PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS
MINOR HOCKEY

SECTION A - GENERAL

1. These Rules and Regulations govern competition in Minor Hockey within the PCAHA in the following divisions (age limits as defined by BC Hockey/HC):

   Juvenile .....open to players 20 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.
   Midget.....open to players 17 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.
   Bantam .....open to players 14 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.
   PeeWee.....open to players 12 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.
   Atom .....open to players 10 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.
   Novice.....open to players 8 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.
   Tyke.....open to players 6 years old and younger on December 31 of the current playing season.

2. The PCAHA shall, for the purpose of league play and administration, be divided into two conferences, as follows:

Fraser Valley Conference	**Greater Vancouver Conference**
Abbotsford Female HA	Arbutus Club MHA
Abbotsford MHA	Burnaby MHA
Aldergrove MHA	Burnaby Winter Club MHA
Chilliwack MHA	Hollyburn Country Club MHA
Cloverdale MHA	New Westminster MHA
Coquitlam MHA	North Shore Female IHA
Hope & District MHA	North Shore Winter Club MHA
Langley Girls IHA	North Vancouver MHA
Langley MHA	Richmond MHA
Meadow Ridge Female MHA	Richmond Ravens Female HA
Mission MHA	Seafair MHA
North Delta MHA	Squamish MHA
Port Coquitlam MHA	Sunshine Coast MHA
Port Moody AHA	Vancouver Girls Hockey
Ridge Meadows MHA	Vancouver MHA
Seattle Junior HA	Vancouver Thunderbird MHA
Semiahmoo MHA	West Vancouver MHA
Sno King AHA	Whistler MHA
South Delta MHA	
Surrey Female HA	
Surrey MHA	
Tri Cities Female IHA	
Western Washington Female HA	
Whatcom County AHA	

3. (a) League structure for Minor “A” shall be determined by the Executive Commit-

tee on the recommendation of the Managing Director for the division.

(b) The Female Hockey Committee shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for operation of the Minor Female leagues in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. (See also Section J).

(c) League structure for Minor "C" shall be determined on the basis of the five historically established Minor "C" Leagues, as follows:

- **Fraser Valley East** - Abbotsford MHA, Chilliwack MHA, Hope & District MHA, and Mission MHA.
- **Fraser Valley North** - Coquitlam MHA, Port Coquitlam MHA, Port Moody AHA, and Ridge Meadows MHA.
- **Fraser Valley West** - Aldergrove MHA, Cloverdale MHA, Langley MHA, North Delta MHA, Semiahmoo MHA, South Delta MHA, Surrey MHA, and Whatcom County AHA.
- **Lions Gate League** - Hollyburn Country Club MHA, North Shore Winter Club MHA, North Vancouver MHA, Squamish MHA, Sunshine Coast MHA, West Vancouver MHA, and Whistler MHA.
- **Presidents League** - Arbutus Club MHA, Burnaby MHA, Burnaby Winter Club MHA, New Westminster MHA, Richmond MHA, Seafair MHA, Vancouver MHA, and Vancouver Thunderbird MHA.

These Leagues shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for operation of Minor "C" hockey in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. Changes in the above league composition shall be subject to the approval of the leagues involved and the Executive Committee.

(d) Associations must participate in their respective established Minor "C" league. Failure to participate in the established Minor "C" league shall result in all "A" and "C" teams of that Association being withdrawn from league play immediately.

4. In these Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise defined in a specific regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) **"Any Game"** - shall refer to any and all league, playoff, exhibition, and tournament/jamboree games.
(b) **"BC Hockey"** or **"BCAHA"** - refers to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association.
(c) **"Branch"** - shall mean the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association.
(d) **"Carded"** - A player or team official shall be considered "carded" if he or she is registered with an "A" team in the PeeWee division or above or if he or she is registered on a PCAHA registration card with an Atom "A" team.
(e) **"Category"** - Where the divisions established in Section A(1) are further divided, these subdivisions shall be known as "categories". This Association divides the Atom through Juvenile divisions into "A" and "C" categories. BC Hockey further divides PeeWee "A", Bantam "A", and Midget "A" into Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4. The Novice and Tyke divisions shall be subdivided into Hockey 1, 2, 3, and 4 as defined in Section R.
(f) **"Coach"** - shall refer to the person(s) on a team responsible for instruction of the players, including running practices and other training sessions and running the team bench during games.
(g) **"Division"** - means the age divisions of Minor Hockey as established in Section A(1), above, namely Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, PeeWee, Atom, Novice, and Tyke.
(h) **"Female team"** - shall mean a team composed solely of Female players, plus male and/or female team officials.
(i) **"Forfeit"** - where applied to the result of a game shall mean the team in

question automatically loses the game and all points (including Sportsmanship Point) accumulated in that game. The game shall be recorded in the standings as a loss for that team and as a victory for the opposing team. If the game has been played, the goals for, goals against, and penalty minutes shall stand as recorded, and the team awarded the victory shall retain its Sportsmanship Point if achieved. If the game has not been played, the score shall be recorded as 0-0 and neither team shall be awarded the Sportsmanship Point.

(j) **"HC"** - refers to Hockey Canada.

(k) **"HCOP"** - shall mean the Hockey Canada Officiating Program.

(l) **"HCSP"** - shall mean the Hockey Canada Safety Program.

(m) **"Hockey Canada Carded"** or **"HC-carded"** - shall refer to all Minor "A" teams (except Atom "A") and all Female teams eligible for BC Hockey Championships, as well as the players and team officials registered with those teams.

(n) **"Jamboree"** - shall refer to a "friendship jamboree"-type event specially sanctioned as such by BC Hockey and the PCAHA.

(o) **"League Manager"** - shall refer to the person appointed by the PCAHA to supervise a particular group of teams. League Managers shall report to their respective Managing Directors.

(p) **"Managing Directors"** - shall be as defined in PCAHA By-Law 64.

(q) **"NCCP"** - shall mean the National Coaching Certification Program.

(r) **"Off-Ice Official"** - shall mean the Official Scorer (scorekeeper), Timekeeper, Penalty Timekeeper, and Goal Judges.

(s) **"On-Ice Official"** - shall mean the Referee or Linesman.

(t) **"PCAHA"** - refers to the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association.

(u) **"PCAHA Playing Season"** - shall be considered to begin on August 15th and end on the following August 14th.

(v) **"Placement"** - Grouping of teams within a category on the basis of competitive strength.

(w) **"Residential Association"** - in Section D and elsewhere shall mean the Association within the draw zone of which the player's parents reside, or in the case of a private club Association, within the "defined residential area" of which the player's parents reside.

(x) **"Roster"**, **"team roster"**, or **"PCAHA team roster"** - shall mean a complete listing of the players and team officials registered on a particular team utilizing an approved form or prescribed computer-generated format authorized by the PCAHA Executive Director.

(y) **"Skaters"** - shall mean players exclusive of goaltenders.

(z) **"Team Official"** - shall mean all or any of the persons involved in the management of a team. Team officials shall be designated as coach, manager, or HCSP official. Team officials shall:

(i) Ensure that the team abides by all PCAHA, BC Hockey, and HC rules and regulations at all times.

(ii) Attend all divisional meetings or appoint an alternate delegate.

(iii) Mail game reports of all games played, as required by Section F(6).

(iv) Ensure gamesheet data is entered in the PCAHA on-line game data management system (Teamlink) after all games played, as required by Section F(7).

(v) Request permission from the League Manager to play any exhibition games or to enter any tournament/jamboree, and obtain an exhibition game number or tournament permission number as outlined in Section L.

(vi) Ensure that the correct referee fees in cash are given to the timekeeper before the start of the game (all home games).

(vii) Ensure that all players, team officials, and on-ice officials (referees/

linesmen) are afforded unobstructed access to dressing rooms before, during, and after the game.

(viii) Ensure that all suspensions are served as required by the PCAHA and BC Hockey rules and regulations.

(ix) Control the conduct of players before, during, and after the game.

(x) Ensure proper fan control at all games as outlined in Section H(8).

(xi) Acquire coaching levels and/or other certification as required by BC Hockey and the PCAHA.

(xii) Maintain a high standard of conduct and provide a good example of sportsmanlike behaviour to the players in his/her charge.

(xiii) Ensure at all times that the team is conducted in accordance with the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for all participants.

(aa) **"Tiering"** - shall mean the system of designating "A" teams in PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget as Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4, administered by BC Hockey.

(ab) **"Transmitted"** - When referred to in the Game Report section shall mean mailed, hand delivered, or by courier.

SECTION B - COMPETITION

1. Associations wishing to compete in PCAHA Minor "A" and "C" leagues must fulfil the following conditions:

(a) Each Association shall declare its intention to participate in "A" and "C" leagues by notifying the respective Managing Director on or before September 15th. The declaration date for Juvenile "A" and "C" teams is September 25th. No team shall be accepted after the above date except by agreement of the Managing Director.

(b) When an Association enters more than one "C" team in a division, these teams will be of a competitive balance. The strength of each team shall be reviewed on November 15th each season and necessary changes made to achieve a proper balance within the Association's teams by not later than December 1st. Such changes shall be submitted to the Managing Director and League Manager for approval. Once approved, no further balancing changes shall be made after December 1st. Associations, teams, team officials, and coaches must make every effort to support competitive balance. If the Association, team(s), team official(s), and/or coach(es) refuse to make the necessary changes to achieve a proper balance within the Association's teams by December 1st, the team(s), team official(s), and coach(es) shall be subject to suspension.

Note: Once teams have been deemed balanced, any further roster changes shall not take effect until approval has been given by the respective Managing Director.

(c) In the case of a Minor "C" team of such calibre that to continue in the Minor "C" league would be detrimental to that league and its members, the "C" and "A" Managing Directors shall both have the responsibility of informing the team's Association President in writing by November 15th that the team must move to an "A" league. Failure to do so by December 10th shall result in the team being suspended.

(d) When an "A" team is reassigned to "C", such reassignment shall be subject to the approval of both Managing Directors. Notwithstanding the deadlines in Section B(1)(b), when the "A" team is reassigned to "C", the team MUST be disbanded and all "C" teams in the division in that Association must be

rebalanced within 14 days.

2. **Team Uniform Colours:**
   (a) (i) PCAHA-approved Association colours shall be worn by all "A" teams.
   (ii) It is recommended that PCAHA-approved Association colours be worn by all Female teams and all "C" teams. However, Associations are permitted to utilize other colour combinations provided such colour combinations are registered with the respective Managing Director.

   (b) An Association wishing to change its PCAHA-approved Association colours or a new Association joining the PCAHA shall submit a colour change request, in writing, to the PCAHA Executive Director. The request shall be submitted for a decision (acceptance or rejection) at the next general meeting or the next meeting of the Minor Hockey Presidents Caucus, whichever comes first.

   (c) Where uniforms of both teams are so similar that in the opinion of the referee there will be confusion, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change its uniforms to a contrasting colour.

   (d) Should a team appear for a game wearing non-approved colours, as a result of which the opposing team is forced to change its uniforms (unless previously agreed to by the participating teams), the team officials of the offending team shall be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or a fine of not less than $50.00, at the discretion of the Managing Director.

3. Any Association withdrawing a team after acceptance by the PCAHA shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee of the PCAHA.

4. The PCAHA Executive Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry into a league.

5. **Coaching Qualifications:**
   (a) All coaches of HC-carded teams shall acquire coaching qualifications as required by BC Hockey regulations.

   (b) It is compulsory for all coaches of all non-HC-carded teams in the Atom Division and above to be Coach Stream/Hybrid qualified by not later than December 15th of the current season. Coaches shall complete the Coach Stream/Hybrid "post task" and submit the required forms to the Minor Hockey Association for verification to be forwarded to BC Hockey by not later than March 31st of the current season to complete Coach Stream/ Hybrid certification.

   A coach who is not Coach Stream/Hybrid-qualified by December 15th of the current season shall be ineligible to participate with a non-HC-carded team for the remainder of the current season. A coach who fails to complete and submit the Coach Stream/Hybrid "post task" shall be required to retake the Coach Stream/Hybrid course if he/she wishes to coach a non-HC-carded team in a subsequent season.

   (c) It is compulsory for all coaches of teams in the Tyke and Novice divisions (Hockey 1-4) to complete the HC Introduction to Coaching Program or Hybrid Clinic by December 15th of the current season. Failure to meet this requirement shall result in the Coach being declared ineligible until the required certification is obtained.

Note: The Introduction to Coaching Program and Coach Stream are delivered by BC Hockey as the Hybrid coaching clinic rather than as stand-alone clinics.

SUMMARY - TEAM OFFICIAL QUALIFICATIONS - 2014-2015

TEAM TYPE	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	SAFETY PERSON	MANAGER
HC-Carded Teams (all "A" teams in PeeWee and above; incl. all HC-carded Female teams)	**Coaching Level** - Developmental 1 or HP1 Checking Qualification - Yes (PeeWee, Bantam) **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Coaching Level** - Developmental 1 or HP1 **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Safety Program** - Yes **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Respect in Sport** - Yes
Atom "A" Teams (PCAHA-carded)	**Coaching Level** - Coach Level (Hybrid) Checking Qualification - Yes **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Coaching Level** - Coach Level (Hybrid) **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Safety Program** - Yes **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Respect in Sport** - Yes
"C" and non-HC-carded Female teams, Atom and above (PCAHA- rostered)	**Coaching Level** - Coach Level (Hybrid) Checking Qualification - Yes (Atom to Bantam) **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Coaching Level** - Coach Level (Hybrid) **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Safety Program** - Yes **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Respect in Sport** - Yes
Hockey 1-4 (PCAHA-rostered)	**Coaching Level** - Introduction to Coaching (Coach Hybrid Clinic) **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Coaching Level** - Introduction to Coaching (Coach Hybrid Clinic) **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Safety Program** - Yes **Respect in Sport** - Yes	**Respect in Sport** - Yes

Note 1: BC Hockey requires that each team designate a Head Coach.

Note 2: To maintain certification, all coaches holding Developmental 1 must complete the Making Ethical Decisions (MED) on-line module.

Note 3: Each team must have at least one Hockey Canada Safety Program-qualified official registered. Failure to have a qualified Team Safety Person registered with the team on or before **December 1st** will result in the team being ineligible for playoffs. Where there are no playoffs (Hockey 1-4), fines or other disciplinary action may result.

(d) Each team shall have at least one qualified coach registered. Situations where coaches are found to be coaching while registered as managers or HCSP officials shall result in suspension until the required certification has been obtained.

Pre 1986 Levels	1986-2005 Levels	2005 to Present
(n/a)	Initiation Program	Hybrid or Intro. Coach
Level 1 and Level 2	Coach Level	Hybrid or Coach Stream
Level 3	Intermediate Level	Developmental 1

6. **Hockey Canada Safety Program:**

(a) All HC-carded teams shall have a HCSP official carded in accordance with BC Hockey regulations.

(b) All non-HC carded teams in the Atom division and above (including Atom "A" teams, "C" teams, and non-HC-carded Female teams) shall have at least one team official who is qualified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program. The team Safety Person shall have also completed Respect in Sport/Speak Out and shall be registered with the team by not later than December 1st of the current season.

Failure to have a qualified team Safety Person registered on the team on or before December 1st shall result in the team being declared ineligible for any playoff competition. A team declared ineligible for playoffs under this provision will be reinstated if, by not later than December 31st, it provides the PCAHA Office with written proof that it has a qualified Safety Person registered with the team.

(c) All Tyke and Novice teams (Hockey 1-4) shall have at least one team official who is qualified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program. The team Safety Person shall have also completed Respect in Sport/Speak Out and shall be registered with the team by not later than December 1st of the current season.

Failure by a team to have a qualified team Safety Person registered on the team on or before December 1st shall result in fines and/or other disciplinary action. If this deficiency is rectified by December 31st, all fines and/or other disciplinary action will be waived.

Respect in Sport/Speak Out Requirement: Under BC Hockey regulations, all Minor Hockey team officials regardless of position must have completed the on-line Respect in Sport course. **NEW** BC Hockey has mandated that Respect in Sport must be renewed every 4 years. For the 2014-2015 season, all team officials who completed Respect in Sport during 2008-2009 or who completed the old Speak Out program between 2000 and 2008 must complete Respect in Sport by December 1st. Team officials who have not completed Respect in Sport by December 1st will be ineligible to participate until such time as they have completed Respect in Sport.

SECTION C - PLAYER REGISTRATION

GENERAL:

1. (a) Beginning with the 1992-1993 season, when a player registers for the first time with an Association, that player shall be registered on a PCAHA Player Registration Certificate filed with the PCAHA Executive Director prior to allowing that player to participate in any practices, tryouts, games, etc.

