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NBMHC OPERATIONS MANUAL / MANUEL DES OPÉRATIONS DU CHMNB

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : All volunteers of HNB must complete a Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Check every 3 years. This/these document(s) must be submitted to the member's Minor Hockey Association or club. Each association/club is responsible to designate a person who will compile the sealed clearance checks and submit them to the HNB office. A Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Check submitted during the season in progress applies for this specific season and the following two seasons.	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : All Hockey New Brunswick (HNB) volunteers are required to complete and submit a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check every three (3) years. These checks must be completed and submitted to the volunteer's Minor Hockey Association or club prior to being rostered or participating in any team activity , including both on-ice and off-ice activities. Each association or club is responsible for designating an individual to collect the sealed clearance checks and submit confirmation to the HNB office. A Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check submitted during the current season will be valid for that season and the following two (2) seasons.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : To enhance participant safety and ensure compliance with Hockey Canada's screening and risk-management policies by confirming all volunteers are appropriately screened before any involvement with a team..	



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : The member may appeal the suspension to HNB. Their appeal must be filed with HNB within 48 hours of receiving the District Director or League President's ruling.	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : The member may appeal the suspension to HNB. Their appeal must be filed with HNB within 48 hours 7 days of receiving the District Director or League President's ruling.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Align with HNB constitution.	



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SECTION NO. / N° D'ARTICLE : 12.1.e	PAGE NO. / N° DE PAGE : 10
CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : If a team participates with a player deemed ineligible, all games played with the ineligible player shall be declared a forfeit and the team shall be denied any participation in provincial playoffs during the current season.	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : If a team participates with a player deemed ineligible, all games played with the ineligible player shall be declared a forfeit and the team shall be denied any participation in provincial playoffs during the current season.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Follow current process.	



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SECTION NO. / N° D'ARTICLE :13.5	PAGE NO. / N° DE PAGE : 12
CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : 13.5 For membership purposes, the following shall apply: a. District Association U21 b. Community Club " U18 AA, A, B, C " U15 AA, A, B, C " U13 AA, A, B, C " U11 AA, A, B, C " U9 Program " U7 Program " Female AA, A, B	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : 13.5 For membership purposes, the following shall apply: a. District Association U21 b. Community Club U18 AA, A, B, C " U15 AA, A, B, C " U13 AA, A, B, C " U11 AA, A, B, C " U9 Program " U7 Program " Female AA, A	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : To bring the female categories in line with the current structure within HNB	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : Any team whose association intends on applying to host a zone tournament or provincial championship must submit a copy of their league classification to their respective district director and association president no later than January 31	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : DELETE	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Classification is done at the league.	



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SECTION NO. / N° D'ARTICLE :15.2	PAGE NO. / N° DE PAGE : 13
CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : 15.2 A competitive team shall be composed of a minimum of 12 players, excluding affiliate/associate players, 1 of whom must be a full-time goaltender, except U13 and below. A 'C' and a female AA, A or B team shall be composed of a minimum of 8 rostered players, excluding affiliate/associate players, 1 of whom must be a full-time goaltender, except U13 and below.	
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RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : To bring the female categories in line with the current structure within HNB	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : 15.5 The following definitions shall apply: a. Division: U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, and U21. b. Category: AAA, AA, A, B and C. c. Classification : Development, Competitive, and C. d. Checking hockey includes U15 division and above AAA, AA, A, and B categories. Non-checking hockey includes U11, U13 and 'C' classification. e. For female hockey: Division: U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18 Category: Female AAA, Female AA, Female A, Female B Classification: Development, Competitive	
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RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : To bring the female categories in line with the current structure within HNB	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : For "C", Female AA, Female A and Female B teams, a replacement for an absent goaltender may come from the same category, in the division or lower division, provided permission is obtained from the District Director and the goaltender's team. For Female, permission may be obtained from the Female Commissioner or Female Representative to Minor Council	
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RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Allow District Directors to approve emergency goalie requests.	



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL :																																	
<p>Associations that are tiering will be required to have 50% of their teams in each level. At both levels teams can consist of players who are 7 & 8 years of age. The main goal is to have players playing with other players of like skill to ensure players are having fun every time they are on the ice.</p>																																	
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<p>Associations implementing tiering at the U9 level are required to follow the model below:</p>																																	
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Associations may have a higher number of teams in Tier 2 but may not have fewer than the number listed above.

