



## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Minor Hockey Associations

FROM: Dean Ralph, Interim Chair, Minor Council Executive Committee, Hockey NL

Cc: Hockey NL Minor Council Executive Committee

DATE: December 29, 2025

RE: **2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Report Memo**

This correspondence is meant to accompany the Second Grading Report for Minor and contains important information for association presidents.

Firstly, the teams selected for Labrador Travel are final and are not subject to appeal. Any team in this category that does not travel to Labrador will not be participating in Provincials for 2025-2026.

Secondly, it was communicated to all associations that teams would need to play 10 games and must have an acceptable number of players and coaching staff in order to qualify to be placed on the Final Grading Report. At the time of the Second Grading, there were several teams who did not meet criteria. We have tentatively placed these teams, but they will be removed for Final Grading if the criteria are still not met. If you have any teams that will require an exemption consideration for Final Grading, a written request must be submitted to your Area Member and copied to the Chair of the Grading Committee (Dean Ralph) prior to February 16, 2026. After this date, teams will be removed from grading and will be ineligible to play in the Provincial Tournament for 2026.

Thirdly, it is a requirement that all scores be entered on the Provincial Scoring site **Hockey NL 2025-26 Scoring** within 48 hours of game completion. This site is the system we are using to compare scores, analyze data and determine the best fit for the over 250 teams on the Grading Report. This is the responsibility of associations and not the Area Member, so please ensure that all scores for your teams are being entered promptly. (Ideally, we would ask that the Home Team submit the score, however, all teams have the ability to enter and we are asking that associations develop a system that works for them. Duplicate scores are better than no scores at all.) We have had issues with the scoring site just before the holidays, but they are now resolved. NOTE: Your score will not appear after you enter them, so please do not keep entering same scores. We hope to have all games up to date on site very soon.

Finally, this is just the Second Grading Report and there will be a Final Report generated on the February 21st, 2026 weekend. We hope to release final grading by February 27<sup>th</sup> , 2026. There will also be an info package sent to presidents around the first week of February with Provincial Tournament Host application (Local Ice Cost) , Team Info and appeals forms .

Yours in Hockey,

Dean Ralph  
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Hockey NL