



# **Hockey North**

## **Rules & Regulations**

**Member Zones – NWT Hockey and Hockey Nunavut**

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

### **Regulation 1 – Insurance, Assessment & Registration Fees:**

**1.01** Registration Fees will be charged to each Zone based upon Hockey Canada's Branch Insurance and Assessment Fees.

**1.02 Maximum registration Fees are as follows:**

|           |      |
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| Minor     | \$40 |
| Female    | \$40 |
| Oldtimers | \$40 |
| Adult Rec | \$50 |

**Official's registration fees** will be as directed by the Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP)

**1.03 Tournament Fees: Minor Teams (this will require further discussion)**

|                      |          |
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| Midget:              | \$275.00 |
| Bantam:              | \$275.00 |
| Pee Wee:             | \$175.00 |
| Atom:                | \$175.00 |
| Novice:              | \$000.00 |
| Female               | \$000.00 |
| Adult Rec/Oldtimers: | \$000.00 |

### **Regulation 2 - Player Registration:**

**2.01** Player registration certificates will be available October 1st of the current season.

**2.02** A player must have signed a Hockey Canada Registration Certificate prior to playing his first regular season game. For minor-aged players, such certificates must be signed by both player and parent or person in *loco parentis*. Failure to secure such signatures will deem the certificate or form to be unapproved.

**2.03** In Minor Hockey (male and female) players of all levels will sign a Hockey Canada Registration certificate.

**2.04** All minor hockey associations must ensure that all players, coaches, bench personnel and volunteers are registered and insured with HOCKEY NORTH no later than seven (7) days following the commencement of their minor hockey season. Late registrations must be forwarded to the HOCKEY NORTH office, together with all monies owing, immediately following their registration. The last day to register a player with an association is February 10th of the current season.

**2.05** A registration certificate will be acceptable if it is filed with the HOCKEY NORTH Office on or before February 10th of the current season.

**2.06** Associations that fail to report all their players to HOCKEY NORTH in accordance with By-Law 2 shall be liable for immediate suspension and/or fine.

**2.07** At any time, a player is forbidden to actually sign with more than one (1) team at a time during the current season. Any player participating in a league/team event, and not properly registered with the HOCKEY NORTH, is subject to suspension, any team using an ineligible player is subject to suspension.

**2.08** In all categories Bantam and above, goalkeepers must be identified as such on the Registration Certificate or Player Roster Form. Such designated player may not play in a position other than goalkeeper unless approved by the Hockey North Board or LMHA.

**2.09** It is the responsibility of the LMHA or team management to ensure registration certificates are properly completed in a legible manner. Improperly completed registration certificates will be returned to the team unapproved.

**2.10** For every player applying for the first time for registration on a hockey team, the club shall submit, upon request, a birth certificate issued by a competent authority where deemed necessary.

**2.11** In cases where it is impossible to secure a birth certificate, HOCKEY NORTH's President may, if he considers the supporting evidence satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof, a duly certified baptismal certificate issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry in this country as certified by the form filed at the port of entry.

### **Regulation 3 - Competition:**

**3.01** All players must play in the division corresponding to their age, except in cases specifically mentioned in the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Canada or HOCKEY NORTH, or upon written approval by the President of the LMHA based on established Age Advancement criteria from HOCKEY NORTH.

**3.02** Any player residing in a minor hockey association where there is no organized hockey for the player's category (i.e. Atom, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget) may register and play in the closest neighboring minor hockey association upon written approval by HOCKEY NORTH. A player cannot use this Regulation to play in a different division (i.e. A, B, C).

**3.03** Should a carded player be released from that Association's team and subsequently register with a lower category team, the manager must advise the HOCKEY NORTH office, in writing, of the player's movement and re-registration. The team does not have to issue further registration or insurance fees as this player has only been released from a higher category team to a lower category team. Failure to notify HOCKEY NORTH of this change in registration will deem the player ineligible for all further play until notice has been received by HOCKEY NORTH.

**3.04** Obligations by a member and granting of privileges resulting from their registration with HOCKEY NORTH remain in force from September 1st to April 30th of each hockey season; unless activities between May 1st and August 31st have been sanctioned by HOCKEY NORTH.

