past the seven/ten day time limitation must keep that player on their Team Roster for the balance of the current hockey season.

12) The Transfer draft player must retain her AA Permission to Tryout Form at all times. A transfer draft player must produce her AA Permission to Tryout Form prior to engaging in any on-ice activities. The receiving club shall inspect the player's AA Permission to Tryout Form to ensure eligibility. A player or club official in breach of this requirement shall be subject to an indefinite suspension.

13) All Clubs must act in "Good Faith" and release the player in a timely fashion should they have no intention of keeping the player for the balance of the season. Clubs/Coaches and/or Team officials not acting in "Good Faith" shall be subject to disciplinary action. The EMHA Registrar and AA Council Chairperson will enforce a minimum suspension of five (5) league games to any coach and/or team official who is found guilty of not acting in good faith. The offending Club will also forfeit any further participation in that year's Transfer Draft for all categories.

14) The transfer of a player, with the exception of Midget "AAA". will not be initiated after midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the applicable category. In Midget "AAA" the transfer of a player will not be initiated after midnight of October 15th.

15) All HCR Team Rosters must be reduced as follows:

#### MIDGET "AAA" ROSTERS

Twenty-five (25) or less players (excluding Import players) by midnight on Thursday, prior to the Midget "AAA" Preseason Tournament (typically the last weekend in September). Twenty-one

(21) or less players (excluding Import players) by the Tuesday following the Tournament. Twenty (20) or less players by midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AAA category.

#### Midget Minor "AAA" ROSTERS

Twenty-five (25) or less players by midnight of the 14th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AA category. Twenty-one (21) or less players by midnight of the 7th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AA category. Nineteen (19) or less players by midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AA category.

#### MIDGET "AA" ROSTERS

Twenty-five (25) or less players by midnight of the 14th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AA category. Twenty-one (21) or less players by midnight of the 7th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AA category. Nineteen (19) or less players by midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget AA category.

#### MIDGET "A" ROSTERS

Twenty-five (25) or less players by midnight of the 14th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget REM-15 category. Twenty-one (21) or less players by midnight of the 7th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget REM-15 category. Nineteen (19) or less players by midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the Midget REM-15 category.

#### BANTAM "AAA" ROSTERS

Twenty-five (25) or less players by midnight of the 14th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Bantam AAA category. Twenty-one (21) or less players by midnight of the 7th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Bantam AAA category. Nineteen (19) or less players by midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the Bantam "AAA" category.

#### BANTAM "AA" ROSTERS

Twenty-five (25) or less players by midnight of the 14th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Bantam AA category. Twenty-one (21) or less players by midnight of the 7th day prior to the first league game of any EMHA team in the Bantam AA category. Nineteen (19) or less players by midnight of the day preceding the first league game of any EMHA team in the Bantam "AA" category.

NOTE: Bantam and Midget rosters must include injured players but may exclude EMHA players who have not played an Exhibition or League game with the new Club. At Midget "AAA" Import players must be listed on the team's roster of 20 players or less.

- 16) In all categories, with the exception of Midget AAA, at the commencement of the first league game, ONLY HCR "Approved" players will be permitted to play.  
Midget "AAA" will adhere to the AMHL rules, that is, no less than 15 players will be "Approved" in HCR at the commencement of league play and the remaining players will be "Approved" in HCR by the start of the 6th league game.  
All Players must be listed on the HCR Team roster to be eligible for 'approval' in HCR.
- 17) With the start of regular season league play the HCR Team Roster becomes void and teams are governed for the remainder of the season by their "Approved" team sheets as generated by the Hockey Canada Registry.
- 18) Any club or team not adhering to these rules will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 19) The EMHA Registrar and AA Club President's or their delegate shall have complete and sole discretion to decide all issues and/or disputes concerning the application of the AA Council

Player Transfer draft process, except discipline as provided in paragraph 13) of the Supplemental guidelines.

## 9.0 RULES OF REGISTRATION FOR IMPORTS IN EMHA'S MIDGET Major "AAA"

**The Alberta Development Model determines player movement regulations for players involved in participation of teams within the Elite Hockey stream.**

The General Rules of Registration shall apply unless varied below. The following applies to Midget 'AAA' Category only. All other 'AA' Council teams operating in the City of Edmonton will NOT be allowed to sign players who reside outside the Boundaries of the Association.

In Midget AAA, players registered from outside the boundaries of the Association will be referred to as IMPORTS.

