

# REGULATIONS

## Regulation 1: Competition

### 1.01 Minor Hockey Categories

The Minor Hockey Associations of BC Hockey shall be categorized as A, and designated by the following tiers: Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4. For the purposes of affiliation regulations, each Tier designation will be considered a category.

### 1.02 Determination of Minor Hockey Tiers

Guidelines for determining the tiers for minor hockey associations are as follows:

BC Hockey Registrations of male Midget, Bantam and Pee Wee players from the previous three (3) years with the Associations will determine the tier according to the following schedule:

Average Registration of Male Midget, Bantam & PeeWee Players	Designation
300 and greater	Tier 1
Less than 300, greater than or equal to 175	Tier 2
Less than 175, greater than or equal to 80	Tier 3
Less than 80	Tier 4

The above chart shall be utilized to determine the tier of the “initial entry” team at each division (ie. the association’s top Midget, Bantam and PeeWee team).

- 1.03 a) Associations may register additional teams in any Division in accordance with the following chart:

Association Designation	Second Entry Team	Third Entry Team	Fourth Entry Team
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 4
Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4
Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4

- b) Any association registering more than two hundred and fifty (250) players in any Age division of PeeWee,

Bantam, Midget and Juvenile shall be required to register teams in that division in accordance with the following chart:

First Entry	Second Entry Team	Third Entry Team	Fourth Entry Team	Fifth Entry Team
Must register two Tier 1 teams		Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4

- 1.04** All Winter Clubs are designated Tier 1. This designation is to be reviewed annually by the BC Hockey Executive Committee following consultation with the District Association.
- 1.05** Associations that draw from more than one Association will be categorized by the combined Midget, Bantam and Pee Wee registrations of all associations from which they draw players.
- An Association categorized in this manner may apply to the BC Hockey Executive Committee to have a division exempted from the categorization. All exemption requests must be submitted to the Executive Director prior to November 15.
  - Where players from another Association register due to the inability of that other Association to form a team because of insufficient registration, then the re-categorization in accordance with the preceding will be at the discretion of the BC Hockey Executive Committee.
  - Associations that share a common geographic subdivision may apply to the BC Hockey Executive Committee for exemption from this provision.
- 1.06 Midget AAA**
- Midget AAA teams may be formed where players are drawn from more than one association:
- These teams shall be classified Midget AAA
  - Residential draw zones for Midget AAA shall be determined by BC Hockey.

- c) BC Hockey Midget AAA Teams shall be recognized as the highest level of Minor Hockey and the Midget AAA Champion shall represent BC Hockey at all Regional and National Midget championships.

### **1.07 Female Midget AAA**

Female Midget AAA teams may be formed where players are drawn from more than one association:

- a) Teams shall be classified as Female Midget AAA
- b) Residential draw zones for the Female Midget AAA Teams shall be determined by BC Hockey.
- c) The formation of the Female Midget AAA Teams shall not affect the present classification at Midget Female.
- d) Female Midget AAA Teams shall be recognized as the highest level of Female Minor Hockey and the Female Midget AAA Champion shall represent BC Hockey at all Regional and National Female Midget championships.

## **BC Hockey Championship Declarations**

### **1.08 a) Tier 2 Teams**

An individual Tier 2 Team may compete for the Tier 1 Championship during any one (1) season by declaring their intent to the BC Hockey Executive Director by December 1st of the current season. By exercising this option the Team becomes ineligible for the Tier 2 Championship.

### **b) Tier 3 Teams**

An individual Tier 3 Team may compete for the Tier 2 Championship or the Tier 1 Championship during any one(1) season by declaring their intent to the BC Hockey Executive Director by December 1st of the current season. By exercising this option the Team becomes ineligible for the Tier 3 Championship.

### **c) Tier 4 Teams**

An individual Tier 4 team may compete for the Tier 3, Tier 2 or Tier 1 Championship during any one (1)

season by declaring their intent to the BC Hockey Executive Director by December 1st of the current season. By exercising this option the Team becomes ineligible for the Tier 4 Championship.

## Regulation 2: Registration

**2.01** The regulations covering eligibility, transfer and registration of players shall be those adopted by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.

### Residential Qualifications

**2.02** The residence rule shall be that adopted by Hockey Canada.

**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.

**2.04** It shall be the responsibility of all members of BC Hockey to enforce and abide by the Hockey Canada Residential Qualifications.

### Residential Waiver

**2.05** A Residential Waiver may be issued by a member Minor Hockey Association. A player who has been issued a residential waiver may register with a MHA adjacent to his/her home association in accordance with the BC Hockey residential waiver policy.

- a) A residential waiver may only be granted under one of the following circumstances:
  - i) There is no Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4 team in the player's residential Minor Hockey Association.
  - ii) There is no recreational team or the player is on a wait-list within the player's residential Minor Hockey Association.
  - iii) The player is female and there is no female team in the player's residential Minor Hockey Association.

- iv) A Minor Hockey Association may request that a residential waiver be granted to a player for reasons not listed in sections i), ii) or iii) above. Such request will be addressed by the BC Hockey Executive Committee with input from the appropriate District(s).
- b) Player's who have been granted a Residential Waiver may register in an adjacent Minor Hockey Association in accordance with the BC Hockey Residential Waiver Policy.
- c) All residential waivers expire at the end of the current season.

### **Player Age Restrictions**

**2.06** The age limits for Junior, Juvenile, Midget, Bantam and Pee Wee shall be those adopted by Hockey Canada.

**2.07** Junior B Teams registering a player 16 years old or under (as of December 31st of the current season) at any time during the season shall only be permitted to release such player on or before October 31st. Thereafter, any such player carded on a Junior B team shall remain carded with that team for the remainder of current season and shall only be released under one or more of the following criteria:

- a) a season ending injury
- b) educational problems
- c) criminal problems
- d) drug and alcohol offence
- e) mutual agreement between player and team.

### **Variations for the Female Player Development Model**

**2.08** Female players in their first year of midget eligibility (15 years old or younger) shall not roster, card or affiliate with any BC Hockey Junior (any category) or Senior AAA, AA or A Team. Affiliation of first year eligible Midget players (fifteen (15) year olds) to Junior teams shall be permitted

with the following restrictions:

- a) A team may affiliate no more than five (5) players for up to a maximum of five (5) games (league, tournament, exhibition) during the season.
- b) The player must sign a special affiliation form with the permission of his regular team.
- c) A player shall not be called up, except under emergency conditions, when the player's regular team is playing or when the player has semester exams at school.
- d) When the player's regular team is finished its season, the player may join the Junior team for the balance of its season.
- e) In Junior hockey, the team would be restricted to calling up one (1) fifteen (15) year old per game.

**2.09** Players registered on a Female Midget AAA Team may affiliate to one Junior or Senior Team.

**2.10** Female players in their second year of midget eligibility (16 years old):

- (a) shall not roster, card or affiliate with any BC Hockey Senior AAA, AA or A Team,
- (b) shall not roster or card with any BC Hockey Junior Team unless one of the following criteria is met (and the player has fulfilled all obligations to the BC Hockey High Performance Program and/or Hockey Canada National High Performance Program):
  - i) The player registered with a Midget AAA team at January 10 of the previous season, or
  - ii) The player is currently listed as an identified athlete by Hockey Canada National Under 18 (or above) Program.

**2.11** Female Midget AAA Teams may affiliate female players registered on integrated teams.

**2.12** The variations for the Female Development Model shall be examined three (3) years after the inaugural year of

operation to determine the needs of the players, teams and leagues.

**2.13 Designation of Goaltenders in Female Hockey**

In Female Hockey competition within BC Hockey a goalkeeper may play any other position.

**2.14 Senior Female Affiliate Players**

Players registered on the affiliate list of a female junior/senior team must have participated in at least five games (league, tournament or exhibition) with that junior/senior female team in order to be eligible to participate in a BC Hockey Female Senior Championship.