At both tiers, teams may consist of players who are seven (7) and eight (8) years of age.

The primary objective of tiering is to group players with others of similar skill level to promote balanced competition, positive development, and an enjoyable on-ice experience for all participants.

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Based on feedback from associations, lower the number of teams in Tier 2 would provide more balanced competition.



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Half ice games permitted as of November 1st ➤ Teams can transition to full ice games as of January 15th ➤ Max of 40 games permitted (includes jamborees) 	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Half ice games permitted as of November 1st ➤ Teams can transition to full ice games as of January 15th December 26th. ➤ Max of 40 games permitted (includes jamborees) 	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Align with Hockey Canada U9 policy.	



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : Development phase: Refers to the time period following tryouts or evaluations prior to the start of the regular season starting. - Must have a minimum of three weeks following team selection and prior to the start of regular season. Focus of the development phase is Skill Development.	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : Delete	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Based on when the majority of try-outs are held, not feasible to have 3-week development phase prior to regular season beginning.	



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : NEW	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : Districts and leagues may re-classify teams (e.g., AA to A, A to AA) with approval from the Hockey New Brunswick Minor Council Chair and District Director, provided that the association does not already have a team competing in the proposed division. Re-classification decisions must be based on competitive balance, player safety, and development considerations.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Clear process for re-classification of U11 AA teams.	



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SECTION NO. / N° D'ARTICLE :16.0.b.	PAGE NO. / N° DE PAGE : 18
CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : 16.0 A minimum of 6 eligible players in uniform on each team shall be necessary to start a game [HC Playing Rule 2.2.a]. 9.20.04	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : b. For games scheduled by the NBU18CHL a minimum of 10 eligible players shall be necessary to start a game.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : For U18 competitive hockey it does not make sense to force a team with six players to travel long distances with not enough players to realistically believe the game would last very long or would be safe to play. Example, a team with 6 players would not be able to continue if a coincidental minor penalty is issued, they would not have enough players to ice the required number of players. This rule would apply only to games in the NBU18CHL.	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : None	
<p>PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : For games scheduled by the NBU18CHL only.</p> <p>Games will not start unless four on ice officials are present. In case of events beyond the control of the teams, and if both teams agree, a game may be played using three officials following the HNB Referee's Association's assignment of roles protocols. It must be noted on the game sheet that both teams agreed.</p> <p>We suggest this be placed immediately below the number of players needed to start a game in section 16.</p>	
<p>RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT :</p> <p>Teams playing in the NBU18CHL often travel longer distances and it is unfair to not play a game because an official fails to arrive for the game.</p> <p>In addition, the fourth official creates a safer playing experience, reduces the numbers of missed calls and gives officials better control of a game.</p>	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : New	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : e. A player may dual register to a Female A team only if the Minor team they are rostered to is at the 'C level'. f. Dual registration requests shall be considered based on geographic factors, including the player's residence and proximity to available Female hockey programs, as well as the number of eligible Female players registered within the player's home association or geographic area at the applicable age division and level.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Provide clarity on which players and classifications dual registration is permitted at.	



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : The upward player movement shall be available for second year players beginning in U9 including exceptional players with the movement to C or above with approval of District Director. Players in their second year of a division are eligible to be evaluated for player movement. It shall be at the discretion of the Minor Hockey Association and District Director to move players from U9 to U11 (competitive or recreational divisions).	
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RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Allow associations to determine U7 to U9 player movment on a case by case basis.	



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<p>CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL :</p> <p>It shall be at the discretion of the Minor Hockey Association and District Director to move players from U9 to U11 (competitive or recreational divisions). For player movement from U11 to U13, U13 to U15 and U15 to U18, players must rank in the top third of the highest category team in the next division or club. 6.8.24</p>	
<p>PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ :</p> <p>A U9 player may be considered for movement to the U11 division provided all of the following criteria are met:</p> <p>Eligibility List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player must be evaluated as ranking within the top 50% of players selected to the U11 team at the U11B, U11 A or U11 AA level within their Minor Hockey Association. • The evaluation must be completed and validated by the Minor Hockey Association using its approved evaluation process. • The player must demonstrate the physical readiness, hockey sense, and skill level required to safely compete at the U11 level. • The movement must be deemed to be in the best developmental interest of the player. <p>Evaluation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluations shall be conducted by the Minor Hockey Association using on-ice evaluations and/or assessment tools used for U11 team selection. • Only players who rank within the top half of players selected to the U11 A or U11 AA team shall be eligible for consideration. 	