IMPORTS are only allowed to compete at the Midget 'AAA' Level in the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association and are subject to the following rules and regulations:

- 9.1 EMHA Midget 'AAA' teams are restricted to signing of a maximum of four (4) imports at any given time.
- 9.2 A maximum of six (6) imports can skate with any team at any given time.
- 9.3 Any player residing within the association boundaries and attending a post-secondary educational institution and enrolled in post-secondary classes will not be considered as an import player.
- 9.4 Any player, who plays as an import one year, would not be considered as an import in the following season.
  - (a) Import players wishing to return to the club they played, the previous season for, must apply to the ADM Movement Committee for approval by July 1st. (Required from on Hockey Alberta website)
  - (b) If the player declares to try out in his LMHA and is subsequently released and then requests to try out for a EMHA Midget 'AAA' team, the player will be placed into the Import draw for the current season and would be considered a import for the current hockey season.
  - (c) If a player declares to try out for his home zone team he must get a release from the team he played for in the previous season.
- 9.5 All players released from another LMHA and who request to try out for an EMHA Midget 'AAA' team will be put into the Import draw.
- 9.6 Import draws are made immediately upon telephone call to the EMHA Registrar or designate. This gives a player the opportunity to try out for another team without delay.
- 9.7 Imported players must report to the EMHA Midget 'AAA' team which they have been drawn for in the Import draw. Players failing to report shall be considered released back to their LMHA.
- 9.8 No player of Import status will be eligible to enter the Import draw or skate with any EMHA Midget Major AAA team until all the appropriate paper work has been submitted and approved (Hockey Alberta Permission to Tryout Form from the players LMHA; AMHL Midget AAA Release Form) to the Club team and the EMHA Registrar or designate.
- 9.9 All players released from their home zone rural team are eligible to either try out for the next closest rural zone team as per AMHL Bylaw 102C or can request to be placed in the Import draw.
  - (a) If a released player declares to go to the next closest rural team as per AMHL Bylaw 102C, he will not be allowed to be placed in the Import draw at a later date.
  - (b) If a released player requests to be placed in the Import draw and is released, the player has the option of going back in the Import draw for a second chance or back to his own LMHA.
  - (c) If a player goes back to his LMHA and signs a CHA card with any category team in that zone, he will not be allowed back in the Import draw for the current season.

- 9.10 If a player is not successful on a try out for a second EMHA Midget 'AAA' team then the player shall return back to his LMHA.
- 9.11 Any infraction or failure to follow any of the above rules will result in an indefinite suspension to the Head Coach and Manager of the team involved.
- 9.12 The EMHA Registrar, AA Council Chairperson and the EMHA Midget AAA director will deal with any situation not covered by the above rules. The EMHA Registrar, at his sole discretion, has the right to reject the registration of an **IMPORT in the Midget Major AAA Category.**

## **10.0 REGISTRATION RULES GOVERNING JUNIOR "B" HOCKEY**

- 10.1 Junior "B" Hockey in Edmonton will be administered by the Junior Council.

## **"AA" HOCKEY COUNCIL OPERATING DIRECTIVE**

### **EDMONTON "AA" COUNCIL**

#### **1.0 MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the "AA" Council are:

- 1. Canadian Athletic Club
- 2. Knights of Columbus Association
- 3. Maple Leaf Athletic Club
- 4. South Side Athletic Club
- 5. St. Albert
- 6. Sherwood Park
- 7. Spruce Grove
- 8. Leduc
- 9. Ft. Saskatchewan

#### **2.0 COUNCIL STRUCTURE**

- (a) Chairperson - Chairperson "AA" Council - EMHA Representative  
Elected for 2 year term on odd numbered years
- (b) Secretary/Treasurer
- (c) Representatives from each Athletic Club
- (d) Overall City League Directors for each "AA" and "AAA" category  
Appointed yearly at May meeting of "AA" Council

- 2.1 Only the Chairperson and Club Representatives have a vote at Council Meetings with only one (1) vote per Club (Total of five (5) votes).
- 2.2 Associate members shall have one (1) vote only on issues directly affecting their team(s).

#### **3.0 DUTIES**

- 3.1 The duties of the "AA" Council are to provide overall City League Directors for each Division in the "AA" program.
- 3.2 The "AA" Council must also ensure that the player drafts be conducted on schedule, in accordance with the rules of the EMHA.
- 3.3 The "AA" Council will compile and publish league statistics.

- 3.4 The Council meets at least once a month, September through June.
- 3.5 The "AA" Council is responsible for implementing the policies and procedures of the "AA" Hockey Council Operating Directives and to administer discipline to the Team Officials or Club if they do not adhere to the "AA" Council Policies, Procedures and other such items passed by the "AA" Council.
- 3.6 Recognize the Constitution and Bylaws in the leagues that "AA" Council teams participate.
- 3.7 Establish and update yearly Supplement documents of "AA" Policies and Guidelines:
- a) "AA" Council Discipline Policy
  - b) "AA" Council Inter-city Transfer Draft Guidelines
  - c) Consolation Tournament Guidelines

#### **4.0 VIOLATION OF "AA" COUNCIL RULES**

- 4.1 Violation of any Rules of "AA" Council by a Member may result in disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the "AA" Council. Disciplinary action may take the form of suspension, fine or other sanction as deemed appropriate by the "AA" Council.