**Registration of Teams**

**2.15** All Teams entered in competition leading to a BC Hockey Championship must register all players and team officials on Hockey Canada Certificates that have been duly validated by the Branch Executive Director for the current season prior to competing in any League or Championship game.

**2.16** Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph minor, junior and senior female teams, in order to be eligible for BC Hockey Championships, must register with the BC Hockey Executive Director on or before December 1 of the current season a minimum of twelve (12) Hockey Canada player registration certificates, which must include at least one goaltender. Minor Female and Pee Wee teams are not required to designate a goaltender.

**2.17** In accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation E, Senior, Junior and Minor teams eligible to compete in Regional and National playoffs, shall be required to register not less than fifteen (15) Players on Hockey Canada

Registration Certificates (at least two of whom must be goaltenders) on or before February 10th of the current season.

**2.18** Each team intending to participate in BC Hockey Championships must include an official qualified in the

Hockey Canada Safety Program and at least one (1) coach qualified at the Developmental Stream. They must be signed to a Hockey Canada Officials Certificate and must register with the BC Hockey Executive Director on or before December 1st of the current season.

- 2.19** Recreational, Male Senior AA, A and C Teams will not register on Hockey Canada Registration Certificates but will be entitled to all the privileges of BC Hockey (Participation on a Senior C team will not affect Minor Hockey Eligibility). A Recreational Team is defined as a team above Minor Hockey that does not compete for a BC Hockey Championship.
- 2.20** The Executive Director upon verification of a registration discrepancy, on or about December 1, shall allow that team 10 days to correct said discrepancy upon fax notice to the Registrar of the team.
- 2.21** No player who has been approved on a Hockey Canada Registration Certificate by BC Hockey shall play in any game unless as a member of the team with which the player is registered or affiliated.
- 2.22** Districts may make application to register an all-star team as follows:
- a) all players are residentially eligible for an association tiered at Tier 4, and are registered on a team participating in a league governed by the District.
  - b) such All-Star team would be permitted to apply for participation in a tournament in the Tier 1, 2, or 3 category.
  - c) the formation of the all star team may not conflict with regular season or playoff competition
  - d) players must be selected by way of an open tryout organized in conjunction with the District
  - e) application for such All-Star teams:
    - i) must be forwarded to the BC Hockey Executive Director prior to December 15 in order to

- be considered by the BC Hockey Executive Committee at their Semi-Annual Meeting.
- ii) must include the name and date of the tournament the team wishes to make application to. This tournament will be contacted by BC Hockey to notify of the status of the All-Star Team application.
  - iii) will only be considered in the PeeWee, Bantam or Midget divisions.
- 2.23** Notice to withdraw from the Western Junior B Hockey Championships (Keystone Cup) shall be in writing to the BC Hockey Executive Director prior to January 15 of the current season. Any team that withdraws after this date may be subject to fine and/or suspension by the BC Hockey President. A portion of the fine may be used to compensate the offended event host or teams for costs incurred.

### **Affiliation of Minor Hockey Players**

- 2.24** A BC Hockey registered Minor Hockey Player may participate as an affiliate with the following exceptions:
- a) In order to affiliate to a Senior Female or Midget AAA team, a player must be registered with a Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4, Female Midget AAA or Midget AAA team (note that Midget AAA refers to Integrated, not Female Midget AAA).
  - b) **In order to affiliate to a Junior team a player must be registered with a Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4, HCSS, Female Midget AAA or Midget AAA team.**

#### **NOTES:**

1. Midget AAA refers to Integrated, not Female Midget AAA.
  2. **A player registered with a HCSS team must be residentially eligible to participate in BC Hockey in order to be eligible to affiliate in accordance with this regulation.**
- b) Minor Hockey players registered on a recreational team

- may not participate as an affiliate to a higher Division or Category team prior to the player's participation in a league game with the recreational team unless approved by the appropriate District Association
- c) Players rostered on Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4 teams are not eligible to affiliate to a recreational team.

### **Team Official Qualifications**

- 2.25** Beginning in the 2008-2009 season all BC Hockey/ Hockey Canada Carded Coaches must be qualified at the Developmental 1 Stream to coach Minor, Female and Junior Hockey by December 1st of the current season. Coaches will have until March 31st of the current season to complete the requirements for Development Stream Certification.
- 2.26** Beginning in the 2008-2009 season all BC Hockey Minor Hockey Associations and non-Hockey Canada Carded Female Teams are to ensure that all coaches are Coach Stream Qualified by December 15th of the current season. Coaches will have until March 31st of the current season to complete the requirements for Coach Stream Certification.
- 2.27** All BC Hockey Minor Hockey Associations are to ensure that all on-ice personnel in leadership positions in the Novice and below division successfully complete the Introduction to Coach Instructors Program.
- 2.28** All BC Hockey team officials (excluding those on Senior Male Teams) must be qualified in the Speak Out Program.
- 2.29 Northern Winter Games**  
Teams planning to participate in the Northern Winter Games must declare their intention in writing to the BC Hockey Executive Director prior to November 1 of the current season.

- 2.30** Minor Hockey Teams shall register a maximum of one manager who, once registered, may not be removed from the team and replaced by any team official who is registered with the same team and lacks appropriate coaching qualification as of December 1 of the current playing season.

### **Withdrawal from BC Hockey Championships**

- 2.31** Notice to withdraw from BC Hockey Championships shall be in writing to the BC Hockey Executive Director prior to December 31 of the current season.
- 2.32** Any Team in any division that notifies the BC Hockey Executive Director of its intent to enter BC Hockey Championships by registering on Hockey Canada Player Registration Certificates for the current season and subsequently withdraws may be subject to a fine and/or suspension by the BC Hockey President. A portion of the fine may be used to compensate the offended Team, League or Association for costs incurred.

## **Regulation 3: League Games, Exhibition Games, Tournaments, and Jamborees**

### **Leagues**

#### **3.01 Schedules**

Each League shall forward to the BC Hockey Executive Director a copy of its season's scheduled games prior to the commencement of League play. All Schedules of Leagues wishing to compete in BC Hockey Championships must terminate in sufficient time to compete in respective BC Hockey Championships, such playoff dates to be made known by the President as soon as possible.

#### **3.02 League Representatives to BC Hockey Championships**

The winners of each League may enter the BC Hockey Championship in their respective divisions and/or categories, the winners of the final series to be declared BC Hockey Champions. It is understood that when financially possible, the Senior AAA, Senior AA and Junior Championship finals shall alternate between leagues involved.

#### **3.03 Senior and Junior**

All Senior and Junior Leagues shall utilize a League Playoff to determine a representative to BC Hockey Championships.

#### **3.04 Male Senior AA**

Where an established Male Senior AA League operates within a radius of one hundred and fifty (150) kilometers from the home ice of a duly registered Male Senior AA Hockey Club, such Team shall be compelled to associate themselves with such a League, participating in all their League schedules and subsequent playoffs to determine representation in Coy Cup playdowns.

**Female Senior AAA, AA and A**

- 3.05** Female Senior AAA teams will be eligible for Branch, regional and national competition.
- 3.06** Female Senior AA teams will be eligible for Branch and regional competition only.
- 3.07** Female Senior A teams be eligible for Branch and regional competition only.
- 3.08** In order for a Senior Female team to participate in BC Hockey Championship competition, said team must have played six (6) games in a recognized registered League of properly registered Senior Teams on or before December 1 of the current playing season, or if said Team is not a participant in such a league, proof of participation in six (6) exhibition games against BC Hockey and/or Hockey Canada registered Female teams must be submitted in the form of six (6) original signed game reports, on or before January 10 of the current playing season.

