



HOCKEY NEWFOUNDLAND  
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REGULATIONS

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## REGULATION ONE

### REGISTRATION

100. (a) Registration of players shall be governed by the registration regulations of Hockey NL and HC and every player must be registered before he takes part in any game.
- (b) No player will be registered or insured until the registration is validated by the designated Branch official.

101.

### DIVISIONS

### AGE ELIGIBILITY

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| a. U18 and U18 Female   | Open to players fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) years of age in the current playing Season. |
| b. U15 and U15 Female   | Open to players fourteen (14) years of age and younger in the current playing Season.      |
| c. U13 and U13 Female   | Open to players twelve (12) years of age and younger in the current playing Season.        |
| d. U11 and U11 Female   | Open to players ten (10) years of age and younger in the current playing Season.           |
| e. U9 and U9 Female   | Open to players eight (8) years of age and younger in the current playing Season.          |
| f. U7 and U7 Female   | Open to players six (6) years of age and younger in the current playing Season.            |
| g. A Player's age is calculated as of December 31 of the current Season.  |  |
| h. Notwithstanding 101 g, Associations may allow Players to register at a lower age Division provided the Player qualifies according to guidelines established by the Association. Such Player shall be granted all the rights and privileges except that |  |

any such Minor Player would be ineligible to register with or Affiliate to any Team in a Division or Category which participates with inter-association competition. Any such Female Player may be eligible to register with or affiliate to any female team in a division or category, which participates with inter-association competition but not with a team which could earn the right to participate in a National or Regional Championship, should the player receive permission from the Hockey NL Female Council Executive Committee under the guidelines established by Hockey NL. Associations may allow a minimum age eligibility for any division at their discretion. The minor council executive committee may provide a special allowance for an U15 and U15 Female age player to register and/or participate in the U18 and U18 Female division.

102. A player may not register and play under a second registration in the same season unless properly released from the initial registration in accordance with Hockey Canada regulations. Associations, at their discretion, may dual register a minor female player on both a female and minor team in accordance with regulation 101, where applicable.
103.
  - (a) Each team, in order to be officially recognized must have at least fifteen players registered, at least two of whom must be goaltenders.
  - (b) In Minor and Female Hockey only, a team which does not participate in either a Regional or a National Championship Competition must have a minimum of eleven registered players, at least one of whom must be a goaltender. In Associations where players are available, teams must have a minimum of seventeen players, two of whom must be goaltenders.
  - (c) A recognized league is one which has at least three teams, with each team playing a minimum of twenty-four games (12 home and 12 away).
104. Player registrations will be completed and forwarded to the designated branch official for approval following which the registration will be promptly returned to the team.
105. In all cases for Junior and Minor players, where the player was not previously registered, a Birth Certificate or other acceptable proof of age, must accompany the player certificate.
106. To assist in player identification all registrations will show the birth date of the player and the player's M.C.P. number, where available.
107. Each team will retain title to all players who were registered with the team in the previous season and appeared on the team's protected list unless such players have been released or are otherwise not eligible to play for their last season's team.

108. (a) Minor and Female teams are limited to 19 registered players at any one time including two goaltenders.
- (b) Junior teams shall be organized into leagues for regular season play in areas recognized, organized, or established to the satisfaction of the Junior Council not later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This is in order to make it possible to have plans made for Provincial competition and to have the teams and players registered properly.
- (c) Junior teams are limited to 25 registered players at any one time up to December 1<sup>st</sup>, when they must reduce the number of registered players and unused registrations to 25.
- (d) On January 10<sup>th</sup> all Junior teams must reduce their number of registered players to 23, at least two (2) must be goaltenders. In addition, each team will be permitted two (2) alternates who would be eligible to play within the province only. All Senior teams below AAA must reduce their number of registered players to 28, including at least two goaltenders, and one alternate goaltender who would be eligible to play within the province only.
- (e) On January 10<sup>th</sup> all teams must forward their protected list of registered players in writing to the Hockey NL Office. No player on this protected list may be dropped to make room for another, and where a team has listed fewer than its maximum, any player registered after January 10<sup>th</sup> and before February 10<sup>th</sup> will be added to their protected list up to the maximum allowed.
- (f) Senior A teams shall be organized into leagues or divisions for regular season play in areas and categories recognized, organized, or established to the satisfaction of the Senior & Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This is in order to make it possible to have plans made for Provincial competition and to have the teams and players registered properly.
- (g) Recreational teams shall be organized into leagues for regular season play in time to permit the Senior & Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee to make plans for tournaments, which may be organized.
109. All players not included on the official team list of January 10<sup>th</sup>, including any players from the previous year's registration, are considered to be released, and they become free to register with any other team if they are otherwise eligible and if the team wishing to register them has not already listed the maximum number of players allowed and has unused registrations.
110. Players not listed on January 10<sup>th</sup> may re-register with their former team if the team still has unused registrations.

111. A player may not be released after January 10<sup>th</sup> to make room for registering another player, and a player released after January 10<sup>th</sup> may not register with another team for that season.
112. Although the deadline for final registration of players is February 10<sup>th</sup>, a player is not eligible to play any game until he is registered and a team which does not submit its list of at least fifteen registered players on January 10<sup>th</sup> shall be ineligible for further competition.
- (a) Player registration shall be accepted only if the information is provided to the Executive Director or their designate no later than 8:30 pm NST February 10.**
  - (b) Team official registration shall be accepted only if the information is provided to the Executive Director or their designate no later than 8:30 pm NST March 10.**
  - (c) Notwithstanding 112 (a or b), minor hockey associations, at their discretion, may register players and team officials after the final registration dates to a roster for competition that does not lead to inter-association, provincial, regional or national championships.**
  - (d) A player is not eligible to play any game until they are registered.**
  - (e) A team is not eligible for competition until they have an approved registration and meets the criteria provided in Regulation 103. Team registration shall be accepted only if the information is provided to the Executive Director or their designate no later than 8:30 pm NST January 10.**
113. Any player proven guilty by Hockey NL of falsifying a birth certificate, or of having had the knowledge that the same had been falsified, or of playing on other than their own birth certificate, shall be suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with HC for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of suspension.
114. Any officer, executive member of a team, club, union, or Association, proven guilty by Hockey NL of having been party to, or having had such knowledge of such falsification, referred to in Regulation 113, shall be suspended for a period of not less than three years from playing or holding office with any team, club, union, or Association affiliated with HC.
115. (a) Every team and club of Hockey NL shall be responsible for the representation made to the Association regarding the eligibility of players.
- (b) In the event that a team used an ineligible player in a game, and this had been brought to the attention of the League or Hockey NL and the