#### **5.0 RULES GOVERNING "AA" HOCKEY**

##### **5.1 OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the "AA" Council is to coordinate the activities of the four sponsoring Athletic Clubs who provide an opportunity for players wishing to participate in the "AA" and "AAA" programs of the E.M.H.A.

The "AA" Council is formed of dedicated, elected and appointed members who, while open to suggestion, will not tolerate any exceptions to the rules. Any rule violation will result in disciplinary action.

Any suggestion for rule changes should be in writing to the Secretary of the "AA" Council.

**THE OPERATING SET OF RULES MUST BE DETERMINED AND IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE START OF LEAGUE PLAY EACH YEAR.**

#### **IT IS A MUST THAT EVERY COACH RECEIVES THESE RULES.**

The "AA" Council supports and aides in the enforcement of the General Rules of Registration as outlined by the E.M.H.A. and as revised by them from time to time.

The "AA" Council is administratively responsible to the E.M.H.A. All teams participating in the "AA" and "AAA" programs will be governed by the rules and regulations of the E.M.H.A., Hockey Alberta and the CHA.

#### **6.0 PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

##### **6.1 "AA" COUNCIL PROTEST**

- (a) All protests must be submitted in writing to the City League Director within twenty-four (24) hours following the game.
- (b) A referee's decision cannot be protested, unless an improper interpretation of the playing rules was made.
- (c) All protests must be in writing and signed by the team official who signed the game sheet.
- (d) All protests must contain a clear and concise summary of the grounds for the protest or appeal, with particular reference to the rules and regulations that have been violated.

- (e) An appeal can be taken from the decision of the City League Director to the Special Committee in accordance with the provisions set out herein, save and except that the appeal must be taken within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision being appealed.

**7.0 APPEALS GENERALLY**

All appeals shall be subject to the rules from time to time set forth by the EMHA.

**8.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Edmonton “AA” Council shall be entitled to adopt such rules and regulations, not in conflict with this operating directive, or the E.M.H.A. Rules and Regulations as it may, from time to time, determine.

**9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**9.1 REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration fees for teams registered for the current hockey season are due and payable to the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association by November 15th of the current season.

**9.2 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Membership fees as determined by “AA” Council are due and payable on October 1st of the current season.

**9.3 LEAGUE GAMES AND PLAYOFFS**

League games and playoff games must be played as scheduled. No exceptions will be allowed.

9.4 On payment of a team entry fee, each team entered will be provided with CHA registration cards for players and team officials, affiliation form, rules of registration and where applicable, a Hockey Alberta Team Registration Sheet.

9.5 A photocopy of all Player CHA registration cards must be filed with the “AA” Council Secretary prior to the team’s first League game.

**10.0 PLAYOFFS**

10.1 Playoffs are governed by the League in which the team participates.

**10.2 PLAYOFF STRUCTURE FOR E.M.H.A. “AA” COUNCIL**

Playoffs for Bantam “AA” category

**Quarter Finals**

Series A			Series B			Series C			Series D		
H	vs	V	H	Vs	V	H	vs	V	H	vs	V
1	vs	8	2	Vs	7	3	vs	6	4	vs	5
8	vs	1	7	Vs	2	6	vs	3	5	vs	4
1	vs	8	2	Vs	7	3	vs	6	4	vs	5

The first 4 teams to 4 points will go to the Semi-finals. The quarterfinals will consist of 15 minute stop time; 2 minute break, 20 minute stop time, scrape and 20 minute stop time.

**Semi Finals**

Series E			Series F		
H	vs	V	H	vs	V
A	vs	D	B	vs	C
D	vs	A	C	vs	B
A	vs	D	B	vs	C

The first 2 teams to 4 points will go to the Finals. The Semi Finals will consist of 15 minute stop time; 2 minute break, 20 minute stop time, scrape and 20 minute stop time.

### City Finals

First team to 4 points. Team A, highest League point total, B other team

A	vs	B
B	vs	A
A	vs	B

The City Finals will consist of 3 - 20 minute stop time periods with a scrape after both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods.

### 10.3 RULES GOVERNING PLAYOFFS

#### A. Tie Breaking Format

To determine final standings in League Play:

1. Total Points
  2. Most Wins
  3. Wins For and Against Each Other
  4. Total Goals For in Games Against Each Other
  5. Total Goals in League Play
  6. Flip of Coin
- B. There will be no overtime in round-robin play unless time permits and the arena attendant authorizes it. If overtime is played, the ice will not be cleaned and teams will change ends. A 20 minute sudden victory period will be played. If teams are still tied and the arena attendant authorizes it, another 20 minute sudden victory will be played and so on until a winner is determined.

