

*HOCKEY*



**School Hockey  
Rules & Regulations**

**Version 2.0**



## **FORWARD**

**The Hockey NL School Hockey Program (SHP) Governing Documents have been developed to provide guidance and assistance to Program Executive, School and Team Management, and Hockey NL for the successful operation of the Program. Interested parties must understand that it is impossible to cover every aspect of School Hockey within this document. Therefore, readers should be aware that the Respective Council, supported by the Executive Director of Hockey NL, will be responsible for dealing with unusual occurrences that are not covered in this manual in a fair and dutiful manner that upholds the principles and objectives of the Program. All those involved with the Program should remember that everyone involved is working for the benefit of those who play the game, representing their School, and to enjoy playing the game we all love.**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Rules and Regulations are listed below and will outline the playing rules of the league in accordance with Hockey Canada and Hockey NL unless otherwise stated within SHP's own specific rules and regulations. SHP specific Rules and Regulations may strengthen existing Hockey Canada and/or Hockey NL Rules and Regulations but cannot weaken them. Rules and Regulations MUST be followed by all persons involved in the administration, management, and operation of the SHP, and its teams. The Rules and Regulations may only be amended with the approval of Minor and/or Female Council and ratified by the Board of Directors of Hockey NL. This shall take place during the Hockey NL Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the SHP as called by Hockey NL.

### **1. SCHOOL HOCKEY SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS**

The **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE** is as follows:

100. Registration will be done by every School Hockey Team on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) and will list all players and coaching staff members.
101. Each team is permitted to register up to **twenty (20)** players for the season **with a total of 15 affiliated players (AP). Each affiliated player must be registered within their minor or female association and must participate in at least 60% of their associations games/practices to remain eligible for the school hockey program. Hockey NL may request verification of the participation of any AP throughout the season.** Notwithstanding this, each team may not dress and play more than nineteen (19) players {seventeen (17) skaters and two (2) goaltenders}.
102. Each team is required to pay a \$200 team fee to go towards the branch administration of the team. In addition, each team will be invoiced for any Players, coaching staff or teacher sponsors who are not registered with a minor hockey association or junior team **(\$90.00 per player/\$70.00 per staff)**. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING TEAMS IS **no later than 4:00 pm** NST **on the last business day on or before** January 10.
103. School hockey teams must be registered before participating in any games and team rosters must be approved in the HCR. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR

REGISTERING PLAYERS IS **the last business day on or before** February 10<sup>th</sup> **at 4:00 pm NST.**

104. For the purpose of registration, each team must meet Hockey NL qualification requirements, please [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

105. **For the purpose of registration, a player may be registered to play with one school team only**

## **2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES/REGULATIONS**

### **201. SUPERVISION**

(a) School administrators will ensure that all teacher-sponsors, coaches and student athletes are aware of their respective obligations under the Student Supervision, Volunteers in Schools and the Student Travel policies.

(b) All Hockey NL activities are subject to the Bylaws, Regulations, and Policies of Hockey Canada and Hockey NL.

### **202. SCHOOL ATHLETIC GUIDELINES**

(a) All schools will establish Athletic Guidelines regarding eligibility for student participation on athletic teams, in accordance with NL Schools policy and corresponding regulations.

(b) Hockey NL Rules and Regulations

### **203. HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS**

(a) A tryout and selection process must be in place for team selection. Schools will establish and follow the tryout and selection process for all athletic teams (e.g., number of tryouts, impartial selection process, number of players selected), as per their school's Athletic Guidelines. Where such guidelines are lacking, those of Hockey NL shall be substituted.

(b) Once a team has been selected, successful team members are informed in a way that respects the sensitivities of students not making the team.