Approval Authority

- Final approval for U9 to U11 player movement rests solely with the Minor Hockey Association.
- Decisions made under this policy are final and not subject to appeal.

Application Process, Fees, and Deadlines

- Minor Hockey Associations may, at their discretion, establish an application process for requests for upward player movement.
- Associations may set a non-refundable application fee.
- Associations may establish an application deadline.
- Application requirements, deadlines, and any applicable fees must be communicated prior to the start of evaluations.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT :

Have a defined process that's specific to U9 to U11 which is consistent throughout HNB.



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SECTION NO. / N° D'ARTICLE :17.6	PAGE NO. / N° DE PAGE : 21
CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : a. The upward player movement shall be available for second year players beginning in U9 including exceptional players with the movement to Competitive A or above with approval of Female Minor Council Representative. Players in their second year of a division are eligible to be evaluated for player movement to the highest category team in the next division of that Association or club. For player movement related to AAA, please refer to the EHC Exceptional Player Status Guidelines.	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : a. The upward player movement shall be available for second year players beginning in U9 including exceptional players with the movement to A or above with approval of Female Minor Council Representative. Players in their second year of a division are eligible to be evaluated for player movement to the highest category team in the next division of that Association or club. For player movement related to AAA, please refer to the EHC Exceptional Player Status Guidelines.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : Remove the word Competitive as A in Female is considered Recreational.	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL :	
SECTION 19 – AFFILIATION	
19.0	a. Affiliation privileges shall be applicable for all divisions of U9 and above. <i>6.10.23</i>
19.1	Teams may choose 1 of 2 affiliation systems: <i>6.11.06</i>
	a. team to team affiliation
	b. special affiliation with 19 players at large
19.2	Deadline January 15 – All development, Minor Junior, and competitive teams applying for team to team affiliation and/or affiliating 19 special affiliate players, must be identified in the HCR prior to the player being used in a game, no later than January 15. <i>6.7.14</i>
19.3	a. Players shall be permitted to affiliate with only 1 team, except a player 16 years of age or older may be selected as an affiliate with two of the following in the same season: a) A Major Junior team, b) a Junior A team, c) a Junior B team and d) a Junior C team. <i>11.10.18</i>

	b.	Goalies can affiliate with an unlimited number of teams. 5.28.22
19.4	a.	First year players in a division may affiliate to a higher category within their division. Second year players in a division may affiliate to a higher category within their division or to the next division. 6.11.06
	b.	In the U15 and U18 divisions, players may affiliate to a higher category within their division, or a higher division. 6.11.06
	c.	Female players registered in Female Associations who are first year or second year players in a division may also affiliate to a higher female category within their division or to the next female division. Female players rostered to Minor teams are not eligible to affiliate to female association teams. Female Association players are not eligible to affiliate to Co-ed Association teams. Exceptions may be granted from the female representative to minor council and the district director. 6.07.25
	d.	The NBMHC shall not allow rostered AAA players to play as affiliate players for competitive level teams. Rostered competitive AA, A, B level players may not play as affiliates for 'C' level teams. 6.8.13
	e.	Players may affiliate to a higher division or category (i.e. B to A, A to AA) provided the teams are not playing in the same league schedule. 6.15.08
	f.	Players can only affiliate within the association that they're rostered to. Should the community club not offer a competitive team in that division, the player may affiliate to a competitive team in a neighboring community club. 6.07.25
	g.	Goalies can affiliate laterally to a team in the same classification that they are rostered. Example: U18 C goalie can affiliate to another U18 C team. 5.28.22
19.5		All affiliate players, excluding approved lower category rostered affiliates for U18 Major AAA, U18 AAA, and U15 AAA teams must be an active player for the team on which they are rostered. Active is defined as participation in one league game, with the team on which the player is rostered. 6.2.12
19.6		Minor players affiliating to a higher division or category (including Junior) team must have their Association/Club President's, EDZA Chair, or designate and coach's written approval. If an affiliated player is needed, the Association/Club President's, EDZA Chair, or designate of the affiliate player's team must give his consent before asking the affiliated player to participate in a game or practice. 6.10.23