**Regulation 4 - Teams:**

**4.01 Recognized Classifications:**

Pre Novice / Initiation Program

Novice

Atom

Pee Wee

Bantam

Midget

Open Female

Junior/Juvenile

Oldtimers

Adult Recreational

The Zone at its discretion will assign divisions to each classification at the commencement of each season, if and when necessary.

**4.02 Classification Procedure (Minor - Male/Female):]**

**a)** All Associations registering with Hockey North will be classified annually, based on the total number of player registrations in each division of play as of December 15 of the current season, if and when necessary.

**b)** Under this classification, if and when necessary, LMHA may be restricted to having one "AA" team before they are permitted to have an "A" team. In the event an association does not have enough players for two teams at the "AA" or "A" level, the association may, with the approval of the HOCKEY NORTH, divide the players evenly, or if an odd number, the extra player would be on the higher level team.

**c)** Any team may register in a class higher than its own but can never register in a lower class in the same division.

**d)** When entering a team into league competition at a higher category of play than previously competed for i.e. moving from "A" to "AA" or "AA" to "AAA", the team must compete at this higher category for a minimum of two full seasons. Failure to do so will mean the immediate suspension from further competition at this category of play for a minimum of three full seasons.

**4.03 Team Composition:**

**a)** Minor competitive teams (male and female) can neither sign nor register more than seventeen (17) players, of whom at least two (2) must be goalkeepers and do not play any other position. However, for the purposes of LMHA programs, there are no such restrictions on the number of registrations allowed.

**b)** Playing certificates shall clearly indicate those who are registering as goalkeepers.

**c)** A team in any category shall consist at all times of not less than eleven (11) registered players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.

**d)** Only those persons who were either released from a team prior to January 10 or not previously registered for the current season will be eligible to register and sign a playing certificate between January 10 and February 10 of each season.

e) Initiation Program - "Initiation" refers to pre-novice hockey (under the age of 6 years old). The Initiation Program is a curriculum designed for entry level players and coaches. For the player the Initiation Program is designed to introduce beginners to the game's basic skills and make their first contact with hockey a safe and positive experience. Coaches will learn the necessities of teaching skills that will lay the foundation of future coaching experiences. Minor Hockey Associations are required to clearly show evidence in their Constitution and By-Laws that they adopt the Initiation Program curriculum in their association. All on-ice personnel in leadership positions in the divisions of novice and below are required to successfully complete the Initiation Program Instructor Program before December 31st of the current hockey season.

f) The coach shall sign the Official Game Report before the commencement of the game and shall be deemed the responsible official in charge of the team during the time it is in the arena for the purpose of playing hockey games. It is understood that this person must be the registered team official of the hockey team involved and will be held responsible for the conduct of the team's players immediately before, during and after all games.

g) Only players in uniform, and no more than five (5) team officials duly registered on a registration certificate or provincial roster form shall be allowed in the players' bench. The Referee shall be instructed to remove all others.

**h) Overage Players**

a) Overage players can only be used in the classification/division of "C" hockey provided the "C" League has requested and been given approval, in writing, by the appropriate Hockey Council. In all cases where "C" leagues are permitted use of 'overage' players, the following shall apply: the 'overage' player can only compete in the Regular season after he/she has become 'overage' and may play with a team in his home association, in the same category as he was registered in the previous year.

b) Overage players are not permitted to participate in playoff hockey as per Hockey Canada Regulation F24. This subsection does not apply to Junior "C" hockey, overage Junior "C" players, once approved to participate in a Junior "C" league, may participate in Junior "C" playoff hockey.

**Regulation 5 - Affiliation:**

**5.01** A team's Intent to Affiliate form must be filed with HOCKEY NORTH no later than midnight of January 10th of each season. If a team is affiliating with a lower category team, such team must be named no later than January 10th. If affiliating with seventeen (17) special affiliate players at large, such affiliation must be identified no later than January 10th with all Special Affiliate Player Certificates having been completed, signed and returned to HOCKEY NORTH office prior to the player being used in a game, but not later than January 10th of the current season.

**5.02** At all times, a team must obtain permission from the Affiliated Player's team and parent(s) before using that player in a game.

**5.03** An affiliate player may play for a team of a higher division or category at any time, but if the player plays more than five (5) league, exhibition, tournament and/or playoff games after January 10 as an affiliate, the player shall not be allowed to compete any further with the team on which originally registered.

