

2013-14 SEASON

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ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION MANUAL





Hockey Manitoba is excited to host the inaugural Season Opener event to take place **September 27-29, 2013** at Radisson Downtown Winnipeg by Canad Inns. The new event expands upon what used to be the Hockey Manitoba Fall Board Meetings and has changed format to provide opportunity for all stakeholders in the game across Manitoba to receive more education and insight into the game of hockey.

The 2013-14 Season Opener will feature a social gathering and hot stove session during the evening of September 27th with some of today's most renowned hockey and sports leaders. These special guests include **Bob Nicholson** (President/CEO of Hockey Canada), **Jeff Hnatiuk** (CEO of Sport Manitoba) and staff personnel of the **Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club**. Day two of the event, September 28th, will host the Information Forum & Tradeshow featuring special presentations with Hockey Canada personnel such as *Bodychecking in Today's Game* with Bob Nicholson, *Concussion Prevention & Management* with **Dr. Glen Bergeron**, *Keys for Optimal Player Development – Growth & Development Principles* with **Dr. Stephen Norris** and will also include additional presentations by the Western Hockey League and Hockey Manitoba. Participants will also enjoy a luncheon and tradeshow on the Saturday of the event. The weekend will conclude on September 29th with Hockey Manitoba Council meetings for delegates which essentially replaces the previous setting for Fall Board of Directors Meetings to conduct pertinent business around that time of year.

Event registration only \$25/person (KIDS FREE), includes:

- Event registration package and lanyard
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday night and lunch on Saturday
- Door prize draws throughout the weekend including 2013-14 Winnipeg Jets tickets
- Friday evening social gathering/hot stove with special guests Bob Nicholson, Jeff Hnatiuk and others
- Saturday Information Forum featuring presentations from Hockey Canada & Hockey Manitoba
- Saturday Season Opener Tradeshow

Also, a ticket will be received for each registered Minor Hockey Association member attending the Season Opener for a chance to **win 1 of 2 - \$1,000 jersey/equipment credits** through Reebok/CCM and Hockey Manitoba for the Association!

Don't miss out on this informative and educational hockey opportunity,
REGISTER FOR THE SEASON OPENER NOW AT WWW.HOCKEYMANITOBA.CA

SAVE BY STAYING AT RADISSON DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG!

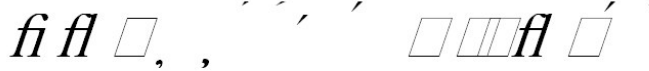
Hockey Manitoba encourages everyone attending the Season Opener to book their accommodation at the Radisson Downtown Winnipeg by Canad Inns. To book your room(s) and receive a preferred rate of **\$109.00/night** simply contact the hotel at 1-800-339-5238 or locally at 204-975-6238 or 204-975-6221. Please indicate you are making your reservation under the "Hockey Manitoba Block".



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Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the start of the 2013 – 2014 hockey season. The Branch is once again looking forward to a very exciting and eventful season.

The goal of Hockey Manitoba is to provide a positive hockey experience for all participants within a safe sportsmanlike environment where individuals can develop not only hockey skills but also the qualities of honesty, integrity, self-esteem and respect. The role of the Minor hockey organization is pivotal in the operation, management and development of these positive experiences and is an important bridge in the creation of memories that will contribute to players' longevity in the game of hockey.

Hockey Manitoba is grateful for your organization's commitment, time and effort that you have devoted to the game of hockey. Without the outstanding contribution of volunteers, hockey would not enjoy the tremendous level of success or popularity throughout the province. Hockey is the sport of choice in Canada and the Branch relies on your knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm to assist in the delivery of an outstanding program to both the male and female youth of our province.

As a partner of Hockey Manitoba, I hope that we can work together to continue to deliver a quality program to all members whether they are officials, coaches, players, parents or administrators.

With over 30,000 members, the sport is recognized as the largest Provincial Sport Organization in Manitoba and is considered a leader in the sporting community. Please feel free to utilize the staff at the Hockey Manitoba office or your Regional Director should you have questions, concerns or simply require clarification. In addition, please visit our website to find the most up to date and current information at www.hockeymanitoba.ca.

This manual outlines the registration process and provides information on various different regulations governing hockey at the minor hockey level. You will also be receiving copies of the 2013 – 2014 Constitution, Regulations and Rules of Competition handbook that is to be used for your association and distributed to your coaching staff accordingly.

Finally, it is important for each Minor Hockey Association to make themselves aware of the results of the motions and regulation changes adopted at the 2013 AGM.

Once again thank you for your commitment to the development of hockey within the province of Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Peter Woods
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2013 – 2014 CALENDER OF EVENTS