ineligibility of the player has been confirmed, the offending team will automatically forfeit the game or games in which the ineligible player participated, and any points involved will be awarded to the non offending team. If both teams are at fault in the game, no points will be awarded to either team.

- (c) The ineligible player or players will be dropped immediately and further disciplinary action to the offending team(s) will be decided within five days from the date the player(s) is determined to be ineligible.
  - (d) A request for a ruling on the eligibility of a player is not considered to be a "protest."
116. Any player refused a release by a team with which he is registered, may appeal to Hockey NL to be granted such release as described in By-Law 12.03
117. In addition to the players, each coach, assistant coach, manager, and trainer of any registered team, before being permitted to coach, manage, or train a team, shall also require a registration validated by the designated branch official.
118. Every player, coach, assistant coach, manager, and trainer by acceptance of registration in HC and the issuance of a certificate as aforesaid, acknowledges the authority of HC and Hockey NL and undertakes to abide by the rules and regulations of HC and Hockey NL.
119. Replacement Goaltender: The signing officers of a team may submit a written letter of request to the respective League Executive member or divisional chair for consideration. Such a request must include:
- (a) The circumstances that led to the need for relief.
  - (b) The name of the replacement Goaltender they propose to use
  - (c) Written permission from said Goaltenders registered team

If permission is granted for the Replacement Goaltender, it shall include an understanding that the Replacement Goaltender will act under such terms and conditions as determined by the respective League Executive member, unless the starting Goaltender becomes injured. This permission will have a timed duration. In situations where there is less than twenty-four (24) hours between games and the respective League Executive member or Chair of each Council cannot be contacted, then the respective Hockey NL representative would provide the required permission to the team. This permission would only be granted provided that all the required conditions as listed above are met. The respective League Executive representative would still be notified, but in this case, notification would be after the fact. The respective League Executive representative will provide all documentation to the League President following approval being granted.

## REGULATION TWO

### RESIDENCE RULE

200. (a) In Minor and Female Hockey, except as hereinafter provided, no player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a team if their parents have not been a bona fide resident of the city, town, or rural area or zone which has been established by the Branch, to which their team belongs.
- (b) Notwithstanding Regulation 200(a), a player may be permitted to register as a member of, or compete for, a team from outside their parent's place of residence. In order to do so the following rules apply:
- (i) the player must first register with their home Association in which they reside;
  - (ii) a written request must be provided to the home Association requesting to compete in the other Association. Should both Associations agree, a letter confirming the same must be obtained;
  - (iii) both letters must be forwarded to the respective Council Executive Committee Regional Member, who will make recommendation to the respective Chair, who will determine whether a circumstance exists to authorize the request under such terms and/or conditions that may be provided.
201. Notwithstanding any other regulation, a player who is a student or schoolteacher who is absent from home and registered and in actual and regular attendance at a preparatory school, university or affiliated college or trade school may, at their discretion, play for a team where such preparatory school, university or college or trade school is situated or for the town or city in which he is ordinarily resident.
202. (a) A player must compete with the team nearest their place of residence, which is entered in a division for which he is qualified to play. Distance to be by highway and not as the crow flies.
- (b) When more than 19 players have been registered in a division of hockey within a Minor Hockey Association, and there are not enough players to form two teams, the player(s) not able to formulate a team may, with approval of their respective Council Executive Committee Regional Member, move to the nearest Association able to provide hockey for them in that Division without having to remove or drop their own member players.

203. There shall be no residential qualifications for players registered with Junior or Senior teams except insofar as the import rule governs leagues.
204. In Minor or Female Hockey proof of residency will require, but not limited to, the following documentation:
- (i) a valid driver's license;
  - (ii) copies of two current utility bills; and
  - (iii) an affidavit from the parent(s) or court appointed guardian(s).

## **REGULATION THREE**

### **DISCIPLINE**

300. All team managers, coaches and trainers shall be subject to the discipline, supervision and control of the Hockey NL Board and must be registered on HC registration certificates or on approved team registration forms.
301. Any club officer, or member, or team official who allows a player to take part in any game without an approved registration certificate or entry on an approved team registration form, shall be suspended for a period up to one year.
302. Any club officer, or member, team official, or team member, or player found guilty of allowing false information to appear on a registration certificate or registration form, or who knowingly makes false representation to the Association shall be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Hockey NL. Further, the offending team shall forfeit to the non-offending team all previously played games in which the name of the offending official or player appears on the game report. The points for all such games will be awarded to the non-offending team.
303. Any player or team official who, under HC playing rules of hockey, has been assessed a gross misconduct or match penalty or other penalty where the rule so indicates, shall be reported to Hockey NL for disciplinary action. All such infractions should be ruled on within 7 days after receipt of game report from the game official.
304. Leagues may establish rules providing specific penalties for certain infractions in addition to those provided in the HC rules. Any such specific rules must be placed on record with the Hockey NL office at the start of the season in order that they may be taken into consideration in the event of any appeal against a suspension.
305. Any suspension in any league at any level must be reported to the Hockey NL office. The Hockey NL office will circulate notice of such suspensions, either electronically or by mail, which must be honoured by all members of Hockey NL.