(b) The PCAHA Office shall retain completed Player Registration Certificates on file.

(c) Notwithstanding Section C(1)(a), above, the PCAHA Executive Director shall have the authority to require any player to complete and submit a PCAHA Player Registration Certificate upon request.

Note: The PCAHA Player Registration Certificate shall be in the form of a standard player registration form.

2. The Registrar of each Association shall advise the PCAHA Executive Director of the status of the players registered with that Association during the preceding season, including the names of previously registered players who have not reregistered for the current season.

3. Approved Registration Certificates will be returned to each Association by the PCAHA Executive Director.

4. No player shall register or play for more than one PCAHA member Association or league at a time. In any case in which a player last played Minor Hockey for an Association other than the one with which he or she is seeking registration, the procedures in Section D - Player Movement must first be complied with.

5. Each Association shall require that every player and the player's parents, and every team official, by application for a PCAHA Player Registration Certificate, acknowledge the authority of HC, BC Hockey, the PCAHA, and the Association of which they are a member, and agree to abide by the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of HC, BC Hockey, the PCAHA, and their respective Association.

6. Every player applying for registration for the first time shall submit a birth certificate (or other approved document permitted by HC Regulations), issued by a competent authority, confirming the date of birth. In addition, the player's parent(s) shall provide documented proof that the permanent family place of residence is within the Association's geographic subdivision.

   Note: It is the Association's responsibility to ensure that every player applying for registration for the first time resides within the Association boundary.

7. Registration certificates shall be accepted only if they are in the hands of the PCAHA Executive Director or forwarded by registered mail postmarked no later than Midnight, February 10th, or the first business day following February 10th if February 10th falls on a weekend or statutory holiday.

8. (a) Players released or decarded after January 10th shall be ineligible to play with any other team in the current season.

   (b) Players released or decarded from a team on or before January 10th but not assigned to any team as of Midnight, January 10th, may be registered with a team up to Midnight, February 10th, provided all other eligibility rules are observed.

   (c) Team rosters (not including team officials) shall be frozen as of February 10th and may not be altered in any way after that date. Team rosters (not including team officials) shall remain unaltered until the conclusion of the PCAHA playing season, August 14th.

HC-CARDED TEAMS (PEEWEE AND ABOVE):

9. (a) All Minor "A" teams (except Atom "A") and all Female teams eligible for BC

Hockey Championships shall register all players and team officials with the BC Hockey Executive Director prior to the first league game for each team.

(b) Where an "A" team in PeeWee and above is not eligible under BC Hockey or HC regulations to compete for BC Hockey Championships, such team shall register on designated PCAHA "A" registration cards or a PCAHA roster prepared for this purpose. In such cases, all references to registration with BC Hockey in these Rules and Regulations shall be deemed to refer to registration on PCAHA "A" cards or a PCAHA roster with the PCAHA Executive Director.

10. Following the first league game no player or team official shall participate for a team in any game unless properly registered with that team. Once registered on a team a player shall not be eligible to play for any other team unless released (decarded) from his/her present team and then properly registered with the other team (with the exception of the specific situations permitted under the Casual Player, Affiliate Player, and Goaltender Exemption rules, below).

11. (a) Player registration allotment shall be provided in the number of not more than 20 for PeeWee and Bantam teams, and 25 for Midget and Juvenile teams.

(b) PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget teams may register a maximum of 19 players at any one time of whom at least 2 must be goaltenders.

(c) Juvenile teams may register a maximum of 25 players of whom at least 2 must be goaltenders, however only 19 players may be dressed for any game (which shall include a maximum of 17 skaters and a maximum of 2 goaltenders).

Comment: Section C(11)(b) and (c) require that a team which uses its full registration allotment of 19 in PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget or 25 in Juvenile must have at least 2 goaltenders registered. A team may have more than 2 goaltenders registered at a time. A maximum of 2 goaltenders can dress for any game.

(d) Goaltenders registered under this regulation shall be clearly identified as "goaltenders". Except in the PeeWee Division and Female Hockey, any coach who allows a registered goaltender to play any position other than goal shall be suspended automatically until dealt with by the BC Hockey executive. (HC Reg. F.32-F.33).

(e) No team may compete in PCAHA competition unless a minimum of 12 players are registered on the team with the BC Hockey Executive Director prior to the first league game. All players participating must be registered with the BC Hockey Executive Director.

12. If an Association wishes to release a HC-carded player from his/her current team, the Association Registrar shall provide written notice to the PCAHA Executive Director on an approved form. Such notice shall be transmitted to the PCAHA Executive Director by not later than January 10th.

ATOM "A" TEAMS:

13. (a) All Atom "A" teams shall register all players and team officials on designated PCAHA registration cards with the PCAHA Executive Director prior to the first league game for each team.

(b) PCAHA registration cards shall be provided in the number of not more than 25 cards for each Atom "A" team. A card, once utilized, may not be reused.

(c) A team may not have more than 19 regular players and 8 Casual Players registered on PCAHA registration cards. Of the regular players registered, 2 must be goaltenders.

Comment: Section C(13)(c) will be interpreted to permit an Atom "A" team to register up to 19 regular players and up to 8 Casual players at any one time, such that the total number of regular and Casual players carded over the course of the season shall not exceed the number of cards provided (25). If a team cards 19 regular players, 2 must be Goaltenders.

(d) No Atom "A" team may compete in PCAHA competition unless a minimum of 12 players are registered on PCAHA registration cards with the PCAHA Executive Director prior to the first league game.

(e) Notwithstanding Section C(13)(a), where a Placement system is utilized, all players and team officials shall be registered on the team roster prior to the first Placement Round league game and the completed PCAHA registration cards referred to in Section C(13)(a) shall be submitted to the PCAHA Executive Director prior to the first regular season league game.

(f) Prior to the commencement of Placement Round play and to a team receiving its Placement Round schedule, the team shall provide its Managing Director with a copy of its team roster.

14. Following the first league game no player or team official shall participate for a team in any game unless registered with that team on a PCAHA registration card. Once registered on a team a player shall not be eligible to play for any other team unless released (decarded) from his/her present team and then properly registered with the other team (with the exception of the specific situations permitted under the Casual Player, Affiliate Player, and Goaltender Exemption rules, below).

15. (a) Addition or deletion of players and team officials after the commencement of league competition will only become effective upon notice to the Association of approval by the PCAHA Executive Director after receipt by him/her of written notice from the Association Registrar of the addition or deletion.

(b) Players released or decarded after January 10th shall be ineligible to play with any other team in the current season.

ALL MINOR "C" AND NON-HC-CARDED FEMALE TEAMS:

16. All Minor "C" teams and all non-HC-carded Female teams from Tyke through Juvenile shall assign all players to teams on PCAHA roster forms with the PCAHA Executive Director and a copy to the respective Managing Director prior to the first league game for each team. Following the first league game no player shall participate for a team in any game unless registered on that team's roster. Once assigned to a team a player shall not be eligible to play for any other team unless released and reassigned to another team (with the exception of the specific situations permitted under the Affiliate Player and Goaltender Exemption rules, below).

17. No player may play for more than one team except those players designated as Affiliate Players or approved as Casual Players, or as permitted under the Goaltender Exemption.

18. (a) Roster positions, analogous to HC "A" cards or PCAHA Atom "A" cards, shall be provided to teams as follows:

- Minor "C" teams - unlimited.
- Non-HC-carded Female teams - unlimited

However, a team may not have more than 19 players registered at any one

time of which 2 must be goaltenders, except with the specific approval of the responsible Managing Director/"C" league committee.

(b) Teams may dress a maximum of 19 players in any one game, of which not more than 17 shall be skaters and not more than 2 shall be goaltenders in accordance with HC playing rules.

19. Team officials shall be registered on the team roster prior to participating in the first league game and any subsequent game.

20. (a) Addition or deletion of players after the commencement of league competition will only become effective upon notice to the Association of approval by the PCAHA Executive Director after receipt by him/her of written notice from the Association Registrar of the addition or deletion.

(b) No changes involving players shall be made to team rosters after January 10th, with the following exceptions:
(i) new players registering with an Association after January 10th, or
(ii) a player released from another team within the Association on or before January 10th,
provided roster change notice for addition of such players is filed with the PCAHA Executive Director by not later than February 10th.

Note: There is no final date for the addition or deletion of team officials.

(c) A "C" or non-HC-carded Female team, if it has 8 or fewer eligible players, may be permitted to disband after January 10th and players may be transferred to other team(s) within the Association in such manner as may be decided by the Managing Director, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Application must be made in writing by the Association President. As an alternative to disbanding the team, the Executive Committee shall have the option of waiving the game limitation under Section C(34) and attaching such other conditions as may be deemed necessary.

(d) If a player who is registered on an "A" team is released from that team in accordance with Section C(8), he/she shall only be reassigned to a "C" team in his/her age division with special permission from the responsible "C" Managing Director. If such permission is not granted, the player shall either move to another "A" team within the Association or move to a "C" team in a higher division.

Note: The above procedure shall also apply to the redesignation of a HC-carded Female player to a non-HC-carded team.

21. An Association Registrar shall provide each team with a copy of its approved PCAHA roster form as proof of registration, for use at any game, and the team shall produce same when requested to do so by a PCAHA or other authorized official.

SPECIAL - TEAM OFFICIALS:

22. (a) Within the PCAHA only, a team may request special permission from the Managing Director in an emergency situation to utilize a team official not registered with that team in a league, playoff, tournament/jamboree, or exhibition game, provided the team official to be utilized is carded or rostered with another "A" or "C" team within the team's Association.

(b) If through misadventure the carded or registered team officials are prevented from appearing at a game, a team may utilize a non-registered team official for that game only on an emergency basis. The Managing Director must be

advised within 24 hours of any consecutive use of that official.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS:

23. (a) Any team permitting a player who is ineligible by reason of being under suspension or of not being properly registered with that team to play in a game shall automatically forfeit that game and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

    (b) Any team permitting a suspended team official to participate in a game shall automatically forfeit that game and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

    (c) Any team permitting a team official who is ineligible by reason of not being properly registered with that team to participate in a game may be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Managing Director.

    (d) In addition to the above, the Managing Director shall suspend and/or take other disciplinary action against any team official or other individual responsible for permitting an ineligible player or team official to participate in any game.

CASUAL PLAYERS:

Note: Since the change in BC Hockey affiliation procedures for HC-carded teams (Sept., 2001), the Casual Player rule effectively applies to Atom "A" teams only. All carded teams in PeeWee and above should refer to the Affiliate Player rule, Sections C(30), C(31), and C(34), below.

24. A registered player may be designated a Casual Player with the team in a higher category within the same division in his/her Association and may play for the higher category team on an occasional basis, as limited by Section C(25).

    A Casual Player shall be registered (carded) with both teams for which he or she is eligible and will be included in the roster limit specified in Sections C(11)(b) and (c) and C(13)(c). All normal registration (carding) rules shall apply.

    Note 1: In Atom "A" hockey, if a quality-based Placement format is utilized and if an Association has "A" teams in more than one Flight, the Casual Player rule may be applied between Flights.

    Note 2: In Female Hockey, if a quality-based Placement format is utilized and if an Association has teams in more than one Flight, the Casual Player rule may be applied between Flights. The team in the highest Flight shall draw Casual Players from the team in the next highest Flight, and so on. Where teams from the same Association are participating in the same league or playoff competition, Casual Players shall be eligible to play only for their regular team.

    Note 3: The Casual Player rule may not be applied between HC-carded teams, and a Casual Player may not be registered with more than one higher category team at a time.

25. A player whose name has appeared on more than five (5) league or playoff game sheets with the higher category team shall be deemed a regular player of that team, shall be ineligible for further competition with the lower category team (unless decarded), and shall not be eligible to become a Casual Player again in the same season. Exception: a goaltender must actually play in more than five (5) league or playoff games to lose his/her eligibility for Casual status.

    Placement Round games shall be considered as league games. In addition, the overall 10 game limit described in Section C(34) shall apply in the event that the

same Atom player participates in games as a Casual Player with an Atom "A" team and also as an Affiliate Player with a higher division team.

A team of a higher division or category may not use a Casual Player prior to receiving consent of the team with which the Casual Player is registered.

26. A regular player may be redesignated as a Casual Player, as permitted under Section C(24), above, up to and including January 10th of the season. Following January 10th no new Casual Players may be designated, with the exception of new players joining the Association on or before February 10th, in which case Casual Player designation may be made at the time of carding.

Note: Casual Players (CP) shall be clearly designated as such on all gamesheets and team rosters by both teams for which they play.

GOALTENDER EXEMPTIONS/INJURED GOALTENDERS:

Note: Section C(27) applies only to non-HC-carded teams. HC-carded teams must follow C(28).

27. (a) No replacement can be made for any ill or injured player in competition within the PCAHA, except the goaltender. A replacement may be permitted for an injured goaltender provided the following conditions are met:
    - (i) the replacement shall come from within the injured goaltender's Association, from a team in the same or lower category within the injured goaltender's division, or from a team in a lower division in the same or lower category;
    - (ii) application in writing, including a doctor's certificate describing the nature of the injury, shall be submitted to the Managing Director; and
    - (iii) the replacement goaltender shall not commence play until notified by the Managing Director that the application has been approved. The Managing Director shall confirm approval, in writing, to the Association President, with a copy to the PCAHA Executive Director.

    (b) The ill or injured goaltender shall return to competition as soon as medical evidence indicates that it is in order for him/her to do so.

    (c) The replacement goaltender remains eligible for his/her regular team in the same or lower division or category, regardless of the number of games played, provided that permission was originally obtained.

    (d) The PCAHA Officers or the Managing Director may attach additional conditions to any injured goaltender arrangement they approve.

28. An injured goaltender situation involving a HC-carded team must be dealt with according to the procedures of HC and BC Hockey.

29. **"C" Goaltender's Exemption:**

    (a) Where a "C" team has no goaltender for a particular game and all Affiliate goaltenders (per Section C(35)) are not available, application in writing may be made to the responsible "C" Managing Director for permission to utilize a Minor "C" goaltender from the same division within the Association. Such application shall be on Association letterhead signed by the Association President or his/her designate. The emergency replacement goaltender may not commence play until written permission has been obtained from the "C" Managing Director, and may participate only in the designated game(s).

    (b) Notwithstanding Section C(27) and Section C(29)(a), where there is no team of the same category in the next lower division within the Association and no other "C" team in the same division within the Association, a PeeWee "C",

Bantam "C", Midget "C" or Juvenile "C" team may apply to the Managing Director for special permission to draw a replacement goaltender from a team not within the same category, in the next lower division within the Association. The application shall be in writing signed by the Association President.

AFFILIATE PLAYERS:

30. An affiliate player is defined as a registered player who is temporarily included on the playing roster of a team in a higher division or category within that Association, as permitted in this Section.

31. **HC-Carded Teams, PeeWee and Above:**
    (a) A HC-carded team may have affiliated with it up to 19 designated ("specially affiliated") players from HC-carded and non-HC-carded teams in lower divisions or categories within its Association.

    (b) Associations shall designate up to 19 Affiliated Players for the HC-carded team with the BC Hockey Executive Director (copy to the PCAHA Executive Director). Such designation shall occur prior to the use of any Affiliate Player by the HC-carded team or by January 15th, whichever comes first.

    (c) If fewer than 19 Affiliated Players have been initially designated, additional players from HC-carded and non-HC-carded teams in lower divisions or categories within the Association may be added up to the maximum 19 players. No change may be made to a HC-carded team's list of designated Affiliated Players after Midnight, January 15th.

    (d) A player's name may only appear on the Affiliate List of one HC-carded team in a higher division/category.

32. **Atom "A" Teams** - Section C(31) shall not apply to Atom "A". Atom "A" teams shall not draw Affiliate Players from any lower division.

Note: Instead, Atom "A" teams utilize the Casual Player rule, Sections C(24), C(25), and C(26).

33. **Non-HC-carded Female Teams** - Non-HC-carded Female teams may draw Female players registered with non-HC-carded team(s) in lower division(s) or category(ies) within their Association as Affiliate Players. Such players shall be subject to the limitations specified in Section C(34).

    Where there is more than one Flight in a division and where an Association has non-HC-carded teams in more than one Flight, then the Flights shall be considered categories for purposes of the Affiliate Player rule.

    The Affiliate Player rule shall only be applied in situations in which a team (i) has 12 or fewer skaters for a particular game or (ii) has no goaltender available for a particular game.

    When the Affiliate Player rule is utilized, a team can only apply for permission to draw Affiliate Players to bring its playing roster for the game in question to a maximum of 13 skaters in the case of skaters or a maximum of 1 goaltender in the case of goaltenders.