ff □ fl, fl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Final date for Junior teams to declare themselves operative to Hockey Manitoba. 13-15 U-18 POE vs. U of M Bison Invitational (Winnipeg, MB) 27-29 Hockey Manitoba Fall Board Meeting (Winnipeg, MB)
□, fl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Final date for submission of minor Provincials Host Applications 3-6 Bantam AAA Showcase 1 - Male and Female (Winnipeg, MB) TBD Tim Horton's FaceOff 12 Hockey Canada Female Long Game (Various Locations, MB) 18-20 Hockey Canada Fall Council Meeting (Montreal, QC) 31-Nov 2 Western Canada U-16 Challenge Cup (Calgary, AB)
□ □ fl, fl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-10 World Junior A Challenge (Yarmouth, NS) 6-10 National Women's U18 Championship (Calgary, AB) 15-16 Hockey Canada Semi Annual Meeting (Toronto, ON)
fl □ fl, fl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Final date to obtain Coaching Certification for Initiation, Coach Level, Development 1, Safety and Respect in Sport. 1 Final date by which Junior clubs must reduce roster to 25 cards 1 Final date for submission of Transfer Applications for Minor Aged Players to the Hockey Manitoba office. 1 Final date for submission of rosters and Provincials play-off applications for minor teams. 1 Final date for the application of inter-regional transfers to Regional Registration Committee. 15 Final date for filing affiliation agreements (Team on Team). 15 Final date for submissions of play-off applications for Senior Teams. 28-29 Manitoba Games Camps (Various Locations, MB) 29- Jan 4 World Under-17 Challenge (Cape Breton, NS)
□ □	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Final date for releasing players to be eligible to register up until February 10. 10 Final date for Senior AAA and Junior teams to reduce rosters. 17-18 Hockey Manitoba Semi Annual Meeting (Winnipeg, MB) 15 Final date to declare Affiliate Players
fl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Final date for submission of Overage Applications to Regional Directors. 10 Final date for registration of Senior and Junior Players. 10 Final date for signing Minor Aged Players released from teams of higher divisions or categories on or before January 10. 10 Final date for Inter-Branch Transfers for Senior and Junior Players. 16-17 Scotiabank Girls HockeyFest (Winnipeg & Brandon, MB) 21-23 Male Bantam Provincials (Various Locations, MB) 28-Mar 2 Male Atom, Female Pee Wee & Female Midget Provincials (Various Locations, MB)
□	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-8 Manitoba Games (Winkler/Stanley/Morden, MB) 7-9 Male Pee Wee & Midget, Female Atom & Female Bantam Provincials (Various Locations, MB) 13-16 Senior Female Provincials 14-16 Bantam AAA Rural Championships - Male (Host TBD)

- 14-16 Bantam AAA Rural Championships - Female (Host TBD)
- 21-23 Bantam AAA Provincial Finals - Male (Rural Champ Host)
- TBD Reebok Skills Spring Break Camp (Winnipeg, MB)
- 30-31 Male & Female Program of Excellence Spring Tournament (Wpg)

- TBD Midget AAA TELUS Cup Regionals (Mintos, SK)
- TBD Esso Cup Female Midget AAA Regionals (SK)
- 3-6 Western Canada Bantam Championship (BC)
- 3-6 Western Junior Female Championship (AB)
- 11-13 Regional Development Squads (Various Locations)
- 11-13 Senior Female Western Shield Championship (AB)
- 14-20 Senior Allan Cup Championship (Dundas, ON)
- 17-20 Western Canadian Junior B Championship (BC)
- TBD Hockey Manitoba Cup Adult Rec. Provincials (Winnipeg, MB)
- 20-27 Esso Female Midget Championship Stoney Creek/Hamilton, ON)
- 21-27 TELUS Cup - Midget National Championship (Moose Jaw, SK)
- 25-27 Director's Cup Prospects Tournament (Interlake)
- 25 – May 4 Junior A Western Canada Cup (Dauphin, MB)
- Apr/May Reebok Skills – Female Bantam High Performance (Winnipeg/Brandon, MB)

- 2-4 Hockey Manitoba Annual General Meeting (Winnipeg, MB)
- 8-11 Program of Excellence TOP-40 Camp (Winnipeg)
- 10-18 Royal Bank Cup National Jr. A Championship (Vernon, BC)
- 16-25 Memorial Cup Championship (London, ON)
- 30 – Jun 1 Hockey Canada AGM (Calgary, AB)

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES & INFORMATION

Information within this package will provide you with a summary of procedures to follow when registering your members and teams. Please refer to the Hockey Manitoba Constitution, Regulations & Rules of Competition handbook for all detailed regulations. Each Minor Hockey Association will receive handbooks for their executive/teams and other information pertaining to Hockey Manitoba programs and/or regulations. Should your Association require additional copies, please contact the Hockey Manitoba office and we will send you the appropriate numbers. For an additional copy of this manual please visit our website <http://www.hockeymanitoba.ca/wp/members/forms>.

Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) Database

Minor Hockey Associations are required to utilize the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) database to register their players, team officials and teams. Associations must ensure that they have completed all required forms to initiate access to the HCR system.

Hockey Manitoba will no longer offer in-person training for HCR use. Training will be provided through on-line tutorials found on the Hockey Manitoba website in the Members section (Hockey Canada Registry).

Although data entry will be completed directly by Minor Hockey Associations, approval is required by the appropriate Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar. Please contact Esther Thiessen at esther@hockeymanitoba.ca for additional information on the HCR database.

Registration Process Summary

The registration process completed through the HCR database allows Hockey Manitoba to remove the need for physical roster sheets and parent signatures. Once all HCR access waiver forms have been completed by the Minor Hockey Association they will be able to begin using the system.

1. All players, coaches and team officials will fill out and sign a registration form provided by your association. These forms are used by the association registrar in the data entry process into the HCR system. Please note all registration forms must have the Hockey Manitoba privacy policy statement included. Associations are required to verify the age (via birth certificate, health card etc.) for all first time players.
2. Change of residence forms (that can be found on the Hockey Manitoba website) must be submitted to the Hockey Manitoba zone registrar for all members that have permanently moved.
3. Once teams have been formed a team listing of players and team officials should be submitted to the association registrar. Hockey Manitoba teams must have a minimum 10 players and maximum 19 players.
4. The association registrar will cross reference the list of players with the registration forms to ensure there is documentation for each player and verify eligibility.
5. The association registrar will enter the players and team officials into the HCR database and request team approval from the appropriate Hockey Manitoba zone registrar.
6. Once approval has been granted by the zone registrar approved rosters are available in the HCR database for the association registrar to distribute to the teams as needed.

Membership & Insurance Fees

Previously, payment of registration fees was required with the submission of team rosters to the Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar. To more effectively manage the collection of fees Hockey Manitoba has moved to a system where associations will be invoiced based on the previous year's registration numbers. Each Association will receive a copy of this invoice in their registration package. 50% of fees are due on October 15th of the current season and the balance due November 15th of the current season.