If time or the attendant does not allow overtime to be played, the game will end in a tie. A tie will be considered a 1 point for each team. If the teams end up tied in points after round-robin play, a NEW GAME will commence after the 3rd period of the final round-robin game. The NEW GAME will be a 10 minute sudden victory period. If the NEW GAME is still tied, a 20 minute sudden victory period will commence and so on until a winner is declared.

- C. Penalties occurring in regulation round-robin play do not carry over into the NEW GAME unless the penalty is a suspendable offense. Suspended players may not compete in the NEW GAME.
- D. Affiliation for the above NEW GAME will be counted as one game played.
- E. City League Director is responsible for securing extra ice if it is required for the NEW GAME, if extra ice after last round-robin game is not available, the City League Director will schedule the NEW GAME at the earliest time possible. Rules of the NEW GAME will be in effect.
- F. The preliminary rounds will consist of 15 minutes stop time, 2 minute break, 20 minutes stop time, scrape and 20 minutes stop time.

- G. The Championship round will consist of 3 - 20 minute stop time periods with a scrape between both the 1st and 2nd periods.

## **11.0 CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT**

- 11.1 All teams that do not make the playoff rounds for the Bantam "AA" category will be required to participate in the Consolation Tournament.
- 11.2 Rules for Consolation Tournament will be as per Tournament Committee.
- 11.3 Tournament Committee will consist of 1 representative from each Athletic Club and the City League Director. Representatives are to be declared at the "AA" Council meeting in January of the current season.

## **EDMONTON FEDERATION HOCKEY COUNCIL OPERATING DIRECTIVE**

### **1.0 RULES GOVERNING FEDERATION HOCKEY**

#### **1.1 General**

Federation Hockey is provided to foster and encourage the sport of amateur hockey for the enjoyment of the player(s) and to teach good sportsmanship to the player(s). The players' welfare must be held paramount.

The Edmonton Federation Hockey Council Executive is formed of dedicated, elected and appointed members who, while open to suggestion, will not tolerate any exceptions to the rules. Any rule violation will result in disciplinary action.

Any suggestion for rule changes should be in writing to the Secretary of the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council.

**THE OPERATING SET OF RULES MUST BE DETERMINED AND IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE START OF LEAGUE PLAY EACH YEAR.**

**IT IS A MUST THAT EVERY COACH RECEIVES THESE RULES.**

The Edmonton Federation Hockey Council supports and aids in the enforcement of the General Rules of Registration as outlined by the E.M.H.A. and as revised by them from time to time.

### **2.0 PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

#### **2.1 E.F.H.C. Protest**

- (a) All protests must be submitted in writing to the City League Director within twenty-four (24) hours following the game.
- (b) A referee's decision cannot be protested, unless an improper interpretation of the playing rules was made.
- (c) All protests must be in writing and signed by the team official who signed the game sheet.
- (d) All protests must contain a clear and concise summary of the grounds for the protest or appeal, with particular reference to the rules and regulations that have been violated.
- (e) An appeal can be taken from the decision of the City League Director to the EMHA Special Committee or Discipline Appeal Committee in accordance with the provisions set out herein, save and except that the appeal must be taken within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision being appealed.

### **3.0 APPEALS GENERALLY**

All appeals shall be subject to the rules from time to time set forth by the EMHA.

## **4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **4.1 Registration Fees**

Registration fees for teams registered for the current hockey season are due and payable to the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council by the 1st Wednesday in October.

### **4.2 Insurance Fees**

Insurance fees for the players and team officials are due by the 1st Wednesday in November.

### **4.3 League Games and Playoffs**

League games and playoff games must be played as scheduled. No exceptions will be allowed.

### **4.4 Travel Permits**

Any tournaments which will require Federation teams to be out of the Federation schedule for a period longer than seven (7) days, only one team in a tier or division will be allowed a travel permit.

### **4.5 On payment of a team entry fee, each team entered will be provided with a Hockey Alberta Team Registration Sheet and, where applicable, Rules of Registration, Affiliation form and CHA Registration Cards for players and team officials.**

## **5.0 TIERING**

### **5.1 Purpose and Objective**

The purpose of the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council Tiering Committee is to create parity throughout the categories under the jurisdiction of the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council. This ensures positive and productive participation and the fair and equitable treatment of all participants through the re-tiering of teams within divisions.

It is important to understand that the objective of tiering is to allow the participants to play at a competitive level. Therefore, the Tiering Committee places its emphasis on tiering teams, not players. The Edmonton Federation Hockey Council encourages and supports this philosophy.