19.7 Approval of Special Affiliate Players *6.2.18*

- a. Higher level or category team coach send an email to the parent of the lower level or category team player asking the permission to affiliate the player
- b. The parent accepts by answering the email. The higher level or category team coach then forward the email to the lower level or category team coach asking for his approval
- c. The lower category coach approves by answering the email. The higher level or category team coach then forwards the email to the Community Club or EDZA President for the final approval of the affiliation
- d. The Community Club or EDZA President approves the affiliation by answering to the higher level or category coach and enters the affiliation into the HCR (Hockey Canada Registry)
- e. HNB Minor Council District Director approves the affiliation in the HCR (Hockey Canada Registry)

19.8 Number of Games

- a. A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of fifteen (15) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. For goaltender exceptions see HNB Regulation 106g. For affiliated goaltenders, specifically in call-up situations, teams and off-ice officials must ensure that during games, it is clearly identified on the game scoresheet that the affiliated goaltender did play (was inserted in the game at some point). *6.8.24*
- b. Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoff games, are not counted in the number of games in which an affiliate player participates. *6.11.06*
- c. A suspended player, whose team has been eliminated from further competition for the year, may serve his suspension with his higher category affiliate team provided he has played a minimum of 1 game as an affiliate. A player who receives a suspension with his higher category affiliate team, and that team is subsequently eliminated from further competition for the year before the full suspension has been served, may complete his suspension with his own lower category team. If a player is suspended with his higher category affiliate team, the player must serve the suspension with the higher category affiliate team. If a game counts toward the serving of a suspension, then it in effect counts as a game played. *6.8.13*

PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ :

Affiliation – Section 19

Division	Affiliation options
U11 C	U9 Tier 1
U11 B	U11 C, U9 Tier 2
U11 A	U11 B, U11 C, U9 Tier 2
U11 AA	U11 A, U11 B, U11 C, U9 Tier 2
U13 C	U11 C
U13 B	U13 C, U11 B, U11 A, U11 AA
U13 A	U13 B, U13 C, U11 B, U11 A, U11 AA
U13 AA	U13 A, U13 B, U13 C, U11 B, U11 A, U11 AA
U15 C	U13 C
U15 B	U15 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA
U15 A	U15 B, U15 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA
U15 AA	U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA
U18 C	U15 C
U18 B	U18 C, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA
U18 A	U18 B, U18 C, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA
U18 AA	U18 A, U18 B, U18 C, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA

Notes

- The above options apply only to affiliation between Minor Hockey teams.
- Affiliation involving Sport School New Brunswick (SSNB) is outlined in the HNB / SSNB Agreement.
- Affiliation related to Elite Hockey is outlined in the Elite Hockey Commission Operations Manual.
- Requests for approving affiliation not outlined in the above table must be sent to the HNB Appeals / Ombudsman Committee for consideration.
- Players affiliating up an age division must be second-year players.
- Affiliation within the same age division to a higher classification is only permitted if teams are not in the same league.
- Skaters may affiliate with only one team; goalies may affiliate with an unlimited number of teams.
- Once added as an affiliate, a player may not be released and added to another team.
- Teams may roster up to 19 affiliate players.
- Players must be rostered in the HCR prior to playing. Deadline: January 15.

- Female Association players may not affiliate to Minor teams unless an exception is granted by the District Director and ROC Female representative.
- Players can only affiliate within the association that they're rostered to. Should the community club not offer a competitive team in that division, the player may affiliate to a competitive team in a neighboring community club.
- Goalies may affiliate laterally within the same classification.
- Affiliate players must be active with their rostered team. Active is defined as participation in one league game.

Approval of Special Affiliate Players

- Higher-level coach requests parental permission by email.
- Parent replies confirming approval.
- Email is forwarded to the lower-level coach for approval.
- Lower-level coach approves by reply.
- Community Club President gives final approval and enters affiliation into HCR.
- HNB Minor Council District Director approves in HCR.