Registration fees are made payable to Hockey Manitoba and now forwarded directly to the main office at:

508 – 145 Pacific Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3B 2Z6

Please Note: Associations will continue to forward payments for tournament sanctions to their respective Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar.

Once a reconciliation of registration numbers is completed by Hockey Manitoba on March 15th, we will invoice or credit each association accordingly. Please note that **Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrars will be advised of any associations that have not submitted their fees by each deadline and will not approve team rosters until fees are paid.**

MINOR HOCKEY FORM INFORMATION

There are a number of hockey forms that Minor Hockey Associations will need to access for various reasons each season. Hockey Manitoba is no longer circulating hard copies of these forms to associations as they can all be found and downloaded from the Hockey Manitoba website at <http://www.hockeymanitoba.ca/wp/members/forms>. Examples are:

Overage Application – This form is used for players requesting to play in a lower age division.

Player Transfer Application – Players requesting to register outside of their home association must fill out this form.

Under 10/Over 19 Player Roster Application – This must be completed when requesting permission to register a team with a) less than 10 players or b) more than 19 players.

Change of Residence Form – When parents change their permanent residence, this form must be completed by the parents and submitted to the appropriate Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar.

Tournament Sanction Request – Associations must complete this form and sanction every tournament with their respective Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar. Payment for tournament sanctions must also be submitted directly to the zone registrar.

Travel Permit Request – All teams traveling outside of Manitoba must complete a travel permit request and submit it to the Hockey Manitoba office with the appropriate payment.

Minor Provincial Host Application – This form is used to apply to host a provincial championship. Please be sure to review the hosting matrix & criteria prior to applying. Applications must be submitted to Hockey Manitoba prior to October 1st of the current season.

Minor Provincial Registration Form – Associations complete this form to identify which teams will be entering provincial championship competition. The form must be submitted (via mail, fax or email) to your respective Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar by December 1st each season.

Scholarship Applications – Hockey Manitoba offers several scholarships to members that are graduating from high school each season. Please note the application deadline is March 1st.

Volunteer Recognition Forms – A number of different programs to identify our well deserving volunteers each season are available including the Volunteer of the Month, Volunteer of the Year and Grassroots Coaching Awards. Please review each form for the nomination procedures.

Hockey Canada Injury Report – If a member of Hockey Manitoba sustains injury during a sanctioned event this form should be submitted to the Hockey Manitoba office. Please note that all injuries must be reported within **90 days** to qualify for insurance coverage.

Legacy Fund Applications – Hockey Manitoba has established two legacy funds (World Women's Legacy Fund & Development Legacy Fund) for hockey development projects that are available to members and associations through an application process. Please review the criteria carefully when preparing an application.

REGISTRATION DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	a) Deadline for submissions of new and existing minor hockey amalgamations. b) Final date for submission of Minor Provincial Host Applications
December 1	a) Final date for coaches to obtain certification for Initiation, Coach, Development 1, Respect in Sport and Safety programs. b) Final date for the application of inter-regional transfers to the Regional Registration Committee. c) Final date for submission of transfers to the Hockey Manitoba office. d) Final date for submission of rosters in the HCR database to be eligible for Provincial Play-offs (does not include final date of registering players). e) Final date for submission of Provincial Play-off application form to enter provincial competition.
January 10	Final date for releasing players to be eligible to register up until February 10 th (all categories).
February 10	Final date for registering new players or players released from teams on or before January 10.

2013-2014 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

February 21-23	Male Bantam Provincial Championships
February 28 – March 2	Male Atom, Female Midget and Female Pee Wee Provincial Championships
March 7-9	Male Pee Wee and Male Midget, Female Atom and Female Bantam Provincial Championships
March 14-16	Male and Female Rural Bantam AAA Provincial Championships
March 21-23	Male Bantam AAA Provincial Finals

Note: Minor Hockey Associations wishing to host a 2013-2014 Provincial Championship must complete a host application form by October 1, 2013. A bulletin outlining the process was distributed and all information including the application form can be found on our website. Please see the Hockey Manitoba handbook for a complete list of regulations pertaining to the provincial championships including categories of competition.

MINOR HOCKEY AGE CATEGORIES

Midget	for players born in 1996, 1997, 1998 & subsequent years
Bantam	for players born in 1999, 2000 & subsequent years
Peewee	for players born in 2001, 2002 & subsequent years
Atom	for players born in 2003, 2004 & subsequent years
Novice	for players born in 2005, 2006 & subsequent years
Initiation	for players born in 2007, 2008 & subsequent years

SAFETY FOR ALL

Please note all Hockey Manitoba members can view Hockey Canada's Safety for All booklet in the **Members** section of our website. This booklet outlines the Hockey Canada insurance policy, proper use of equipment, fair play codes and other important safety issues. All coaches and parents should be aware of this information.

HOCKEY CANADA INSURANCE PROGRAM

When are you covered?

1. Hockey Canada/Branch sanctioned events (league games, tournaments, practices, training camps, sanctioned fundraisers) when playing member teams only!
2. Transportation directly to and from the arena or venue.
3. Accommodations while billeted or at a hotel during a Hockey Canada/Branch sanctioned hockey activity.

Major Medical / Dental Coverage

Please refer to the "Safety for All" handbook for complete details of the Hockey Canada Insurance program including the policy limits.

This insurance augments Provincial, Medical and Hospital plans. It covers players, coaches, referees and other designated volunteers against accidents that occur during participation in a Hockey Canada/Branch sanctioned activity.