**Male Junior B**

- 3.09** A Junior B Team competing for BC Hockey Championships must play in a BC Hockey registered Junior B League with a minimum twenty (20) game schedule.
- 3.10** American based Junior B Teams, presently operating, must apply by July 1st of the current season to the Executive Director stating their intentions for the coming season in regards to competing as a member of BC Hockey and competing in Branch playdowns.

**Exhibition Games**

- 3.11** A team that is a member of BC Hockey may play exhibition games against a Team that is a member of USA Hockey providing BC Hockey registered team obtains prior

approval from the BC Hockey President.

- 3.12** Games with teams not registered with Hockey Canada, USA Hockey or any other IIHF Federation are not permitted.
- 3.13** Exhibition games with Teams from other Branches of Hockey Canada or Professional Teams require the written permission of the BC Hockey President.
- 3.14** Exhibition games involving Minor division teams shall be subject to the following:
- a) a Minor division team may play exhibition games with another BC Hockey member Minor division team. Games involving two BC Hockey registered Minor division teams are to be reported to the appropriate District Director(s).
  - b) Games involving a Minor division team and either a Senior or Junior division team require the permission of the BC Hockey President.
- 3.15** If an Exhibition game is played without first notifying the District/Divisional Director concerned for games with registered Teams of USA Hockey or the Team does not have written permission from the President of BC Hockey for games with a Professional Team or Teams from other Branches of Hockey Canada, the BC Hockey Team concerned may face a fine and/or suspension, or both.
- 3.16** If an Exhibition game in the Major Senior Mens AAA, Male Senior AA and Junior division is played without the home Team first receiving permission, the home Team shall be assessed a minimum of two (2) times the regular game assessment.

### **Above Minor Game Assessments**

- 3.17** The Society shall be paid a game assessment from all Male Senior and Junior Exhibition, League and Playoff home games as follows:
- Male Senior AAA - \$25.00/home game

Male Senior AA	- \$15.00/home game
Male Senior A	- \$5.00/home game
Junior A	- \$25.00/home game
Junior B	- \$12.00/home game

- 3.18** All league game assessments shall be paid by December 1st of the current season. All exhibition game assessments and all league playoff game assessments shall be paid within ten (10) days of their conclusion.
- 3.19** Any Team delinquent in payment of game assessments shall be suspended from the Society and shall not be permitted to participate in any games under the jurisdiction of this Society while in default. Delinquent game assessments must be referred to the BC Hockey Officers for their decision.
- 3.20** Male Recreational Teams are exempt from paying game assessments where no admission is charged.
- 3.21** Request for relief of BC Hockey Assessments on Exhibition and benefit games will be considered at the Annual or Semi-Annual Executive Meetings provided the request is made prior to the game being played.

### **All-Star Games**

- 3.22** BC Hockey may sanction Exhibition All Star Games for:
- a) Member Leagues above Minor involving players registered with the various teams participating in the League
  - b) District Associations involving players of the same Division registered with various teams of local Associations participating in Leagues under the jurisdiction of the District Association.
- 3.23** Requests for sanctioning of the preceding Exhibition All Star games must be submitted by the League President or District President outlining pertinent details for approval of the Executive Committee at the Semi-Annual or Annual meeting.

## **Tournaments**

- 3.24** A Tournament shall be defined as an event consisting of games between teams from more than two (2) Associations in which registered players of a team in one division of a Local Association compete against registered players of a team in the same division of the same or other local association for the purpose of determining an overall winner from within BC Hockey or from other Hockey Canada Branches or from outside Canada.
- 3.25** All applications for Tournaments must be made on the BC Hockey Tournament application request form and all Tournaments must be sanctioned by BC Hockey through its Executive Director. Such sanction is granted subject to payment of the appropriate sanctioning fee and compliance with this regulation and Hockey Canada Regulation M.
- 3.26** Tournaments shall be classified categorized as follows:
- Branch – all teams from within BC Hockey
  - Inter Branch – teams from BC Hockey plus other Branches of Hockey Canada, per Hockey Canada Regulations
  - International – includes teams from outside Canada, per Hockey Canada Regulations
- 3.27** Sanction Fees shall be:
- Branch – seventy five (\$75.00) plus applicable sales taxes
  - Inter Branch – one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.00) plus ten (\$10.00) for each team outside BC Hockey plus applicable sales taxes
  - International – one hundred and seventy five (\$175.00) plus ten dollars (\$10.00) for each team outside BC Hockey and fifty (\$50.00) for each team outside Canada plus applicable sales taxes

- 3.28** Applications for the sanctioning of Tournaments shall be submitted to BC Hockey as follows:
- a) Tournaments involving team(s) from other federation(s) of the IIHF (not including USA Hockey) or involving teams from three (3) or more Hockey Canada Branches shall be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the Tournament.
  - b) All other tournaments shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the tournament.
- 3.29** The host association will submit a copy of the tournament sanction request form as well as a list of officials to be used in the tournament to their District Referees Committee member for approval thirty (30) days in advance of the tournament. Only certified officials who are regularly refereeing minor hockey are to be used. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by BC Hockey.
- 3.30** All teams from outside BC Hockey must have written permission from their governing body (Branch) before participating in any BC Hockey sanctioned Tournaments.
- 3.31** Any Association hosting a Tournament without BC Hockey sanction will exclude all players, teams and Association Officials from liability insurance and other insurance coverage as provided by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada and are liable to suspension.
- 3.32** Players or teams registered with BC Hockey shall not compete in any Tournament within the Branch unless the Tournament has been granted a sanction permit by BC Hockey.

- 3.33** Any BC Hockey team, player, coach, manager or trainer participating in unsanctioned Tournaments shall be subject to disciplinary action by BC Hockey.
- 3.34** All players playing for any Team in any sanctioned Tournament must be properly registered with that Team in accordance with the regulations of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, District Association, and local Association, League or Team, as applicable.
- 3.35** In Tournaments where Inter Branch and/or International Teams are involved it will be the responsibility of the host Association to verify the eligibility of all teams and players entered in the Tournament.
- 3.36** All games will be played under Hockey Canada Rules plus any other special rules adopted by BC Hockey.
- 3.37** BC Hockey Championships shall have preference over sanctioned Tournaments.
- 3.38** Special regulations may apply for the BC Hockey Championships and National Winter Games.
- 3.39** Any permit sanction granted a Tournament by the Executive Director may be withdrawn if it is found that Hockey Canada or BC Hockey regulations pertaining to such tournament are not followed. Subsequent permits may be refused any Association or Tournament sponsor who has been found to have conducted a sanctioned Tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or BC Hockey regulations which apply and disciplinary action may be taken.
- 3.40** BC Hockey and Hockey Canada sanctioned permits must be displayed in the arena prior and during the tournament.

- 3.41** Tournament Applications must identify the name of the tournament. Deviation from this stated name in any tournament documentation or correspondence may result in withdrawal of the tournament sanction permit.

### **Jamborees**

- 3.42** A Jamboree shall be defined as an event consisting only of those activities including games in which registered or rostered players on teams of a Minor Association gather together under the jurisdiction of a local Minor Association to participate on randomly selected teams for the sole purpose of competing for fun or in which registered or rostered players on teams in the same division of Minor Hockey Associations within the Branch gather together under the jurisdiction of a Minor Hockey Association within the Branch to participate on randomly selected teams for the sole purpose of competing for fun.
- 3.43** Application requests for sanctioning of Jamborees must be made on the BC Hockey Jamboree application request form and submitted to the BC Hockey Executive Director thirty (30) days prior to the Jamboree taking place for approval.
- 3.44** The sanctioning of Jamborees are subject to:
- a) Payment of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) sanction fee plus applicable sales taxes,.
  - b) Jamborees not interfering with BC Hockey Championships
  - c) The sanction permit being displayed in the Arena during the Jamboree
  - d) Games being played under Hockey Canada Rules and any special rules adopted by BC Hockey
  - e) All players and team officials being registered with BC Hockey

- f) A list of officials to be used in the Jamboree being submitted along with a copy of the application request form to the District Referees Committee Member for approval thirty (30) days in advance of the Jamboree.