### **5.2 Structure**

The Tiering Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and one designated representative from each operating area/program within the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council. Decisions on re-tiering are done by the consensus of the designated representatives.

### **5.3 Discretionary Authority**

To protect the Federation programs from tampering or stacking teams, or registering teams that cannot be placed competitively in any tier, the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council Tiering Committee has the authority to declare a "Non-competitive Team". A "Non-competitive Team" is defined as a team that cannot be re-tiered competitively. It is the responsibility of the tiering committee to provide scheduled ice for the team.

Once a team has been declared Non-Competitive, the Operating Area from which the non-competitive team was formed is responsible for providing opposition for the team or restructuring the team to insure it can be tiered competitively.

The Edmonton Federation Hockey Council, Tiering Committee; deals only with tiering as it relates to City Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget categories. It is the responsibility of the Districts and Operating Areas/programs to exercise this discretionary authority for the Initiation program.

Appeals regarding decisions of the EFHC Tiering Committee lie to the EMHA Special Committee.

## 6.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Edmonton Federation Hockey Council shall be entitled to adopt such rules and regulations, not in conflict with this operating directive, or the EMHA Rules and Regulations as it may from time to time determine.

Note: the following rules apply to city league teams only. They may be utilized or modified for in-district teams (i.e.) Initiation.

HOCKEY CANADA  
 REFEREE'S CASEBOOK/RULE COMBINATION 2008-2010  
[Http://www.hockeycanada.ca/2/5/5/4/2/index1.shtml](http://www.hockeycanada.ca/2/5/5/4/2/index1.shtml)

### 6.1 Minimum Suspension Guidelines for EFHC Teams

These guidelines apply to all League, Exhibition, Final games and Sanctioned Tournaments. All EFHC teams will follow Hockey Alberta rules for all out of town sanctioned events. All CHA Rule violation suspensions will be issued by the City Category Director or her designate.

**If a Team Official or Player participates in a game or if his/her name appears on the game sheet while under suspension, the Team Official responsible for an ineligible Player or Official (usually the coach and/or manager of the team) will be subject to immediate discipline and the team may forfeit any games played using an ineligible Player or Official.**

HOCKEY CANADA RULE # / DESCRIPTION		MINIMUM SUSPENSION
<b>INELIGIBLE PLAYERS</b>		
Rule 2.2(c)(g)(h)	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing a player not properly registered or affiliated with that team.	Indefinite
	Team official who is party to or had knowledge of playing under suspension.	Indefinite
	No player under suspension may participate in the pre-game warm-up or occupy the players' bench.	Indefinite
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Rule 3.5(d)	Goaltender refusing to remove his/her face protector for purposes of identification.	2 games
Rule 3.6(c)	Deliberately removing helmet to fight or challenge an opponent to fight.	2 games

**PRE/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS (Refer to Rule 10.15 for protocol)**

Rule 4.1	Any player involved where majors, game misconducts, gross misconducts and match penalties are assessed, pre or post game.	1st offence – 3 games 2nd offence – 4 games 3rd offence – Indefinite
	Coach of a team whose players are so penalized.	Indefinite
	Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl.	Indefinite

**MINOR PENALTIES**

Rule 4.2(f)	Any player incurring a total of three or more stick infraction penalties (high sticking, cross-checking, slashing, spearing, butt-ending)	Game Ejection – no additional suspension
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**MAJOR PENALTIES** NOTE: re: NOVICE & ATOM & NO-HIT LEAGUES

Rule 4.4	A Game Misconduct is assessed with all Major penalties (Rule 4.4). All Major penalties assessed at <b>Novice</b> and <b>Atom</b> and <b>No-Hit Leagues</b> (EGHA and NHL) will result in a minimum 1 game suspension no matter when the Major penalty was assessed.	1 game
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**MISCONDUCT**

Rule 4.5(c)	Any player who is assessed a second misconduct penalty in the same game shall be assessed a game misconduct.	1 game
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**GAME MISCONDUCT**

Rule 4.6(c)	Any player or team official who is assessed a game misconduct in the last 10 minutes of regular time, or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of the next regular league or play-off game or seven days.	1 game minimum. If the game misconduct is associated with a major or match penalty, and those suspensions are in excess of one (1) game, additional games may be added.
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**GROSS MISCONDUCT**

Rule 4.7	Gross Misconducts	2 games
	Gross misconduct penalties shall be assessed where a person conducts him or herself in a manner as to make a travesty of the game.	2 games

**GOALTENDER PENALTIES**

Rule 4.11	A minor penalty shall be assessed a goaltender who, after catching the puck, drop kicks the puck - if an injury results a major penalty and game misconduct shall be assessed.	1 game
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**MATCH PENALTIES ATTEMPT TO INJURE / DELIBERATE INJURY**