306. The Board of Hockey NL is empowered under By-Law 4.28 b) to impose suspensions under the circumstances therein described.
307. (a) A suspended player, club, or team official, must not play or take part in any scheduled league, tournament or exhibition game until after the termination of the suspension.
- (b) Team officials are responsible to ensure that without further notice, players or team officials must serve the suspension as per the Minimum Suspensions. Any violation may result in disciplinary action to the coach.
308. Any player or team official incurring a "match penalty" or "gross misconduct" will not be permitted to take part in any further games until their case has been dealt with by Hockey NL. A ruling is called for within 7 days after receipt of game report from the game official.
309. A coach suspended by Hockey NL will not be permitted to direct the team during a game for the duration of the suspension. A suspended manager, coach, playing coach, or trainer, must not be in, or about the dressing room, before or during any game, nor between periods of any game during their suspension, nor be situated in the arena in a position to direct their team. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be dealt with by Hockey NL. A playing coach, suspended for any action loses their rights as a player and as a coach.
310. Further, in Senior A, Senior B or lower, Recreational and Junior hockey, any suspension must be served only in the league in which the suspension was issued.
311. Suspensions imposed in Minor Hockey must be served only in scheduled Minor league or tournament play.
312. Any parent of a HC or Hockey NL 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 jurisdiction / Branch/Association for a specified period of time.
313. Any member, registrant, fan, attendee, or person present at a Hockey NL sanctioned event, shall be subject to the Policy Manual of Hockey NL, including the Code of Conduct. Any contravention is subject to discipline. The Policy Manual forms part of Hockey NL's governance and is in full force and effect when adopted by the Board.

## REGULATION FOUR

### PROTEST OF GAMES

401. Protests of games may be made only regarding interpretation of the rules of competition, and not regarding the judgement of a referee or other official.
402. (a) Verbal protest must be registered by the captain of the aggrieved team to the referee at the first reasonable opportunity after the action or decision complained of, but in all cases must be made within five minutes after the cease of the period or overtime period in which such action or decision is made. The referees shall note such protest on the game report. Such verbal protests shall be ignored if not followed up as hereinafter described.
- (b) Any protest of a game regarding matters outside the game officials' jurisdiction (such as, but not limited to, scheduling and player eligibility) may be made without the verbal notice required in (a) above.
403. All protests and all evidence in support thereof, must be made in writing in duplicate and must be signed by two authorized representatives of the protesting team, league or Association and must be accompanied by the applicable protest fee.
404. (a) At Provincial Minor Tournaments any protest must be presented in writing to the Provincial Representative at the tournament at the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made, and it must be accompanied with a \$50 non-refundable protest fee, payable to Hockey NL Minor Council. No protest will be entertained on the outcome of any final championship game.
- (b) In Minor League competition, any protest must be presented in writing to the President of the League within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made. In all other Provincial minor hockey competition, any protest must be accompanied with a \$50 non-refundable protest fee, payable to Hockey NL Minor Council.
- (c) In Junior League competition any protest must be presented in writing to the President of the League within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made.
- (d) In Provincial Junior Competition any protest must be presented in writing to the respective Member of Hockey NL Junior Council, or the Hockey NL Chair for Junior Hockey, within 16 hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made and must be accompanied with a \$100 non-refundable protest fee, payable to Hockey NL.

- (e) In all Senior Hockey League competition, any protest must be presented in writing to the President of the League within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made.
  - (f) In all Provincial Senior Hockey competitions any protest must be presented in writing to the respective Member of the Hockey NL Senior & Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee responsible for that division of Senior Hockey or to the Hockey NL Chair for Senior & Adult Recreation Hockey, within 16 hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made, and such protest must be accompanied with a \$100.00 non-refundable protest fee, payable to Hockey NL.
405. Where necessary a decision on any protest must be given at least 6 hours prior to the next game in which the protesting team is to compete.
406. The decision on a protest will be made by the official named above to receive the protest, who will solicit advice or information from any source, which he feels, will be of assistance in rendering a decision.
407. The Chair of the division concerned, and the President of Hockey NL shall be informed as soon as possible of any protests.
408. Where the protest has been ruled on by a League President or minor tournament representative, an appeal may be made to the Chair of the division concerned, and where the protest has been ruled on by the respective Member or the respective Hockey NL Chair, an appeal may be made to the Chair of the Appeals Committee of Hockey NL. Appeals to the Hockey NL Appeals Committee must be accompanied with a \$200.00 appeal fee made payable to Hockey NL. \$100.00 will be refundable if the appellant is successful in their appeal.
409. In all divisions of hockey, any such appeal must be made in writing within 48 hours of the original decision being given and must be accompanied by a payment of \$200.00. A decision on the appeal must be given within a further 48 hours. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

## **REGULATION FIVE**

### **AFFILIATION**

500. The purpose of an affiliation is to provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules when they have registered players unavailable. The purpose is not to supplement the team or register a player on two teams.

501. Teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may select:
- (a) in Male Senior AAA, ten (10) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least one (1) Affiliated Player must be a Goaltender; and
  - (b) in Male Senior AA and below, a team in a lower division or category. **Notwithstanding restrictions set by leagues, in Male Senior AA and below, a team may select in lieu of a team, twenty (20) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) Affiliated Players must be Goaltenders.**
  - (c) in all other Divisions and Categories, nineteen (19) Affiliated Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliated Players, at least two (2) Affiliated Players must be Goaltenders.
502. Teams may only select Affiliated Players from a lower Division or Category Team(s) operating in the Geographic Subdivision in which the selecting Team operates. The Geographic Subdivision is defined by the respective Council Executive Committee on or before November 1 of the current hockey season. All such Players and Team(s) must be properly registered in the HCR.
503. An Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until their Hockey NL registration has been endorsed by the Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by the Executive Director before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with that Executive Director by no later than January 15 annually. All affiliated players shall be registered as affiliated players in the HCR once the affiliation is endorsed.
504. Once a Player's Hockey NL registration has been endorsed by the Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player, their name becomes part of the selecting Team's list of Affiliated Players and may not be dropped from such list during the current Season and replaced, unless:
- (a) the Team with which he registered releases them on or before January 10;  
or
  - (b) the Team that holds their playing rights in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
505. No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliated Players' list in a particular Category to a maximum of two teams at any given time during the Season.
506. A Player must have the approval of their registered Team or Minor Hockey Association in order to:

- (a) be selected as an Affiliate Player; and
  - (b) participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.
507. Affiliated Players used by a higher Division/Category Team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report using the symbol “AP” after their name.
508. Teams from different Divisions and/or Categories competing within the same League are not permitted to Affiliate between themselves.
509. Notwithstanding Hockey Canada Regulation F.8, in a Senior League which consists of Teams registered Senior AAA, Senior AA and/or Senior, a higher Category Team participating in that League may Affiliate Players from a lower Category Team participating in that League, but such higher Category Team may not dress such an Affiliate Player while such higher Category Team is still in League competition.
510. All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current Season.
511. A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be selected as an Affiliate Player with two of the following in the same season:
- (a) a Major Junior Team;
  - (b) Junior A Team; and
  - (c) Junior B Team.
512. Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:
- (a) For Junior hockey and Regional and National Championship eligible Teams, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per Team;  
Notwithstanding 12 (a):
  - (b) For all Categories Senior Hockey, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of fifteen (15) games per Team;
  - (c) For all Categories of Minor Hockey, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per Team;
  - (d) Exhibition and/or Tournament games; which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games. **This provision shall not apply to teams that exclusively play tournament and exhibition games in a season;**

- (e) Any Player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / Canada Winter Games / World Junior A Challenge will not count against the limit of games per Team;
  - (f) Appearance of an Affiliated Player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate Goalkeeper, in which case only actual participation shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
513. If an Affiliate Player's registered Team completes its regular season and playoffs before the Player's Affiliated Team or Teams, the Player may thereafter Affiliate an unlimited number of times on the following terms:
- (a) No new registration is required or shall be issued for Affiliate Players, and such Players are not numbered among such higher Division/Category Teams registered Players.
  - (b) Affiliated Players remain Registered Participants of their lower Division/Category Team.
514. Affiliation of first year eligible U 18 (fifteen (15) year olds) to Major Junior and Junior A and Junior B hockey Teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:
- (a) A Player may Affiliate to a Major Junior Team and a Junior A or B Team in the same Season and play a maximum of five (5) games with each Team. A Player may not Affiliate to both a Junior A and a Junior B Team.
  - (b) A Team may Affiliate no more than five (5) Players for up to a maximum of five (5) games each during the Season.
  - (c) A Player shall NOT participate as an Affiliate, except under emergency conditions, when the Player's registered Team is playing or when the Player has semester exams at school.
  - (d) When the Player's registered Team is finished its Season, the Player may Affiliate an unlimited number of games with their Affiliate Team or Teams for the balance of the Season.
  - (e) The Affiliate Team may only have one (1) fifteen (15) year old Affiliate Player in its line-up per game.
  - (f) Any Player affiliation occurring as a result of the National Junior/Under 17/Canada Winter Games/World Junior A Challenge will not count in the five (5) game total per Team.

## REGULATION SIX

### TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

600. (a) No Association, team or player registered with Hockey NL shall compete in any tournament unless the tournament has been granted sanctioned by Hockey NL.
- (b) No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team that is not a registered member of Hockey NL or HC.
- (c) Associations shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to Hockey NL prior to the event.
- (d) Teams competing in tournaments shall request a copy of the approved sanction permit prior to tournament registration.
- (e) All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be officiated by referees and linesmen registered with Hockey NL.
- (f) Teams participating in tournaments shall provide the host centre with a letter of approval from their Association president.
- (g) No team shall be permitted to play in any inter branch competition unless it has been given written permission by its members Association and Hockey NL.
- (h) No team or player registered with Hockey NL shall compete in a tournament in another Branch unless the tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted which is recognized by Hockey NL.
- (i) All Game Reports are to be sent to the respective Director after the conclusion of all exhibition tournaments/games by the home team.
- (j) Failure to comply with these regulations will result in disciplinary action by Hockey NL.

## REGULATION SEVEN

### TAMPERING

700. No Player may be invited to attend or participate in an evaluation camp operated by a Team or League to which the Player is ineligible to register or Affiliate for the upcoming Season as of the date of the camp.

701. a) Team Officials shall not encourage or invite, directly or indirectly, a Registered Participant of another Team from the previous Season in the same or higher Category or from the current Season in any Division or Category, to register, participate in training camp activities or in any games without first having secured permission in writing, in the manner set forth below from the Team or Hockey NL with which such Player is registered.
- b) The written permission shall be a statement filed with the branch, signed by the President, Secretary or by the designated signing officer of the Team with which the Player is registered.
- 702 a) If tampering is alleged between Associations / Teams, the signing officers of the Association / Team making the allegations shall file the charge directly with the HNL Executive Director, accompanied by a \$50 (fifty dollar) filing fee.
- b) The filing shall include all necessary supporting documentation, including the Player's previous Registrations, information on residence (if applicable), information or evidence as to residence and any other relevant documents and/ or correspondence.
- i. The Executive Director shall forward the materials noted above to all parties within 48 hours.
- ii. The Association / Team shall provide, within seven (7) days, a response to the tampering allegations.
- iii. Failure to provide a response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in a finding of tampering.
- iv. Upon receipt of all the documentation the Executive Director will forward this documentation to the Board of Hockey NL who shall render a decision within 7 days.
- 703 . Where tampering is found to have occurred, the responsible Team and/or Team Official shall receive one or more of the following sanctions:
- i. A fine up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to the offending Team, payable to the Team which files the tampering charge within thirty (30) days of notification.
- ii. A minimum ten (10) game suspension (regular Season or play-offs) to the head Coach of the offending Team.