**3.45** Any permit sanction granted a Jamboree by the Executive Director may be withdrawn if it is found that the intent of a Jamboree, or Hockey Canada or BC Hockey regulations are not followed. Subsequent permits may be refused any Association who has been found to have conducted a sanctioned Jamboree that has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or BC Hockey regulations that apply or violated the intent of a Jamboree.

**3.46** Any Minor Hockey Association hosting a Jamboree without a BC Hockey sanction will exclude all players, team officials and Association officials from liability insurance and any other insurance coverage as provided by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada and are liable to suspension.

## Regulation 4: Playing Rules

**4.01** The playing rules of the Society shall be those adopted by Hockey Canada with the exception of changes adopted by BC Hockey for Junior B, Juvenile, Midget, Bantam and Pee Wee and Female divisions.

### **4.02 Bodychecking**

Body checking shall be allowed to the extent permitted by Hockey Canada Playing Rules.

### **Equipment**

**4.03** Any Minor Hockey player who participates as an affiliated player must wear a CSA approved facial protector and a BNQ approved throat protector (per HOCKEY CANADA rules).

**4.04** In games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey "Tear Away Jerseys" shall be prohibited.

**4.05** To focus attention on the dangers of checking an opponent from behind, all BC Hockey minor hockey teams shall be required to wear Stop signs on their jerseys, on the high back above the numbers. A team's failure to comply shall be reported to the President.

**4.06** In games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey, goal nets shall not be secured with metal posts extended up from the ice surface.

### **Time-Out Rule**

**4.07** In all divisions of hockey, during games that consist of three (3) periods that are each twenty (20) minutes in length, the time-out rule is permitted in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule 10.17.

**4.08** For Female Hockey in the Senior Division, as permitted by Hockey Canada Rule 10.17, the time-out rule is permitted for all exhibition, league, tournament and playoff games.

**4.09 Centre Red Line**

In accordance with HOCKEY CANADA Rules, in all BC Hockey Minor, Junior, Senior and Female games the center red line rule will not be utilized for offside pass purposes. This regulation will be optional for the Senior Male division.

## **Regulation 5: BC Hockey Championships**

### **5.01 Championship Competitions**

The Society may include a Senior, Junior, Juvenile, Midget, Bantam or Pee Wee Series if deemed advisable.

### **5.02 BC Hockey Championship Schedule and Venues**

BC Hockey Championship venues in all divisions shall be decided upon at the Annual Meetings of the Society from recommendations made by the committee representing the various divisions in which the Society conducts championship series. The President, with the approval of the BC Hockey Officers and the Divisional/District Director, shall have the authority to change the venue of a series if deemed advisable.

### **BC Hockey Representative**

**5.03** A BC Hockey Executive Committee member or a designated BC Hockey representative shall be in attendance at all BC Hockey Championship games.

**5.04** Teams in Branch competition must be in possession of approved Hockey Canada Registry rosters listing all players and team officials. Those players/team officials not listed on the approved roster may be declared ineligible to compete in the game(s).

### **Financial Arrangements (General)**

**5.05** The Society in all BC Hockey Championships, shall take charge of all financial arrangements and all gate receipts become the property of the Society.

**5.06** In all Major Senior Mens AAA, Male Senior AA and Junior BC Hockey Championships the receipts and accounts shall be kept entirely separate for each series played. BC Hockey's share of gate receipts shall not be less than 70%. BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts shall be disbursed in accordance with Regulation 5.

- 5.07** In the event of a conflict between BC Hockey and/or Arena Management over the handling of gate receipts, the home Team in any division of hockey shall make available to the BC Hockey District Director(s) the equivalent amount of the gate receipts in cash or cheque, or both, as mutually agreed.
- 5.08** Nothing contained in this Regulation shall be held to create or imply and liability on the part of BC Hockey for any expenses, disbursements or obligations of any kind incurred in connection with the BC Hockey Championships. Should any unforeseen circumstances arise in the operation of the above regulations governing the handling of the BC Hockey Championship gate receipts they shall be dealt with at the discretion of the President.

### **Championship Awards and Recognition**

- 5.09** Banners for all BC Hockey Championship Teams and plaques for each member of such team shall be provided each year. BC Hockey Championship finalist team members in the Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Juvenile, Junior B and Female division shall be provided with plaques.
- 5.10** No souvenir, token or prize may be presented to any player in any BC Hockey Championship without the prior approval of the BC Hockey Executive Committee.

### **BC Hockey Trophies**

- 5.11** Championship Trophies are open for Annual Competition only to Teams who are members of BC Hockey and played for under rules and regulations of competition as hereinafter set forth.
- a) **Savage Cup** – Major Senior Mens AAA Championship
  - b) **Coy Cup** – Male Senior AA Championship
  - c) **Mowat Cup** – Male Junior A Championship

- d) **Cyclone Taylor Trophy** – Male Junior B Championship
- e) **Monarch Life Assurance Cup** – Male Juvenile Championship\*
- f) **Cromie Memorial Cup** – Male Midget AAA Championship\*
- g) **Elmer Kreller Memorial Trophy** – Male Midget Tier 2 Championship\*
- h) **Doug Grimston Memorial Trophy** – Male Bantam Tier 1 Championship\*
- i) **Stan Patience Memorial Trophy** – Male Bantam Tier 2 Championship\*
- j) **Mott Memorial Trophy** – Male Pee Wee Tier 1 Championship\*
- k) **Herb House Memorial Trophy** – Male Pee Wee Tier 2 Championship\*
- l) **BC Female Senior AAA\***
- m) **Don Murray Memorial Trophy** – Female Senior AA Championships\*

\* Denotes trophies that have been retired.

- 5.12** The engraving of the trophies after each championship has been decided shall be done under the supervision of the District/Divisional Director at the expense of the Society.
- 5.13** The Executive Director of the Society shall be to all intents and purposes the legal holder of the cups in trust for the Association.
- 5.14** Any Team winning a BC Hockey trophy must return the trophy and its carrying case in good order to the BC Hockey Office within one (1) month of winning trophy. The winning Team will be responsible for any loss or damage to the trophy and carrying case while they are in their possession. The BC Hockey Representative in charge of the final series will be responsible to make certain that the above regulation is followed.

## Referees

- 5.15** Within this Branch, the three (3) referee system will be used for Senior AAA, Senior AA, Junior A, Junior B and for all BC Hockey Championship Tournaments and Playoff games. For Inter-District playoffs in the Branch, the District Director(s) shall approve the Officials. This approval shall be from a list of Officials provided by the Referees Committee member in consultation with the BC Hockey Representative in charge of the series.
- 5.16** In Minor Hockey BC Hockey Championship games, qualified Officials who have regularly officiated minor hockey will be used wherever possible.
- 5.17** In Junior B BC Hockey Championships wherever possible HCOP Level IV Officials will be used. Wherever possible no hometown officials will be used.
- 5.18** In Major Senior Mens AAA, Male Senior AA and Junior A BC Hockey Championships wherever possible HCOP Level V Officials will be used, from the list of recommendations for inter-branch competition. This list is to have input from the Male Senior and Junior A Divisional Directors.
- 5.19** In Female BC Hockey Championship games, qualified officials who have regularly officiated Female Hockey will be used wherever possible.
- 5.20** All BC Hockey Championship games shall have a qualified referee and linesman who have regularly officiated at that level of competition, wherever possible.
- 5.21** **Determination of Standings**  
For the purposes of determining standing in all BC Hockey Championship play, two (2) Points will be given for a win and one (1) for a tie.