    No non-HC-carded Female team shall utilize a player from a lower division or category as an Affiliate Player unless permission has first been obtained from the League Manager.

34. **Limitation (PeeWee and above, Atom to PeeWee, and all Female Teams)** - A player of a team of a lower division or category may play as an Affiliate Player (as defined in Section C(30)) for a team or teams of higher divisions and categories at

any time, to a maximum of ten (10) league and/or playoff games. An Affiliate Player who participates in more than ten (10) games will be deemed to be an ineligible player. Any violation of this rule shall be reported to the PCAHA Managing Director. However, if the 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.

Note: Exhibition and/or tournament/jamboree games are excluded from the number of games referred to in Section C(34).

A team of a higher Division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the team with which the affiliated player is registered.

35. **"C" Hockey** - "C" teams may draw Affiliate Players from "C" teams in lower division(s) within the same Association, subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The Affiliate Player rule shall only be applied in situations in which a team (i) has 12 or fewer skaters for a particular game or (ii) has no goaltender available for a particular game. No player may play as an Affiliate Player unless permission has first been obtained from the League Manager.

When the Affiliate Player rule is utilized, a team can only apply for permission to draw Affiliate Players to bring its playing roster for the game in question to a maximum of 13 skaters in the case of skaters or a maximum of 1 goaltender in the case of goaltenders.

(b) An Atom "C", PeeWee "C", Bantam "C", or Midget "C" player drawn as an Affiliate Player by team(s) in higher division(s) shall be limited to a total number of games as specified in Section C(34).

(c) **Hockey 4 to Atom** - Hockey 4 players may only be drawn as Affiliate Players in Atom "C". However, any Hockey 4 player playing as an Affiliate Player in Atom "C" shall be restricted to either:

(i) a maximum total of 3 league, playoff, tournament/jamboree, or exhibition games, or

(ii) if a player has not played any league, playoff, tournament/jamboree, or exhibition games as an Affiliate Player, one (1) complete sanctioned tournament/jamboree.

Any player playing more than this number of games shall be deemed an ineligible player, and the team officials responsible shall be subject to disciplinary action, except if the Association President has acquired prior approval from the Managing Director to move the player permanently to the Atom "C" team.

No player shall participate as an Affiliate Player unless the conditions in Section C(35)(a) have first been met.

Note: If an Association does not have any Hockey 4 teams registered, the Atom "C" team(s) may draw Affiliate Players from Hockey 3.

(d) **Tyke and Novice** - In the Tyke and Novice divisions, the Affiliate Player rule shall apply as follows:

(i) Hockey 4 teams shall draw Affiliate Players from Hockey 3 teams within the Association, unless there are no Hockey 3 teams within the Association, in which case Hockey 4 teams may draw Affiliate Players from Hockey 2 teams within the Association.

(ii) Hockey 3 teams shall draw Affiliate Players from Hockey 2 teams within the Association.

(iii) Hockey 2 teams shall draw Affiliate Players from Hockey 1 teams within the Association or first-year players on other Hockey 2 teams

within the Association.

No player shall participate as an Affiliate Player unless the conditions in Section C(35)(a) have first been met.

Any player playing as an Affiliate Player in Tyke and Novice shall be restricted to either:

(i) a maximum total of three (3) league, tournament/jamboree, and exhibition games as an Affiliate Player, or

(ii) if a player has not played any league, playoff, tournament/jamboree, or exhibition games as an Affiliate Player, one (1) complete sanctioned tournament/jamboree.

Any player playing more than this number of games shall be deemed an ineligible player and the team officials responsible shall be subject to disciplinary action, except in the case of a player being drawn from Hockey 2 to Novice or from Hockey 3 to Hockey 4 if the Association President has acquired prior approval from the Managing Director to move the player permanently to the higher team.

SPECIAL "C" HOCKEY OVERAGE EXEMPTION:

36. (a) Special permission may be granted for Minor "C" teams to register "C" calibre player(s) of the next age division up in cases where, because of small size or weak ability, a player would be unable to compete in his or her normal age division. Such permission in writing shall be obtained from the responsible "C" Managing Director prior to the registration of the overage player.

(b) An Association with more than one "C" team utilizing more than one overage player shall distribute those players evenly among all its teams.

(c) Non-HC-carded Female teams may apply to utilize the overage exemption, subject to the conditions outlined in Section C(36)(a) and (b), above, and subject to the approval of the Female Hockey Committee.

SECTION D - PLAYER REGISTRATION AND PLAYER MOVEMENT

1. The following regulations shall cover all levels of Minor Hockey (Tyke through Juvenile).

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION:

2. Except as hereinafter provided, no player shall be registered as a member of a Minor Hockey Association, or compete for a Minor Hockey team in any game, unless the permanent residence of such player's parent (as defined in HC Reg. F.3) is located in the geographic subdivision (as defined below) of the Association with which the player applies for registration.

A geographic subdivision includes a city, a town, a municipality, a police village, a rural area or a zone as established according to Section D(3), below, and approved by BC Hockey.

BC Hockey Reg. 2.03:

The residence of a player's parent shall be used to determine eligibility for minor hockey aged players (i.e., such residence must be within the boundary of the member minor hockey association). The BC Hockey Executive Committee shall determine a geographic subdivision for each member minor hockey association.

Hockey Canada Reg. F.1-5:

1. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of all Branches under the authority of Hockey Canada, in their sole and unfettered discretion, to implement residency registration regulations for the formation of teams within their Branch.

2. a) Players must play in the Branch where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside.

   b) Regulation F.2(a) does not apply to players registered in a Residential School (as defined in Regulation A) if they register with one (1) of that Residential School's hockey teams.

3. In reference to F.1, F.2(a) and F.5, residence is established by:

   a) The parents' usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.

   b) In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player;

      or,

      if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives;

      or again,

      if the player lives equally with both parents, his place of residence shall be determined by the Branch.

   c) When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person.

   NOTE: the term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

   NOTE: In the application of the above, the term "legal custody" and/or "legal guardian" refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:
   a) the application of the Divorce Act,
   b) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
   c) loss of parental authority,
   d) when it is deemed the child's development is compromised,
   e) when both (2) parents are deceased,
   f) married, or the equivalent of married.

4. a) Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers vested in it by By-Law Fifty-Seven may, on application made by or on behalf of any Player, deem such Player to be resident in a Branch other than that where his parent is resident and Hockey Canada's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

   b) A Branch, in its sole and unfettered discretion may, on application to the Branch made by or on behalf of any Player, deem such Player to be resident in a place within the Branch other than where his parent is resident and the Branch's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

   c) A Branch, in its sole and unfettered discretion may deem a non-Canadian Citizen to be resident in the Branch provided that the Player is in strict accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations F.1, F.2 and F.3.

   d) A Branch may make application to the Hockey Canada Board of Directors or its National Appeals Committee for a non-Canadian Player to register within Hockey Canada if they are not in accordance with Regulation F.4(c). Hockey Canada in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers vested in it by By-Law Fifty-Seven may, on application made by or on behalf of any Player by the Branch, deem a non-Canadian Citizen to be resident in that Branch other than where his parent is resident and the Hockey Canada's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

      (i) Such Player, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under Regulation

F.4(d) would be ineligible to register with any Hockey Canada Team in a Division and/or Category, which could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Minor Hockey National or Regional Championship.

(ii) Such Player, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under Regulation F.4(d), once registered with a hockey Team in accordance with Regulation F.4(d)(i), is ineligible to participate as an Affiliate Player with any Team, which could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Minor Hockey National or Regional Championship.

(iii) Such Player, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under Regulation F.4(d), may be further restricted by the Branch, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to register or participate with any Team which may qualify for their provincial championships.

(iv) The Division or Category that such Player may play, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under Regulation F.4(d), will be determined by said Branch with the exception of any Hockey Canada Team in a Division and/or Category, which could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Minor Hockey National or Regional Championship.

e) Current residential school agreements supersede this regulation.

5. There shall be, however, no residential qualification required for players registered with Senior and Junior teams. Branches are, however, authorized to make restrictions with regard to the residential qualifications required for players registered with Senior and Junior teams under their jurisdiction.

ZONE REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS:

3. (a) The geographic subdivision of each Association shall be defined and governed according to the "Zone Regulations" (sometimes known as "Draw Area Rules" or "Draw Zone Regulations") as submitted to and approved by BC Hockey on September 13, 1986, and as subsequently amended.

(b) Each Association's Zone Regulations shall include a description of the boundaries of the Association's geographic subdivision (known as the Association's "zone"), plus any special provisions governing administration of the "zone".

(c) Proposals to amend the Zone Regulations shall be submitted in writing to the PCAHA Office not later than April 1st of each season and shall be dealt with according to By-Law 96. However, no amendment shall be considered unless and until all directly affected Associations are in agreement with the proposed zone boundary change.

(d) In the case of a new Association being admitted to membership in the PCAHA or of an amalgamation of Associations, the new or amalgamated Association shall submit a letter declaring its zone (geographic subdivision) and stating that it will only register players from within that area. The new or amalgamated Association shall not be permitted to register players or enter teams until the zone has been approved by the PCAHA according to Section D(3)(c), above.

Note: If the amalgamation/annexation or admission of the Association occurs after April 1st and prior to the start of the following season, the geographic subdivision shall be submitted for approval to an Extraordinary General Meeting.

(e) Notwithstanding Section D(3)(c) and D(3)(d), above, no amendment to the Zone Regulations shall take effect until ratified by BC Hockey. Until such time as BC Hockey ratifies an amendment, the existing Zone Regulations shall remain in effect.

(f) The Zone Regulations shall be appended to these Rules and Regulations.

(g) In the event that a private club shall amalgamate with another private club pursuant to the provisions of the Society Act, or otherwise merge or cease operating, the private club which remains does not acquire the geographic subdivision of the private club which has ceased to operate unless and until a new geographic subdivision is approved by the PCAHA in accordance with Section D(3)(c) and (d).

(h) In the circumstances referred to in Section D(3)(g), a player registered with the private club which has ceased to operate must make an election to either:
   (i) move to another private club; or
   (ii) move to the Association of the player's place of residence.

PLAYER MOVEMENT:

4. **Player Movement:** No player shall change Association registration except as provided below, and in accordance with the procedure detailed below.

   Player movement shall be classified according to the following categories:

   1. Residential Move
   2. Returning Home
   3. No "A" Team in the Division
   4. No Female Team
   5. No Female HC-Carded Team
   6. Special Player Movement
   7. Joint "C" Team

5. **A Residential Move** can only occur when a player resides with his/her parent and the parent changes his/her permanent place of residence and the player continues to reside with his parent. This shall not be a temporary residence.

6. *[There is no Section D(6)].*

7. **Continuity of Registration:** Beginning with new registrants as of the 1995-1996 season and all subsequent seasons, a player properly registered with an Association may remain with that Association and compete at all levels, but should the player's parents change their permanent family place of residence such that the player no longer resides within the zone (geographic subdivision) of his/her current Association, such player shall be ineligible to play for that Association beyond the end of the current season. Such player shall move to his/her new residential Association.

   Should a player attempting to move as a result of a change of residence under this section be prevented from doing so because of a waiting list in his/her new residential Association, such player or the player's parents shall be permitted to make application to the PCAHA Player Movement Committee to permit the player to remain an additional season at the former Association. However, in such an instance the player shall be eligible to play for a non-HC-carded team only.

8. **Returning Home:** A player playing for an Association other than his/her residential Association under any provision of these rules and regulations or who is playing for a private club Minor Hockey Association but does not reside within the private club Association's "defined residential area" who leaves that Association for any reason shall be required to "return home" to his/her residential Association.

   Note: Where the zones (geographic subdivisions) of two or more Associations coincide, player movement between those Associations may never be classified as "returning home".

9. **No "A" Team in the Division:**

(a) If an "A" team does not exist in the player's residential Association in the division in which a player is registered, the player will be permitted to apply for a Player Movement to play for an adjacent Association that is entering an "A" team that will accept the player's registration.

(b) All players must first register with their residential Association. Should an Association fail to have sufficient players to form a team, it will release the players to adjacent Association(s) that will accept them.

(c) Where the zones (geographic subdivisions) of more than one Association coincide and one of those Associations declares "No 'A' Team in the Division", a player who is registered with the Association declaring "No 'A' Team" whose parents reside within the coincidental zone shall first apply for a Player Movement to the other Association within the zone. If his/her registration is refused by that Association, then he/she shall apply to an adjacent Association that is entering an "A" team that will accept him/her. Where both Associations within the coincidental zone have declared "No 'A' Team in the Division", the player shall apply to an adjacent Association outside the zone that is entering an "A" team that will accept him/her.

(d) A player who is registered with a private club Minor Hockey Association but does not reside within the private club Association's "defined residential area" and who leaves that Association as a result of the inability of that Association to register an "A" team in his/her division shall be permitted to return to that Association the following season provided he/she has played continuously at that Association for at least the two (2) previous seasons.

(e) Should the player be unable to play for the "A" team in an adjacent Association, said player shall return to his/her residential Association to play on their "C" team(s).

Note 1: A player permitted to move to an out-of-zone Association under "No 'A' Team in the Division", during the 1993-1994 season or subsequently, shall be permitted to play for that Association for the current season only. The player will be required to register with his/her residential Association prior to the start of the next season.

Note 2: No "A" Team in the Division shall not apply in the Tyke, Novice, or Atom divisions, as long as the Association offers a program.

Note 3: If a player's registration is refused by any intervening Association(s), then letter(s) shall accompany the Application for Player Movement confirming such refusal(s). A form letter may be used for this purpose.

10. **No Female Team:** For the purpose of promoting the growth and development of Female Hockey, a female player shall be permitted, if no Female team exists within the player's residential Association in the player's age division, to apply for a player movement to an adjacent Association that is entering a Female team that will accept her. If no adjacent Association is able to accept her, she must apply for a player movement to play for the nearest Association that is entering a Female team that will accept her.

11. **No HC-Carded Female Team:**

If a HC-carded team does not exist in the player's residential Association in the division in which the player is registered, the player will be permitted to apply for a Player Movement to play for an adjacent Association that is entering a HC-carded Female team.

All players must first register with their residential Association. Should the Assoc-

iation fail to have sufficient players to form a HC-carded Female team, a player who wishes the opportunity to try out for a HC-carded Female team in an adjacent Association that will accept her shall apply to her residential Association for permission to move. If the Association grants the request, then an Application for Player Movement shall be processed according to Section D(15).

If no adjacent Association is able to accept the player's registration, she would apply for a player movement to play for the nearest Association that is entering a HC-carded Female team that will accept her.

Should the player be unable to play for the HC-Carded team(s) in the adjacent or nearest Association, the player shall return to her residential Association to play for a non-HC-carded team.

A player permitted to move to an out-of-zone Association under this section shall be permitted to play for that Association for the current season only. The player will be required to register with her residential Association prior to the start of the next season.

This section only applies in divisions in which HC-carded Female teams are available.

12. **Joint "C" Team:**
    (a) With the objective of facilitating player participation in hockey, two or more Associations may apply for approval to form a Joint "C" Team to permit a player to participate on a "C" team in other than the player's residential Association, in the following situations:
        (i) There is a waiting list in the player's residential Association;
        (ii) The Associations each have insufficient players to enter a full "C" team, including formation of non-Body Checking teams; or
        (iii) Such other reason as approved by the PCAHA Executive Committee and the respective Managing Director(s).

    (b) Joint "C" Team arrangements shall apply in "C" and non-HC-carded Female hockey only.

    (c) A player approved to participate on a Joint "C" Team shall participate for that team only and shall not card/register or Affiliate to any higher division/category team, nor shall he/she practice with any higher division/category team.

    (d) A player approved to participate on a Joint "C" Team shall return to his/her residential Association at the end of the current season or upon termination of the Joint "C" Team, whichever comes first.

    (e) The Application for Player Movement form shall be filed for each player participating in a Joint "C" Team arrangement and the procedures in Section D(15) shall be followed.

    (f) No Joint "C" Team arrangement shall be used to unduly strengthen or weaken any "C" or non-HC-carded Female team, nor shall such an arrangement have the effect of excluding players from participation in hockey. Any violation of this clause shall result in the following action, to be taken by the "C" league's governing committee or Female Hockey Committee, as applicable, in conjunction with the PCAHA Vice-President responsible for the Conference: (i) recommendation to the PCAHA Executive Committee that the Joint "C" Team arrangement be terminated, or (ii) an order to the participating Associations that immediate action be taken to correct the problem.