- iii. A suspension for a period up to six (6) months to the responsible Team Officials of the offending Team.

## **REGULATION EIGHT**

### **SENIOR HOCKEY OPERATION**

#### 800. Senior Competition

- (a) All Senior Leagues must have an appointed or elected Executive Committee and be organized and registered to play a regular schedule of not less than ten (10) games at home and ten (10) games away for each team.
- (b) Notwithstanding, 900 a, the Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee shall have the discretion to reduce the number games require in regulation 900 a.
- (c) A Provincial playoff schedule, if possible, will be prepared at the fall meeting.
- (d) The Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee will, where no regional League is established, organize leagues for competition between teams at the equivalent level of a regional league with the intent of having representative teams becoming eligible to participate in competition leading to a provincial championship.
- (e) The Senior and Adult Council Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the participating teams, arrange such playoff series between league representatives as may be necessary to declare Provincial Champions in each category.
- (f) Any team withdrawn from competition during the playing season will not be permitted to re-enter competition during that season or during the season immediately following unless there is a majority agreement on reinstatement among the respective League and the Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee.
- (g) Any team failing to appear and participate in any game of any series or deliberately delaying the start of any game may be suspended if found to be at fault by the Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee Chair.
- (h) All leagues and/or teams shall be responsible for compiling a complete and accurate record of statistics for regular season play and for having these statistics forwarded to the Hockey NL Chair, Senior and Adult Recreation Council, within 15 days after regular season play.
- (i) All Senior leagues shall be responsible for rules or regulations regarding the transfer of players between teams during the regular season, recognizing

registration deadlines established by Hockey Canada and Hockey NL. Player transfers are not permitted following the end of the regular season. Likewise, players who participated during the regular season for one team, cannot be registered and participate in playoff games as a member of the coaching staff of another team in the same Senior league.

- (j) The Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee, in consultation with the participating Senior leagues, shall establish a multi-year plan for the Annual Herder Championship to occur each season.

#### **801. Recreational Hockey**

- (a) Recreational teams will be organized into leagues for regular play and when registered will have insurance coverage and will have access to referees.
- (b) Recreational leagues may have league rules placing local restrictions on players if such restrictions are not prohibited by HC or Hockey NL rules.
- (c) In organizing tournaments between teams from various leagues, the organizers should determine that participating teams come to a mutual agreement about the application of any of these local restrictions.
- (d) The Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee members will be available to assist where required in the operation of a league or the organizing of a tournament.

#### **802. Imports**

- (a) Senior teams will be permitted to register imports only to the extent that the total number of such active imports does not exceed, at any one time during the current season, the numbers as prescribed by the Branch. This will be determined annually by the Board of Hockey NL upon recommendation from the Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee by no later than fourteen (14) days after the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) For the purpose of in-Province play only, the definition of an import is the status assigned to a player who has obtained a transfer from another Hockey Canada Branch or from a Foreign Ice Hockey Federation to the Branch but excludes any player who was previously registered with a minor hockey team in the Branch for a minimum of five (5) seasons.
- (c) Such players shall retain their import status when registering with the Branch for subsequent seasons unless the status is changed as per the respective league By-Laws concerning residence.

- (d) Notwithstanding regulation 902 (a) to (c) inclusive, a player shall not be considered an import when he moves to the branch for reasons other than playing hockey (i.e., professional move). This status assignment, supported with compelling evidence, shall be submitted by the League President to the Chair of the Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee for approval.

### **803. Senior and Recreational Council Rules**

- (a) The Senior and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee may formulate additional rules for the operation of Senior and Recreational Hockey, provided that such rules are not in conflict with any provision of the governing documents of Hockey NL or HC and providing they do not permit any activity in conflict with any activity or custom of another part of Hockey NL.
- (b) All such rules shall be recorded as such with the Executive Director.
- (c) The Senior Council and Adult Recreation Council Executive Committee may recommend to the Board of Hockey NL the suspension or expulsion of any team, member, official or player refusing to obey or accept the rulings of the Council.
- (d) A senior or recreational team may not use an affiliate minor player prior to receiving written consent from the following:
  - (i) Parents or legal guardian;
  - (ii) President of the player's member Association;
  - (iii) Minor Council Executive Committee Regional Member.

## **REGULATION NINE**

### **JUNIOR HOCKEY OPERATION**

#### **900. Junior Organization**

- (a) The Junior Council Executive Committee may, at each fall meeting, decide on which teams are to be accepted as members for Junior competition. All teams must meet all eligibility requirements and agree to comply with all required conditions for competition as established by the Junior Council Executive Committee.
- (b) Each Junior league and team must pay an annual registration fee and must also pay such player registration fees as may be established by the

Board of Hockey NL. No players will be registered until such fees are paid.

- (c) The Junior Council Executive Committee may recommend to the President of Hockey NL the suspension or expulsion of any team, member, official or player refusing to obey or accept the ruling of the Council.

#### 901. **Junior Team Registration**

- (a) Each Junior team is required to register not less than fifteen players, at least two of whom must be goaltenders, in order to obtain official recognition as a team.
- (b) Protected lists for all teams will be submitted to the Hockey NL Office in writing by January 10th, as provided in Regulation 1.
- (c) No All-Star Team made up of players registered for different teams will be recognized.