**5.04** IP / Novice are not permitted to affiliate players to Atom or above.

**5.05** See Hockey Canada Regulation E.

**Regulation 6 – Zone (Territorial) Championships:**

**6.01** The Hockey North Branch or Zone Championships may be played at the Peewee, Bantam, Midget, Female, Junior C and Adult Rec levels.

**6.02** There will not be any Hockey North Branch or Zone championship competition for Atoms, Novice and Initiation divisions.

**Regulation 7 - Recruiting Territory:**

**7.01** Each Junior, Oldtimers and Adult Recreational (male and female) League has the responsibility of determining clearly the recruiting territory available to each team in order to provide balanced competition. Such territory must be approved by the league at their annual meeting. For Minor/Female the responsibility to identify such territory lies with HOCKEY NORTH. Refer to Hockey Canada regulations.

**Regulation 8 - Distribution of Registration Certificates:**

**8.01** Minor (male and female) registration certificates will be available to the Minor Hockey Association Presidents by November 1st of each season.

**8.02** Junior registration certificates, where plausible, will be made available from HOCKEY NORTH office as of November 1st of each season.

Senior and Adult Recreational (male and female) registration certificates will be made available from HOCKEY NORTH office as of November 1st of each season.

**8.03** To purchase registration certificates, the following steps must be followed:

- a) all outstanding monies owed to HOCKEY NORTH must first be paid in full;
- b) all obligations to the team's league and/or Branch must be fulfilled;
- c) league must be registered for the current season;
- d) league/team registration fees and current season insurance premiums must be paid in full;
- e) league/team application for membership must be filed with HOCKEY NORTH office; and
- f) playoff tournament fees must be paid in full.

**Regulation 9 - League Registration:**

**9.01** Documents required when submitting application for registration of a league are:

- a) cheque(s) or money order(s) covering the registration fees;
- b) one (1) copy of the League Constitution (December 15 filing deadline);
- c) one copy of the League schedule and playoff format (December 15 filing deadline); and
- d) copy of playoff schedule (by January 10).

**9.02** Leagues must register with HOCKEY NORTH on an annual basis no later than the following dates:

- a) Junior October 1
- b) Adult Recreational (male and female) October 1
- c) Minor (male and female) October 1

### **Regulation 10 - Association Registration:**

**10.01** Associations must register with HOCKEY NORTH on an annual basis. They shall register no later the following dates:

- i) Female January 10
- ii) Minor January 10

**10.02** To register an Association with HOCKEY NORTH, the following must be submitted:

- i) association application for membership - duly signed by the current President and Secretary or Recreation Coordinator and SAO;
- ii) annual association registration fee, as deemed by the Hockey North Board;
- iii) Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the association; and
- iv) list of Association's Executive including addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email

### **Regulation 11 - Coaching Certification:**

**11.01** All minor hockey coaches involved in instructing children between the ages of five to eight years, inclusive, must be certified as instructors at the Initiation Program level by December 31st of the current season.

**11.02** In Minor and Female hockey, all Head Coaches with teams participating in Territorial or Arctic Winter Games competitions must hold a minimum of Developmental I Level Certification in the National Coaching Certification Program by December 31st, of the current season.

**11.03** In Minor and Female hockey, all coaches with teams participating in any other Zone activities must hold a minimum of Recreational I Level Certification in the National Coaching Certification Program by December of the current season

**11.04** Minor and Female Hockey Association and League Coordinators are to verify that Regulations are adhered to in their entirety with no exceptions.

**11.05** Failure to comply will result in removal of coach/ coaches from the Team list after December 31st of the applicable season.

### **Regulation 12 - Protective Equipment:**

**12.01** At all times during a game, all players including goalkeepers must wear the following protective equipment:

- a) C.S.A. approved hockey helmet;
- b) C.S.A. approved face mask - half visor for Junior (w/ mouthguard), Adult Recreation (Optional) and on-ice Officials; full visor for all other categories and all goalkeepers; and
- c) BNQ throat protector - Minor, Open Female and Jr. Female

**12.02** At all times during on-ice practices or activities, all coaches shall properly wear a CSA approved helmet.

### **Regulation 13 - On-ice Officials:**

**13.01** Only these two (2) such crests shall be worn. All on-ice officials must be registered with HOCKEY NORTH through the respective zones and must wear the HOCKEY NORTH crest on the official's sweater (black and white striped) and may wear a HOCKEY CANADA crest on the left sleeve.