13. **Special Player Movement:** Where the zones (geographic subdivisions) of two or more Associations coincide, a player whose parent is resident within the coinci-

dental zones shall be permitted a special player movement, subject to any restrictions contained in the Zone Regulations and the procedures outlined below.

14. **Hockey Canada Sports Schools** - Players registering at a Hockey Canada Sports School located within the geographic area of the PCAHA shall be subject to the following:

    (a) A player who last registered with any other Association who is moving to the Sports School shall do so by way of an Application for Player Movement under the Special Player Movement section, above.

    (b) During the period of registration at the Sports School the player shall be eligible to participate in games and practices within the Sports School only.

    (c) At the end of the season, the player shall automatically return to the residential Association or private club Minor Hockey Association with which the player was last registered. If the player moves to a Sports School in the following season, he or she shall do so by way of an Application for Player Movement under the Special Player Movement section, above, and as per D(14)(e), below.

    (d) If the player decides to leave the Sports School he/she shall move to his/her residential Association by way of an Application for Player Movement under the Returning Home section, above, if the Association is within the PCAHA. **Exception:** If the player was last registered at a private club Minor Hockey Association within the PCAHA , he/she shall have the option to return to that private club Minor Hockey Association.

    (e) Player Movement procedures, fees, and application deadlines shall apply to moves to and from the Hockey Canada Sports School.

15. **Procedure:** In each instance where it is proposed that a player be registered with an Association other than the one he or she was last registered with (excluding automatic returning home moves under No "A" Team in the Division, Section D(9)-Note 1, and No Female HC-Carded Team, Section D(11)), that player shall comply with the procedure described below:

    Note: A player returning to Minor Hockey from Junior hockey or Senior Women's hockey, or returning to Minor Hockey after a period of absence, must reregister with the Association with which he or she was last registered and may not register with another Association unless the procedure below is complied with.

    (a) A PCAHA Application for Player Movement form shall be utilized.

    (b) The player and the player's parent(s) shall acknowledge by means of signatures their acceptance of the PCAHA By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, prior to making an application for player movement.

    (c) The player shall first obtain a release from the Association with which he or she was last registered, where that Association is a member of the PCAHA, as indicated by the signature of any one of the following three Association officers: president, registrar, or vice-president.

    The Association President may appoint the Association's Executive Director/ Administrator as one of the authorized signatures noted above. This information must be provided to the PCAHA Executive Director, on Association letterhead and signed by the Association President, not later than July 1st each year.

    Note 1: Such a release shall be effective as of the date the application for

player movement is approved by the Player Movement Committee.

Note 2: A release granted contrary to Section D of these Rules and Regulations, or to the appropriate Zone Regulations, shall be invalid. An Association granting such a release shall be subject to fine or suspension at the discretion of a majority of the Executive Committee of the Society.

Note 3: Any refusal to grant a release may be appealed to the Appeals Committee of BC Hockey.

Note 4: Between August 1st and February 10th, the Association shall have seven days from the date of receipt of the release request to grant or refuse the release request. Failure to respond within 7 days without a valid reason shall incur a fine of up to $500.00.

(d) The player shall next obtain an indication of the willingness of the proposed new Association to accept him or her, as indicated by the signature of one of the following three Association officers: president, registrar, or vice-president.

The Association President may appoint the Association's Executive Director/ Administrator as one of the authorized signatures noted above. This information must be provided to the PCAHA Executive Director, on Association letterhead and signed by the Association President, not later than July 1st each year.

Note 1: The signatures referred to in D(15)(c) and D(15)(d) shall appear on the same page.

Note 2: An Association indicating willingness to accept a player when the resulting player movement would be contrary to this Section or to the Zone Regulations shall be subject to fine or suspension at the discretion of a majority of the Executive Committee of the Society.

(e) The completed Application for Player Movement Form shall be submitted to the PCAHA Office and shall be held for consideration by the PCAHA Player Movement Committee. No player movement shall have effect until approved by the Player Movement Committee.

(f) An incorrectly submitted or incomplete Application, as determined by the Executive Director, may not be dealt with by the Committee. Further, no application may be approved unless the resulting player movement would be specifically allowed in this Section or in the Zone Regulations.

(g) No application shall be considered without the consent of both the player and the player's parent(s).

(h) Player movement applications shall be considered only if received at the PCAHA Office by the following dates:

- Special Player Movement - October 15th.
- Returning Home - October 31st.
- Residential Move - January 10th, except when a player is not registered with any team as of January 10th, in which case the deadline shall be February 10th.
- No "A" Team in the Division - same as Residential Move.
- No Female Team - same as Residential Move.
- No Female HC-Carded Team - same as Residential Move.
- Joint "C" Team - same as Residential Move.

(i) The Player Movement Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two

other persons appointed by the President. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, as required by the volume of Applications. The Committee shall deal with an application within 10 days of receipt, except during the period February 11th to August 1st. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to all concerned persons.

(j) The Player Movement Committee shall have the authority to refuse any application for player movement, giving cause. The Chairperson shall advise the affected Association President and Registrar in writing of the decision, outlining the reasons for refusal, within 48 hours of the decision. A copy of the Chairperson's letter shall be forwarded to the player's parents.

Where an application is rejected due to lack of information and the applicant or the Association is able to provide the Committee with additional information, the Committee will re-evaluate the application within 7 days of receipt of the additional information. In such a case, the 10 day time limit in Section D(15)(i) shall not apply.

(k) Administration fees shall be assessed as follows:

- Residential Move from outside the PCAHA - $15.00
- Residential Move within the PCAHA - $15.00
- No "A" Team in the Division - $15.00
- No Female Team - $15.00
- No Female HC-Carded Team - $15.00
- Joint "C" Team - $15.00
- Juvenile Special Zone Rule - $15.00
- Automatic returning home under No "A" Team in the Division, No Female HC-Carded Team, No Female Team, and Juvenile Special Zone Rule - no charge
- Returning Home - $15.00
- Special Player Movement - $75.00
- Other types of player movement not mentioned above - $15.00

(l) (i) Should an Association use any player prior to approval of that player's Application for player movement, including allowing the player to participate in training camps or practices, or playing the player in any game, such Association shall be fined a minimum of $100.00, as well as be subject to suspension. The team officials involved shall be subject to a suspension of not less than 30 days. A fine under this clause shall not exceed $3,000.00.

(ii) However, with the exception of Residential Moves an Association may allow a player, whose Application for Player Movement is "Subject to Approval" from the Player Movement Committee to practice ONLY with the proposed new team/Association. The player will not be able to participate in exhibition, Placement/regular season, or tournament/ jamboree games until approval from the Player Movement Committee has been granted. Should the application be denied, then the player would return to his/her old Association.

An Application for Player Movement shall be considered "Subject to Approval" when the following conditions have been met: (a) the Application for Player Movement form and all relevant supporting documentation is in the hands of the Association Registrar, and (b) the Association Registrar has faxed the completed Application for Player Movement (both sides) to the PCAHA Office. The original Application for Player Movement including appropriate fees and supporting documentation must be immediately forwarded to the PCAHA Office.

(m) Notwithstanding Section D(15)(l)(i) and (ii), if a player meets the requirements to move to another Association under Section D(9)-No "A" Team under or Section D(11)-No HC-Carded Female Team as a result of his/her residential Association offering no HC-carded team in the player's age division, the player may apply for Preliminary Try-out Approval in order to try out for a HC-carded team at the indicated Association. The following expedited procedure shall be followed:

(i) The player's residential Association shall declare in writing that it will have no HC-carded team in the player's age division for the current season.
(ii) The player's residential Association Registrar shall indicate support for Preliminary Try-out Approval to be granted, in writing on the PCAHA Preliminary Try-out Approval form.
(iii) Once the completed PCAHA Preliminary Try-out Approval form has been filed with the PCAHA Office, the player may attend try-outs in the one (1) new Association named in the form.
(iv) Should the player be selected for a HC-carded team, he/she shall process an Application for Player Movement to remain at the new Association for the current season only.
(v) Should the player not be selected for a HC-carded team, he/she shall immediately return to his/her residential Association to play on an non-HC-carded team.

Preliminary Try-out Approval shall terminate as of the date of selection under (iv) or (v) or October 1st, whichever comes first.

16. Private Clubs see Zone Regulations Section II.

SECTION E - PLAYING RULES

1. The PCAHA playing rules shall be those adopted by HC with the exception of changes adopted by the PCAHA and BC Hockey.

2. The home team shall be responsible for supplying pucks and a qualified timekeeper and qualified scorekeeper for each game. The referee will indicate any omission on the back of the game sheet and report the details to the PCAHA Managing Director.

Note: If the two participating teams agree or if the Managing Director so directs, the home team will supply the timekeeper and the visiting team will supply the scorekeeper, or vice versa.

3. Consumption of alcohol before, during, or after a game will not be tolerated, and may draw a heavy suspension. The referee is to report the incident in full detail to the Managing Director.

4. As provided in HC Rule 3.6, players (including goaltenders) shall wear required protective equipment, including CSA-certified helmets and facial protectors and BNQ-certified throat protectors, in all games, practices, warm-ups, and while sitting on the players' bench or penalty bench.

5. To focus attention on the dangers of checking an opponent from behind, it shall be mandatory for all PCAHA-registered players to wear the "Stop Sign" patch above the number on the backs of their sweaters, effective October 31, 1998. Any PCAHA-registered player not wearing the regulation size "Stop Sign" patch shall

not be permitted to participate in any PCAHA sanctioned game. Referees are instructed to check each player at the start of each game for compliance.

6. Teams are not permitted on the ice without on-ice official(s) also on the ice. Failure to adhere to this rule shall result in disciplinary action.

7. Supplemental oxygen, which is not medically prescribed, shall be prohibited at all PCAHA sanctioned games. The penalty shall be a three game suspension for the coaching staff in attendance and forfeiture of the game at which the supplemental oxygen product is found to be in possession.

8. The use of strobe light equipment by spectators and others shall be prohibited, as such use may have an undesirable medical side effect. Team officials shall ensure such equipment is not used before, during, and after any game. Failure by team officials to comply shall be brought before the Managing Director for possible disciplinary action.

GOALTENDERS:

9. In PCAHA competition (excluding Bantam "A", Midget "A", and Juvenile "A" games), a registered goaltender may play any other position.

10. In PCAHA competition, a team may dress a maximum of 17 skaters plus a maximum of 2 goaltenders.

SPECIAL "C" AND NON-HC-CARDED FEMALE HOCKEY PLAYING RULES:

11. As nearly as possible, equal ice time shall be given to all players regardless of playing ability in any "C" and non-HC-carded Female hockey game.

BODY CHECKING:

12. In all games played within the PCAHA, body checking in the PeeWee division and below, in all Female hockey, and in all "C" hockey shall be in accordance with HC Rule 6.2(b) (no body checking).

HC Rule 6.2(b) - No Body Checking:

(b) In divisions of PeeWee and below and Female Hockey, a Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who, in the opinion of the Referee, intentionally body checks, bumps, shoves or pushes any opposing player. If a player is injured, a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty must be assessed.

When the offensive player is skating towards the defensive player, the defending player may not hit the offensive player by going in the opposite direction to that player. The body contact must be as a result of the movement of the offensive player. There must be no action where the offensive player is pushed, checked or shoved into the boards. Where, in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be assessed.

SITUATION 1 - Rule 6.2(b):
The situation of a player steering or directing an opposing playing into the boards, without actually touching him, is acceptable. The most obvious example of this may be seen when a player is coming down the ice with the puck and he has to make a move or play on the defenceman. Quite often the puck carrier will try to go wide along the boards. In this case we say that the defenceman has the right to close off the boards, in order to force the puck carrier to slow down or [move] towards the middle of the ice. The principle that must prevail is that no player is entitled to use his body to intentionally body check, bump, push, or shove an opponent.

SECTION F - GAME REPORTS (SCORESHEETS)

1. The team manager shall prepare an official PCAHA four page game report 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the game and it shall be available for the referee at the timekeeper's bench prior to the commencement of the warm-up.

2. The home team is responsible for supplying the game report and insuring that it is properly filled out. The home team shall also ensure that additional, blank game reports are available at the timekeeper's bench.

3. All games shall be identified by a game number. No game shall be played without a game number as assigned by the League Manager, and this number shall be given to the referee assigner by the team manager for the assigning of officials to that game. (See also Section L(2)).

4. The names of all players, team officials, off-ice officials, and on-ice officials (referee/linesmen) shall be clearly printed on the game report. It shall be the responsibility of the team officials of the respective teams to ensure that this rule is complied with.

5. The team officials from each team shall be responsible for ensuring that all participating players and team officials are eligible to participate in the game. One of the registered team officials shall sign the game report to verify that all players and team officials of his/her team are correctly listed.

6. Game reports shall be distributed as follows:

   (a) For league, playoff, and exhibition games between teams from the same league (teams reporting to the same League Manager): the first two (2) copies, or the second copy when the first copy is taken by the referee, shall be transmitted within 24 hours of the completion of the game to the League Manager by the home team; the third copy shall be given to the visiting team; and the fourth copy shall be retained by the home team.

   (b) Exhibition games between teams of different leagues (including all games in which the teams report to different League Managers): the first copy shall be transmitted by the home team to its League Manager within 24 hours of the completion of the game; the second copy shall be transmitted by the visiting team to its League Manager within 24 hours of the completion of the game; the third copy shall be given to the visiting team; and the fourth copy shall be retained by the home team.

   Note: If the first copy is taken by the referee, the home team shall transmit the second copy to its League Manager, and the visiting team shall send the third copy to its League Manager and retain a photocopy. Refer to Section H for situations in which the referee is required to take the first copy and file a report.

   (c) Tournament/Jamboree Games: the tournament/jamboree host Association shall forward the first copy of the gamesheets of all tournament/jamboree games to the Managing Director within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament/jamboree; the second (yellow) copy shall be retained by the tournament/jamboree host Association; the third copy shall be given to the visiting team; and the fourth copy shall be given to the home team.

   Note: If the first page is taken by the referee, the tournament/jamboree host Association shall forward the second copy to the Managing Director

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SENDING IN SCORESHEETS
(PCAHA 4-part Scoresheet)

	GAME TYPE	ORDINARY CASE	REFEREE TAKES WHITE COPY
1.	Teams reporting to same League Manager, including: • League games. • Playoff games. • Exhibition games between teams in the same league.	**White** - League Manager. **Yellow** - League Manager. **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Home team sends top two copies to League Manager)	**White** - Referee. **Yellow** - League Manager. **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Home team sends Yellow copy to League Manager)
2.	Home exhibition game against a team from outside the Flight or league.	**White** - League Manager. **Yellow** - Other team (for its League Mgr.). **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Send White copy to your League Manager)	**White** - Referee. **Yellow** - League Manager. **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Send Yellow copy to your League Manager)
3.	Away exhibition game against a team from outside the Flight or league (including out-of- district games)	**White** - Other Team (for its League Mgr.). **Yellow** - League Manager **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Send Yellow copy to your League Manager)	**White** - Referee. **Yellow** - Other Team (for its League Mgr). **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Send Blue copy to your League Mgr.; retain photocopy)
4.	Tournaments/Jamborees (for all games played)	**White** - Tournament. **Yellow** - Tournament. **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Send your copy or a photocopy to your League Manager)	**White** - Referee. **Yellow** - Tournament. **Blue** - Visiting team. **Pink** - Home team. (Send your copy or a photocopy to your League Manager)

and retain a photocopy in its place.

(d) Notwithstanding the tournament/jamboree host Association's responsibility to turn in gamesheets to the Managing Director under Section F(6)(c), each team shall forward copies of the scoresheets of all tournament/jamboree games in which the team participated to its League Manager within 24 hours of completion of the tournament/jamboree.

(e) Failure by a team to distribute the copies of the scoresheet and/or failure to forward the copies as required by this section shall result in suspension and/or other disciplinary action to the team official(s) responsible.

7. For teams whose game results are recorded in the PCAHA on-line game data management system (currently known as Teamlink):

(a) If both teams are participating in the system, the home team shall be responsible for entering the gamesheet information for both teams in the system within 24 hours of the completion of the game, prior to mailing the gamesheet to the League Manager.

(b) If only one of the two teams is participating in the system, that team shall be responsible for entering the gamesheet information for both teams in the system within 24 hours of the completion of the game, prior to mailing the gamesheet to the League Manager.

8. All Casual Players (CP), Affiliate Players (AP), and "C" and non-HC-carded Female Overage Players (O/A) shall be designated as such beside the player's name.

SECTION G - GAME TIMES AND SCHEDULES

1. Each Managing Director shall provide each team with its league schedule in its entirety prior to the commencement of league play. The Managing Director shall attempt, to the extent feasible, to ensure that teams play each other approximately the same number of times over the course of the league schedule.