#### 902. **Junior Competition**

- (a) Any Junior league must have an appointed or elected Executive Committee and be organized to play a regular schedule of not less than twelve games at home and twelve games away for each team.
- (b) Junior leagues may be organized and operated from teams which are properly organized and registered as members of the Junior Council for eligibility for participation in any Provincial championship.
- (c) The Junior Council Executive Committee will, where no regional league is established, organize leagues for competition between teams at the equivalent level of a regional league with the intent of having representative teams becoming eligible to participate in competition leading to a Provincial championship in Junior Hockey.
- (d) The Junior Council Executive Committee will, in consultation with the participating teams, arrange such playoff series between league representatives as may be necessary to declare Provincial champions in Junior Hockey.
- (e) Each Junior league shall furnish the Junior Council Executive Committee Secretary, the Junior Council Executive Committee Chair, and the Hockey NL office with a copy of its schedule. All schedules are to terminate in sufficient time to allow competition in Provincial playoff competition. This date will be established by the Junior Council Executive Committee.

- (f) A copy of every game report from every official scheduled and playoff game in every Junior league must be forwarded immediately after each game to the Hockey NL office.
- (g) Effective 1999-2000, that non-North American players not be permitted to play for any teams below major junior, any current international players that were registered in the 1998-1999 season with a HC and Hockey NL team, will be grandfathered for as many years as they are eligible.
- (h) Any team participating in the Don Johnson Cup, or inter-Provincial competition, shall fully participate in all tournament events, such as, pre-game warm-ups; opening ceremonies; tournament banquet; closing ceremonies, etc., or be subject to sanctions.

### **903. Expenses - Junior**

All travelling expenses of teams participating in Provincial competition will be the responsibility of the team concerned, except as approved by the Audit and Finance Committee of Hockey NL.

### **904. Junior Council Rules**

- (a) The Junior Council Executive Committee may formulate additional rules for the operation of Junior Hockey, provided that such rules are not in conflict with any provision of the governing documents of Hockey NL or HC and providing they do not permit any activity in conflict with any activity or custom of another part of Hockey NL.
- (b) All such rules shall be recorded as such with the Executive Director.

## **REGULATION TEN**

### **MINOR HOCKEY OPERATION**

#### **1000. Minor Organization**

- (a) The Minor Council Executive Committee may, at each annual meeting, or at each fall meeting, decide which teams are to be accepted. All teams must meet all eligibility requirements and agree to comply with all required conditions for competition as established by the Minor Council Executive Committee.
- (b) Minor Associations shall be organized for the season's activity to the satisfaction of the Minor Council Executive Committee by January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. This is in order to make it possible to have plans made for

Provincial competition and to have the teams and players registered properly.

- (c) Each Minor Association must pay an annual membership fee by November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year in the amount set by Hockey NL and must also pay such player registration fees as may be required. No players will be registered until such fees are paid. Team registration fees to enter Provincial tournaments at Easter must be paid at the fall meeting each year.
- (d) The Minor Council Executive Committee may recommend to the President of Hockey NL the suspension or expulsion of any team, member, official or player refusing to obey or accept the ruling of the Council.

#### 1001. **Minor Registration**

- (a) Each Minor Association is required to register every person participating in the Association's program at any level. This is in order to provide all these individuals with insurance coverage.
- (b) By January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year, Minor Hockey Associations shall be required to register a minimum of twelve (12) players, at least one (1) of whom is to be designated as a goaltender. This is required in all Minor categories in order to obtain official recognition as a team in all sanctioned Hockey NL tournaments.
- (c) All Minor players must be registered in their proper category according to division.
- (d) All Minor registrations submitted for the first time to the Branch must be accompanied by proof of age. Such proof of age will be by evidence of previous registration, by submission of a Birth Certificate, or other official document acceptable in Newfoundland and Labrador as proof of age. No documents showing any alterations or alleged corrections will be accepted.

#### 1002. **Minor Competition**

- (a) All Associations must officially notify the Minor Council Executive Committee, not later than January 10<sup>th</sup> of each season, of their intention to enter Provincial competition for any Minor category.
- (b) The Minor Council Executive Committee will set up a Grading Committee who will submit a report at the fall meeting to establish the various areas of competition for Provincial play. The Grading Committee will grade the teams in various categories, establishing such levels of competition as the

Committee deems necessary. Other gradings will take place periodically throughout the year with an appeals process in place for these gradings. No appeals will be accepted once the final grading is approved by the Grading Committee.

- (c) The Minor Council Grading Committee shall select host associations, sites, and teams for Provincial Minor hockey tournaments.

### **1003. Expenses - Minor**

All travelling expenses of teams participating in Provincial competition will be the responsibility of the team concerned, except as approved by the Audit and Finance Committee of Hockey NL.

### **1004. Minor Council Rules**

- (a) The Minor Council Executive Committee may formulate additional rules for the operation of Minor Hockey, including Minor hockey tournaments, provided that such rules are not in conflict with any provision of the governing documents of Hockey NL or HC, and providing they do not permit any activity in conflict with any activity or custom of another part of Hockey NL.
- (b) All such rules shall be recorded as such with the Executive Director.
- (c) All male and female players participating in Provincial championships must have played 50% of the total number of eligible games in their Association's regular season. Games played under other Hockey NL registered league schedules, with the exception of high school hockey, will count towards the 50%.

## **REGULATION ELEVEN**

### **FEMALE HOCKEY OPERATION**

#### **1100. Female Organization**

- (a) All players on female teams, if not registered with a team in minor hockey, must pay player registration fees as established by the Board.
- (b) The Female Council Executive Committee may recommend to the President of Hockey NL the suspension or expulsion of any team, member, official or player refusing to obey or accept the ruling of the Committee.

#### **1101. Female Registration**

- (a) Female players playing on female teams must register with their home Association. If female hockey is unavailable in their home Association, they must register with the nearest association. If a player wishes to register in a female division such as Under 15 or Under 12, they may register with the nearest association offering that particular program, providing they are registered and playing with their home Association. For Provincial play, players must play with their home Association. Residency and registration will be determined as per the guidelines of the Female Council Executive Committee and Hockey NL.
- (b) Each team will consist of a minimum of 12 players, one of whom to be designated a goaltender.