## 5.22 Tie Breaking Procedure

In the event Teams are tied for a playoff position after a Round Robin series is completed, the following procedure shall be utilized to determine the placing of the tied teams:

- a) If two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the Round Robin game between those two (2) teams will receive the higher placing. If three (3) or more teams are tied, the team which has accumulated the most points in games against the tied teams will receive the highest placing, the team with the next most points in games against the tied teams will receive the next highest placing, and so on.
- b) If any teams remain tied after (a) has been applied, then the Team with the most wins in the round robin series (note that this includes all games in the round robin series and is not limited to games between the tied teams only) will receive the higher placing, and so on.
- c) If any teams remain tied after (a) and (b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average in games between the tied teams will receive the higher placing, and so on. The goal average of the teams is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into the total number of goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage will be awarded the higher position.
- d) If any teams remain tied after (a), (b) and (c) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average in **the round robin series (note that this includes all games in the round robin series and is not limited to games between the tied teams only)** will receive the higher placing, and so on. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into the total number of goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage will be awarded the higher position. (Example: Goals for 10, goals against 4;

- percentage is  $10/14 = .714$ ). **In determining the goal average the maximum goal differential that may be applied in any single game shall be seven (7).**
- e) If any teams remain tied after (a), (b), (c) and (d) the team that received the least minutes in penalties in the round robin games between the tied teams will receive the higher placing, and so on.
  - f) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied, then the winner of the playoff position will be decided by the toss of a coin.

## Period Times

**5.23** No overtime shall be played in a total-goal two (2) game series until one hundred and twenty (120) minutes of

hockey has been played.

**5.24** Overtime in the BC Hockey Championship Tournament Format shall be played in the games between the first and second place teams in the respective Divisions and in the games that will determine first and third overall. Overtime shall be in accordance with Hockey Canada Playing Rule 10.16.

**5.25** All BC Hockey Championship playoff games (except in Female Senior AA and A) are required to have three (3) twenty (20) minute stop time periods plus ten (10) minute breaks between each period.

**5.26** Female Senior AA and A BC Hockey Championship tournament games in round robin competition shall be required to have two 15 minute stop times periods, followed by a 15 minute break for an ice scrape or flood (at the discretion of the host committee), and a 20 minute stop time third period. Championship games shall be three 20-minute stop-time periods, with a minimum five-minute break or ice flood (at the discretion of the BC Hockey senior female director or his/her representative) between the first and second periods,

and a 15 minutes break with an ice flood between the second and third period.

### **BC Hockey Championship Game Protests**

**5.27** The procedure for protesting any game played under the direct control of BC Hockey (i.e., not including regular and playoff games played under the jurisdiction of a League or local Association) shall be as follows:

- a) Must include all evidence in support thereof.
- b) Must be in duplicate.
- c) Must be signed by the President and Secretary of the protesting Team.
  - i) If it is not feasible for the protesting Team's President and/or Secretary to sign the protest then the two (2) most senior officials available of the Club or Team may sign it.
- d) Must be presented to the BC Hockey Director or BC Hockey representative in charge of the game within twelve (12) hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made.
  - i) In case of the absence of the BC Hockey Director in charge of the series, from the locale in which the protested game was played, then such protest shall be delivered to the person appointed to represent the said BC Hockey Director.
- e) Must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, which sum shall be forfeited to the Society if the protest is disallowed.
- f) The person to whom the protest was delivered shall deliver a copy of the protest to the Protested Team without any undue delay. If this person is one other than the BC Hockey Director in charge of the game this person shall also immediately transmit, by the most expeditious manner, the full content of the protest to the BC Hockey Director in charge of the series.
- g) The Director shall speak to the Club(s) or Team Officials involved and prepare a

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report pertaining to the protest.

- 5.28** In the event the scheduling of games does not permit sufficient time to comply with the procedure set forth in above (i.e. where there is less than forty-eight (48) hours between games), then the protesting Team shall make a verbal protest immediately following the game to the person in charge of the game (other than the referee) and deposit with said person \$50.00, which sum shall be forfeited if the protest is disallowed. This person shall immediately convene a meeting with the Club or Team Officials involved and record all facts pertaining to the case. If the person in charge of the game is other than the BC Hockey Director in charge of the series then these facts shall immediately be reported to the said BC

Hockey Director.

- 5.29** In the case of any protests submitted in accordance with these regulations the President and the BC Hockey Director in charge of the series shall have full power to rule on the protests. When the President is also the Executive Committee Member in charge of the series, then the President and the Vice-President shall be authorized to act. The decision of these Executive Committee Members shall be final and may not be appealed.

- 5.30** Leagues and Local Associations may adopt their own procedures for handling protests of games played under their jurisdiction.

### **BC Hockey Major Senior Mens AAA Championships (Savage Cup)**

- 5.31** In BC Hockey Major Senior Mens AAA Championships (Savage Cup) the competitions format will consist of either:

- a) two team best of five series
- b) three team tournament, or
- c) four team tournament (Maximum)

The host team shall be responsible for the following:

- a) The applicable game assessment shall be paid to the BC Hockey representative in charge.

- b) Referees fees and allowances shall be paid in accordance with By-Law Twelve.
- c) Expenses of BC Hockey Director or BC Hockey representative in charge of the series or tournament for telephone and allowances as per By-Law Thirteen.
- d) Transportation shall be paid at a rate of \$3.60 per mile and \$2.25 per kilometer
- e) \$1000.00 per day shall be paid to each visiting team while in hotels.

**5.32** The Savage Cup Host Team guarantee shall post a guarantee of \$6,000.00 in the form of a Certified Cheque with the BC Hockey Director or a BC Hockey representative in charge of the series or tournament. This guarantee is to be used to make up any deficit in payment of fees, allowances and expenses as set out in the preceding paragraph, should gate receipts be insufficient to cover same. Any remaining balance of the guarantee after fees, expenses and allowances have been paid shall be refunded to the host Team.

### **BC Hockey Male Senior AA Championships (Coy Cup)**

**5.33** In order for a Male Senior AA Team to participate in Coy Cup Competition, said Team must:

- a) Have played six (6) games in a recognized registered League of properly registered Male Senior AA or higher Division and Category Teams on or before December 1st of the current playing season, or
- b) If said Team is not a participant in such a League, proof of participation in six (6) exhibition games against Junior B or higher category teams must be submitted in the form of six (6) original signed game reports, on or before January 10th of the current playing season.

**5.34** In BC Hockey Male Senior AA Championships (Coy Cup)

the competition format will consist of either

- a) two team best of five series
- b) three team tournament, or
- c) four team tournament (maximum)

The host team shall be responsible for the following:

- a) The applicable game assessment shall be paid to the BC Hockey representative in charge.
- b) Referees fees and allowances shall be paid in accordance with By-Law Twelve.
- c) Expenses of the BC Hockey Director or a BC Hockey representative in charge of the series for telephone and allowances as per By-Law Thirteen.
- d) Transportation will be paid to each visiting team at a rate of \$3.60 per mile and \$2.25 per kilometer.
- e) \$1,000.00 per day shall be paid to each visiting team while in hotels.

- 5.35** The Coy Cup Host Team shall post a guarantee of \$6,000.00 in the form of certified cheque with the BC Hockey Director or a BC Hockey representative in charge of the series or tournament. This guarantee is to be used to make up any deficit in the payment of fees, expenses and allowances as set out above, should gate receipts be insufficient to cover same. Any remaining balance of the guarantee, after fees, expenses and allowances have been paid, shall be refunded to the Host Team.

### **BC Hockey Female Senior Championships – General**

- 5.36** The BC Hockey Female Championship Tournament, if eight (8) or more teams are involved, shall be composed of a preliminary Round Robin Series and a Championship Series:
- a) The Preliminary Series will have the teams divided into two (2) Divisions (A & B). A Round Robin Series will be played within each division. Divisions will be seeded prior to the Tournament by a Committee chaired by the Female Senior/Recreational Director.
  - b) The Championship Series will have the first place

finisher in Division A play the second place finisher in Division B and the first place finisher in Division B play the second place finisher in Division A. The winning teams will play to determine first and second overall. The losing teams will play to determine third and fourth overall.

