



## **PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

### 8.1 General Regulations

- (a) Hockey Alberta will conduct competitions in minor hockey for the following Divisions and recognizes that all Provincial competitions are for the purpose of determining the championship team in any category.
  - (i) U18 "AAA", "AA", "Tier 1", "Tier 2", "Tier 3" and "Tier 4" – this category is open to Players who are under 18 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
  - (ii) U15 "AAA", "AA", "Tier 1", "Tier 2", "Tier 3" and "Tier 4" – this category is open to Players who are under 15 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
  - (iii) U13 "AA", "Tier 1", "Tier 2", "Tier 3" and "Tier 4" – this category is open to Players who are under 13 years of age on December 31 in the season in which they wish to compete and shall be designated the appropriate letter by Hockey Alberta.
- (b) Any MHA, whose team(s) fail to fulfill its' commitment to participate shall be ineligible for Provincials in the subsequent season, unless a reinstatement fee of \$700.00 is paid to Hockey Alberta on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year. All Team Officials of the Team failing to fulfill its' commitments to Provincials, shall be suspended, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year, for a minimum of one (1) year. At the discretion of the Minor Leagues Committee Chair (where exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Team Officials and/or the MHA precluded participation in the Provincials) the LMHA's reinstatement fee and/or suspensions of Team Officials may be waived.
- (c) Rules of play shall be those of Hockey Canada Playing Rules for the current Hockey Season with the exception of Regulations and/or Rules adopted by HA.
- (d) Registered officials must be used in all HA Playoff competitions and must be properly attired according to Hockey Canada Regulations.
- (e) All Provincial Playoffs in Minor Hockey shall be officiated by a three (3) man system where possible.



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- (f) The official Scorer shall request that all affiliated Players dressed for the game be designated on the official Game Report of each Team by the use of the symbol "AP" after the Player's name (see Definitions).
- (g) MHAs wishing to host Provincial tournaments must make submission to the HA office by November 1 of the current Hockey Season.
  - (i) Under special circumstances, MHAs may apply for and make submissions to host a Provincial tournament one year earlier than the current season's deadline.
- (h) Any Team Official may be suspended by the Minor Discipline Committee Chair, or designate, for conduct or actions considered detrimental to hockey.
- (i) Each team shall be permitted to take one time out of thirty seconds during the course of regular play time or overtime (see Hockey Canada Rules).

### 8.2 Provincial Tournament Regulations

- (a) The Provincials will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules with the exception of Hockey Alberta regulations and/or rules adopted by HA.
- (b) Each Team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) Players. Affiliated Players may only be used provided their Association Affiliation and registrations in the Registry were previously approved and presented prior to the start of the tournament. Once the championship tournament commences, this roster of twenty-three (23) is frozen and no further additions are possible. The list of Players must be presented to the Hockey Alberta Representative prior to the start of the tournament.
- (c) Hockey Alberta to determine "Home" and "Away" Teams for Provincial Tournament Draw (coin toss to be used for the Championship Game). Teams must be ready to play at the appointed time.
- (d) The length of all games will be three (3) periods of twenty (20) minutes stop-time with the ice being resurfaced between each period, whenever possible.
- (e) Managers and coaches shall be deemed responsible for the behaviour of their teams and team supporters. Any inappropriate behaviour or actions by those persons registered with Hockey Alberta shall be subject to disciplinary actions as prescribed in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.



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- (f) The disciplinary rulings in compliance with the Hockey Alberta Suspension Procedures shall be applicable for the duration of the tournament.

Suspensions which occur during provincial play and carry over will be filed with the Regional Minor Discipline Coordinator.

- (g) Tied games shall not be broken in round-robin play.
- (h) In the event a Team wins a game by more than ten (10) goals, that team will only be granted a goal differential of ten (10) for that game and a maximum of a ten (10) goal differential will be recorded in the statistics.

Example: For = 14 goals      Against = 2 goals  
Goal Differential = 10 goals

- (i) In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

- (i) If two (2) teams are tied:
- (A) The team with the most wins in the round-robin gains the highest position.
- (B) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulation 9.3(i)(i)(A) above, the winner of the round-robin game between the two tied teams gains the highest position.
- (C) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A) and (B) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the follow manner:

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

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

Example: For = 10 goals      Against = 4 goals

Percentage:  $\frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position.



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- (D) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A), (B) and (C) have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games gains the highest position.
- (E) If the two (2) teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A), (B), (C) and (D) have been applied, then the team that scored the first goal in the game between the two (2) tied teams gains the highest position.
- (F) If the two teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(i)(A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the highest position.
  - (I) For the coin toss for two (2) teams tied, a single coin will be tossed with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or "tails". The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the first (1<sup>st</sup>) placed team. If the team that declared the toss is unsuccessful, that team places second (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- (ii) If three (3) teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games **AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY** will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) will advance.
  - (A) The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
  - (B) If teams are still tied after Regulation 9.3(i)(ii)(A) above has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

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

NOTE: Games between the tied teams only will apply.

Example: For = 10 goals

Against = 4 goals

Percentage:  $\frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$

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- (I) If all three percentages are different for the three (3) teams that are tied, then first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place is decided with the highest percentage gaining first (1<sup>st</sup>) place and the lowest percentage gaining third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place. The tie-breaking procedure will not go back to two teams tied.
- (C) If two teams or more are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(ii)(A) and (B) have been applied, the team(s) to qualify would be the team(s) that receive the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round-robin games.
- (D) If three teams are still tied after Regulations 9.3(i)(ii)(A), (B) and (C) have been applied, a coin toss will determine the highest positions.
  - (I) For the coin toss involving three (3) teams tied, all three teams will each toss a coin. The team that tosses the first odd coin is declared the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place position of the three tied teams.
  - (II) The two (2) remaining teams will now toss a single coin with one of the teams declaring either "heads" or tails." The team that declares the toss and is successful would then be declared the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team. If the team that declared the loss is unsuccessful, that team is placed third (3<sup>rd</sup>).
- (iii) All games played in the Semi-Finals and Finals must decide a winner. In the case of tied games in a Semi-Final, use Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules.

### **Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule – Tied Game**

- (A) If at the end of the three regulation twenty minute periods the score is tied, the following shall take place:
  - (I) if the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be resurfaced at the end of the three regulation periods. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change ends;



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- (II) the puck shall be faced off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period;
  - (III) if the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, the teams would take a normal between period break and return to play twenty minute sudden play periods. The teams will now change ends.
- (B) Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
- (C) If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
- (j) Protests will not be entertained on the outcome of any FINAL Championship game.
  - (k) HA will award up to twenty-four (24) medallions to winners of Provincial Championships and the runners up in a final series, namely gold and silver. Medallions will not be awarded when a series is not held. The CEO, or designate, shall determine how many medallions will be required from season to season and will approve accordingly.
  - (l) Teams failing to send a representative to the coach/manager meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournament may result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.
  - (m) Teams failing to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Championship Tournament, if the MHA is holding an Opening Ceremonies as a part of the event, will result in the Head Coach (as defined and determined by the Hockey Alberta Rep at the Tournament) of the team being suspended for the next two (2) games his/her team participates in following the Opening Ceremonies.