#### **1102. Female Competition**

- (a) Female teams who wish to participate in Provincial tournaments must make application to the Female Council Executive Committee no later than December 7<sup>th</sup> of each season. The Female representative and President of their respective Associations must sign all applications. Team registration fees to enter Provincial tournaments must be paid at the fall meeting each year.
- (b) The first draft of the female grading will be tabled for discussion purposes only at the fall semi-annual meeting of Hockey NL. This grading will be based on the team's performance at their Provincial tournament in that calendar year. All divisions will consist of 6 teams wherever possible.
- (c) Request for changes to the grading must be submitted to the Female Chair or Area Member no later than December 7<sup>th</sup> of each year and must be signed by the Female Representative and President of their Association.
- (d) The Female Council Executive Committee will be responsible for organizing such Provincial Female tournaments, as the Committee shall decide.
- (e) No player will be permitted to compete in any more than one Female Provincial tournament.

#### **1103. Female Council Rules**

- (a) The Female Council Executive Committee may formulate additional rules for the operation of Female Hockey, including Female hockey tournaments, provided that such rules are not in conflict with any provision of the governing documents of Hockey NL or HC, and providing they do not permit any activity in conflict with any activity or custom of another part of Hockey NL.



- (b) All such rules shall be recorded as such with the Executive Director.
- (c) All female players participating in Provincial championships must have played 50% of the total number of eligible games in their Association's regular season. Games played under other Hockey NL registered league schedules, with the exception of high school hockey, will count towards the 50%.

#### 1104. **Expenses - Female**

All travelling expenses of teams participating in Provincial competition will be the responsibility of the team concerned, except as approved by the Audit and Finance Committee of Hockey NL.

## **REGULATION TWELVE**

### **OFFICIATING DIVISION**

#### 1200. **Object**

The object of this Division shall be to provide efficient, well-qualified officials for all levels and divisions of hockey within the jurisdiction of Hockey NL. It shall be the aim of the Division to assist in the betterment of hockey, to train and certify its officials, to maintain a good relationship between administrators, coaches, league officials and members of the various teams and leagues to which it provides its service.

#### 1201. **Jurisdiction**

- (a) The jurisdiction of this Division shall extend to all hockey within the province, which is registered by Hockey NL.
- (b) No official shall be permitted to officiate in Inter-Branch competition or tournaments or games outside the province without the prior written permission and approval of Hockey NL through the Referee-in-Chief, or in their absence the Supervisor of Officials, or a duly appointed representative.

#### 1202. **Officiating Division Committee**

- (a) All meetings of the Officiating Committee shall be called by the Referee-in-Chief or their appointed representative as approved by the President of Hockey NL.
- (b) A quorum for all meetings shall consist of a majority of the Officiating Committee and must include either the Referee-in-Chief or their appointed

representative.

- (c) At all meetings of the Officiating Committee members present shall be entitled to one vote.
- (d) No votes by proxy will be allowed at any time.
- (e) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless the Chair decides upon a secret ballot.
- (f) At all meetings of the Officiating Committee the "Roberts Rules of Order" shall prevail.

### 1203. **Duties**

#### (a) **Chair**

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Officiating Committee. He shall perform the usual duties and functions of the presiding officer of the Committee.

#### (b) **Referee-In-Chief**

- (i) The Referee-in-Chief shall be the Chair of the Officiating Committee. The Chair shall represent the Branch at any meetings of HC concerning rule changes or the HC Officials Program. The Referee-in-Chief shall be responsible to recommend to the Rules Committee any change to the HC rules. He will also be responsible, in consultation with the Officer member of the Officiating Committee and the Hockey Development Chair, for the supervision and development of all officials within the Branch and the administration of the HC Officials Program.
- (ii) The Referee-in-Chief, or their appointed representative, shall have the responsibility for the assignment of all officials. The Referee-in-Chief shall have the responsibility for convening any and all meetings of the Officiating Committee as is deemed necessary for the development or administration of officials. Furthermore, he shall be responsible for the implementation of rule changes and the overall planning and administration of the Officiating Division.

#### (c) **Supervisor of Officials**

The Supervisor of Officials shall be appointed by the Referee-in-Chief in consultation with the Officers of Hockey NL. The Supervisor of Officials shall, in the absence of the Referee-in-Chief, have all the powers and duties of the Referee-in-Chief. He shall assist the Referee-in-Chief in the

implementation and administration of the HC Officials Program, and the supervision of all the officials within the Branch. He shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of the history and performance of each official, with copies of such records being kept at the Branch Office.

(d) **Zone Co-ordinators**

The Zone Co-ordinators shall be appointed by the Referee-in-Chief. They will be responsible for all clinics and the supervision of officials within their respective zones, as delegated by the Referee-in-Chief or the Supervisor of Officials. They shall be responsible for the assignment of officials to all games within their zones, as approved with, and in co-operation with the Referee-in-Chief, or their representative. They shall ensure that all officials operating within the zone are duly registered officials with Hockey NL and will report to the Referee-in-Chief, or the Supervisor of Officials, on any and all matters concerning officials. Zone Co-ordinators shall maintain accurate records of all officials within their zones and shall report in writing annually on the activities and progress of these officials. Zone Co-ordinators shall be responsible for the on-ice evaluation of officials and maintain accurate records of all progress of these officials.

(e) **Zones**

Zones shall be determined by the Officiating Committee with the respective boundaries being set in such a way as to ensure the proper and economical supervision of all officials within the Branch.

(f) **Development Co-ordinator Female Officials**

The Development Co-ordinator for Female Officials shall be appointed by the Referee-in-Chief and report directly to the Referee-in-Chief. They will be responsible to develop additional resources (human, financial and material) to contribute to the development of Female Officials. Coordinate assignments, supervisions, and evaluation of female officials where possible. Assist in the coordination and execution of various Branch and National events involving female hockey officials. Assist the Referee-in-Chief in compiling annual ratings of female hockey officials. Work with the Referee-in-Chief to assist in development of female hockey officials and to recruit and support female officials in the Branch plus any other duties that the Referee-in-Chief feels necessary in the development of Female officials within the Branch.