This plan is designed to provide coverage for those who might otherwise not be covered by any other group health insurance plan. It can also serve as a supplement to other similar coverage an individual or family may hold, to achieve

maximum allowable coverage. It is not applicable as an addition when another plan's coverage meets or exceeds the allowable amount.

How to make a Claim

- 1) SECURE a Hockey Canada Injury Report Form from your team or Minor Hockey Association. In the event that there are none available, contact Hockey Manitoba or download the form at www.hockeymanitoba.ca under the 'Members' tab and select 'Insurance Program'.
- 2) COMPLETE the form in its entirety. Have your team official complete the team section and your Doctor/Dentist complete the back of the form.
- 3) SUBMIT the fully completed form to your Branch office (along with any receipts or invoices) within 90 days of the date of injury.

NOTE:

- Only Injury Report Forms received in the Branch office **within 90 days of the date of injury** will be accepted.
- Forms must be completed in their entirety or the forms will be returned.
- Only original receipts and/or invoices are acceptable (If originals have been forwarded to a primary insurer, copies are acceptable). **DO NOT FAX IN CLAIMS**
- Hockey Canada is **strictly a supplemental insurer**. If you have access to any other insurance, you **MUST** pursue your claim through them first. Hockey Canada shall cover those costs not covered by your primary insurance to our policy limits.
- For **all teams travelling to the USA** for sanctioned tournaments/games: All players **MUST** have some form of primary insurance to be eligible for Hockey Canada's supplemental insurance
- To all teams acquiring players from the USA: all **USA players MUST have primary insurance coverage** to be eligible for Hockey Canada's supplemental insurance.
- Hockey Manitoba recommends that you pay all ambulance bills and seek personal reimbursement from Hockey Canada. The claims take a long time to process and late fees will not be covered.
- Claims may take up to 8-12 weeks or more to process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COVERAGE, POLICY LIMITS AND ADDITIONAL FEATURES OF THE INSURANCE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOCKEY MANITOBA OFFICE.

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COACH CERTIFICATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 1, 2013

Age Group	Level 1	Level 2
Initiation (6 & Under)	Intro to Coach (IP)	Intro to Coach (IP)
Novice (7 & 8)	Intro to Coach (IP) OR Coach	Intro to Coach (IP) OR Coach
Atom (9 & 10)	Coach	Coach
Peewee (11 & 12)	Coach	Coach
Bantam AAA	Dev. 1	Coach
Bantam AA	Coach	Coach
Bantam A, B, C, D	Coach	Coach
Midget AAA	HP 1	Dev. 1
Midget AA, A, B, C	Coach	Coach
High School	Coach	Coach
Juvenile	Coach	Coach

Junior A	HP 1	Dev. 1
Junior B	Dev. 1	Coach
Junior C, OA, Female	Coach	Coach
Senior AAA	Dev. 1	Coach
Senior A, B, C, D	Respect In Sport	Respect In Sport
Female Senior AA, A, B	Dev. 1	Coach
Team Manitoba (POE)	HP 1	Dev. 1
Canada Games	HP 1	HP 1
Manitoba Games	Dev. 1	Coach

Please note that all registered team officials (coaches, managers, etc.) must have Respect In Sport prior to December 1st, 2013

HOCKEY MANITOBA COACH CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

1. Certification for the Intro to Coach (Initiation), Coach, Development I, Respect in Sport and Safety programs must be obtained **on or before December 1st, 2013**.
2. All Coaches/Instructors coaching 6 years of age and under teams must have the Intro to Coach (Initiation) training. All coaches/instructors coaching 7 & 8 years of age (Novice) must have either the Intro to Coach or Coach Stream training.
3. All Coaches coaching within the Provincial Program (see Chart) must have the Coach Stream training.
4. All Head Coaches eligible for the Inter-Provincial Program (see Chart) must have the Development I certification. The Assistant Coaches must have their Coach Stream training.
5. All Coaches within the National Program (see Chart) must have as a minimum, the Development I Certification. Head Coaches coaching within the National Championship Program (see Chart) must have as a minimum, the High Performance I Certification. Should a Coach be hired without the proper certification, he has a three-year window to gain his High Performance I Certification. The Coach must be working within the Coach Certification Program in an upgrading manner, in order to have an exemption under this regulation.
6. All Coaches coaching within the Program of Excellence (see Chart) must have as a minimum, the High Performance I Certification. All Coaches involved with the Canada Winter Games teams (male & female), must also have their Theory III Certification. All certifications must be completed by the time of application to Hockey Manitoba, unless formal arrangements are made with Hockey Manitoba, including date of completion.
7. All Coaches coaching in the Program of Excellence and all Head Coaches in the National Championship Program, must attend 8 hours of presentations of an advanced seminar as an observer, or attend a minimum of 8 hours of another coaching seminar every 4 years. The Hockey Manitoba Coach Development Committee must approve these seminars. The next advanced seminar will be held in the summer of 2011 and every 2 years thereafter.
8. **Any on-ice participant (including team officials) must wear a CSA approved helmet during all Hockey Manitoba sanctioned Minor Hockey activities.**

Please Note: On-ice participants in violation of the above regulation (based on written complaint only) will be subject to the following sanctions:

- 1st offence – Written warning
- 2nd offence – 1 week suspension
- 3rd offence – Suspended indefinitely and must attend discipline hearing

9. Associations/Leagues/Teams will be charged \$50.00 for each rostered team staff that is not properly certified with the Initiation, Coach, Hockey Canada Safety Program or Respect in Sport certification by December 1st of the current season. Team staff requiring Initiation or Coach certification will only remain eligible to coach for the remainder of the season (with their current team only) once the fine has been paid. Team staff that have not achieved their Respect in Sport certification by December 1st will only remain eligible to continue in the current season once the fine is paid and they achieve the Respect in Sport certification. Team safety people that have not achieved their Hockey Canada Safety Program certification by December 1st are not eligible to continue as safety people until the fine is paid and they receive the Hockey Canada Safety Program certification.