Rule 6.1(a)	Deliberate attempt to injure or deliberately injures an opponent, official, team official, or spectator (match)	Indefinite
Rule 6.1(a)	Use of Blocker (match)	3 games

Rule 6.1(b)	Head-butt (match)	2 games
Rule 6.1(b)	Double Minor & Gross Misconduct to Team Official who head-butts or attempts to head-butt an opponent	Indefinite
Rule 6.1(c)	Kicking (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(d)	Grab face-mask, chin strap, helmet/hair pulling (match)	2 games
Rule 6.1(d)	Grab face-mask, chin strap, helmet/hair pulling (major)	1 game
Rule 6.1(e)	Facial protector as weapon (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(f)	Butt-end (match)	3 games
Rule 6.1(g)	Spearing (match)	3 games
	Double Minor & Gross Misconduct to Team Official who pokes or jabs or attempts to poke or jab an opposing player with the toe of the blade of a stick	Indefinite
Rule 6.1(h)	Slash, high stick, cross check (match)	3 games
<b>BOARDING, ELBOWING, TRIPPING, BODY CHECKING MAJOR</b>		
Rule 6.2(a)(b)	Boarding, body-checking, elbowing, charging, tripping (major)	1 game
<b>CHARGING MAJOR</b>		
Rule 6.3(a)(b)	Charging (major)	1 game
<b>CHECKING FROM BEHIND</b>		
Rule 6.4(a)	Check from behind (minor in the last 10 minutes or later)	1 game
Rule 6.4(a)	Check from behind (major at any time in the game)	2 games
Rule 6.4(b)	Check from behind (match at any time in the game)	4 games
<b>CHECKING TO THE HEAD</b>		
Rule 6.5(a)	Checking to the head Minor with less than 10 minutes of regular time remaining	1 game
Rule 6.5(a)	Checking to the head Major	2 games
Rule 6.5(b)	Checking to the head Major with injury	3 games
Rule 6.5(b)(c)	Checking to the head (match) intent to injure	4 games
<b>ELBOW/KNEE MAJOR</b>		
Rule 6.6(a) (b)	Elbowing/kneeing (major)	1 game
<b>FIGHTING</b>		
Rule 6.7	Fighting (major)	1st offence – 1 game** 2nd offence – 3 games

3rd offence – 4 games  
4th offence – Indefinite

**\*\*If occurs in final 10 minutes, then 2 games**

Rule 6.7(a)(1)	A player who is identified by the Referee as being the instigator or aggressor shall be assessed a game misconduct in addition to any other penalties incurred.	1st offence – 2 games 2nd offence – 3 games 3rd offence – 4 games 4th offence - Indefinite
Rule 6.7(a)(4)	Any player wearing a ring, tape or any other material on his/her hands, who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury (match)	3 games
Rule 6.7(b)	Fighting off the playing surface (major)	2 games
Rule 6.7(c)	3 <sup>rd</sup> man in a fight	3 games
Rule 6.7(c)	Any player receiving a second fighting major penalty during the same stoppage of play.	2 games
Rule 6.7(d)	Fighting with a team official	2 games
<b>ROUGHING MAJOR</b>		
Rule 6.7(f)	Roughing (major)	1 game
<b>ROUGHING AFTER WHISTLE MAJOR</b>		
Rule 6.7(g)	Roughing after whistle (major)	1 game
<b>HOLDING MAJOR</b>		
Rule 7.1(a) (b)	Holding (major)	1 game
<b>HOOKING, BUTT-END HOOKING</b>		
Rule 7.2(a)(b)	Hooking/butt-end hooking (major)	1 game
<b>INTERFERENCE MAJOR</b>		
Rule 7.3(a)(b)(e)	Interference (major)	1 game
<b>TRIPPING/SLEW FOOTING MAJOR</b>		
Rule 7.4(a)(b)	Tripping or slew footing (major)	1 game
<b>CROSS CHECK MAJOR/MATCH</b>		
Rule 8.1(a)(b)(c)(d)	Cross-checking (major)	1 game
Rule 8.1(e)	Cross-checking (match)	3 games
<b>HIGH STICK MAJOR/MATCH</b>		
Rule 8.2(a)(b)	High Sticking (major)	1 game
Rule 8.2(c)	High Sticking (match)	3 games
<b>SLASHING MAJOR/MATCH</b>		
Rule 8.3(a)(b)	Slashing (major)	1 game
Rule 8.3(d)	Slashing (match)	3 game

## **HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/MISCONDUCT**

Rule 9.2 Verbal abuse or disrespect toward Official/s  
Game Misconduct (zero tolerance) 2 games

Rule 9.2(f) Gross misconduct penalty pursuant to these provisions 3 games

## **LEAVING BENCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING**

Rule 9.5 Coach of a team whose player is penalized under this rule. 4 games

Rule 9.5(b) Player identified as first to leave the players or penalty bench during a fight. 5 games