Number of Games

- Players may affiliate for up to 15 games.
- Unlimited number of games is permitted once registered team season is complete.
- Goalie games only count if the goalie plays.
- Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoff games, are not counted in the number of games in which an affiliate player participates

Suspensions

- A suspended player, whose team has been eliminated from further competition for the year, may serve his suspension with his higher category affiliate team provided he has played a minimum of 1 game as an affiliate.
- If a player is suspended with his higher category affiliate team, the player must serve the suspension with the higher category affiliate team.
- If a game counts toward the serving of a suspension, then it in effect counts as a game played.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT :

Provide clarity on affiliation regulations.



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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL :	
<p>PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ :</p> <p>To be eligible for Provincial Championships (divisions U11 to U18, recreational and competitive levels C, B, A, and AA), all teams must play their regular season games within a zone league that includes all minor hockey associations within that zone.</p> <p>The District Directors of the zone shall be responsible for determining the league's playing rules and the qualification format for the Provincial Championships (either through regular season standings or a zone tournament). These league regulations must be submitted to HNB and all member associations at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the first league game."</p>	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT :	
To have a clear process for Zone A league and playoff standards	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : New	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : All games played on Sundays should be scheduled no later than 5:00 p.m. for any team required to travel more than one (1) hour to the game location.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : This measure is intended to allow traveling teams to return home at a reasonable time on Sunday evenings. Additionally, players have school the following day, which supports the need for an appropriate schedule	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : None	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : The Referee shall stop play when a goaltender is struck in the head by a shot. Play will resume in the same end after the Referee determines it is safe to continue.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : With stick development that has taken place and the size of U18 players and the speed and "heaviness" of some of these shots any impact to the head or neck of the goaltender has the possibility of injuring the goaltender. This is simply a safety measure.	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : None	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : For games scheduled by the NBU18CHL and dealing with icing. There will be a no change icing, the team icing the puck will not be allowed to replace on ice players except in the case of an injury.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : This aligns the NBU18CHL with other U18 competitive leagues and the High School playing rules. It will reduce the length of games and minimise delays during the game and limit the chance of a game not being completed during their allotted ice rentals.	

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CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL : NEW	
PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : Game Interruption Regulation In the event a game is stopped due to a power outage, serious injury, or other circumstances beyond the control of the officials, the following shall apply: a. If a game is stopped with less than ten (10) minutes remaining in regulation time and there is a goal differential of three (3) or more goals, the score at the time of the stoppage shall be final. b. If a game is stopped during the first period, the game shall be replayed in its entirety at a later date. For games that are replayed in their entirety, teams are not required to use the same lineup and roster changes are permitted. c. If a game is stopped after the first period, the game shall resume at a later date from the exact time, score, and game situation at which it was stopped. d. When a game is resumed at a later date, only players who were rostered for the original game are eligible to participate. e. This regulation does not apply to games that are ended due to time restrictions at the facility or arena.	
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT : To have a clear process.	



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<p>CURRENT WORDING / LIBELLÉ ACTUEL :</p> <p>SECTION 7 - RISK, CONDUCT AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>7.0 The responsibility for managing risks related to the game of hockey lies with every person involved in the game. Every member should follow these general guidelines: <i>9.20.04</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ always be conscious of potential risks ➤ do not sign any agreements that transfer unnecessary responsibility to yourself or your league or association/club ➤ use common sense ➤ try to minimize risks, even though all cannot be eliminated ➤ practice risk management in such a way as to add to the enjoyment of the game <p>Good risk, conduct and safety management includes four principles: <i>6.11.06</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ identifying ➤ measuring ➤ minimizing and avoiding ➤ financing <p>7.1 IMPORTANCE OF RISK, CONDUCT AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The primary concern of most administrators is to reduce the frequency and severity of hockey injuries. When an injury occurs, Hockey Canada's insurance program may have to respond. If administrators are successful in managing the risks confronting the association, then injuries, claims and increased premiums can be minimized. <i>9.20.04</i></p>	