Please Note: Associations/Leagues/Teams will not incur a penalty for team staff that are released from their roster by the **December 1st** deadline. All releases for team staff must be completed through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).

10. All team officials not certified as indicated in paragraphs 9. will not be permitted to roster with any new team (including development programs or extended season teams) during the current season. In addition, they will be ineligible to roster in any subsequent season until properly certified.

HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM

Hockey Manitoba requires every registered team to have a certified Safety person registered on the team's roster by **December 1st**. Teams who do not someone rostered and certified by **December 1st** of the current season will be suspended from membership.

A Safety person can only be registered on one team. If a Safety person would like to be on two or more teams (rosters), they must apply to Hockey Manitoba writing on or before November 30th of each year. Each application must state the teams involved and the season's full rostering. Each request must show that the Safety person can attend all games and practices of each team.

Each team in High School must follow the HOCKEY CANADA and Hockey Manitoba Safety Training Program policies.

HOCKEY UNIVERSITY

The delivery of certification/training clinics for Intro to Coach (Initiation), Coach Level, Development 1 and the Hockey Canada Safety Program has changed with the introduction of "Hockey University", an online training component for team staff initiated this season by Hockey Canada. Team staff members requiring certification/training will now be required to complete some or all of their clinic (depending on training they require) online through Hockey University. Minor Hockey Associations are encouraged to review this information on our website and inform their coaches accordingly.

RESPECT IN SPORT PROGRAM

An on-line educational program on the prevention of abuse and harassment in hockey mandatory for all team officials by **December 1st** of the current season. Please Note: The Hockey Canada Speak Out certification will be accepted as a substitute for the Respect Sport Program for the 2013-14 season. The Respect in Sport program can be accessed on Hockey Manitoba website.

SPECIALTY CLINICS

Hockey Manitoba in cooperation with Hockey Canada and the National Coach Mentorship Program (NCMP) are pleased to offer our coaches the opportunity to add extra-curricular qualifications to their resumes.

The NCMP Specialty Clinics are free and offer coaches mentoring and instruction on player development (specialties). Specialty Clinics are a great way for your coaches to polish teaching methods of important hockey skills to young players. Clinics offered are Body Checking, Developing Skilled Defensemen, Puck Control, Shooting & Scoring, Skating, Small Area Games, Starting a Breakfast Club. Minor Hockey Associations interested in hosting a specialty clinic should contact kayla@hockeymanitoba.ca or by contacting a mentor in your region.

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

FOR ALL BRANCH TOURNAMENTS

1. Any team or Association (all divisions) wishing to host a Branch tournament must receive a sanction permit from their Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar. The cost of a tournament sanction is **\$100.00 plus \$5.00 GST**. In the event that tournament applications are received **3 or more weeks prior to the starting date, the fee will be reduced to \$25.00**. Fee must accompany application for tournament request. To guarantee your sanction, all requests be submitted **three weeks prior** to the start date of the tournament. **Official rosters, including Additions/Deletions Forms and Affiliation Lists, must be submitted no later than 7 days prior** to the start of any tournament.
2. For AAA and AA, prior to November 1st or at the discretion of the Executive Director, tournament sanctions will only be issued upon producing a copy of the approved Hockey Manitoba Roster for each team participating.

After January 15th (after November 1st in the case of AAA & AA), the tournament host must submit a list of the teams participating with the full team name and a contact person for each team. All Affiliation Lists (if required) and Additions/Deletions Forms must be submitted as well. Hockey Manitoba will then verify each team and its players. The roster that Hockey Manitoba has on database will be the roster that plays. It is the team's responsibility to make sure that the roster is kept up to date with additions and deletions of players in accordance with all registration regulations. Rosters for affiliate players must be submitted, or if date appropriate, be checked by Hockey Manitoba from their database.
3. The appropriate Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar will verify the eligibility of all teams and players entered in tournaments sanctioned by Hockey Manitoba.
4. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team that is not a member team of Hockey Canada. Every player competing in any sanctioned tournament must be registered with that team on a Hockey Canada recognized player's certificate/approved roster, and said certificates/approved roster must be produced for inspection at all tournaments.
5. **Fee:** For all Minor Division tournaments, the fee shall be **\$100.00 plus \$5.00 GST**. In the event tournament applications are received **3 or more weeks prior to the starting date, the fee will be reduced to \$25.00**.

Fee: For all Minor Inter-Branch tournaments, the fee shall be **\$50.00 plus \$2.50 GST and an additional fee of \$10.00 per out-of-branch team**. Exception: Teams who play within Hockey Manitoba for league play are not considered out-of-branch for the purposes of a tournament sanction. Sanction requests must be received at least 3 weeks prior to tournament.

Fee: For all International tournaments, the fee shall be **\$100.00 plus \$5.00 GST and additional fees of \$50.00 per team outside of Canada and \$10.00 per out-of-branch team**. International tournaments must be sanctioned directly through the Hockey Manitoba office.

Fee: For Senior and Junior tournaments, the fee shall be **\$50.00 plus \$10.00 per team participating (GST applicable)**.
6. Hockey Manitoba registered teams may not participate in a tournament that has not been granted a sanction. The Coach and Manager of any team participating in an unsanctioned tournament shall be indefinitely suspended until dealt with by the Executive Committee.

NOTE: For tournaments involving teams from other branches, the above procedures must be adhered to. The Zone Registrar shall forward all information to the Hockey Manitoba Executive Director for final approval of the tournament sanction.

TRAVEL PERMITS

TRAVELING TO EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS (OUTSIDE MANITOBA)

- a) Permission to play in Tournament/Exhibition games, or Inter-Branch games in other member Branches of Hockey Canada, or with American-based teams must be obtained from Hockey Manitoba. No team shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless it has the written permission of its home Branch.