Note 1: The Managing Director shall have the option of issuing a two part schedule. The first half must be completed prior to Christmas Break, and the second half must be completed at the end of the regular season.

Note 2: If there is team movement between Flights during the second half of the league schedule which causes an excessive game imbalance among teams playing each other, the Managing Director at his/her discretion can amend the schedule to balance the number of games that teams play against other teams home and away.

2. No game in the PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, or Juvenile divisions shall be played on "small ice" as defined by PCAHA Officers.

3. Approved hours for starting league, exhibition, and playoff games are as follows:

	Earliest	Latest
Sunday	7:00 AM	9:30 PM
Monday through Thursday	6:00 PM	9:30 PM
Friday	6:00 PM	9:30 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM	9:30 PM

Note 1: For Atoms and PeeWees, Sunday through Thursday, the latest start time is 8:00 PM and 8:30 PM respectively.

Note 2: For Midgets and Juveniles the latest start time is 10:00 PM. Associations shall make their best efforts to start not later than 9:30 PM for Midget.

Note 3: Upon the request of the participating teams, the responsible Managing Director may permit reasonable exceptions to the earliest and latest starting times for rescheduled league games and for exhibition games only.

Note 4: Minor "C" league or playoff game starting times shall conform to the above, except where a specific exemption has been granted by the responsible Minor "C" League.

Note 5: For Female Hockey the approved hours for starting league, exhibition, and playoff games are as follows:

Female Midget and Female Bantam:
Monday through Friday: 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM
Female Pee Wee:
Monday through Friday: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM
Female Atom and Female Novice:
Monday through Friday: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM

4. Associations are to allocate ice times for scheduled games which are reasonable in relation to the ages of the players involved and to the distances visiting teams must travel.

5. All teams must provide the minimum league and playoff game time for their division and category as follows:

Novice .....1 hour
Female Novice and Female Atom .....1 hour
Atom (all); PeeWee "C" .....1 hour
PeeWee (all except "C"), Bantam (all).....1¼ hours
Female PeeWee, Female Bantam, and Female Midget .....1¼ hours
Midget (all except Female); Juvenile (all).....1½ hours

Note: Minor "C" league or playoff game times shall conform to the above, except where a specific exemption has been granted by the responsible Minor "C" League.

6. All league and playoff games played within the PCAHA shall be played on the basis of three stop time periods.

7. All league and playoff games shall be in accordance with the following schedule as it fits available ice time. This must be noted on the game report. Notwithstanding any additional ice time, the maximum game time shall be three 20-minute stop-time periods.

Duration	Warm-up	First	Break	Second	Break	Third
1 hour	5	10	none	15	none	15
1¼ hours	5	15	none	15	none	15
1½ hours (body checking)	5	15	none	15	2	20
1½ hours (non-body checking)	5	15	none	20	2	20
1¾ hours (body checking)	5	15	none	15	ice clean	20
1¾ hours (non-body checking)	5	15	none	20	ice clean	20
2 hours	5	20	none	20	ice clean	20
2¼ hours	5	20	ice clean	20	ice clean	20
2½ hours or more	5	20	ice clean	20	ice clean	20

Notes:

(a) Where indicated, the 2-minute break between the 2nd and 3rd periods shall be at the discretion of the referee subject to available icetime to complete the game.

(b) Prior to the third period, if the referee feels there is not sufficient time to play the period as listed, he/she will notify both teams that it is necessary to shorten the period by a specific number of stop-time minutes. This must be noted on the game report by the referee. The revised playing time shall be shown on the clock at the commencement of the third period.
Note (b) shall apply to all league and playoff games with the exception of the following:
   (i) Games in the Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship "Final 4" (hosted) Round-Robin series [Section N(10)(e)].
   (ii) Games in the Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship Final four-point playoff series (if any) [Section N(11)(f)].
   (iii) Tiebreaker Games under Section N(13).
   (iv) Games designated by the Executive Committee as requiring three full periods.

(c) Where a ice clean is indicated, if, at the end of the preceding period, the referee feels there is not sufficient time to complete the third period in its entirety, then the ice clean will be cancelled and a 2-minute break substituted.

(d) The referee must attempt to complete the game in its entirety, unless advised by the arena ice engineer that the icetime has expired.

8. In the event that a game is suspended by the referee or not completed for any reason, the Managing Director shall have the option to consider any of the following:

   (a) Consider the game completed and award the points accordingly.
   (b) Play the remaining time on the clock to complete the game (must use exact team line-ups when the game was suspended).
   (c) Replay the game in its entirety.

9. No overtime shall be played in a league or exhibition game.

   Exception: Overtime may be played in the course of Association playoffs involving one Association's teams only. The officials shall be advised of the overtime rules prior to the start of the game.

10. Every effort must be made to start a game on schedule. Any team failing to take the ice within 15 minutes of scheduled game time shall, at the discretion of the Managing Director, be liable to a fine of up to $500.00 and (if the aggrieved Association submits a written request for actual expenses incurred) the cost of ice and official fees, may be deemed to have forfeited the game, and may be subject to suspension, unless a satisfactory reason is presented. If no written request is received from the aggrieved Association then the fine of up to $500.00 applies.

    Teams may not declare a forfeit. The Managing Director shall have the option of ordering the game replayed, recording the game as a forfeit, or recording the game as "no result".

    Failure to meet all league commitments shall result in suspension and/or other disciplinary action to the team and/or team officials responsible.

    Note: In such circumstances the referee and linesmen shall be paid.

11. Any team wishing to reschedule any regular season or playoff game must receive the approval of the appropriate League Manager AND its scheduled opponent not

less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the game in question (except for emergency conditions). Games may be rescheduled only if:

(i) both teams mutually agree on another date on which to play the game, pending approval from the appropriate League Manager, or

(ii) both teams agree to reschedule, without setting another date, whereupon the responsibility to reschedule the game shall fall upon the team requesting the postponement. Should the teams thereafter fail to agree upon a date to play the game, the Managing Director shall mediate the dispute and his/her decision shall be binding on both teams.

Teams that play only one (1) game per week, for any regular season or playoff game, the home team will make every effort to locate a mutually agreed-to reschedule game date and time. Should the teams thereafter fail to agree upon a date to play the game, the Managing Director shall mediate the dispute and his/her decision shall be binding on both teams.

Teams may not declare a forfeit. Failure to meet all league commitments will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension(s), at the discretion of the Managing Director.

Note: In levels above Bantam "C", the League Manager will advise the referee assigner of a change in the schedule and shall provide at least 72 hours notice of the date of the rescheduled game. In Bantam "C" and below the team manager is responsible for notifying the referee assigner.

12. (a) No league or playoff game will be altered or rescheduled to accommodate a tournament/jamboree or exhibition game unless special permission is granted in writing by the Managing Director.

(b) The Managing Director shall not grant such permission unless the date(s) and time(s) of the rescheduled game(s) have first been determined.

In situations in which the league or playoff schedule has not yet been issued or the dates of the tournament are beyond the end of the current schedule and it is not possible to determine rescheduled game date(s) and time(s), the Managing Director may grant the team permission to enter the tournament on the strict understanding that the team will fulfil any and all league and playoff commitments once the new schedule is issued.

(c) The team(s) involved shall apply for permission to the Managing Director through the League Manager.

(d) Failure to abide by this rule shall result in disciplinary action against the team(s) responsible to include:

(i) a fine of not less than $150.00 nor more than $1,000.00.

(ii) suspension of the team official (s) responsible.

(iii) possible suspension of the team from further play.

(iv) forfeiture of the game and game points.

13. Where a game on a schedule is marked as a "conflict" game, the participating teams shall agree on a suitable date and time to play the game and shall advise the League Manager. Should the teams fail to agree upon a date and time to play the game, the Managing Director shall mediate the dispute and his/her decision shall be binding on both teams.

The game, if in the first half of the league, shall be played prior to the commencement of the second half, and if in the second half, prior to the end of league play.

Teams may not declare a forfeit. Failure to meet all league commitments will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension(s), at the discretion of

the Managing Director.

SECTION H - PENALTIES

1. All penalties shall be governed by the official rules as published by HC and BC Hockey or as specifically varied by the PCAHA.

REFEREE WRITE-UP PROCEDURE:

2. (a) In all circumstances in which the referee is required to report violations of the rules (including Match Penalties, Gross Misconducts, Game Misconducts, Misconducts, and teams being withdrawn from play) and other matters of concern, he or she shall take the original copy (white) of the game report and forward it to the BC Hockey or PCAHA officer responsible together with a written report (on the reverse side or attached) within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Disciplinary action may be taken against the referee for failure to follow this rule as per BC Hockey regulations.

   (b) Match Penalties, Gross Misconducts, and situations of teams being withdrawn from the ice or refusing to start play shall be reported by the referee and mailed to the BC Hockey executive member responsible.

   (c) Referees are to make a written report on all Misconduct penalties incurred within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the game and on all Game Misconduct penalties to the Managing Director within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Such report must be electronically submitted (e-mailed or faxed) and then postmarked or transmitted within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Transmitted is defined as mailed, hand delivered, or by courier.

MATCH PENALTIES AND GROSS MISCONDUCTS:

3. (a) Any player or team official incurring a Match penalty or Gross Misconduct penalty, and any team official who incurs a penalty under the “refusing to start play” rule, shall be automatically suspended in accordance with the procedure bulletin issued annually by BC Hockey.

   (b) BC Hockey advises the Managing Director of any Match Penalty and Gross Misconducts within his/her division.

TEAM OFFICIAL PENALTIES:

4. Any team official who incurs a Game Misconduct, regardless of the time of game, shall be automatically suspended as follows:
   (i) First occurrence of the current season - one league or playoff game or 7 clear days, whichever comes first;
   (ii) Second occurrence of the current season - two league or playoff games or 14 clear days, whichever comes first;
   (iii) Third or subsequent occurrence of the current season - indefinite suspension pending a hearing to be conducted by the Managing Director.

   Notwithstanding the above, if the Managing Director determines that disciplinary action in addition to the minimum suspensions may be required in a given circumstance, he/she shall convene a disciplinary hearing to review the situation and take such action as may be required.

   Note 1: When the Game Misconduct is incurred in the last 10 minutes of regular time, the above automatic suspensions will be applied to include the automatic suspension under HC Rule 4.6(c) so that there is no “double jeopardy”.

Note 2: When the Game Misconduct incurs an automatic suspension under the Hockey Canada/BC Hockey minimum suspension guidelines, the suspensions above shall be applied so that the longer of the two suspensions applies and there is no "double jeopardy".

PLAYER PENALTIES:

5. (a) The Managing Director and League Manager will record all Instigator and Aggressor Minors, Majors, Misconducts, and Game Misconduct penalties. If a player takes these penalties consistently, the Managing Director shall contact the Association in question to inform them that either they take the necessary disciplinary action or the Managing Director will impose a disciplinary suspension on the player in question.

   The Managing Director and League Manager when recording serious penalties shall also record the Official's Number, drawn from the gamesheet showing the penalty, and this number will be reported to the Association along with the game number and player name when reporting serious penalties.

   (b) All penalties and/or suspensions will be in accordance with HC published rules with the exception of the following:

   (i) Any player incurring an Instigator Minor or Aggressor Minor in addition to a Fighting Major shall also incur for each of these penalties an automatic suspension of one league/playoff game or 7 clear days, whichever comes first, unless the player is otherwise penalized for the infraction under Hockey Canada/BC Hockey minimum suspension guidelines in which case that suspension shall apply. This suspension is **additive** to any suspensions received as a result of receiving a Game Misconduct for the Fighting Major.

   (ii) Any player incurring a third or subsequent Game Misconduct penalty during the current season shall be automatically suspended for one (1) league/playoff game or seven clear days, whichever comes first, except if the Game Misconduct penalty is incurred in the last 10 minutes and results in a suspension under HC Rule 4.6(c) or if the Game Misconduct incurs suspension under Hockey Canada/BC Hockey minimum suspension guidelines in which case that suspension shall apply.

HC Rule 4.6(c) - "Any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/playoff game or seven days."

Note: If a player receives more than one Game Misconduct in the last 10 minutes of regular time, the player will be suspended for one league/playoff game or 7 clear days, whichever comes first, for each Game Misconduct received.

SUSPENSIONS:

6. (a) Where a player or team official incurs penalties in a game resulting in more than one suspension, such suspensions shall be served consecutively, beginning with the suspension for the most serious penalty.

   (b) Suspensions shall be stated in one of the following forms: (i) "...until Midnight, (date)", or (ii) "...until Midnight, (date), or (number) league or playoff games, whichever comes first". In the latter case, the date shall be calculated on the basis of 7 clear days for each game.

SUMMARY OF PENALTY TYPES AND AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

HC PENALTY TYPE	TIME	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION
Penalty Shot	0:00	None.
Minor Penalty	2:00	(*)None.
Major Penalty	5:00	The automatic Game Misconduct that accompanies all Major penalties may result in suspension (see below).
10-min. Misconduct	10:00	(**)None.
Game Ejection	0:00	None.
Game Misconduct	10:00	**HC Rule 4.6(c)** - Game Misconduct in last 10-min. of regular time - 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days. **PCAHA H(4)** - Game Misconduct to a Team Official - suspension regardless of time of game. **PCAHA H(5)(b)(i)** - A player who is the Instigator or Aggressor in a Fight - 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days in addition to whatever other suspension is incurred. **PCAHA H(5)(b)(ii)** - Player incurring a third or subsequent Game Misconduct penalty of the season - 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days. **Hockey Canada Minimum Suspensions** - see summary below.
Gross Misconduct	10:00	Refer to ***BC Hockey Suspension Bulletin***.
Match Penalty	5:00	Refer to ***BC Hockey Suspension Bulletin***.

(*)-except in the case of the Minor penalty for Checking From Behind, which carries with it an automatic Game Misconduct, or in the case of the Instigator Minor or Aggressor Minor.
(**)-except when a player incurs two 10-min. Misconducts in the same game. The second 10-min. Misconduct results in an Game Misconduct penalty, which may incur suspension.

HOCKEY CANADA MINIMUM SUSPENSIONS

Hockey Canada has adopted the following minimum suspensions for application in Minor hockey to players/team officials who incur Game Misconduct penalties in the indicated circumstances. Where incurred, these suspensions will apply in place of the PCAHA suspensions in Section H(4) or H(5)(b).

FIGHTING - HC RULE 6.7	SANCTION
1st Fight - Any player who engages in his/her 1st fight of the current season	Suspension for 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days
1st Fight - Any player who engages in his/her 1st fight of the current season if it occurs within the last 10 minutes of regular time or any time in overtime or at the conclusion of the game	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
2nd Fight - Any player who engages in his/her 2nd fight of the current season	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days

2nd Fight - Any player who engages in his/her 2nd fight of the current season if it occurs within the last 10 minutes of regular time or any time in overtime or at the conclusion of the game	Suspension for 3 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
3rd Fight - Any player who engages in his/her 3rd fight of the current season	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing
"Third man in a Fight" - HC Rule 6.7(h) (player assessed a Game Misconduct for "joining in a fight, acting as a peacemaker, or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play")	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
Second Fight, Same Stoppage - Any player receiving a Fighting Major penalty for a second or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
LEAVING THE BENCH - HC RULE 9.5	**SANCTION**
Any player identified as the first to leave the players' bench during a fight (HC Rule 9.5(b))	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
Any player identified as the first to leave the penalty bench during a fight (HC Rule 9.5(b & d))	Suspension for 3 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
Any player identified as being the first to leave the players bench to start a fight (HC Rule 9.5(b))	Suspension for 3 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
The Coach of the team whose player is penalized under the above three points	Suspension for 3 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
The Coach whose player left the player bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on ice altercation (HC Rule 9.5(c))	Suspension for 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days
INSTIGATOR OR AGGRESSOR MINOR	**SANCTION**
1st Instigator/Aggressor offence of the current season	Suspension for 1 league/playoff game per PCAHA H(5)(b)(i)
2nd Instigator/Aggressor offence of the current season	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
3rd Instigator/Aggressor offence of the current season	Suspension for 3 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
The Coach of a team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor	Suspension for 3 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
PRE-GAME/POST GAME ALTERCATIONS	**SANCTION**
Any player involved in pre-game or post-game altercations where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
Coach of team whose players are so penalized	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing
Any team involved in a pre-game or post-game brawl	Indefinite suspension pending a hearing
OTHER INFRACTIONS	**SANCTION**
Game Misconduct - Verbal Abuse of Official (HC Rule 9.2)	Suspension for 2 league/playoff games or 10 clear days
Checking From Behind - when a Major Penalty and Game Misconduct is assessed (HC Rule 6.4)	Suspension for 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days
Head Contact - when a Major Penalty and Game Misconduct is assessed (HC Rule 6.5)	Suspension for 1 league/playoff game or 7 clear days

(c) Suspensions take effect immediately and must be served until the required number of league/playoff games or clear days has expired. A suspended individual may not participate in any exhibition games between the league/ playoff games.