7. **AREAS OF CONCERN** *9.16.06*
- 2 . the arena contract: always read the rental agreement carefully and forward to HNB's office for Hockey Canada approval prior to signing
- the arena: emergency exits, roofing, scoreboard, ventilation
- . the rink: boards, ice, nets, glass.
 - . the verbal contract
 - . bus contracts
 - . equipment
 - . billeting
 - . child abuse
 - . fundraisers *9.10.06*

7. **ARENA SAFETY INSPECTION**
- 3 Available at Arena Safety Inspection *6.11.06*

7. **ARENA AGREEMENT**
- 4 Available at [Forms](#) *6.11.06*

7. **HNB HARASSMENT AND ABUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES**
- 5 Available at [Complaint Intake Form](#) *6.11.06*

SECTION 9 – CODE OF ETHICS

9.0 Code of Conduct and Ethics policy is defined in the Safe Sport Policy

13. a. Elite Hockey Commission Application for membership duly signed by the President, Secretary of the association and the EH Commission Chair.

14.2. The NBMHC Executive Committee only shall approve all-star games within a single league structure.

PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ :

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT :

Housekeeping changes / covered off in Safe Sport Policy Manual.

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PROPOSED WORDING / LIBELLÉ PROPOSÉ : <p style="text-align: center;">Amalgamation and De-Amalgamation of Minor Hockey Associations</p> <p>29.1 Purpose To establish a standardized process for Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs) seeking to amalgamate with another association or to de-amalgamate from an existing structure, ensuring decisions are transparent, equitable, and in the best interest of player development.</p> <p>29.2 Definitions a) <i>Amalgamation</i> – The formal combining of two or more MHAs into a single operating association. b) <i>De-amalgamation</i> – The formal separation of an existing amalgamated association into two or more independent MHAs.</p> <p>29.3 Application Requirements Any MHA seeking to amalgamate or de-amalgamate must submit a formal proposal to Hockey New Brunswick Minor Council. The proposal must include:</p> <p>a) Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear justification for the request (e.g., registration trends, geography, competitive balance, sustainability, player development considerations). <p>b) Proposed Boundaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed description and map of revised association boundaries. <p>c) Player Pool Analysis</p>	

- Current and projected registration numbers by division.
- Impact on team formation and programming.

d) Operational Plan

- Governance structure, including committees and administration.
- Financial implications and transition plan.
- Impact on existing teams, leagues, and affiliations.

e) Association Governance Documentation

- Updated or proposed Association Constitution and By-Laws reflecting the new structure;
- A list of proposed Board of Directors for the new or revised association, **or** a clearly defined process and timeline for electing the Board of Directors.

f) Implementation Timeline

- Proposed effective date and transition steps.

29.4 Membership Approval

a) The proposal must be presented to the MHA membership at a duly called Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Special General Meeting.

b) The full proposal must be distributed to all voting members a minimum of **15 days prior** to the meeting.

c) Approval requires a majority vote of eligible voting members, as defined by the MHA's Constitution.

d) Where multiple MHAs are involved, each association must independently approve the proposal.

29.5 Submission Deadline

a) All requests for amalgamation or de-amalgamation must be submitted to Hockey New Brunswick no later than **June 1st** preceding the season in which the change is to take effect.

b) Late submissions may not be considered until the following season, at the discretion of Minor Council.

29.6. Review and Approval Process

a) Hockey New Brunswick Minor Council will review the submission, considering:

- Alignment with HNB regulations and boundaries
- Player development impact
- Competitive balance
- Operational viability

b) Minor Council may:

- Approve the request as submitted

- Approve with conditions
- Request additional information
- Deny the request with rationale

c) Minor Council decisions are final unless otherwise provided for under Hockey New Brunswick Appeals procedures.

29.7 Implementation

a) Approved changes will take effect for the upcoming season unless otherwise specified.

b) MHAs are responsible for communicating changes to their membership and ensuring a smooth transition.

29.8 Transitional Considerations

a) Player eligibility, transfers, and affiliations during the transition period will be governed by Hockey New Brunswick regulations.

b) Financial assets, liabilities, and equipment distribution must be addressed within the proposal.

c) Any disputes arising from implementation will be managed by Hockey New Brunswick’s Minor Council.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE / RAISONS DU CHANGEMENT :

Develop a process for amalgamation and de-amalgamation.

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