**13.02** The wearing of the black and white sweater is mandatory for all on-ice officials as approved by Hockey Canada.

**Regulation 14 - Responsibility of Proving the Eligibility of a Member:**

**14.01** Team officials have the responsibility of proving the eligibility of their players.

**14.02** Any player found, after a hearing by HOCKEY NORTH, to have falsified a birth certificate, Hockey Canada registration certificate or of forging and playing under an assumed name, or of having had knowledge that same had been falsified, or of playing on other than that person's own birth certificate, shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with the Hockey Canada for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of his suspension.

**14.03** Any team official, executive member of a team, club or association, found, after a hearing by HOCKEY NORTH of having been party to, or having had knowledge of such falsification, shall be Suspended for a period of not less than 3 years from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with Hockey Canada.

**Regulation 15 - Protests:**

**15.01** Protests may be made in regard to interpretations of rules, bylaws, regulations, eligibility issues, and constitutional matters but not in regard to a judgment call of an on-ice official.

**15.02** A verbal protest arising out of an incident in a game situation must be made by the captain or alternate captain of the aggrieved team to the referee at the first reasonable opportunity after the action or decision complained of occurs and in all cases the verbal protest must be made within fifteen minutes after the close of the period in which the action or decision complained of, occurred.

**15.03** When a protest arises in a game and the protesting team has complied with the foregoing, the team must put its protest in writing and send it, together with one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, to the LMHA president or a person designated by the LMHA within twenty-four hours of the completion of the game in which the action or decision complained of, took place.

**15.04** A protesting team shall also send a copy of its written protest to the opposing team or other affected party within twenty-four hours after the matter or event giving rise to the protest has occurred.

**15.05** A team or other party entitled to respond to a protest must do so in writing within twenty-four hours of receiving a copy of the protest.

**15.06** The league coordinator or president shall fix a time and place for the hearing of the protest and shall give any interested party a reasonable and fair opportunity to be heard and to present their case and after the hearing, the league director or president shall promptly issue a decision to either reject or uphold the protest.

**15.07** If the protest is rejected, the decision complained of stands, but if the protest is allowed, the league director or president shall take the appropriate action or impose the appropriate sanction.

**15.08** If the protest is upheld, the protest fee is returned to the protesting team or party, but if it is rejected, the money is forfeited to the LMHA or Hockey North.



### **Regulation 16 - Appeals:**

**16.01** a) Any decision of a LMHA or League Director, President or tournament official involving the interpretation or application of the constitution, bylaws or regulations of HOCKEY NORTH, may be appealed to the Appeals Committee of HOCKEY NORTH.

b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), where a minor hockey association refuses the release of a player playing within the system regulated by the Minor/Female Hockey Council(s), an appeal of that refusal shall first be taken to the Appeals Committee of Hockey North.

**16:02** Anyone appealing to the Appeals Committee of the HOCKEY NORTH must file a notice of appeal in writing with the Executive of HOCKEY NORTH within twenty-four hours after the appellant has received notice of the decision appealed against and the notice of appeal must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order payable to HOCKEY NORTH in the amount of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

**16.03** The appellant shall also send a copy of the notice of the appeal to any other interested team or party within twenty-four hours of receiving notice of the decision to be appealed against.

**16.04** The notice of appeal shall contain a statement of the decision to be appealed and the grounds for the appeal.

**16.05** The appellant shall be restricted to the grounds set out in the notice of appeal.

**16.06** An appeal to the HOCKEY NORTH Appeals Committee shall have no validity and shall not be heard by the Committee unless the appellant has complied with the foregoing procedures.

**16.07** If an appeal is successful, the appeal fee will be returned to the appellant, but if the appeal is rejected, the entire fee will be retained by HOCKEY NORTH.

### **Regulation 17 - Suspensions:**

**17.01** When a suspension has been handed down, a copy of such suspension notice, in writing, must be filed with HOCKEY NORTH office within seven (7) days of the infraction. **Minimum suspensions may not be appealed.**

**17.02** Situation in which infraction occurs: Person who imposes suspensions  
League/Playoff Games (Minor, Female) League Director Tournament/Exhibition Games (Minor, Female) Tournament Discipline Committee Exhibition/League/Playoff Games (Junior C) Northern Maritime Junior Hockey League Exhibition/League/Playoff Games League Commissioner Tournament/Exhibition Games (Senior, Adult Rec.) League President Officials HOCKEY NORTH Executive Committee Physical or Verbal abuse HOCKEY NORTH Discipline and Ethic Committee (rules 71 or 49(A) Hockey Canada Playing Rules)

**17.03** A list of suspensions carried over from the previous season or outstanding and unserved suspensions will be forwarded to all LMHA Presidents and Recreation Coordinators at the commencement of each season.