(d) Games in tournaments sanctioned by BC Hockey and the PCAHA shall be considered "league" games for the purpose of serving suspensions under this Section.

(e) In the case of penalties which under the HC playing rules incur an automatic Game Misconduct penalty, for example:

- Fighting (HC Rule 6.7(a))
- Major for Roughing (HC Rule 6.7(f))
- Minor or Major for Checking From Behind (HC Rule 6.4(a))
- Two (2) 10-min. Misconducts in one game (HC Rule 4.5(c))
- All 5-min. Major penalties

if the scorekeeper fails to note the Game Misconduct on the scoresheet all suspensions shall apply as if the penalties had been correctly recorded.

(f) For suspensions in effect prior to the Christmas break or incurred during the Christmas Break, the days between the last scheduled league game prior to the Christmas break and the first scheduled league game after the Christmas break shall not be included in determining the number of days served.

Note: Sanctioned tournament games during Christmas Break shall count against such suspensions.

(g) Where a suspension occurs after March 1st and the team has no further games then the suspension will be carried over and served after September 15th, at the Managing Director's discretion.

(h) A player who incurs a suspension while playing for another team under the Affiliate Player, Casual Player, or Goaltender Exemption rules must serve the suspension with his/her regular team.

Exception: Where the penalty is incurred in an out-of-District tournament where the player is travelling with the team, then remaining games in that tournament will count against the player's suspension.

(i) PCAHA special suspension rules for players and team officials will not prevail in BC Hockey playoffs, B.C. Winter Games, and games played outside the PCAHA. HC discipline rules will be enforced in these competitions; however, PCAHA suspensions in force must be served.

(j) It shall be the responsibility of each team's officials to ensure that correct records of Misconducts, Game and Gross Misconducts, Fighting, and Match penalties be kept, and that players serve their total game suspensions as required by HC, BC Hockey, and PCAHA rules, whether or not notification is given by the respective League Manager. Failure to comply with the rule may result in disciplinary action against the offending team official(s) by the Managing Director.

(k) Where an indefinite suspension has been assessed, a hearing must be held or a decision rendered within 14 days of the suspension.

OTHER:

7. Team officials shall be responsible for supervising and controlling the conduct of their players before, during, and after each game. Failure by team officials to control the conduct of their players before, during, or after a game (for example,

dressing room vandalism, bench brawls, lobby and parking lot altercations, etc.) shall result in suspension and/or other disciplinary action to the player(s) and team official(s) responsible. In addition, the cost of any damages shall be assessed against the team.

8. Team officials shall ensure proper fan control at all games. Notwithstanding the required duties of the home team in this clause, the management of the visiting team shall be prepared to assist, where necessary and at the direction of the referee, in ensuring that proper fan control is maintained. Failure of team officials to act shall be brought before the Managing Director of the PCAHA.

9. Abuse of on-ice officials and other participants by spectators shall not be tolerated. Should any spectator engage in unsportsmanlike behaviour, verbal abuse, taunts, slurs, etc., the Referee shall have full authority to have such spectator removed from the arena. If necessary, the Referee shall suspend the game until the individual(s) involved are removed from the rink area.

10. The Managing Director will investigate all reports of off-ice profane, obscene, or abusive language or conduct by players, team officials, off-ice officials, or any person associated with a team or Association and shall take disciplinary action when necessary.

11. League Managers shall have the authority to advise team officials of suspensions and disciplinary action, when applicable, as governed by the PCAHA rules. Teams failing to observe suspensions shall be reported to the Managing Director.

12. Should it be brought to the Managing Director's attention that any team or team official is operating in a manner contrary to the basic concepts of sportsmanship, gentlemanly conduct, and fair play, the Managing Director shall investigate and request the member Association in question to take disciplinary action as appropriate in the circumstances. If no action is taken, then the Managing Director may take disciplinary action.

SECTION I - REFEREES AND LINESMEN

1. On-ice officials (referees and linesmen) MUST hold a valid HCOP card issued by BC Hockey to officiate any game within the PCAHA.

2. (a) Each PCAHA member Associations shall appoint an Association Referee-in-Chief (ARIC). The duties of the ARIC shall be to:
   - (i) encourage the development of local officials;
   - (ii) arrange and attend a HCOP carding clinic, to include providing sufficient ice time, when necessary;
   - (iii) attend an evaluation seminar;
   - (iv) evaluate local officials;
   - (v) assign officials for Bantam "C" and lower;
   - (vi) attend monthly Association Referee-in-Chief meetings called by the BC Hockey Referees Committee Member; and
   - (vii) perform any other duties necessary in order to improve the level of officiating within the Association.

   (b) The Association Referee-in-Chief MUST attend a BC Hockey carding clinic and obtain a current HCOP card.

   (c) The Association Referee-in-Chief shall be responsible to the BC Hockey

Referees Committee Members and his/her Association in all matters pertaining to officiating.

3. Responsibility for assignment of officials shall be as follows:

   (a) For Novice through Bantam "C", the Association Referee-in-Chief shall be responsible for assigning all on-ice officials, including league, playoff, exhibition, and tournament/jamboree games.

   (b) For Atom "A" and PeeWee "A" Conference or playoff grouping championship final playoff series, the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre in conjunction with the Managing Director shall be responsible for designating an assigner to assign on-ice officials for each series.

   (c) For Bantam "A" through Juvenile (including Female Bantam and Female Midget), the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre shall be responsible for assigning all on-ice officials, including league, playoff, and exhibition games.

   (d) For Bantam "A" through Juvenile tournament/jamboree games, the Association Referee-in-Chief shall be responsible for assigning all on-ice officials.

4. In divisions/categories assigned by the PCAHA, responsibility for league, playoff, and exhibition game schedules shall be as follows:

   (a) It is the responsibility of the Managing Director to provide a league schedule to the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre at least five (5) days prior to the start of league play.

   (b) For conflict and/or rescheduled games the League Manager shall notify the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre at least 72 hours prior to the date of the new game.

   (c) For all playoffs, the Managing Director shall provide a schedule of games to the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre at least 72 hours prior to the date of the commencement of games (except where circumstances are beyond the league's control).

   (d) It is the responsibility of the team manager to contact the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre giving a minimum of 72 hours notice of exhibition games.

   (e) It is the responsibility of the team manager to contact the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre giving a minimum of 72 hours notice of a game cancellation. Teams will be assessed for the officials fees should the team manager fail to notify the appropriate assigner or cancel a game with less than 24 hours notice.

5. Should fewer than the required number of officials appear for any game, then the procedures outlined in HC Rules 5.2(k-n) shall be followed.

HC Rule 5.2:

(k) If, for whatever reason, the Referee or Linesmen appointed are prevented from appearing, the Managers or Coaches of the two competing clubs shall agree on a Referee and one or two Linesmen. If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team who shall act as officials.

(l) If the regularly appointed officials appear during the progress of the game, they shall replace the temporary officials immediately.

(m) If a Linesman appointed is unable to act at the last minute, or if through sickness or accident she is unable to finish the game, the Referee in charge shall have the power to appoint another in her place, if she feels it necessary.

(n) If, owing to illness or accident, the Referee is unable to continue to officiate when working with two Linesmen, one of the Linesmen shall perform such duties as devolved upon the Referee. The Linesman shall be selected by the Referee, or if necessary, by the Managers or Coaches of the competing teams.

6. Any official who fails to report for an assignment when properly notified and without sufficient cause shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:
   (i) First occurrence of the current season - warning.
   (ii) Second occurrence of the current season - removal of assignments to officiate any and all games within the PCAHA for a period of 14 clear days.
   (iii) Third or subsequent occurrence of the current season - referral for disciplinary action by the BC Hockey Referees Committee Member.

7. (a) It will be the responsibility of the home team to pay the referee and linesmen before the game and at that time to have all officials print their names and PCAHA official numbers on the game report.

   (b) The officials' fees in cash must be left with the timekeeper prior to the start of the game. Repeated failure to do so will cause the Association to be reported to the Managing Director for appropriate action.

   (c) It is the officials' responsibility to be in the dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game they are assigned to.

8. (a) Referee and linesmen expense allowances for all games within the PCAHA shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Division	**Referee/Linesman Expense Allowances 3-Person System**	**Referee/Linesman Expense Allowances 2-Person System**
Novice	Not applicable	$14.00/$14.00
Atom	$20.00/$14.00/$14.00	$20.00/$20.00
PeeWee	$27.00/$16.00/$16.00	$27.00/$27.00
Bantam	$35.00/$25.00/$25.00	$35.00/$35.00
Midget	$41.00/$28.00/$28.00	$41.00/$41.00
Female Juvenile	$41.00/$28.00/$28.00	$41.00/$41.00
Juvenile	$48.00/$32.00/$32.00	$48.00/$48.00

Icetimes of 2 hours and greater ..... $6.00/$6.00/$6.00 (*)
(additional allowance)
Icetimes of 2½ hours and greater ..... $9.00/$9.00/$9.00 (*)
(additional allowance)
(*)-Applicable to the PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, and Juvenile divisions only.

No rates in excess of the above schedule shall be permitted (including all exhibition, league, playoff, and tournament/jamboree games).

   (b) Where fewer than the required number of on-ice officials appear for a game, those official(s) in attendance shall be paid a single referee's expense allowance.

   (c) When and where referees are used for inter-Association games in the Tyke division, they shall be paid the same expense allowance as the Novice division.

9. The following qualifications shall apply for the assigning of on-ice officials:

   (a) The three-person system is mandatory in the PeeWee division and above,

"NO SHOW" REPORTING

Should fewer than the required number of on-ice officials be in attendance at any game, the **Home Team Manager** and the senior on-ice official present are responsible for reporting the "No Show" within 24 hours of the game.

"No Shows" are to be reported using the **on-line report form** on the PCAHA web site. Please go to http://www.pcaha.bc.ca and follow the links.

Please provide the following information about the game:

Information	**Example:**
● Game Number	ML1907
● Game Date	Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014
● Game Time	21:00
● Arena	Trout Lake
● #'s and Names of Officials Present	10022 and 3901

It is important that all "No Shows" are reported.

excluding Female Atom, Female PeeWee, Female Bantam, Female Midget, and Female Juvenile may utilize the three-person or two-person system. The two-person system is mandatory in all Novice hockey. In a two-person system, both officials act as referee and linesman.

Exception: A Minor Hockey Association wishing to utilize the four-person officiating system (two Referees and two Linesmen) for a designated sanctioned tournament in the Bantam, Midget, or Juvenile divisions shall first make application in writing to the BC Hockey Referees Committee Member for permission to do so. If such permission is granted by the Referees Committee Member, the four-person system shall be used for all tournament games played within the designated sanctioned tournament. In the four-person system, both Referees shall receive the Referee's expense allowance as specified in Section I(8).

(b) It is recommended that the two-person system be used for the six (6) post-Christmas league games in Hockey 2.

(c) In the three-person system for Bantam "C" and above, the referee shall be a Level 2 or higher.

(d) All officials shall be at least one division higher in age than the players. Exceptions to this age qualification may be specifically approved by the BC Hockey Referees Committee Members, for application in the Midget and Juvenile divisions only.

(e) Officials shall be only assigned to referee or line divisions/categories for which they have been assessed and graded and for which they are age-appropriate (as outlined in Section I(9)(d)). Exceptions may be allowed when an official is being evaluated for purpose of upgrading.

10. In all divisions and categories, if the home team does not provide the required officials for a game between two PCAHA Association teams, the Association in default shall be subject to disciplinary action by the PCAHA Executive Committee upon written notice submitted to the Managing Director.

SECTION J - FEMALE HOCKEY

Introduction: This Section deals with the Rules and Regulations which shall govern Female Hockey competition and activities in the within the PCAHA:

1. **General Information:**
   - (a) All team declarations shall be in the hands of the Managing Director, Female Hockey, by September 15th of each year. Any team declarations received after this date shall only be accepted with the agreement of the Female Hockey Committee.
   - (b) Where an Association shares the same residential boundary as an existing Female Association, such Association shall obtain approval from the Female Hockey Committee before it can start up any Female teams.
   - (c) All game starting times and ice-time lengths shall be subject to the approval of the Managing Director, Female Hockey. All teams must provide the minimum league and playoff game times listed in Section G(5) and must follow the game starting times specified in Section G(3).
   - (d) The regular season playing schedule, including Placement rounds, should be in effect as soon after registration as the League Managers deem possible and completed in time to allow for league, playoffs, and provincial, regional, and national championships.
   - (e) In the case of a team no show, refer to Section G(10). In the case of rescheduled games, refer to Section G(11).
   - (f) Period times - refer to Section G(6), G(7), G(8), and G(9).

2. **Players and Teams:**
   - (a) **Divisions of Competition:**
     - (i) The Female Hockey Committee shall determine the number of divisions and level of competition within each division prior to the start of the season. Age divisions shall be according to HC designation (HC Reg. B.1(c) to (h)).
     - (ii) Special permission may be granted for non-HC carded teams to register over-age players with the approval of the Female Hockey Committee.
   - (b) **Teams:**
     - (i) Players on HC-carded teams shall be registered according to Section C(9-12).
     - (ii) Players on non-HC-carded teams shall be registered according to Section C(16-21).
     - (iii) All teams and Associations shall keep the PCAHA office and Managing Director, Female Hockey informed of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and facsimile numbers of the current Team and Association officials and Association contact.
     - (iv) Equal Ice Time Rule (non-HC-carded) - see Section E(11).
   - (c) **Affiliate Players** - refer to Section C(30-31) and C(33-34).

(d) **Association Boundaries:**

(i) The zone boundaries of Associations entering Female teams are as defined in Addendum #1.

(ii) In the case of no Female team in the Association, see Section D(10).

(iii) In the case of no HC-carded Female team in the Association in the player's division (HC-carded levels only) - see Section D(11).

(iv) In order to promote the development of Female Minor Hockey in its formative years, in the event a new Association is formed or a boundary changed, a player residing in the new Association's zone boundaries must play for the new Association unless the player has been registered for the two previous seasons with another Association, in which case the player may remain with that Association. In the event that a player registered out-of-zone under the provisions of this rule moves residence to a zone other than her residential Association's zone, such player shall move to her new residential Association at the conclusion of the current season.

3. **Female Novice Hockey:**

(a) **Objectives:**

(i) To provide an introduction to team play for hockey players aged 8 and under in a non-competitive, recreational structure.

(ii) To promote skill development and sportsmanship.

(iii) No standings shall be kept for any league arrangements, tournaments, or jamborees.

(iv) Game limit to be set at the discretion of the PCAHA Female Hockey Committee prior to League play.

(b) **Playing Rules:**

(i) In each game, equal ice time shall be given to all players regardless of playing ability.

(ii) The shift length buzzer rule shall be utilized until Christmas. After Christmas this rule shall be removed unless both teams agree to use the shift length buzzer rule prior to their game.

(iii) Shift Length Buzzer Rule - see Section R(4).

(iv) The score shall not be posted on the scoreboard.

4. **Referees and Officials** - The Association Referee-in-Chief or referee assigner shall ensure that assigned on-ice officials are familiar with Female Hockey playing rules, in particular HC Rule 6.2(b) - no Body Checking.

5. **Complaints** - Complaints on any matter (excluding complaints about on-ice officials) shall be submitted in writing to the League Manager.

6. **Discipline and Suspensions:**

(a) **Discipline of Teams:**

(i) All team officials and/or players, as applicable, must answer to all written complaints filed with the Managing Director, Female Hockey, for occurrences of the following:

- Harassment of referees and/or game officials.
- Foul and abusive language on the players bench.
- Foul and abusive language on the ice towards other players and/or game officials.
- Unusually high number of penalties being accumulated in games.
- Destruction or defacing of dressing rooms, etc.
- Violation of arena rules and regulations regarding the use of drugs and the consumption of alcohol.

(ii) If for any reason, the Managing Director, Female Hockey, feels that it is in the best interest of female hockey to order the expulsion of a team, such expulsion must be dealt with at a meeting of the Female Hockey Committee.