Rule 9.5(c) Any player who is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during a fight. 2 games

Rule 9.5(c) Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation. 2 games

Rule 9.5 (f) Any team official who gets on the ice surface after the start of the game, without the permission of the referee, shall be assessed at the discretion of the referee a bench minor or a game misconduct. 1 game for Game Misconduct

## **ABUSE OF OFFICIALS**

Rule 9.6(a) Any player or team official who threatens or attempts to strike a Referee, Linesman or any Off-ice Official before, during or after a game Indefinite (Minimum 1 month)

Rule 9.6(b) Any player or team official who intentionally touches, holds or pushes a Referee, Linesman or Off-ice Official before, during or after a game. Indefinite (Minimum 3 months)

Rule 9.6(c) Any player or team official who deliberately strikes, trips or body checks a Referee, Linesman or any Off-ice Official before, during or after a game Indefinite (Minimum 1 year)

## **SPITTING**

Rule 9.7 Spitting on an Official Indefinite

Rule 9.7 Spitting on an opponent 8 games

## **THROWING STICK OR OBJECT**

Rule 9.8(b)(c) Minor or Major penalty 2 games

Rule 9.8(d) Thrown outside the playing area 3 games

## **REFUSING TO START PLAY**

Rule 10.14(a) Refusing to start play Indefinite

Rule 10.14(a) If a team being ordered to return, does return, then the coach is assessed a major penalty and game 2 games

misconduct.

Rule 10.14(e)	Player or team official refuses to leave the bench or playing area after being assessed a game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalty.	Indefinite
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### **START OF GAME & PERIODS**

Rule 10.15	If an altercation that results in penalties occurs	1 game
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#### **6.1 Suspensions may be increased for repeat offenders or if circumstances dictate.**

1. Excessive penalties by players and teams will be dealt with severely by the District or City League Director.
2. 14. Altercations before or after games by players, coaches, and/or managers will be dealt with severely by the District or City League Director. **Note:** On-ice (noted on game sheet) offences are handled by District or City League Directors. Off-ice (not on game sheet) offences are handled under the Good of the Game.
3. 15. Suspended players, coaches, managers etc. are not permitted in or near the dressing rooms or players boxes (or stands if directed by the City League Director or Designate) from one (1) hour before to one (1) hour after the game.
4. 16. When a player is assessed a penalty that renders them ineligible to play in the next game, such as a match or game misconduct, it is the responsibility of the coach or manager to ensure that the player has been cleared by the proper authorities before the coach or manager permits the player to play again.
5. 17. Anyone removed from a game will go directly to their respective dressing room and remain there until the conclusion of the game, or the player may leave the arena and go home. The individual is NOT, at any time, to go into the STANDS or anywhere near the ICE SURFACE DURING THE GAME. (Team management is responsible).
6. 18. Where a coach, manager, trainer, team official etc. is assessed a game misconduct, they shall receive, in addition to the game in which they received the game misconduct, an additional suspension, which shall be a minimum of one (1) league game.
7. 19. The EFHC will not tolerate abuse of any kind directed towards EFHC officials by a player, coach, manager, trainer, team official, parents, spectators, etc. of any EFHC team. Any such abuse will render the offending individual liable to suspension.
8. 20. All write-ups must be faxed into the City League Director by both teams within 4 hours of the completion of the game.
9. 21. Suspensions will be served on the League games/games/sanctioned tournaments immediately following the infraction.
10. 22. All game sheets, (exhibition, league and tournament) are to be turned into the operating area within 24 hours and to the City League Director within 48 hours of the completion of game(s).
11. 23. Any team requesting to attend a tournament or exhibition game must apply on-line and game sheet must be faxed to City Category Director within 24 hours of completion of game.
12. 24. Failure to turn in game sheets will result in a suspension by the City League Director:  
1st offence 1 game
13. 2nd offence 2 games
14. 3rd offence 3 games (minimum)

#### **6.2 EFHC Guidelines for the Serving of Suspensions**

1. Suspensions cannot be served in an exhibition game.
2. If a suspension is expected to carry more than seven days or carry over into the following season, the person MAY be allowed to participate in tryouts and/or exhibition games until the suspension can be served in a league or tournament game as approved by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.
3. A person who is allowed to participate in an exhibition game and receives an additional suspension while waiting to complete a previous suspension will be suspended indefinitely from

all games until the matter is dealt with by the Hockey Alberta Zone 8 Manager of Operations or her appointed representatives.