- b) Tours outside of North America must be arranged by or with the approval of the Hockey Canada.
- c) Application for permission will only be considered if made by a team whose players are properly registered with that team on Hockey Canada approved roster.
- d) Permission will not be given to any team for exhibition games with any team, club or association that is not a member of Hockey Canada.
- e) Hockey Canada registered teams MAY NOT participate in a tournament that has NOT been granted a sanction permit.
- f) Violation of this may result in the suspension of the team officials and/or players involved (Hockey Canada Regulation).
- g) Request for permission must be submitted in writing to the Hockey Manitoba Office. Teams from Hockey Winnipeg and the Norman region must also supply regional approval. Upon receipt of a request, a Travel Permit will be issued. **Travel Permit fee is \$20.00 including GST.** *Please note that Hockey Manitoba is in the process of creating an online application process for the travel permits. This will be available later in the 2013-14 season.*
- h) Travel permits must be completed in sufficient time for Hockey Manitoba to obtain ratification from the host Branch and/or USA Hockey. Permits consist of two copies - one for the Branch and one for traveling team.
- i) **Note:** Hockey Winnipeg teams must obtain a Hockey Winnipeg Travel Permit first and can then obtain their Hockey Manitoba Travel Permit from the Hockey Manitoba office. Norman teams must contact Ron Larocque at ron.larocque@tolko.com for regional approval. This approval MUST accompany the Hockey Manitoba permit request. Hockey Manitoba permits will not be issued to teams from these regions without this approval.
- j) In order to avoid potential disqualifications, teams should have in their possession copy of the approved team roster and permission to travel.
- k) Permits will not be issued without payment therefore please do not fax in your request.

AFFILIATION REGULATIONS

PURPOSE OF AFFILIATION

"Purpose" - To allow teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules.

ALL CATEGORIES

1. Players are allowed to affiliate in an upward* manner to all teams within their Minor Hockey Association. Teams competing in the same divisions and/or categories within the same league are not permitted to affiliate between themselves for league play. **upward means to a higher ranked team in their age category or an older category team*
2. Appearance of a registered player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specially noted on the official game report.
3. No new registration certificate is required or shall be issued for players so advancing, and such players are not numbered among such higher division/category teams 25, 23, 21 or 19 as applicable.
4. Such players remain members of the lower division/category team.

5. Affiliated players used by a higher division/category team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "a/p" after their name on the players line-up or roster.

6. A team of a higher division or category may not use an affiliated player prior to receiving consent of the coach and parent with which the affiliated player is registered.

7. A Minor Hockey Player may not be placed on any affiliation list without the player, parent or guardian being notified in writing. A copy of the written notification to be filed with the Hockey Manitoba Registrar, or the appropriate league President or Commissioner.

8. Affiliation agreements when needed must be filed with Hockey Manitoba Registrar at the time of registration or by the rules of the applicable category.

MINOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION REGULATIONS

Note: Affiliation regulations for all categories of hockey are applicable to Minor Hockey.

1. a) When centers have combined to form a team, a "home" center must be designated for registration purposes. For the purpose of affiliation, players may be used from the individual centers making up the combined team in next lowest age category.

b) When a minor aged player must play for a centre outside of his home centre, said player will affiliate only with higher aged teams in the centre he has usually registered, should a team exist.

c) Where a player does not have a team in an age category above him in his home association, he may be allowed to affiliate with the next closest team to his residence. Permission from the Regional Director is necessary.

d) When a minor hockey team does not have a team below them in a lower age category they may apply to their Region for permission to use affiliates from their next closest center. Those players would be limited to one team. Permission from the Regional Director is necessary.

e) Players first priority will be to their own rostered team. Teams shall obtain the permission of the respective coach and parents prior to using a player as an affiliate.

f) A Minor hockey player participating in the Minor program may be temporarily promoted to a higher category team. Minor teams may affiliate players up to the roster max of 19 players. However there must be a minimum of 6 regular players on the game sheet.

g) Minor Hockey Associations or Leagues may limit the use of affiliates for their own house/regional leagues. For Regional play-offs leading to Provincials and Provincials, teams may use affiliates to a maximum of 19 players. Minimum of six regular players must be on game sheet.

h) Initiation/Novice Rosters: Minor Hockey Associations with more than one team of Initiation or Novice Rosters may affiliate freely between their teams. The exception would be league play for Novice. In addition these teams may affiliate players from neighboring associations with permission from the Association President and Regional Director. The intent is to allow team formation when numbers are less than eleven.

i) Excluding the Winnipeg region, females may register in both the male and female programs. They may only affiliate within programs in which they are registered.

j) Affiliation requests outside these rules will be considered by the appropriate Chair of Minor Hockey.

**Affiliation list needed, must be filed by Dec. 15.

TRANSFER REGULATIONS

All minor-aged players under the jurisdiction of Hockey Manitoba wishing to transfer (or obtain a release) from a centre (team) or wishing to play for another minor team must first apply to their local Minor Hockey Association following the completion of registration for the current season. Local Minor Hockey Associations are required to receive and consider individual requests for transfer/releases. Written applications for transfer/release must be reviewed within 7 days and applicant to be notified of the decision forthwith. Hockey Manitoba will not recognize blanket denials issued by local Minor Hockey Associations within their constitutions. If the application is approved by local Minor Hockey Association, the application is forwarded to the respective Region(s) for final decision. Regional decisions (approval or denial) must be rendered within 7 days of application. In the event that a decision is not made within the 7-day timeframe, the application shall be deemed approved. The Zone Registrar may consult with the Chair of the Category during the application process. If application is denied by local Minor Hockey Association/Region, player has right of appeal to Hockey Manitoba. **The final date for submission to Hockey Manitoba is December 1st of the current season.** Minor Hockey Associations/Regions may consider individual transfer requests prior to registration at their discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: Although all player transfers are reviewed and dealt with on an individual basis, applicants must demonstrate a hardship in order for the Appeals Committee to approve or appease the regulations for a successful transfer application. In the event that a player has an existing category/team to play on, transfers based solely on moving to a higher category, will not be approved, unless additional circumstances are presented as part of the rationale for relocation.