**Regulation 18 - Minimum Suspension Policy**

**18.01** The following will be the minimum suspensions for match penalties issued to players for Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury [Rule 49]:

|                                                                            |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Butt-ending [Rule 49(f)]                                                   | 4 games |
| Grabbing facial protector [Rule 49(d)]                                     | 1 game  |
| Hair Pulling [Rule 49(d)]                                                  | 1 game  |
| Head-butting [Rule 49(b)]                                                  | 4 games |
| Kicking [Rule 49(c)]                                                       | 4 games |
| Spearing [Rule 49(g)]                                                      | 4 games |
| Stick swinging [Rule 49(a)]                                                | 4 games |
| Deliberate attempt to injure [ <i>not otherwise covered</i> ] [Rule 49(a)] | 4 games |

**Other Match Penalties:**

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Fighting and Roughing [Rule 59(a)(4)] | 4 games |
| Spitting [Rule 80]                    | 2 games |

**18.02** The following will be the minimum suspensions issued to coaches for:

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| Coach identified as having the first player leave the player's or penalty bench during a fight or to start a fight [Rule 70]                 | 1 game |
| Coach identified as having player's leave the player's bench or penalty bench simultaneously during a fight or to start a fight [Rule 70(b)] | 1 game |
| Game Ejection/Game Misconduct [Rule 32(c)]                                                                                                   | 1 game |

**18.03** The following will be the minimum additional suspensions issued to players and team officials who receive the following penalties:

|                                                                                                   |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct [Rule 47]                                  | 2 games |
| Game Ejection/Game Misconduct [Rule 32(c)]                                                        | 1 game  |
| Leaving Player's or Penalty Bench during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight [Rule 70] | 2 games |
| Incurring a second Major Penalty in one game [Rule 30(b)]                                         | 2 games |
| Joining a fight or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play [Rule 59(d)]     | 2 games |
| Major Penalty for Checking from Behind [Rule 53]                                                  | 1 game  |
| Gross Misconduct [Rule 332]                                                                       | 2 games |

**18.04** Match penalties assessed under the following receive an INDEFINITE

SUSPENSION pending an investigative hearing by the Discipline Committee. Discipline Committee are to conduct above hearing within seven days of receiving infraction notice.

1) HC Rule 49 (b) - Attempt to injure or deliberate injury with a slash, high stick or cross check.

2) HC Rule 53 (b) - Checking from behind.

3) HC Rule 71 (a, b, & c) - Abuse of Officials

4) HC Rule 80 - Spitting at an Official

**18.05** Any player, coach, manager, trainer or team official who incurs a suspension cannot participate in any games (*League, playoff, exhibition or tournament*) in any capacity (*i.e. coaching, officiating, playing, etc.*) until such Suspension has been served by regular league or play-off games or by pre- season or exhibition (Including tournament) games approved by the league prior to the game in which the incident giving rise to the suspension occurred.

**18.06** It is the responsibility of team coaches and managers to ensure their player serves any suspension incurred.

**18.07** Any coach, player, team official, league or Minor Hockey Association Executive who makes derogatory remarks in public or through the media regarding HOCKEY NORTH, its members or its officials may be sanctioned or suspended.

**18.08** Any parent of a Hockey Canada/HOCKEY NORTH player whose conduct in an arena is legitimately deemed to be disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game, may be banned from such arena(s) as determined by the appropriate Zone/Minor Hockey Association for a specified period of time.

**Regulation 19 - Participation In Tournaments, Camps, Exhibition Games:**

**19.01** Teams at the Initiation and Novice level are permitted to participate in sanctioned Camps held in the Nunavut.

**19.02** Associations must submit their Applications for Tournament Accreditation and applicable fees to HOCKEY NORTH. Associations which fail to submit such application will be not have their tournaments sanctioned and may face further sanctions or suspensions by Hockey North and/or its Zones.