(c) **FEMALE ONLY:** NL Schools recognize that, on occasion, students from a school's younger grades may be needed to form a team at an older grade level. This shall not be done in a way that diminishes the maximum participation of all interested and

age-appropriate students at a particular school. If students from younger grades are needed to form a team at an older grade level, the following is required:

- (i) Student athletes in intermediate grades (7-9) cannot displace student athletes in high school grades (10-12). Approval for a player not in grade 10-12 must be obtained via the “Exceptional Player Status” process as determined by Minor and Female Council of Hockey NL.
- (ii) When tournaments are designated for a specific grade level, players from lower grades can only participate if there is a shortage of players at the designated grade level and with approval of the respective Council.
- (iii) Eligible players are restricted to Level 1, 2, and/or 3 (Grade 10-12) for High School, and Grades 7-9 for Junior High, of the registering school team. All eligible players from one school MUST be registered before any other players from another school/team can be included in a roster.
- (iv) Female Council must grant approval of players not in grades 10-12 to bring the team to a maximum roster of 15 players plus two goalies for Female School hockey teams.
- (v) Grade 7 and 8 Students will not be eligible to play Female High School hockey.
- (vi) Grade 9 students approved under the exceptional player status application by Female Council may only be used to fill a High School Female roster if they are housed in the same high school, and do not displace Grade 10, 11 or 12 students.
- (vii) If a high school is short female players and does not have Grade 9 student athletes at their school, the school/coach is to consider girls from other nearby high schools first before going to the Grade 9s in their feeder system to fill roster.

(d) Hockey NL and NL Schools recognize that, on occasion, a school may not have enough players to form a team and will require students from a nearby school. This can only occur once all interested, and age-appropriate students are included on the team. In these situations, a school may reach out to the closest geographical school(s), which does not have this particular athletic program, to inquire if any students are interested in trying out for this team. All such cases must be approved by the respective Council. **Schools must have a minimum of 10 players from the host school in order to form a team. Female**

**Council has the authority to approve an exemption to the minimum number of players from the host school for female teams, on a case by case basis.**

- (e) Administration and parents/guardians from the schools involved are required to sign off as acknowledgement of this agreement.
- (f) In all instances of player additions from outside of the School Team in question, the Hockey NL Player Pickup process is in place and must be adhered to. No exceptions shall be granted to this process.
- (g) Students are expected to follow all NL Schools athletic policies, school athletic guidelines for their team, and those of Hockey NL.
- (h) All players must wear the STOP Patch on the back of their jersey properly attached in the appropriate location, above the number and below the name bar.
- (i) All players must wear BNQ certified neck guard at all times, including practices.
- (j) For Risk Management reasons, any member of a coaching staff not wearing a C.S.A. certified hockey helmet with chin strap securely fastened during on ice activities will receive a one game suspension.
- (k) All on bench officials (except teacher-sponsors) must be fully compliant with Hockey NL Screening and registration processes prior to registration. Coaching Certification requirements are as outlined by Hockey NL. Individuals shall only be eligible to coach who does meet the approved coaching certifications and are in "Good Standing" with Hockey NL and NL Schools.
- (l) All On Ice Officials (Referees and Linesmen) must be registered for the current hockey season with the Hockey NL Officials Program and are responsible to the Hockey NL Branch Referee in Chief (RIC). All officials must be in "Good Standing" with Hockey NL. Referees must be a Level Three Official or better and Linesmen a Level Two or better for Open High School Hockey. Any exceptions to this shall be approved by the RIC or their designate. All assignments of On Ice Officials are subject to approval by the RIC or their designate.
- (m)** All exhibition games, tournaments, and travel must be compliant with the Hockey NL Sanction Guidelines. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Sanctioning Guidelines. All Tournament Sanction Requests MUST be submitted at least three (3) weeks prior to any tournament/exhibition game. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit a Tournament Sanction Request Form. Any game that takes place without prior approval shall result in sanction for the team(s)/coaching staff involved as determined by the SHP and as per Hockey NL regulations. **Scheduling of year end**

**high school tournaments must not interfere with any Hockey NL Provincial, Atlantic, or National Championship. Teams may only be permitted to participate in one year end tournament.**

- (n) Team formation and player pickup MUST follow School Sport NL Protocol and Hockey NL regulations.
- (o) Fair Play under Regional Fair Play Policy, Discretion 2 is mandatory in all **High School Hockey** **and Discretion 1 is mandatory in all Junior High School Hockey.**
- (p) Eligible players are restricted to Level 1, 2, and/or 3 (Grade 10-12) for High School, and Grades 7-9 for Junior High, of the registering school team. All eligible players from one school MUST be registered before any other players from another school/team can be included in a roster.
- (q) Should a team have insufficient goaltenders on their roster, the team may work with their Area Member/respective Council to find a solution.