If the transfer request is within one region and is denied by an Association, player must first appeal to their Regional Registration Committee. If denied, player has right of appeal to Hockey Manitoba. If the transfer request involves two regions and denied at any point of the process, player has the right of appeal to Hockey Manitoba. A decision will be made within 7 days at each level of appeal. It is understood that said authorization shall be on a yearly basis only.

Players requesting transfers WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE in games, exhibition or otherwise but will be permitted to practice until such time as their TRANSFER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY HOCKEY MANITOBA. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the player, coach, manager, team executive, using said player being expelled from the association for the current season. If both regions agree that transfer should take place prior to Hockey Manitoba approval, said player will be allowed to practice with that team. If regions do not agree and appeal to Hockey Manitoba, said player shall not practice with team wishing to transfer to.

Each region shall establish a Regional Registration Committee consisting of the Regional Director, Zone Registrar and four Executive Board members from the Regional Association. The Regional Registration Committee shall review all transfer requests and either approve or deny them. Should a region fail to establish a Registration Committee, transfer requests will then be forwarded directly to the Hockey Manitoba Registration Committee for review. Final decisions will be rendered within 21 days.

Any player who has transferred to and/or played three (3) consecutive seasons with the same Minor Hockey Association shall be considered as members of that Minor Hockey Association. If a new team is formed nearer the player's place of residence, they will have the option to play with the newly formed team or remain with their previously registered Association. Players choosing to register with the newly formed team shall be considered as members of that Minor Hockey Association. No formal transfer application is required to register with the newly formed team. All transfer regulations are applicable to players wishing to return to their previously registered Association after registering with the newly formed team closest to their residence. This does not apply for AAA Midget or Regional programs.

OVERAGE APPLICATIONS

PROCEDURES

1. Each region must establish a Registration Committee to be chaired by the Director. The Committee shall have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members named by the region prior to the commencement of registration. One of the members of the Registration Committee shall be the appropriate Zone Registrar.
2. The Hockey Manitoba office will make Overage Application Forms available to each Minor Association, Director and Zone Registrar by **August 15th** of each year.

3. a. Applicant completes top portion of form.
- b. "RATIONALE" MUST be clearly completed. The application MUST specifically refer to the criteria on which the application is based. Any application that does not clearly refer to criteria shall not be considered for approval and the applicant so notified by the Zone Registrar. Applicants are advised that the rationale should be detailed and fully-Inclusive with all pertinent information clearly explained. Applicants are encouraged to provide supportive documentation that would strengthen the substance of the application.
4. Process
 - a. Applicant conveys Overage Application to the local Minor Hockey Association for approval or denial.
 - b. If approved, the applicant sends the form to the Director of the region who informs the Regional Registration Committee.
 - c. If approved, the application is sent to the Zone Registrar who checks the application and forwards it to the Chair of the Zone.
 - d. If approved by the Chair, (in consultation with the Executive Director), the Zone Registrar is notified. The Zone Registrar adds the player's name to the team roster and notifies the Minor Hockey Association.
 - e. In situations *b* through *d*, if the application is denied the Zone Registrar informs the applicant.
5. Application must be completed, have received approval from the local Association and sent to the Director prior to February 1st of the current season. Within ten working days of receipt of the application by the Director, a decision shall be made to approve or deny the application and the applicant must be informed of the decision. If a decision is not rendered by the tenth day, the application shall be deemed approved.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all related documents/forms are submitted to each successive person/committee who will be reviewing the application.

CRITERIA

Applicants should ensure that all necessary documentation has been submitted with the application. Applications are not approved until the applicant is so notified by the Zone Registrar.

The following criteria apply to Overage Applications. The criteria that applies, and information supporting the relevant criteria, must be cited on the application or the application will be denied.

- a) An Overage Player may only be one year older than the age category in which the player applies to play.
- b) A player who has a physical or mental disability must have the application supported by documentation received from a medical physician.
- c) A goaltender (Pee Wee and above) that the Minor Hockey Association wishes to play in the next lower age division in order to ice a team. The lower division team must not have a goaltender, and without a goaltender playing down, a team could not be formed.
- d) A new player (never registered nor played before) and whose skill level is significantly inferior to the players with whom the player is chronologically eligible to play. Documentation must be received from the Minor Hockey Association substantiating the skill level limitations of the player.
- e) A player from a remote community whom there is no team to play on within the player's age appropriate division and for whom there is not a team a reasonable distance from the home center.
- f) A player wants to play down in order to play only within an Association's house league.
- g) A player who is in grade 12, currently registered full-time in high school, and for whom there is no program within which he/she could participate.

All approved Overage Applications are subject to periodic review. It is not intended for players whose skill level would permit them to play with their chronological age division, to be allowed to play as Overage Players with a lower age division.

Players/Goaltenders who have received Overage approval from Hockey Manitoba based on criteria a) as well as one other criteria in b) to g) are eligible for all hockey activities except for regional playoffs and provincial tournaments.