**19.03** No minor tournament or camps will be sanctioned in a Minor Association if it is in conflict with a previously sanctioned tournament or camps.

**19.04** No minor tournament or camps will be sanctioned during the Territorial Championships.

**19.05** All categories must submit their Application for Tournament Accreditation and applicable fees no later than two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament or three weeks prior, in the case of Female Tournaments.

**19.06** Tournament Sanction Permits will be issued and distributed as soon as possible following approval of same.

**19.07** No team shall be permitted to play exhibition or Inter-Zone games of any kind, without the written or faxed permission of HOCKEY NORTH. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension of the team officials and/or players involved.

**19.08** All games played within HOCKEY NORTH which takes place outside a League and/or Playoff schedule must be approved in advance.

**19.09** A request to play an exhibition game must be filed with the HOCKEY NORTH office in writing, stating the name of the teams proposing to play such a game, the date, time and location of the game, and a copy of the roster of both teams, stating the players' names, and the names of all management personnel of both teams (coaches, manager, trainer, volunteers).

**19.10** For insurance purposes, any player or team official/management not insured the previous year must be insured and registered prior to participating in an exhibition game.

**Regulation 20 - Travel Permits:**

**20.01** All teams traveling out of the territories for the purpose of participating in sanctioned tournament or exhibition game must first receive a travel permit, approved by HOCKEY NORTH or its Zones. Each team will be issued not more than four (4) travel permits per season excluding hockey regional/national championship.

**20.02** The traveling team must obtain the appropriate "Travel Permit" form from HOCKEY NORTH or its Zones, complete it with details as to the purpose of the travel, and have it approved by the respective league director, LMHA president, and then return the form to HOCKEY NORTH or its Zones for approval by the Executive.

**20.03** Travel permits will not be issued in any circumstances for teams at the IP/Initiation category or younger.

**20.04** No team shall be permitted to play inter-Branch games of any kind without the prior approval of the Executive of HOCKEY NORTH and such permission shall not be given to any team to play against a team which is not a member of Hockey Canada or its branches/zones. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension of the team's officials and/or players involved.

**Regulation 21 - Association Boundaries:**

**21.01** The boundaries for each minor hockey association shall be the area enclosed by the corresponding municipal boundaries. The boundaries are the existing or former boundaries as designed by the Municipal Act, prior to April 1999.

**Regulation 22 - Zone Teams:**

**22.01** This structure will be administered by the Executives of Hockey North's Zones.

**Regulation 23 - Advertising (Minor Hockey - Male and Female):**

**23.01** No breweries, distilleries, wineries or tobacco companies shall be permitted to display advertising or any connotation of the aforementioned on uniforms or equipment of any team in Minor Hockey (male and female).

**Regulation 24 - Fees:**

**24.01** HOCKEY NORTH registration, insurance and membership fees, dues, or assessments shall be set annually by the Board of Directors of HOCKEY NORTH. Insurance dues and assessments, unless otherwise indicated, shall be payable in full not later than January 10th of the hockey season to which they apply.

**Regulation 25 - Registration:**

**25.01** Every player, coach, manager, trainer, team official and on-ice official participating in hockey under the jurisdiction of the HOCKEY NORTH shall be properly registered with HOCKEY NORTH and its Zones.

**Regulation 26 - Residential Qualifications:**

**26.01** No player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a minor hockey team (male or female) in any association unless the residence of such player's parent (as defined in regulation 27.02) is located in the same geographic subdivision (as defined in 26.03) in which the team is located.

**26.02** A parent of a player is:

- a) either of the child's parents when both parents have a common residence or, if there is only one surviving parent, such surviving parent, and;
- b) in the event the parents are both dead or are living apart, the person or parent who has day-to-day custody of the player.

**26.03** A geographic subdivision includes a city, town, municipality, rural area, an association, or zone, as established from time to time by HOCKEY NORTH and its Zones.

**26.04** Leagues may make restrictions with regard to residential qualifications for junior and senior players.

**26.05** Players of the previous season and thereafter, unless the player's residence has changed, as set out herein, any player seeking registration must register with the Association in which they were properly registered the year preceding the year for which registration is sought.

