

## **Memorandum of Understanding – 2025-2026**

This agreement is made between Hockey New Brunswick (HNB) and Sport School New Brunswick (SSNB – formerly NBIAA).

1. HNB shall provide Hockey Canada (HC) Insurance, through the Hockey Canada Insurance provider B.F. Lorenzetti (BFL), to all registered participants in a High School Hockey Program. Registered participants will include all players and bench personnel that appear on the Official Team Roster. Certified HNB officials that officiate SSNB High School Hockey games will also be covered with Hockey Canada Insurance.
2. The SSNB will register all participants in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). All rosters will be inputted by midnight on November 15<sup>th</sup> – late additions will be added by the SSNB staff. Hockey New Brunswick will provide training and support on the HCR when required.

The deadline to roster all players is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Any player requiring a IIHF transfer, must submit all necessary forms to Hockey New Brunswick by January 10<sup>th</sup>, in order to be eligible to play during the current season.

3. HNB shall assist any applicant or team manager with the filing of a Hockey Canada Injury Report.

Furthermore, the SSNB shall provide the following:

1. The SSNB shall govern all aspects of High School Hockey in the Province of New Brunswick.
2. Coaching Certification: All Head Coaches are required to have Development 1 and Assistant Coaches are required to have Coach 2 certification. The deadline to complete coach courses is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

One bench staff from each team must also be certified at the Hockey Canada safety course by December 15<sup>th</sup>, if not, the team will be ineligible for all games, practices and sanctioned activities. All volunteers will be required to take the online Respect in Sport course, as well a Criminal Record Check. Completion of 'A Coach's Guide to the SSNB' course is mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see O.R. 13.

3. The SSNB and Hockey New Brunswick will follow their respective suspension guidelines.

Should an affiliate player receive a suspension, they will be required to follow the minimum suspensions for the league with which the suspension occurred.

All persons receiving a suspension under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick or the SSNB shall be deemed ineligible from participating at any level of hockey in any capacity under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick or the SSNB until the suspension has been served or length of suspension has elapsed from within the league it was given.

4. The SSNB shall provide to HNB in writing, sanction for any teams travelling out of New Brunswick or Nova Scotia play against other Hockey Canada registered teams, as well as any teams traveling outside of Canada.
5. The SSNB shall govern their own appeals process and SSNB members shall not have access to the HNB/Hockey Canada Appeal processes.
6. Affiliate Player” (“AP”) - refers to those players from HNB club teams or SSNB school teams, when such player(s) are participating with a team other than with which they are registered in the Hockey Canada Registration (HCR) system.

Affiliate agreement between the SSNB and Hockey New Brunswick will be as follows:

(a). Female - SSNB players can be affiliated to the following HNB teams- Female U15 AA, Female U15 AAA, Female U18 AA, Female U18 AAA, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA, U18 A, U18 AA.

(b). Female – HNB registered Female U13 A, Female U13 AA, Female U13 AAA, U13 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA, Female U15 A, Female U15 AA, Female U15 AAA, Female U18 A, Female U18 AA, U18 C, U15 C, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA can be affiliated to the SSNB.

(c). Male – SSNB can be affiliated to Junior C, Junior B, Junior A and U18 Major AAA.

(d). Male – U15 AAA, U15 Major, U15 AA, U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U16 AAA, U18 AA, U18 A and U18 B, U18 C can be affiliated with SSNB.

Exemptions for goalies to affiliate to a division not listed above will be reviewed on a case by case basis, and requires the approval of the Hockey New Brunswick and SSNB Executive Directors.

7. The SSNB will honour the Hockey New Brunswick Intent to Try-out form. Any HNB player who has signed an Intent to Try-out form and has not been released will not be permitted to roster or attend any practices with an SSNB team. The Intent to Try-out form will be used for HNB AAA teams only.
8. All affiliate players must be in the HCR by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.
9. All affiliate players must have played at least one league game with their rostered team by no later than Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to continue to be an affiliate player with their affiliate team.
10. 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 specifically noted on the official game report.
11. Affiliated players used by a team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or team roster.
12. An affiliate player must come from a team registered in the designated geographic sub-division in which the selecting team operates as defined by HNB and SSNB and all players must be properly registered with HNB.
13. A team may affiliate nineteen (19) players from within the teams designated geographic sub-division, as defined and approved by HNB or SSNB.
14. A geographic subdivision may include a city, town, municipality, rural area, HNB minor hockey district or zone or a school district as established from time to time by HNB or SSNB.
15. No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially affiliated players' list at any one time during the current season; with the exception of players 16 years of age or older who may be selected as an affiliate Player with two of the following in the same season: Junior A Team; Junior B Team; and Junior C Team.
16. Once a player's Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the HNB Executive Director as being a specially affiliated player, their name becomes part of the selecting team's list of specially affiliated players and may not be

dropped from such list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which they registered releases them on or before January 10.

17. Approval of Special Affiliate Players

Player affiliation approval requirements:

- i. Coach or team manager of the team looking to affiliate a player sends an email to the parent asking permission to affiliate the player.
- ii. The parent accepts by answering the email. The coach or team manager then forwards the email to the coach or team manager of the players rostered team.
- iii. The coach or team manager approves the request by answering the email.
- iv. A copy of the email chain is then provided to Hockey New Brunswick, who lists the affiliate player in the Hockey Canada Registry.

If an affiliated player is needed, the coach of the affiliate player's team must give their consent before asking the affiliated player to participate in a game or practice

Should a higher or lower level coach have an issue with an affiliate player and the approval process, they can contact the respective Executive Director (HNB – Nic Jansen; SSNB – Eric Moffatt).

18. Number of Games

- a. All affiliate players may affiliate to a team at any time, **to a maximum of ten (10) games**. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. For goaltender exceptions see Hockey Canada Regulations B. 42, E. 36(b).
- b. Exhibition games and/or exhibition tournament games are excluded from the number of games referred to in (a).
- c. A suspended player, whose team has been eliminated from further competition for the year, may serve their suspension with the affiliate team provided they have played a minimum of 1 game as an affiliate. A player who receives a suspension with their affiliate team, and that team is subsequently eliminated from further competition for the year before the full suspension has been served, may complete their suspension with their own team. **If a player is suspended with their affiliate team, the**

**player must serve the suspension with the affiliate team.** If a game counts toward the serving of a suspension, then it in effect counts as a game played, towards the maximum 10 permitted.

19. All such affiliations permitted under this Memorandum of Understanding shall terminate at the end of the current playing season, and may not be altered during the current playing season.
20. No new registration is required or shall be issued for affiliated players and such players are not numbered among the affiliating teams nineteen (19) or twenty (20) in the case of Female U18 AAA, as applicable, registered players. Such players remain members of their HCR registered team.
21. A replacement for a goalkeeper who may be seriously ill or injured, so as to prevent their playing may be permitted at the discretion of the SSNB / HNB Executive Director.
  - SSNB teams applying to use an HNB member as on an emergency basis needs to be approved by the SSNB Executive Director.
  - HNB teams applying to use an SSNB member on an emergency basis needs to be approved by the HNB Executive Director.