(b) **Suspensions:**

(i) The Female Hockey Committee has the power to suspend any player, team and/or team official for infraction of any of the Rules and Regulations, or for engaging in conduct deemed to be unacceptable and not in the best interest of the PCAHA or its members, whether such conduct occurs on or off the ice. In the case of an emergency the Managing Director, Female Hockey, can exercise the above rights for a period of up to seven days.

(ii) Automatic suspensions to team officials and players - see Sections H(4) and H(5).

7. **Playoff Structure** - Refer to Section N(5).

8. **Awards:**

(a) **League Winner:** The team winning the most points in each Flight shall be awarded the "League Winner" banner.

(b) **Playoff Championship:** The teams winning the Flight playoffs in each Flight will be given a "Playoff Champions" banner for that division.

(c) **Most Sportsmanlike Team Award:** To be awarded in each division to the team with the lowest penalty minute average per game.

9. **Voting:**

(a) At a Female Hockey Committee meeting, each member Association shall be entitled to exercise votes as follows: one vote for the Association, and up to four (4) votes for teams within the Association.

(b) One delegate may carry all votes for his/her Association.

10. **Amendments to Female Minor Rules and Regulations:**

(a) Adoption of or amendments to the Minor Rules and Regulations on matters specific to Female Hockey shall be approved by the Female Hockey Committee at a special rules meeting prior to submission to the PCAHA Rules Committee.

(b) All special rules meetings of the Female Hockey Committee shall require a quorum which shall consist of not less than fifty (50%) of members entitled to be present, as well as fifty (50%) of Member Associations.

(c) A two-thirds majority vote of members present who are entitled to vote at a special rules meetings of the Female Hockey Committee shall be sufficient to pass any amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

SECTION K
COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS, APPEALS

1. League Manager shall rule in all disputes arising within his/her league and present a written report to the Managing Director within 5 days of the decision.

2. Game protests during the regular season shall be transmitted in writing to the

League Manager within 72 hours, counted from the completion of the game in question. In the case of playoff games, all protests or complaints shall be in writing on Association letterhead signed by the Association President, or in the absence of the President, a Vice-President, and filed with the Managing Director, within 24 hours of the completion of the game in question.

Note: An appeal of a Managing Director's decision on a game protest of a playoff game shall be filed in writing with the PCAHA Executive Director within 48 hours of the decision of the Managing Director. Please refer to the procedure in By-Law 68.

3. Appeals to the League Manager's ruling on any matter may be made in writing on Association letterhead signed by the President or hockey chairperson or, in the absence of the President, a Vice-President. The appeal shall be directed to the Managing Director within 72 hours, counted from the time of being advised of the League Manager's ruling, accompanied by a cheque in the amount of $25.00 payable to the PCAHA. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

4. For appeals of any ruling of a Managing Director, PCAHA Committee, or member of the PCAHA Executive Committee, please refer to By-Laws 68, 69, and 70.

5. In all cases above, the results of a protest or appeal shall be conveyed to the Association or individual submitting the protest/appeal by telephone within 48 hours of the decision, to be confirmed in writing within 14 days.

6. Complaints regarding on-ice officials must be made in writing on Association letterhead and signed by the President (or, in the absence of the President, a Vice-President) or Referee-in-Chief of the Association. It will then be forwarded to the BC Hockey Referees Committee Member (RCM) complete with a copy of the gamesheet. A copy will also be sent to the BC Hockey District Director only. The RCM will investigate the complaint and take any action necessary with regards to disciplining officials. Alternatively, if a complaint is found to have embellished or misrepresented events, the RCM will forward the matter on to the appropriate PCAHA Managing Director who will take appropriate disciplinary action against the person(s) responsible.

SECTION L
EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

1. Permission to play in any exhibition game, tournaments, or jamborees must be obtained from the League Manager.

EXHIBITION GAMES:

2. (a) Any team wishing to play an exhibition game shall first obtain permission from its League Manager by way of an exhibition game number. Under no circumstances will an exhibition game be played without a game number. Failure to obtain a game number may result in suspension or other disciplinary action against the team official(s) responsible.

   (b) If two PCAHA teams are playing in the exhibition game, the home team is required to obtain an exhibition game number and to enter the entire game sheet into the PCAHA on-line game data management system (currently known as Teamlink).

   (c) If the two teams (Hockey 2 to Hockey 4) do not report to the same League

Manager both teams shall obtain an exhibition game number.

(d) Please refer to Section F(6) regarding responsibility to submit game reports.

3. In addition, permission must be obtained from the BC Hockey District Director for any exhibition games versus USA Hockey teams, whether at home or away, and permission must be obtained from BC Hockey for any exhibition games versus Canadian teams from other provinces, whether at home or away. BC Hockey permission is not required for exhibition games in other districts within BC Hockey.

Note: Any team playing an exhibition game versus an out-of-province opponent must first obtain an exhibition game number from its PCAHA League Manager, then contact Troy Theodore (BC Hockey District Director) at e-mail: ttheodore@bchockey.net for BC Hockey permission.

TOURNAMENTS:

4. A team wishing to participate in any tournament or jamboree must first obtain a tournament permission number from its League Manager. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action. (See also Section F(6) re. submission of game reports and Section G(12) re. conditions that apply during league play and playoffs).

5. A team wishing to participate in any tournament or jamboree outside British Columbia and Yukon must first obtain a tournament or jamboree permission number from its League Manager. The team must then obtain permission in writing from the BC Hockey District Director.

Note: Any team travelling to an out-of-province tournament must first obtain a tournament permission number from its PCAHA League Manager, then contact Troy Theodore (BC Hockey District Director) at e-mail: ttheodore@bchockey.net for BC Hockey permission. Please complete the BC Hockey Interdistrict & USA Travel Checklist, available on the PCAHA web site Forms page.

6. A request for permission to hold a tournament or jamboree must be in writing on a BC Hockey approved form signed by the President and filed 30 days prior to the start of the tournament or jamboree with the BC Hockey Office. A request for permission to hold a tournament or jamboree must also be in writing on a PCAHA approved application form along with a copy of the BC Hockey application form 30 days prior to the start of the tournament or jamboree and filed with the PCAHA Tournament Officer. Non-compliance will result in a fine of up to $300.00.

7. All tournaments/jamborees held under the jurisdiction of the PCAHA shall operate under PCAHA rules and regulations.

8. It shall be the responsibility of the tournament/jamboree host Association to view “Permission to Enter Tournament/Jamboree” forms and record the permission number of all PCAHA teams entered in the tournament/jamboree. It is also recommended that the host Association ask for a letter of permission from teams outside the PCAHA. Failure to confirm the eligibility of the participating teams shall result in a fine of up to $100.00 per team found not to have received permission to enter said tournament.

9. For tournament/jamboree play, Associations are authorized to adopt a “mercy rule”, as follows: if the goal spread between the competing teams reaches 5 (or 6), running time commences until such time as the spread is reduced to 4 (or 5) at which time will once again commence. Minor penalties under running time shall be 3-minutes running time.

Note: As per HC Regulations M.18(a), "No team or player may compete in more than three (3) tournament games in one day. Where tournaments do require teams or players to play three (3) games in one day, such games shall not be longer than three (3) periods of fifteen (15) minutes, the first two (2) of which must be straight [running] time."

10. (a) In all tournaments or jamborees, teams must consist only of those players who are included on the team roster filed with the PCAHA Executive Director (except as specifically permitted under the Affiliate Player and Goaltender Exemption rules).

    (b) The tournament/jamboree director shall be entitled to verify all rosters with the PCAHA Executive Director prior to the commencement of the tournament/jamboree.

    (c) Any team or Association using players in a sanctioned tournament or jamboree who are not on the team's roster (except as specifically permitted under the Affiliate Player and Goaltender Exemption rules) shall be liable to disciplinary action by the PCAHA.

11. **Scholarship Tournaments:**
    The PCAHA Midget Scholarship Tournaments and the PCAHA Juvenile Scholarship Tournament shall be held annually by the PCAHA. Special eligibility rules will apply to these events, subject to annual approval by BC Hockey.

SPRING HOCKEY TEAMS:

12. (a) No PCAHA-registered team shall participate in a tournament or exhibition game against a non-registered "Spring Hockey" team.

    (b) No PCAHA-registered team shall participate in a tournament or exhibition game against a BC Hockey-registered "Spring Hockey" team prior to the Monday following the conclusion of the BC Hockey Championships.

SECTION M - DETERMINATION OF STANDINGS

1. Points for games shall be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. In addition, in each game, an additional point called the Sportsmanship Point shall be awarded to a team qualifying, should it achieve low penalty minutes as follows and provided the team incurs no Major, Misconduct, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalties in the game:

   Atom - 6 minutes or less.
   PeeWee - 8 minutes or less.
   Bantam (non-body checking) - 10 minutes or less.
   Bantam (body checking) - 16 minutes or less.
   Midget (non-body checking) - 12 minutes or less.
   Midget (body checking) - 18 minutes or less.
   Juvenile (non-body checking) - 12 minutes or less.
   Juvenile - 20 minutes or less.

2. Standings will be determined as follows:

   (a) Most points obtained.

   (b) If two or more teams are tied for any position, standings will be determined by ranking the teams on the basis of most wins.

   (c) If two or more teams are still tied after (b), standings will be determined by

ranking the remaining teams on the basis of least losses.

(d) If two or more teams are still tied after (c), standings shall be determined by considering only those game(s) played by the tied teams against each other (head-to-head game(s)):
(i) team with best winning percentage in these game(s)
(ii) team with most goals for in these game(s)
(iii) team with least goals against in these game(s)

If after either step (d)(i) or step (d)(ii) a team's ranking can be determined, that team shall not be considered further in the subsequent step(s). However, the goals for and goals against used to evaluate steps (d)(ii) and (d)(iii) shall still include the head-to-head game(s) involving the team(s) whose ranking was determined after steps (d)(i) and/or (d)(ii).

(e) If still tied after (d), a Tiebreaker Game shall be played according to Section N(13) at the home of the team winning a coin toss.

SECTION N - PLAYOFFS

1. (a) Playoff structure for each Minor league, Atom through Juvenile, shall be determined by the PCAHA Executive Committee not later than January 10th of the current season. The PCAHA Executive Committee shall issue a detailed format and guidelines to govern playoffs in each division.

(b) The PCAHA Executive Committee may adjust the playoff formats set out in Section N(3), N(4), and N(5), below, to reflect variations in league structures and/or numbers of teams.

2. (a) All Atom "A" teams reaching the final playoff round shall present their original, approved PCAHA cards for all players and team officials to the PCAHA Playoff Supervisor for verification prior to the team's first playoff game. Those teams failing to do so, without just cause, will be disqualified from further participation in the playoff series.

(b) All HC-carded teams reaching the final playoff round shall present signed roster forms or other designated registration documents for all players and team officials to the PCAHA Playoff Supervisor for verification prior to the team's first playoff game. Those teams failing to do so, without just cause, will be disqualified from further participation in the playoff series.

3. **"A" Playoffs (PeeWee through Juvenile):**

(a) All eligible PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget division Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 teams and all eligible Juvenile division teams shall participate in playoffs leading to qualification for the BC Hockey Championships. Eligible teams shall be defined as those teams ranked 1st to 16th based on the final regular season standings. Teams not eligible for the playoffs leading to qualification for the BC Hockey Championships shall be placed directly into the Presidents Series playoff groupings.

(b) Notwithstanding the Conference definitions set forth in Section A, for the purpose of playoffs all eligible teams shall be ranked on the basis of the regular season final standings, with Flight 1 teams ranked ahead of Flight 2 teams, Flight 2 teams ahead of Flight 3 teams, and so on.

(c) In PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3, all eligible teams shall form a single playoff group and shall play off according to the formats specified in (f), below. The PCAHA Champion team and the runner-up team

shall advance to the BC Hockey Championships.

(d) In PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 4 all eligible teams shall form a single playoff group and shall play off according to the formats specified in (f), below. The PCAHA Champion team shall advance to the BC Hockey Championships.

(e) In the Juvenile division the following format shall apply:
- (i) Teams shall be seeded into two playoff groups. The 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 28th, 29th, and 32nd ranked teams (as applicable) shall form one group, and the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st ranked teams (as applicable) shall form another group. Teams shall play off within the seeded groups according to the formats specified in (f), below, and the champion of each group shall advance to the BC Hockey Championships. The playoff groups shall be referred to as "Blue Group" and "Gold Group".
- (ii) Should the seeding formula in (i) result in placement of the teams of both designated "Final 4" host Associations in the same playoff group, the Managing Director shall have the option to modify the ranking of the lower placed of the two host teams by up to two ranking spots downward for purpose of placing the two host teams in different groups.
- (iii) The playoff group champion with the higher placing at the BC Hockey Championships shall be declared the PCAHA Champion.

(f) Playoffs in each playoff group shall be based upon the following formats, depending upon the number of teams in the grouping:
- (i) Playoff round(s) necessary to reduce the number of teams to eight (8) shall follow the Single Game Elimination format.
- (ii) The playoff round necessary to reduce the number of teams to four (4) shall follow the Four-Point Series format.
- (iii) The championship series shall be a hosted single round-robin involving the top four teams in the playoff group.

Note: At the start of each playoff round all teams in each group shall be reranked according to final league standings determined by Section M.

(g) The championship series in each playoff group shall be completed not later than 10 days prior to the BC Hockey Championships.

(h) Each Association President may apply to the Managing Director to have a PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, or Juvenile "A" team withdrawn from the playoffs. Such an application must be communicated to the Managing Director on or before the deadline for withdrawal established by BC Hockey of the current season. Any team withdrawing from playoffs after this date shall be subject to suspension, fine, and/or other disciplinary action.

Note: The deadline for withdrawal established by BC Hockey is **December 31st**. Application for withdrawal of an PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, or Juvenile "A" team from championship playoffs must be communicated to the Managing Director on or before this date.

(i) (i) Presidents Series playoffs shall be defined as playoffs not leading to qualification for BC Hockey Championships. In the PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, and Juvenile divisions the Managing Director shall structure Presidents Series playoffs as part of the general playoff format.
- (ii) The following teams shall participate in the Presidents Series playoffs (unless disbanded):
  - teams not participating in championship playoffs;
  - teams withdrawn from championship playoffs under the provisions of

(h), above; and

- teams eliminated during the preliminary rounds of championship playoffs, except that at the discretion of the Managing Director teams eliminated in the Four Point Series round under N(3)(f)(ii), above, in PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget may be granted permission to withdraw from Presidents Series.

(iii) Presidents Series formats shall, if possible, be round-robin format.

(iv) If the Presidents Series Champion has been declared and there are meaningless games left that would be in the best interests of safety, ice allocation, or expense to be cancelled, the Managing Director shall have the ability to cancel the game if both teams agree.

(j) To facilitate scheduling, one (1) week shall be left free between the end of league play and the start of playoffs.

4. **Atom "A" Playoffs:** Atom "A" playoffs shall follow the same format as PeeWee and above except that:

(a) All teams shall remain within their respective regular season Flights and play off for a Conference championship in their Flight.

(b) There shall be no Inter-Conference Playoff round. The final level of playoffs shall be the Conference final.

5. **Female Playoffs:**

(a) Female playoff structure shall be determined by the Female Hockey Committee by December 15th of each season.

(b) Female playoff game times are subject to the modification of the playoff format decided by the PCAHA Female Hockey Committee by December 15th.

(c) Please refer also to Section J.

6. **Minor "C" Playoffs:**

(a) All playoffs shall be limited to the Minor "C" leagues only. There shall not be any inter-league playoffs unless specifically sanctioned by the PCAHA.

(b) Each Minor "C" League (per Section A(3)(c)) shall determine the playoff format(s) to be used in the Atom through Juvenile divisions within the "C" League.

7. (a) Associations wishing to host a round-robin playoff shall apply to the PCAHA Executive Director. If more than one Association applies to host the Conference or playoff grouping championship, the PCAHA Executive Committee shall select from among the competing bids.

(b) The remaining unassigned playoffs will be assigned by the Executive Committee.

(c) The host Associations must supply the Managing Director responsible with a schedule of ice times four weeks before the start of the series.

8. For divisions/categories assigned by the PCAHA, the Managing Director shall ensure that the Manager of the Referee Assigning Centre is advised of all playoff schedules.

9. As a general rule, a minimum of 48 hours' notice of any playoff will be given. However, where circumstances are beyond the league's control, teams must be prepared to play when requested.

10. **Round Robin Playoffs:**

(a) In a round-robin series, the standings shall be determined according to Section M, except that the Sportsmanship Point will not apply in the following series:

(i) the Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship (hosted) Round-Robin series, and

(ii) any other "A" round-robin playoff series leading to qualification for BC Hockey Championships.

(b) No overtime shall be played in a round-robin series.