### **Regulation 27 - Sanctioning:**

**27.01** Fund-raising projects, benefit games, exhibition games, camps, tournaments, conditioning and evaluation camps as well as league and play-off games shall be sanctioned by the Executive of HOCKEY NORTH or its Zones or a person designated by the Executive of the HOCKEY NORTH or its Zones.

**27.02** HOCKEY NORTH member teams must compete against other Hockey Canada member teams in order to have insurance coverage. Insurance coverage will not be extended to HOCKEY NORTH member teams who participate against non-Hockey Canada member teams.

**27.03** An exception to Regulation 27.02 would be for “benefit” games. In such games in which a HOCKEY NORTH member team is playing against a non Hockey Canada member team in a fundraising situation, the HOCKEY NORTH member team would have insurance coverage. However, coverage would not be extended to the non Hockey Canada member team.

**27.03** HOCKEY NORTH teams competing against IIHF or USA Hockey member teams in events sanctioned by the appropriate body will be covered such as Arctic Winter Games.

**27.04** In cases where the HOCKEY NORTH has granted “overage” status to a minor hockey player, the player and those competed against will have insurance coverage.

**27.05** Hockey activities which fall within the time frame of May 15th and September 1st of the calendar year must be sanctioned by the Executive of HOCKEY NORTH.

### **Regulation 28 - Conflict of Interest:**

**28.01** HOCKEY NORTH Board members shall avoid any conflict of interest in the performance of their duties as a member of the Hockey North Board of Directors.

**28.02** A HOCKEY NORTH Board member recognizing a conflict of interest in any matter before the HOCKEY NORTH Board, shall declare a Conflict of Interest and identify the same, and immediately withdraw from the meeting without participating in the consideration of the matter at hand.

**28.03** A HOCKEY NORTH Board member, challenged as having a conflict of interest, shall immediately be given the opportunity to identify the situation to the HOCKEY NORTH Board. A majority vote shall render a decision on whether a conflict of interest exists, and no appeal will be entertained.

### **Regulation 29 - Play-down Readiness:**

**29.01** Leagues and teams under the jurisdiction of the HOCKEY NORTH shall so arrange their schedules as to be ready to participate in HOCKEY NORTH championships on such dates as are set by HOCKEY NORTH.

**29.02** Split Gates in Play-Offs. Where a play-off series is decided on the odd game of the series (game three, five, or seven), the home team for the deciding game will split the gate receipts with the visiting team after reasonable expenses. Reasonable expenses will be determined by the League President/Coordinator prior to the commencement of each playoff series. This regulation applies to all divisions/categories of hockey governed by the HOCKEY NORTH.

**29.03** Tie breaking formula - To determine team standings in the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be used by all leagues or associations playing under the jurisdiction of the HOCKEY NORTH:

- A) Best win record in games played between tied teams.
- B) If still tied, best win record.
- C) If still tied, best plus minus record based on goals for and against between tied teams.
- D) The team with the best goal average would qualify. The goal average of a team is determined by dividing the total number of goals for by the total number of goals for and against. The goal ratio will be for games between the tied teams only.

Example: Total Goals For: 10

Total Goals Against: 4

Percentage  $10 \div 4 = .714$

$10 \div 4 = 2.5$

E) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team which scored the first goal in the game between the two teams.

F) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in penalties.

G) If still tied after all previous methods have been applied, the winner will be decided by a single toss of a coin.

**Note:** In the event that more than two teams are tied, once the tie breaking rules have been used to eliminate one team, the procedure to break the remaining tie will be to revert back to the beginning criteria.

**Note:** In round robin HOCKEY NORTH championships there shall be no overtime played.

### **Regulation 30 - Play-Off Representative**

**30.00** Representative for Play-Offs. A HOCKEY NORTH Board of Directors member or designate will travel with team(s) representing HOCKEY NORTH in Hockey Canada Inter-branch competition and have full authority over team officials and players.

### **Regulation 31 - Playing Rules**

**31.01** That any League or Association wishing to vary an existing Hockey Canada or HOCKEY NORTH Playing Rule shall be required to submit in writing to the Executive of HOCKEY NORTH a request for the variation, which may only be implemented if approved by HOCKEY NORTH.

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

### **Regulation 32 - Trophies**

**32.00** All trophies presented in Branch Championships shall be returned to the HOCKEY NORTH Office by November 30th of the current season. Any Team of Association failing to do so shall be fined the sum of \$200.00. Fines will be issued to the LMHA.