4. When a player receives a suspension prior to tournament play, he/she may serve the suspension in a sanctioned tournament if approved by the City League Director
5. When playing in a tournament outside of Edmonton, you will play by the Host tournament rules in conjunction with Branch rules and Canadian Hockey rules.
6. Two minute hitting from behind rule:
7. Example: During tournament play, a player receives 2 minutes for hitting from behind. As long as it is not in the last 10 minutes of the game, the player WILL NOT receive an additional game suspension. However, if the player receives a 2 minute hitting from behind in the last game of the tournament, the player WILL receive an additional one (1) game suspension as per EMHA rules.

### **6.3 Team Standings for Playoffs**

Based on the final round of tiering in league play, teams will be placed from first to last in their tier according to the number of points earned (i.e. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss). If a team has come from a lower tier for playoffs, it will be considered the last place team in the new tier. If a team has come from a higher tier for playoffs, it will be considered the first place team in the new tier.

If two or more teams come from a higher or lower tier, their standing in relation to each other will be determined based on the tier they are coming from. They will then be placed into the new tier in that order.

#### Tie Breaking Formula

- a) The team with the best record between the tied teams
- b) The team with more wins
- c) The team with the least losses
- d) The team with the best goals for minus goals against
- e) The teams with the most goals for
- f) The team with the least goals against
- g) Coin toss

6.4 Playoffs for city league teams will be double knockout format (i.e. a team must lose twice to be eliminated from playoffs). All teams in each tier will enter playoffs. Federation Hockey Council reserves the right to modify this format when it is in the best interest of the program to do so.

6.5 There will be no ties in playoffs.

6.6 Should teams be tied at the end of regulation play, a sudden victory overtime will be played.

### **7.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUDDEN VICTORY OVERTIME**

7.1 To commence overtime, each team will place six players (one may be a goaltender) on the ice. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period, and the time clock will be set for one minute. OVERTIME SHALL BE STOP TIME.

7.2 Overtime will be played in one (1) minute increments to allow teams to remove players from the ice. The timekeeper will stop the clock and sound the horn after each minute (until the teams are reduced to two players).

7.3 At the end of one (1) minute, the horn will sound and both teams will remove one player from the ice. Play will be resumed immediately at the nearest face-off spot to the place where play ended. At the end of the next minute, the horn will sound and an additional player will be removed by each team. This process will continue until each team is reduced to two players on the ice. Once each team has been reduced to two players, the clock will be set to six (6)

minutes. There shall be no further reductions or additions and the ONE MINUTE PERIODS WILL END.

- 7.4 Stop time play will continue until the six (6) minute period has expired. If required, a second ten (10) minute sudden victory period will be played (with 2 players). To commence play, the face-off will be held at the center ice spot.

## **8.0 PENALTIES IN OVERTIME**

- 8.1 Penalties incurred in regulation time and not completely served in regulation time, shall carry over into the overtime period, and will be completed in overtime unless the game is ended.
- 8.2 Time penalties incurred or unexpired, which may leave a team short; or shorthanded, during the over-time, when teams are reduced to two players, will result in a penalty shot(s) being awarded to the non-offending team for each unexpired time penalty. If, due to penalties, a team is reduced to two players and another time penalty is incurred, the offending team will serve the most recent time penalty and a penalty shot(s) will be awarded to the non-offending team for each unexpired time penalty. **At no time will a team be required to have less than two players on the ice.**
- 8.3 Should each team have an unexpired time penalty when teams are reduced to two players, a penalty shot will be awarded to each team. The team with the least time to serve will shoot first (if this cannot be determined then the home team will shoot first). Each team must shoot. If the teams are still tied, overtime will continue.
- 8.4 If multiple time penalties remain, a penalty shot will be awarded for each unexpired time penalty (using the procedure in 4.3) until all penalty shots have been taken.

Note: All time penalties incurred with two players on the ice shall result in the awarding of penalty shots in lieu of penalty times. Teams may remove goaltenders at any time. Teams may change on the fly at anytime.

## **JUNIOR HOCKEY COUNCIL OPERATING DIRECTIVE**

### **1.0 OBJECTIVES**

- a) To develop and encourage the growth of Junior Hockey within the E.M.H.A. program.
- b) To offer a high caliber program that will attract graduating Midgets to continue within the E.M.H.A. program.
- c) To develop a program at the Junior "B" level that is competitive.
- d) To operate and administer the Junior "B" program within the E.M.H.A.
- e) To operate the program on a high caliber while keeping expenses low.

### **2.0 POSITIONS OF JUNIOR COUNCIL**

Responsible for administering the Junior Hockey Program within the E.M.H.A. The position of Junior Council Chairperson must be ratified by the E.M.H.A.

The Council is to be structured as follows with each member having one vote:

- a) Chairperson - Chairperson Junior Council E.M.H.A.
- b) Past Chairperson
- c) Secretary/Treasurer
- d) (Hockey) Junior Directors from each District