- c) Two (2) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) for a tie in the Round Robin games.

**5.37** The BC Hockey Female Championship Tournament, if seven (7) or fewer teams are involved, shall be a Preliminary Round Robin Series followed by a Championship Series:

- a) The Preliminary Round will have teams playing four games versus four different opponents.
- b) The Championship Series will have two semifinals (first vs. fourth, second vs. third)
- c) The semifinal winners will play in the Championship Game.

**5.38** The BC Hockey Female Championship Tournament, if six (6) or fewer teams are involved, shall be a Preliminary Round Robin Series followed by a Championship Series:

- a) The Preliminary Series will have the teams divided into two (2) Divisions (A&B).
- b) A Round Robin Series will be played within each division.
- c) Divisions will be seeded prior to the Tournament by a committee chaired by the Senior Female Director.
- d) The Championship Series will have the second place finisher in Division A play the third place finisher in Division B, with the winner playing the first place finisher in Division B; and the second place finisher in Division B play the third place finisher in Division A with the winner playing the first place finisher in Division A.
- e) The two remaining teams shall play in the

championship game.

- 5.39** The BC Hockey Female Championship Tournament, if five (5) or fewer teams are involved, shall be a single Round Robin Series:
- Two (2) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) for a tie.
  - The first and second place teams shall qualify for a championship game. The winner of this game shall be declared BC Hockey Champion.
- 5.40** In Female Hockey playdowns the receipts and accounts shall be kept entirely separate for each series played. BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts shall not be less than 70%. BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts shall be disbursed in the following order:
- Referees' fees and allowances, if required, shall be paid in accordance with By-Law Twelve.
  - Expenses of the BC Hockey Director or a BC Hockey representative in charge of the series for telephone and allowances as per By-Law Thirteen.
  - An advertising allowance as set by the President annually shall be paid if substantiated by vouchers.
  - The balance shall be returned to the host Association or Team.
- 5.41** The host Committee or Team shall provide sufficient funds to the BC Hockey Director or BC Hockey representative in charge of the Round Robin to be used to make up any deficit in the payment of fees, allowances and expenses as set out in the above paragraph, should BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts be insufficient to cover same.
- 5.42** Applications to host the BC Hockey Female Championships shall be accepted at the Annual Meeting of the Association. BC Hockey Championship venues in all divisions shall be decided from recommendations made by the Female

Hockey Committee and designations shall take place no later than November 15th of the playing season.

### **BC Hockey Female Senior AAA Championships**

- 5.43** The BC Hockey Female Senior AAA Championship Finals will be a Playoff Tournament composed of nine (9) Teams from the eight (8) Districts in the Branch (two (2) from the Lower Mainland District). In the event that the host Team is not the District representative, the host Team will be included as the tenth (10th) Team.
- 5.44** In the event all registered Senior AAA teams are members of a common league that league's playoff champion shall be declared BC Hockey champion, and there shall be no BC Hockey Championship Finals tournament.

### **BC Hockey Female Senior AA Championships**

- 5.45** If fewer than eight (8) teams qualify under 5.43 for a Senior female championship final, additional teams will qualify as follows: Districts shall be ranked first through eighth based on the previous season's provincial championship standings, one additional berth to a BC Female championship final in the current season will be granted to each district in order of these rankings until eight (8) teams are in the provincial championship tournament.

### **BC Hockey Male Junior Championships**

- 5.46** In the BC Hockey Junior Championships BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts shall be disbursed in the following order:
- The applicable game assessment shall be placed in the Society's General Account.
  - Referees fees and allowances shall be paid in accordance with By-Law Thirteen.

- c) A maximum total of \$40.00 per game shall be allowed for minor Officials (timekeeper, scorekeeper, penalty timekeeper and goal judges).
- d) Expenses of the BC Hockey Director or a BC Hockey representative in charge of series for telephone and allowances as per By-Law Twelve (In Junior B shall be charged to the Junior B Reserve Fund).
- e) The traveling teams allowed expenses will be reduced by the amount they will be paid from the team assessment guarantee. Traveling Team's allowances (providing always that gate receipts are sufficient to cover same) to be paid as follows:
  - i) Transportation for players actually participating in a game or series up to a maximum of twenty-one (21), plus Officials to a maximum of four (4) on the basis of party rate on bus or equivalent in cash, if private cars are used.
  - ii) \$700.00 per day while traveling.
  - iii) \$1250.00 per day while in hotels.
    - The basis of time to be figured on public transportation time between centers, if public transportation is available on the route used. If no public transportation is available and chartered bus is used, travel time to be figured on chartered bus time between centres. The travel day to consist of not more than ten (10) hours. Basis of payment for travel days to be as follows: five (5) hours or less will be paid at the rate of 1/2 day; and over five (5) hours will be paid at the full day rate.
- f) A sum of \$50.00 per game shall be paid to the home Team, to cover incidental expenses, provided that gate receipts are sufficient to cover same.
- g) An advertising allowance as set by the President annually shall be paid if substantiated by vouchers.
- h) In Junior A the balance should be divided equally

between the participating teams. In Junior B the balance shall be divided as follows – 60% to the home Team; 10% to each of the 3 participating teams; and 10% to the Junior B Reserve Fund.

- 5.47** The Home Team in the BC Hockey Junior B Championships shall be required to post a guarantee of \$1,500.00 in the form of a certified cheque, or cash prior to the start of the two (2) out of three (3) series.
- 5.48** The Home Team in the BC Hockey Junior A Championships shall be required to post a guarantee of \$1,000.00 per game prior to the start of said series.
- 5.49** Posted guarantees in the Junior A and Junior B series shall be paid to the BC Hockey Director or BC Hockey representative in charge of the series, to be used to make up any deficit in the payment of fees, allowances and expenses, should BC Hockey 's share of the gate receipts be insufficient to cover same. Any remaining balance of the guarantee, after fees, expenses and allowances have been paid, shall be refunded to the Home Team.
- 5.50** Junior B finals are to be scheduled not earlier than the week of March the 15th.
- 5.51** A tournament format shall be used to determine the BC Hockey Champion. Four teams shall participate in the tournament (the three League Champions plus a host team).
- 5.52** In the BC Hockey Junior B Championships, the host will be determined as follows:

Year	Host League
2009-2010	VIJHL
2010-2011	KIJHL
2011-2012	PIJHL

- \* Following the 2011-2012 season the above schedule will repeat.

## Minor Hockey Championships – Host Rotations

<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	Vancouver Island	North Western	West Kootenay	North East/Yukon
Bantam	West Kootenay	Okanagan	North Central	East Kootenay
Pee Wee	East Kootenay	North East/Yukon	Lower Mainland	Okanagan
<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	North Central	Lower Mainland	North Western	West Kootenay
Bantam	North Western	Vancouver Island	East Kootenay	Okanagan
Pee Wee	Okanagan	West Kootenay	North East/Yukon	Vancouver Island
<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	North East/Yukon	East Kootenay	Lower Mainland	North Western
Bantam	Lower Mainland	North Central	West Kootenay	Vancouver Island
Pee Wee	Vancouver Island	North Western	Okanagan	North Central
<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	West Kootenay	Okanagan	East Kootenay	Lower Mainland
Bantam	East Kootenay	North East/Yukon	North Western	North Central
Pee Wee	North Central	Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	North East/Yukon
<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	North Western	Vancouver Island	Okanagan	East Kootenay
Bantam	Okanagan	West Kootenay	Lower Mainland	North West
Pee Wee	North East/Yukon	East Kootenay	North Central	North East/Yukon
<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	Lower Mainland	North Central	Vancouver Island	East Kootenay
Bantam	Vancouver Island	North Western	North East/Yukon	North East/Yukon
Pee Wee	West Kootenay	Okanagan	East Kootenay	West Kootenay
<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	East Kootenay	North East/Yukon	North Central	Vancouver Island
Bantam	North Central	Lower Mainland	Okanagan	North Western
Pee Wee	North Western	Vancouver Island	West Kootenay	Lower Mainland
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
Midget	Okanagan	West Kootenay	North East/Yukon	North Central
Bantam	North East/Yukon	East Kootenay	Vancouver Island	Lower Mainland
Pee Wee	Lower Mainland	North Central	North Western	East Kootenay

**NOTE: Following the 2014-2015 season this schedule will repeat.**

**5.53** The host District will designate their intent to hold the above noted BC Hockey Championship and this designation is to take place no later than January 1st of the year prior.