EXTENDED SEASON

1. Excluding the Winnipeg region, the extended season shall commence on March 1 and end April 30 of the current season. Any player who is going to play on an extended season team must have completed commitments with his/her registered team, including all league play, Hockey Manitoba play-offs and other tournaments which his/her team has entered. Until a player's team has completed its season, no player may practice nor play with an extended season team. As well, extended season teams may not interfere nor be in conflict with any of Hockey Manitoba's Development Programs that currently exist or which may exist in the future. (i.e. Program of Excellence, Director's Cup, Female Bantam Challenge, Development Squads, Skills Camp). Players may only be registered on one extended season roster in the current season. The extended season has been initiated to provide players the opportunity to continue playing after their original registered team has completed its season. Teams are not eligible to use affiliated players on extended season rosters.
2. The use of overage players on an extended season team is not permitted.
3. A "home center" may secure players from a maximum of four additional centers, (for a maximum of five centers in total), in the same region as the home center, in order to form a team that will play during the extended season. A player is eligible to register with the same centre in which he/she was registered with in the regular season. The team shall use the same registration process as that followed during the regular season sanctioning period and must have the roster approved by the Zone Registrar. Players must have been properly registered with Hockey Manitoba and have played during the regular season.
4. The team that is formed shall be subject to all regulations, etc. that govern play during the regular season. As well, the team may only play in Hockey Manitoba or Hockey Canada sanctioned tournaments or tournaments sanctioned by other governing bodies recognized by the aforementioned governing organizations.
5. During the extended season only, players may use exhibition games as well as tournament games to serve suspensions. Exhibition games may be used to serve suspensions providing the game was arranged prior to the suspension being incurred. Suspension-incurring penalties shall be reported as required by regulations already in place.
6. Any reported and substantiated violation of the regulations pertaining to registration and/or the regulations governing playing games shall result in the team roster being declared null and void and the team shall cease further play during the extended season. As well, players from a team that is disbanded shall not be eligible to roster with another team during the extended season.
7. Suspensions shall be dealt with by Regional Directors.



2013 - 2014 HOCKEY MANITOBA FEE STRUCTURE



	Minor Novice 8 & Under	Minor Atom - Juvenile	AAA Midget/High School/MMJHL	Senior/Junior Female	Senior/Junior A, B & C Male	Adult Rec.	Coach/Team Official	On-Ice Official Level I	On-Ice Official Level II	On-Ice Official Level III	On-Ice Official Level IV	On-Ice Official Level V	On-Ice Official Level VI
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Hockey Canada Insurance

Liability	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	10.40	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Medical/Dental, AD&D	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	28.75	4.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Province of MB RST **	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
Sub-total	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.40	41.40	16.75	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.40

Hockey MB Membership

Sub-total	24.60	26.60	26.60	26.60	26.60	4.00	26.60	26.60	36.60	61.60	91.60	96.60	100.60
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TOTAL FEE	41.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	68.00	20.75	43.00	43.00 *	53.00*	78.00 *	108.00 *	113.00 *	117.00 *
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* On-Ice Officials are also subject to clinic fees and additional material costs.

** Portions of Hockey Canada Insurance subject to Province of MB Retail Sales Tax effective July 15, 2012. See Hockey Manitoba Information Bulletin 13-02 for more information.

NOTE:

1. Insurance

- Junior and Senior teams using full facial protection, without rule change supplement, medical/dental premium would be \$10.00/participant.
- \$16.40 fee includes Liability, AD & D, and Medical/Dental in Minor, SR/JR Female, High School and AAA Midget and \$.75 for RST.
- On-Ice officials pay their insurance fees online or at their respective Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) Clinic.

2. Membership

- Covers the development and administration of all Hockey Manitoba programs and Hockey Canada membership and mentorship fees.
- Additional benefits of membership are indicated under By Law 2 of the Hockey Manitoba Constitution, Regulations and Rules of Competition.
- On-Ice officials pay their membership fees online or at their respective Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) clinic.

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TEAM REGISTRATION FEES: (GST Included #120196654)

\$10.50	Hockey Winnipeg: Atom – Midget & Juvenile teams (non-provincial)	\$210.00	Midget AAA, Senior AAA, Junior OA, Junior C
\$52.50	High School, Rural Minor: Atom – Midget & Juvenile, Hockey Winnipeg (provincial)	\$262.50	Junior A, Junior B
\$105.00	Senior A, B, C, D and Senior/Junior Female		

Note: No team fee for all Initiation and Novice teams (8 and under)

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In the 2012-2013 season, Hockey Manitoba is excited to launch **Just Play**, an initiative specifically designed to create opportunities for the introduction to hockey in a fun, safe and positive environment while also providing sustainable solutions to assist in the promotion and growth of the game across the province. Simply put, Hockey Manitoba is committed to providing all children the opportunity to "Just Play" the game of hockey.

The Just Play initiative is proudly supported by the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation.

With the Just Play initiative, Hockey Manitoba hopes to create meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences for children in our province. Our organization is eager to expose our sport in a positive way to many new Canadians while giving children of all backgrounds the opportunity to participate in the game.

Hockey Manitoba is also hopeful that the funding available to our members clubs and minor hockey associations will assist them in improving facilities, developing programs and purchasing equipment, and that it has a significant impact on current and prospective young players moving forward. It is also important for Hockey Manitoba to connect with young players early on in their minor hockey careers, highlighting the many positive aspects of our sport and the benefits of continuing to participate for years.

Just Play includes a number of programs (all at no participant cost) and concepts with special areas of emphasis to increase participation in the sport province wide and break down some of the barriers associated with playing the game.

Minor hockey associations and community clubs across the province are encouraged to find out more about the Just Play program and how it can benefit their organization!

Programs include:

- [Hockey Discovery Days](#)
- [First Strides Access](#)
- [Community Champions](#)
- [In The Game Grants](#)
- [Breakfast Club Grants](#)
- [Team Manitoba Kids](#)
- [Legacy Fund Grants](#)
- [Esso Fun Days Grants](#)

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