## 1204. **Membership**

- (a) Membership in Hockey NL's Officiating Division is on an annual basis and the membership year ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

- (b) Activities of members will at all times be under Branch jurisdiction as described in Section 1301 and any local groups formed in various communities for local purposes will be limited to activities approved by the appointed members of the Officiating Division Committee and the Board of Hockey NL.
- (c) Regular members in this Division shall be those who have actively served in officiating or administration of officials during the previous year within the jurisdiction of this Division. Each member must have attended a Registration Clinic, or Rules Interpretation Clinic, during the year, and be certified within the HC Officials Program, or have transferred from another Branch, and be able to meet the standards of officiating established for this Division.
- (d) Members shall be permitted to officiate at a level as achieved under the HC Officials Program, with the approval of the Referee-in-Chief, or in their absence, the Supervisor of Officials, or a duly appointed representative.
- (e) With the exception of Recreation Hockey, no referee, or linesmen, including the Referee-in-Chief or the Supervisor of Officials, may coach or play with any team in Hockey NL during the current season in the division of hockey in which he is an official.

#### **1205. Registration and Clinic Fees**

- (a) Registration fees for all members shall be those as set by the Officiating Committee on an annual basis at the time of Hockey NL's annual meeting and approved by the Board of Hockey NL.
- (b) Registration fees for regular members shall be payable annually at a registration clinic, and shall include the cost of the clinic, plus other materials, and equipment necessary for an official to be properly registered for that particular year.
- (c) Registration fees for new members shall be paid at the time of application for membership in this Division.
- (d) Money collected from registration and clinic fees is to be handled through the Branch accounts and is to be applied to the cost of clinics, Officiating Division administration, the HC Officials Program, Branch overhead, insurance premiums, and the HC referee's assessment.
- (e) Registration fees are payable according to the scale to be set at Hockey NL's annual meeting and to be circulated separately.

## 1206. **Game Fees and Expenses**

- (a) Game fees and expenses shall be those as laid down by the Officiating Committee and approved by the Board of Hockey NL on an annual basis, for all divisions of hockey, for regular season and playoff.
- (b) Game fees for referees and linesmen may not exceed the Provincial rates approved annually by the Board of Hockey NL.
- (c) Referee expense allowances will be paid according to the standard rates of By-Law 7 with the approval of the Board of Hockey NL.
- (d) HC Officials Program Instructor Fees: The expenses of the HC Officials Program will be determined annually by the Board of Hockey NL in consultation with the Referee-in-Chief.

## 1207. **Conduct**

- (a) It shall be the duty of every referee to conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to further the best interests of the Officiating Division, to assist their fellow members whenever possible, to improve our standard of officiating and to assure the respect of all participants and fans alike. It shall be considered an offence against the Officiating Division to do otherwise. Any negligence by a referee in their duties shall be thoroughly investigated by the Officiating Committee.
- (b) Termination and suspension: Membership may be terminated or suspended on recommendation of the Referee-in-Chief to the President of Hockey NL for any of the following reasons:
  - (i) any registered official who officiates without approval of Hockey NL in any games involving a team which is not registered with Hockey NL shall be subject to suspension;
  - (ii) by unethical conduct towards other members of the Division, or the disclosure of any discussion pertaining to game procedures by other officials;
  - (iii) by failure to fulfil an assignment, when properly notified, and without sufficient reason;
  - (iv) by failure to maintain a standard of grooming and dress regulations in accordance with the HC Rule Book;
  - (v) by the consumption of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drug, before or during an assignment;
  - (vi) conduct, including the use of foul language, causing, or

contributing to, unnecessary controversy or criticism, involving players, coaches, other officials, the Officiating Committee, or the Officers of Hockey NL;

- (vii) by discussion of the Division business, and game reports that are of a confidential nature, or the release of the same to the media, without the approval of the Referee-in-Chief or, in their absence, the Supervisor of Officials, or a duly appointed representative.
- (c) Any member who has been terminated or suspended from this Division shall be allowed to submit a written appeal within thirty (30) calendar days of the termination or suspension to the Appeals Committee of Hockey NL.

#### **1208. Dress and Equipment**

All officials of this Division are to be properly dressed at all times during assignments within the Branch. They shall be clean, neat, and tidy in appearance and conform to the dress code as laid down by HC through the Referee-in-Chief.

#### **1209. Reports**

- (a) All original game reports where match penalties or gross misconduct penalties have been assessed shall be forwarded by mail or by facsimile directly to Hockey NL. If the game report was sent by facsimile, the original should be sent directly to Hockey NL within twenty-four (24) hours of the game's completion. The referee and linesman, where necessary, shall sign the report and include their respective phone numbers. Copies of all match and gross misconduct penalties are to be sent by facsimile to the Referee-in-Chief within twenty-four (24) hours of the game's completion.
- (b) All written game reports shall be confidential. No discussion shall be permitted by an official regarding the contents of any report, other than that approved by the Referee-in-Chief, the supervisor of Officials or the appropriate Officer of Hockey NL.
- (c) The game officials in charge shall retain a copy of each game report for the purposes of discussion or clarification to those persons authorized by Hockey NL.

## REGULATION THIRTEEN

### AMENDMENTS

1300. These Regulations may be amended only by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at the annual meeting.
1301. (a) No amendments or additions to these Regulations shall be considered unless it has been submitted in writing to the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Hockey NL annual meeting.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to submit all such proposed amendments to each voting member of the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting at which they are to be considered.
1302. Notwithstanding regulations 1600 or 1601, the Board may make changes to the regulations by seventy-five (75%) affirmative vote at any properly constituted meeting of the Board and such changes shall come into effect as determined by the Board. Any such changes must be referred to the members at the next Annual Meeting and presented as per regulation 1600 and 1601 for perpetual application.