- 5.54** A BC Hockey Director or Officer will ensure that all proper arrangements have been made by the hosting Association and following this all BC Hockey Teams and Associations will be advised in writing as to full details, such as place, times, contact, telephone number, arena admission fees, etc.
- 5.55** In all BC Hockey Championships, the District winner must be declared a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the date set for the championships. All BC Hockey Championships, where possible, will be held during the school spring break. **Note: This Regulation does not apply to Juvenile.**
- 5.56** The BC Hockey Championship Tournament, if eight (8) or more teams are involved, shall be composed of a preliminary Round Robin Series and a Championship Series.
- a) The Preliminary Series will have the teams divided into two (2) Divisions (A & B). A Round Robin Series will be played within each Division. A Committee chaired by the Minor Hockey Chairperson will seed divisions prior to the Tournament.
  - b) In the Championship Series:
    - i) The first place finisher in Division A will play the second place finisher in Division B
    - ii) The first place finisher in Division B will play the second place finisher in Division A.
    - iii) The winning teams will play to determine first and second overall.
    - iv) The losing teams will play to determine third and fourth overall.
- 5.57** The BC Hockey Championship Tournament, if seven (7) or fewer teams are involved, shall be a single Round Robin Series with the first and second place teams qualifying for a Championship game. The winner of this game shall be declared BC Hockey Champion.

- 5.58** The BC Hockey Championship Tournament, if three (3) teams are involved, shall be a double Round Robin Series with the first and second place teams qualifying for a Championship game. The winner of this game shall be declared BC Hockey Champion.
- 5.59** The BC Hockey Championship, if two teams are involved, shall be a best two (2) out of three (3) series.
- 5.60** The gate receipts for the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget BC Hockey Championship Tournaments shall be handled by BC Hockey. BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts of such series shall be disbursed in the following order:
- Referees' fees and allowances, if required, shall be paid in accordance with By-Law Twelve.
  - Expenses of the BC Hockey Director or BC Hockey representative in charge of the series for telephone and allowance as per By-Law Thirteen.
  - The balance shall be returned to the host Association.
- 5.61** The host Association shall provide sufficient funds to the BC Hockey Director or BC Hockey representative in charge of the BC Hockey Championship Tournament to be used to make up any deficit in the payment of fees, allowances and expenses as set out above should BC Hockey's share of the gate receipts be insufficient to cover same.
- 5.62** The Arena or Home Team is responsible for the cost of printing tickets, selling tickets, providing ushers and all other arena personnel. Minor Officials in conjunction with the BC Hockey Director are the responsibility of the host Association.
- 5.63** BC Hockey Minor Hockey Championship finals will be a playoff tournament composed of ten (10) teams (one from each of the eight (8) districts in the branch, an additional team from the Lower Mainland District, and the host team).

- a) The host team shall participate in addition to the district representatives outline above.
- b) In the Tier 4 category the playoff tournament (male only) will be composed of nine (9) teams as the Lower Mainland will be limited to one team.
- c) The Yukon will be considered a District and will be allowed to send a representative team directly to the BC Hockey Championship.
- d) In the event that the number of participating teams in the BC Hockey Championship Tournament (including the host team) is fewer than six (6), additional “wild card” teams shall be included to bring the number of participating teams to six (6). The format for determining “wild card” teams shall be determined annually by the Minor Committee.

### **BC Hockey Juvenile Championships**

**5.64** The Juvenile BC Hockey Championships will be held to coincide with the second weekend of the British Columbia school spring break.

**5.65** BC Hockey Juvenile Championship Host Districts will be as follows:

2010 – 2011	North West
2011 – 2012	Lower Mainland
2012 – 2013	North East/Yukon
2013 – 2014	Okanagan Mainline
2014 – 2015	Vancouver Island
2015 – 2016	North Central
2016 – 2017	East Kootenay
2017 – 2018	West Kootenay

**NOTE: Following the 2018-2019 season this schedule will repeat.**

### **BC Hockey Tier 1 Championships (Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget)**

**5.66** Tier 1 Teams will play for the BC Hockey Championship and will represent the Branch at Bantam and Pee Wee Inter-Branch competitions.

**BC Hockey Tier 2 Championships (Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget)**

**5.67** Tier 2 Teams will play for the BC Hockey Championship and will not be eligible for Inter-Branch Competition.

**BC Hockey Tier 3 Championships (Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget)**

**5.68** Tier 3 Teams will play for the BC Hockey Championship and will not be eligible for Inter-Branch Competition.

**5.69 BC Hockey Female Minor Championships – Host Rotation**

	<b>Midget</b>	<b>Bantam</b>	<b>Pee Wee</b>
<b>2007-2008</b>	Vancouver Island	North Western	North Central
<b>2008-2009</b>	North Central	Lower Mainland	North East/Yukon
<b>2009-2010</b>	North East/Yukon	East Kootenay	West Kootenay
<b>2010-2011</b>	West Kootenay	Okanagan	North Western
<b>2011-2012</b>	North Western	Vancouver Island	Lower Mainland
<b>2012-2013</b>	Lower Mainland	North Central	Okanagan
<b>2013-2014</b>	East Kootenay	North East/Yukon	East Kootenay
<b>2014-2015</b>	Okanagan	West Kootenay	Vancouver Island

**Note: Following the 2014-2015 season this schedule will repeat.**

## **Regulation 6: Ineligible Players, Protests, Discipline**

### **Ineligible Player**

- 6.01** Any ineligible player or team official who signs the game sheet and/or participates in any BC Hockey sanctioned game will cause their team to forfeit the game regardless of the score of the game. The team official(s) responsible will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation.
- 6.02** If an ineligible Player or Team Official is used in any BC Hockey Championship game, the Team will automatically be disqualified. All games involving the disqualified team will be forfeited.
- 6.03** Every Team shall be responsible for the representations made to the Association regarding the age of Junior, Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, and Pee Wee players.
- a) In the event of a Team being successfully protested for playing a player over age in any playoff games:
    - i) The Team shall be dropped from the year's competition
    - ii) The playoff games of the round protested only shall be disregarded
  - b) In the case a Team is protested for playing a player over age in games preceding the playoffs:
    - i) The player shall be dropped and at the discretion of the BC Hockey Officers,
    - ii) The Team itself may be allowed to continue in competition, all games won while playing the over age player shall be awarded to the Team or Teams which have competed against it. In case a Team is not allowed to continue in competition, all games against it shall be cancelled.

## **Suspensions**

- 6.04** A suspended player, referee, linesman, official scorer, game time keeper or any Official of any Team, League or Association shall not participate in any capacity whatsoever in exhibition, jamborees, tournaments, League or playoff games, nor shall they act in any official capacity within the confines of this Society or affiliated organizations during the term of their suspension.
- 6.05** For suspensions in effect prior to the Christmas break, the days between the last scheduled league game or tournament prior to the Christmas break, and the first scheduled league game or tournament shall not be included in determining the number of days served.