(c) A playoff game in a round-robin series where the outcome is meaningless may be cancelled, at the discretion of the PCAHA Supervisor in charge of the series.

(d) Icetimes and period times for games in a round-robin playoff series shall be according to Section G.

(e) Notwithstanding Section N(10)(d), games in the following playoff series shall be played on the basis of three full, stop-time periods:

(i) Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship "Final 4" (hosted) Round-Robin series.

(ii) Any other round-robin playoff series that the Executive Committee so designates.

In the Conference or Playoff Grouping Championship (hosted) Round-Robin series, all games in a series shall be played using a consistent format for icetime length and period times.

11. **Four-Point Series:**

(a) Four-point series shall be held on the basis of 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. No overtime shall be played in a four-point series, except in the fourth game (if necessary).

(b) Wherever possible, each series of three games shall be played within 8 days, starting with the home team's first available ice time, or Sunday to the following Sunday.

(c) All things being equal, the team with the higher standing in league play shall be the home team and provide icetime for the first and third games of the series while the team with the lower standing in league play will be the home team and provide icetime for the second and fourth games of the series.

(d) Playoff ice scheduling is to be handled by the participating Association's Ice Scheduler, under the direction of the Managing Director. In the event that home ice is not available at a suitable time after receiving the ice submissions from both teams, the Managing Director may rule the first game to be played at the home of the team with the lower standing.

(e) Icetimes and period times for the 1st, 2nd, and (if necessary) 3rd games of the four-point series shall be played according to Section G.

(f) Notwithstanding Section N(11)(e), games in the following playoff series shall be played on the basis of three full, stop-time periods:

(i) Minor "A" Conference or playoff grouping Championship Final four-point playoff series (if any).

(ii) Any other four-point playoff series that the Executive Committee so designates.

(g) In the event of a tie at the end of the series, a 4th game will be scheduled with the home team being the team with the lower standing in league play, thus equalizing the number of home and away games. This game shall be

played according to Section N(13) - Tiebreaker Game.

12. **Single Game Elimination Series:**
    (a) The home team in the series shall be deemed to be the team with the higher standing in league play. However, in the event that home ice is not available within a suitable period of time, the Managing Director may rule that the game be played at the home of the team with the lower standing.

    (b) Due to the limited time available to complete a single game elimination series, games shall be played according to either Format #1 or Format #2, below. Use of Format #1 or Format #2 for a given series shall be at the discretion of the Managing Director.

    (c) Every effort shall be made to start games on time and to avoid delays to best utilize the available icetime.

    (d) **Format #1:** The game shall be played according to Section N(13) - Tiebreaker Game.

    (e) **Format #2:**
        (i) Icetime and period times for the game shall according to Section G.
        (ii) **Tied Game:** No overtime shall be played. If a game is tied at the end of regulation time, the game shall be replayed on the home ice of the visiting team. Single Game Elimination Format #1 shall apply for the replay.

13. **Tiebreaker Game:**
    A Tiebreaker Game shall have three full, stop-time periods. Section G(7)-Note (b) shall not apply. In the case of a tie at the end of the third period, overtime shall be played according to Section N(14). The home team shall provide sufficient icetime for three full, stop-time periods plus any overtime that may be necessary for a winner to be declared.

14. **Overtime:**
    (i) In a tied game at the end of regulation time, there will be a one-minute rest and then a ten-minute stop-time sudden victory period.
    (ii) If still tied at the end of the first overtime period, there will be a 5-minute rest and then a ten-minute stop-time sudden victory period.
    (iii) If still tied, repeat (ii) until a winner is declared.
    (iv) Teams will change ends at the end of each period.
    (v) There shall be no ice clean(s) except if ordered by the referee based on a determination by him/her that the ice condition has become a player safety issue.

SECTION O - PCAHA TROPHIES AND AWARDS

1. The PCAHA shall provide suitable recognition for the following:
   (a) League Winner teams.
   (b) Playoff Champion teams.
   (c) Recipients of the PCAHA special awards listed in By-Law 90.

2. All trophies are the property of the PCAHA. However, it is the responsibility of the winning team/Association to have their Association name and year identified on the trophy/plaque.

3. All trophies are to be returned to the PCAHA office on or before February 1st of the current season. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of $200.00.

SECTION P

(There is no Section P)

SECTION Q - INTRODUCTION TO HOCKEY

1. **Objective:** The objective of Introduction to Hockey shall be to provide entry level Minor Hockey players (first-time registrants) instruction in the basic skills of the game of hockey in a positive, non-competitive atmosphere, utilizing the Hockey Canada Introduction to Coaching Program.

2. **Eligibility:**
   (a) Players registering for the first time in Minor Hockey (players without prior Minor Hockey experience) may be assigned to Introduction to Hockey for their first year of participation only. Such players need not be assigned to participate on teams.

   (b) Players who are not registering for the first time in Minor Hockey may participate in this program, but must also be assigned to and participate with regular teams as required by Section C(16).

   (c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b), above, players who are 5 years of age and are registering for the second time in Minor Hockey may participate in the Introduction to Hockey program without being assigned to regular teams as required by Section C(16).

3. **Administration:**
   (a) Players registering for the first time in Minor Hockey (players without prior Minor Hockey experience) and players who are 5 years old as permitted under Section Q(2)(c), above, who are assigned to Introduction to Hockey shall be registered on a Special PCAHA Introduction to Hockey roster.

   (b) An Association utilizing this program shall file its Special PCAHA Introduction to Hockey roster forms with the PCAHA Office and the respective "C" Hockey Managing Director by not later that November 1st.

   (c) Players may be re-assigned from a Special PCAHA Introduction to Hockey roster to a Novice or Tyke team on or before January 10th.

   (d) Players assigned to a Special PCAHA Introduction to Hockey roster must register in their appropriate age division in the following season.

   (e) The emphasis in the program shall be strictly on skill development utilizing the lesson plans and other materials of the HC Introduction to Coaching Program.

   (f) All program instructors shall complete the Introduction to Coaching Program clinic by not later than December 15th of the current season.

   Note: The Introduction to Coaching Program is delivered as part of the Hybrid coaching clinic. Coaches and instructors will be required to complete the Hybrid clinic.

   (g) Within Introduction to Hockey there shall not be any structured teams or games of any kind, except as permitted in 3(h). Inter-Association games of any kind and games of any kind against the Association's regular Tyke or Novice teams shall be strictly prohibited.

(h) Tyke "Hockey 1" players shall be permitted to play in not more than one jamboree over the course of a season, held within the geographical area of the PCAHA (except for Sunshine Coast MHA, which may participate in an event hosted by Powell River MHA).

Note: Participation in the TimBits Jamboree for Hockey 1 or the "C" League-operated Year End Wind Up Jamboree for Hockey 1 shall not count in the jamboree restriction.

SECTION R - TYKE AND NOVICE (HOCKEY 1-4)

1. **Objectives:**

(a) To provide an introduction to team play for hockey players aged 8 and under in a non-competitive, recreational structure.

(b) To promote skill development and sportsmanship.

Note: For Female Novice, refer to Section J(3).

2. **Administration and Structure:**

(a) Inter-association play shall be governed by the regional "C" leagues. The PCAHA Vice-President in charge of each Conference shall be responsible for promoting inter-"C"-league communication and ensuring that Tyke and Novice hockey is conducted in accordance with this Section.

(b) Tyke and Novice hockey shall be subdivided as follows:

- **"Hockey 1"** shall follow the Introduction to Hockey Program (see Section Q) and shall consist of players as specified in Section Q(2).
- **"Hockey 2"** (Tyke) shall consist of 6 year olds.
- **"Hockey 3"** (Novice) shall consist of 7 year olds.
- **"Hockey 4"** (Novice) shall consist of 8 year olds.

Associations may justify player assignment to a level of one age group lower where because of either small size or weak ability, a player would be unable to play in his or her normal age group, or as necessary for the Association to be able to create teams of reasonable numbers. Such permission in writing shall be obtained from the responsible "C" Managing Director prior to the registration of the overage player.

In instances where a player is of exceptional skill and experience level, they may apply to be moved up to a higher group. Application shall be made to the Managing Director.

The intent of the above is to avoid making teams based exclusively on skill level.

(c) An Association forming teams for house league play and/or inter-Association play shall divide all players within each of Hockey 2, Hockey 3, and Hockey 4 into equally balanced teams prior to commencing inter-Association play.

"Equally balanced teams" shall mean teams which are balanced on the basis of the skill levels of the players and competitive strength.

All players shall be rostered in accordance with Section C(16-20).

(d) All-star, rep, or select teams of any kind are strictly prohibited. Any Association, team official, or other individual organizing all-star, rep, or select team competition for Tyke and/or Novice players shall be suspended.

(e) Teams of one level shall not be allowed to move as a unit into a higher level.

HOCKEY 1-4 (TYKE AND NOVICE) SUMMARY
(for guideline purposes)

	Hockey 1	Hockey 2	Hockey 3	Hockey 4
Div. in 2001-2002 Season	Introduction to Hockey	Tyke	Tyke	Novice
Div. in 2002-2003 Season	Introduction to Hockey or Tyke	Tyke	Novice	Novice
Ages	5 year olds; 6 year olds and up in 1st year of hockey	6 year olds in 2nd year of hockey	7 year olds	8 year olds
***IP Manual**	IP A Manual or equivalent	IP B Manual or equivalent	IP C Manual or equivalent	IP D Manual or equivalent
Teams	No teams	*Teams formed not earlier than Nov. 1st	*Teams formed not earlier than Oct. 15th	*Teams formed not earlier than Oct. 15th
League Games	No formal games Jamborees permitted at the end of the year (at the option of the Association)	6 assigned league games after Christmas	13 assigned league games starting the week-end following Remembrance Day	13 assigned league games starting the week-end following Remembrance Day
Maximum Number of Games (**)	No formal games permitted	25 total games, which can include a maximum of 2 tournaments	30 total games	35 total games
Shift Length Buzzer	N/A; Required if Jamboree organized	Required	Required	Optional
***Penalties**	N/A; no if Jamboree organized	Yes, player to sit out full penalty time - see Section R(4)(b)(iii).	Yes, player to sit out full penalty time - see Section R(4)(b)(iii).	Yes, regular rules for penalties
***Dressed Goaltenders**	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Out of District Travel Permitted?	No	No	No	Yes
Posting Scores	N/A; No if Jamboree organized	No	No	Yes; no more than a 5 goal spread posted
Equal Ice time	Required	Required	Required	Required
Standings/ Playoffs	No	No	No	No

*-Recommendation only. **-includes all exhibition, tournament/jamboree, and league games.

(f) Member Associations may move exceptional Novice-aged players into the Atom Division to play at the level of their ability. Any Novice-aged player moved to Atom will no longer be eligible to play in the Novice Division, except that a written application to move such a player back to the Novice Division may be entertained by the Managing Director if filed prior to January 10th.

Note: A player playing temporarily as an Affiliate Player under Section C(35)(c) is not considered to have been moved to the higher division.

A maximum of 3 Novice-aged players may be registered with any one Atom team.

3. **Games and Game Limitations:**

(a) Rostered teams are eligible to play exhibition games and participate in tournaments or jamborees, provided exhibition game number(s) and/or tournament permission is first obtained from the League Manager. These teams are also eligible to participate in scheduled league arrangements under the jurisdiction of the "C" League.

(b) (i) No "Hockey 2" team shall play more than a maximum of 25 games during the PCAHA playing season, which shall include a maximum of two (2) tournaments/jamborees.
(ii) No "Hockey 3" team shall play more than a maximum of 30 games during the PCAHA playing season.
(iii) No "Hockey 4" team shall play more than a maximum of 35 games during the PCAHA playing season.

(c) (i) In Hockey 2 there shall be no Inter-Association games played prior to November 1st.
(ii) In Hockey 3 there shall be no Inter-Association games played prior to October 15th.
(iii) In Hockey 4 there shall be no Inter-Association games played prior to October 15th.

(d) No tournaments/jamborees shall be sanctioned prior to November 1st.

(e) (i) In "Hockey 2" scheduled league arrangements under the jurisdiction of the "C" League shall consist of not more than 6 games per team and shall commence following the Christmas Break.
(ii) In "Hockey 3" scheduled league arrangements under the jurisdiction of the "C" League shall consist of not more than 13 games per team and shall commence not earlier than the weekend following Remembrance Day.
(iii) In "Hockey 4" scheduled league arrangements under the jurisdiction of the "C" League shall consist of not more than 13 games per team and shall commence not earlier than the weekend following Remembrance Day.

(f) No standings shall be kept for any league arrangements, tournaments, or jamborees.

(g) There shall be no playoffs of any kind. "C" Leagues wishing some form of windup event may consider scheduling a tournament-type event with teams matched solely on the basis of a chance draw.

(h) "Hockey 2" and "Hockey 3" teams shall not be eligible to participate in exhibition games or tournaments/jamborees outside the geographical area of the PCAHA (which shall include USA Hockey based members of the PCAHA), with the exception that Sunshine Coast MHA "Hockey 2" and "Hockey 3"

teams shall be permitted to play games versus Powell River MHA.

(i) "C" Leagues may adopt additional restrictions on numbers of games or game starting dates.

4. **Playing Rules:**

(a) In each game, equal ice time shall be given to all players regardless of playing ability.

(b) The shift length buzzer rule shall be mandatory for "Hockey 2" and "Hockey 3" teams. For "Hockey 4" teams, utilization of the shift length buzzer rule shall be determined by the "C" league responsible.

SHIFT LENGTH BUZZER RULE:

(i) The Prescribed Shift Length shall be two minutes or such other time, not less than one minute and not more than two minutes, as may be adopted by an individual "C" league. Each shift shall be the Prescribed Shift Length in stop time, commencing at the time the puck is dropped following the end of the previous shift. At the expiration of the Prescribed Shift Length, the timekeeper shall sound the horn or buzzer to signal the end of the shift. Play shall be stopped immediately, the players shall change, and the face-off for the successive shift shall be at centre ice.

(ii) No substitution of players shall be permitted during the Prescribed Shift Length with exception of (a) a situation in which a player is injured and cannot continue, and (b) those situations in which the HC playing rules require a team to substitute a player from the bench to maintain the correct number of players on the ice (e.g., coincidental minor penalties).

(iii) When a player's penalty overlaps the beginning of a shift, the penalized player must remain in the penalty box for the full penalty time. The penalized team will be allowed to substitute a player from the bench for the penalized player at the end of the shift in which the penalty occurred. The penalized player will be allowed to return to the players' bench during a stoppage of play after serving his/her full penalty time. If a "power play" goal is scored by the opposing team before the end of the shift while the player's team is playing short-handed as a result of a 2-minute penalty, the penalized player shall return to the ice as permitted by the HC playing rules.

(iv) Recommended period times under the shift length buzzer rule shall be as follows:

Icetime Duration	**Warm-up**	**First**	**Second**	**Third**
1 hour	5	12	12	16 (or ½ of time left)
1¼ hour	5	14	14	16 (or ½ of time left)

(c) It is recommended that strong lines play against strong lines, but coaches may choose to equalize all lines as mutually agreed prior to the start of the game. However, a strict rotational system of line changes shall be used.

(d) If a team plays with less than 2 full lines, the "double shifts" shall be rotated equally to all team players.

(e) The official PCAHA four-page game report shall be used for all games, except that no record of scoring shall be kept in "Hockey 2" and "Hockey 3".

(f) (i) In "Hockey 2" and "Hockey 3" the score shall not be posted on the scoreboard, nor recorded in any manner.

(ii) In "Hockey 4" the score may be recorded and posted, but if the goal

spread exceeds 5 goals no more than a 5 goal spread may be posted on the scoreboard.

(g) **Goal Limitation Rule:** The following goal limitation rule shall apply to all games played by teams within a "C" League if adopted by the "C" League responsible:

In order to encourage team play and provide an incentive for stronger players to play cooperatively with other players on their line, each player will be limited to scoring a maximum of three goals in any game. Any player scoring 3 goals in a game may no longer score and must pass the puck to team mates to create further goals. Should a player score a 4th or subsequent goal in a game, the goal will be disallowed and a face-off will occur at one of the end zone face-off circles where the disallowed goal occurred. Referees and coaches are mutually responsible for enforcing this rule. Teams may not "mutually agree" to waive this rule.

(h) It is recommended that Hockey 2 use the two-person officiating system for the six (6) post-Christmas league games.

(i) Penalties should be assessed and explained according to HC and PCAHA rules. These penalties should be treated as instruction procedure for teaching purposes.

(j) Coaches shall be directly responsible to ensure that hockey is played for the purpose of instruction on a strictly informal, "fun" basis.