## **Falsification of Registration**

- 6.06** Any player proven guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or of having had knowledge that same has been falsified, or of playing on other than that player's own birth certificate, will be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any Team affiliated with BC Hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of that player's suspension.
- 6.07** Any Officer, or Executive Member, of a Team, Club or Association, proven guilty of having been a party to, or having had such knowledge of such falsification, shall be automatically suspended for not less than twenty (20) years from playing or holding office, with any Team, League or Association affiliated with BC Hockey.
- 6.08 Damaging Property**  
Any player, Team Official, or Club found guilty of damaging property shall be subject to such disciplinary action that may be deemed necessary.

## Regulation 7: Officiating Program

### General

- 7.01** The object of this Program shall be to provide efficient, well qualified Officials for the game of hockey, within the area of jurisdiction as set out below. It shall also be the aim of this Program to promote good fellowship among the officials, to aid and assist in the betterment of hockey and to maintain a high standard of relationship with Association members, Officials and coaches of the various Teams, Leagues to whom the Referees shall make its services available.
- 7.02** The jurisdiction of the Referee Committee and Referees shall extend to all organized hockey played within the Society as described in the BC Hockey Constitution.
- 7.03** The Referees' Committee Members shall provide information regarding referees to the Branch President, Division Directors and District Directors for all BC Hockey Championships and to the League Presidents, Referees-in-Chief or Associations for League and Exhibition games, so that only registered Referees or Linesmen are assigned for games within the Branch. Should any referee or linesman solicit or allow themselves to be solicited to officiate in any game of a nonaffiliated Association, League or Club within the jurisdiction of BC Hockey without approval, then such Official may be subject to suspension.
- 7.04** No referee or linesman shall be permitted to officiate in games outside the Society without a request in writing and approval of this Society.
- 7.05** All games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey shall be officiated by BC Hockey recognized Officials.

## Structure

**7.06** The Structure of the Officiating Program shall be as follows:

Officials must attend at least one (1) referee's clinic during the year of certification, or have transferred from another Hockey Canada Referees' Branch Program, and be able to meet the standards established within the officiating program.

**7.07** Referees will be classified under the following:

Level	PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS	OTHER REQUIREMENTS
I	- new referee - non-competitive minor hockey	- attendance at Level I Clinic
II	- referee - competitive minor hockey	- attendance at Level II Clinic - minimum of 70% on a national evaluation
III	- referee minor hockey playoffs - linesmen in Junior B, C, D, Senior AA, A, B, C, Community College	- certification at Level II - attendance at Level III Clinic - minimum 80% on a national evaluation
IV	- referee in Junior B, C, D, Senior A, B, C, Community College - minor hockey BC Hockey Championships - linesman in Junior A, Senior AAA, C.I.A.U. Inter-Branch and International Competition	- certification at Level III - attendance at Level IV Clinic - minimum 80% on a national evaluation
V	- referee in Junior A, Senior AA, AAA, CIAU	- certification at Level IV - attendance at Level V Clinic - minimum 90% on a national evaluation
VI	- referee National Championship - referee in designated IIHF competition	- certification at Level V - attendance at Level VI Clinic - minimum 90% on a national evaluation

**7.08 Qualifications for BC Hockey Championships**

In Minor Hockey BC Hockey Championship games, qualified officials who have regularly officiated minor hockey will be used, whenever possible.

In Junior "B" BC Hockey Championships, whenever possible, HCOP Level IV Officials will be used.

In Junior and Male Senior BC Hockey Championships, whenever possible, HCOP Level V Officials will be used.

In Female BC Hockey Championships, qualified officials who have regularly officiated Female Hockey will be used whenever possible

**Development Fees**

**7.09** Annual Development Fees covering regular clinics for each year shall become due not later than December 31st of the previous year. These dues are reviewed and approved by the Officers and Finance Committee of BC Hockey.

**7.10** Fees for other Branches Recognized referees transferred to BC are payable at the time of application to the BC Hockey.

**7.11 Development Fee Amount**

Development fees are to be used for administration, special meetings, clinic expenses, membership, credentials and materials.

**7.12 Game Fees and Expenses**

Fees and expenses for playoff games will be as set out under By-Law Twelve of the BC Hockey Constitution.

**Referees Committee**

**7.13** The Committee of this Organization shall be the Referees Committee, as per By-Law Seven.

**7.14** The Chairperson shall be responsible to direct the

duties of the Referees' Committee to attain the object of the Officiating Program and continuity of refereeing throughout the Branch. The Chairperson shall work in close harmony with the BC Hockey Development Coordinator and shall chair all meetings of the Referees Committee.

- 7.15** The Referee-in-Chief shall work in close with the BC Hockey Development Coordinator and shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Referee-in-Chief shall issue instructions, give and circulate rule interpretations to all Referees so that the rules may be uniformly interpreted throughout the Branch.
- 7.16** The Committee members shall be responsible to assist the Development Coordinator in setting up and coordinating clinics within their respective Districts. Committee members shall ensure that the regulation and objectives of Regulation 7 – Officiating Program and the Duties of the Referees' Committee are adhered to.
- 7.17** The Administrator/Supervisor shall keep a full and accurate record of all meeting of the Committee.

### **Suspensions**

- 7.18** The Chairperson or BC Hockey Referee-in-Chief or a BC Hockey Referee's Committee Member shall have the power to suspend a referee or linesman, for up thirty (30) days, for the following reasons:
- a) Failure to report for an assignment when properly notified and with sufficient cause.
  - b) Tardiness.
  - c) Failure to maintain the standard of cleanliness and dress prescribed by the Officiating Program.
  - d) Conduct unbecoming of an Official.

- 7.19** The Chairperson of BC Hockey Referee-in-Chief or a BC Hockey Referee's Committee Member shall have the power to suspend a referee or linesman indefinitely for the following reasons:
- Reporting for an assignment under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
  - Striking a player, coach, Team Official or spectator
  - Non-compliance with the Hockey Canada Rule Book.
  - Repeated or serious situations under the reasons set out above.
- 7.20** The Chairperson or BC Hockey Referee-in-Chief or a BC Hockey Referees' Committee Member giving such suspension shall report in writing to the President the circumstances of the suspension. The President will determine the length of the suspension.

### **Dress and Equipment**

- 7.21** A member of the Officiating Program, in the course of duty as an Official, shall be neat and clean in appearance and is to be properly dressed at all times.
- 7.22** Official dress shall include the official referee sweater with Branch crest(s), black trousers, polished skates and clean white laces, whistle(s), necessary protectors including CSA approved helmets (preferably black in colour), to which a CSA approved visor must be securely attached and not altered in any way, and a measuring device.
- 7.23** The Official Referee and Linesman Sweater are to be Black and White. Referees shall wear red armbands.

### **Reports**

- 7.24** Any reports covering the explanation of Match Penalties or Gross Misconducts or other serious offences, such as Team(s) being withdrawn from the ice and/or refusing

to continue play, shall be written on the reverse side of the original copy of the game score sheet and forwarded immediately, the same day of the game, to the BC Hockey President, or President's appointee, for action. If an appeal hearing is granted all the pertinent information supplied by the Referee, Linesman and other game Officials or Executive member shall, upon request, be made available to the suspended individual or agent in writing prior to the hearing.

- 7.25** In games played under the jurisdiction of the local League or Association, Misconduct penalties within the last ten (10) minutes of the end of game and all Game Misconduct penalties shall be reported to the local League or Association President by the referee.
- 7.26** Misconduct penalties within the last ten (10) minutes of the end of game, Game Misconduct penalties, Gross Misconduct penalties, and Match penalties in playoff games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey, shall be reported to the BC Hockey Director, or BC Hockey appointee, in charge of the series or game. The Director or appointee will then report to the President of BC Hockey for any action the President may deem necessary.