

THE PAS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
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1. All House League teams shall be comprised of a minimum of eleven (11) players. All Rep teams are comprised of a maximum of nineteen (19) players, with a minimum of ten (10) players.
2.
 - a) House League teams shall be drafted by a Convenor and the coaches of that league in according to the skill levels of the players as determined in skill performance drills conducted at the beginning of the season.
 - b) There shall be a two (2) week session of practice or hockey school prior to drafting teams.
 - c) Novice House League to be run as hockey development until November 15th of each season.
 - d) **Player Movements:**
 1. Squirts and Novice, all players that move to the house league above will play the entire season with these teams including representative and travelling teams. No movement backwards will be approved after 30 days in the respective league.
 2. Atom, Peewee, Bantam, all players that move to the house league above will play on their respective representative teams according to their age. No movement backwards will be approved after 30 days in the respective league.
3. Team balancing shall occur by the Convenor and the coaches on or about December 1st. If further balancing is required, it shall take place prior to January 15th. The Convenor shall chair these meetings.
4. A bi-weekly check of league standings shall be made by the Convenor in order to monitor the success of the balancing method.
5.
 - a) Major “First” Rep teams *may* play as a team unit in a higher House League;
 - b) These teams are to abide by the rules of the higher league;
 - c) This system is to be reviewed annually;
 - d) At the discretion of The Pas Minor Hockey Association, the Bantam team will have the option of playing as a team or being disbursed amongst the Midget players.

6. A selection committee, appointed by the Executive, shall be responsible for appointing all House League Coaches and Rep Team Coaches advising recommendation of coaches to Executive for final approval.
7. For teams traveling out of province, prior permission must be obtained from Hockey Manitoba by way of travel permit, available through the Registrar. All “First” and “Second” teams shall be required to obtain proper travel permits, arranged via The Pas Minor Hockey Association Executive at least fourteen (14) days prior to attending exhibition or tournament games out of province. The only exception to this will be late invitation duly dated, presented to The Pas Minor Hockey Association Executive.
8. For transportation of teams out of town, it is the responsibility of the Coach to:
 - a) arrange to have an adequate number of vehicles that are in safe mechanical working condition;
 - b) ensure that all drivers are properly licensed, mature, responsible adults;
 - c) ensure that vehicles do not exceed the posted speed limit and travel at a reduced rate when road conditions and/or visibility are poor. (Teams should cancel a trip if highway or police reports indicate unsafe road conditions. They should be prepared to spend an extra night in the town visited, if travel conditions are poor when scheduled return to The Pas);
 - e) ensure that vehicles travel together (at least in pairs) so that assistance is available in case of car trouble. Prior arrangements should be made regarding the “coffee stops” while on long trips. All vehicles should be accounted for each stop before proceeding;
 - f) ensure that absolutely no alcohol is consumed or displayed immediately prior to or during a trip by any adult and/or player, including those adults who are not driving, but are in the company of the players.

In the case of two (2) teams traveling to the same town/city or to towns within the same vicinity, those two (2) teams may travel together, providing coaches and managers agree to this.

9. Where a player by reason of size or ability is capable of playing at a higher level than his/her ages designates, provided that player, parent(s), Convenor of higher league and one (1) Player Advocate agree and only upon completion of proper transfer form, then such player will be allowed to play at that level.
10. Two (2) referees are required per game. If NO referees are available, CAHA Rule 41K will apply.
11. An on-going series of Referees’ Clinics shall be organized by the Referee-In-Chief in liaison with the Recreation Department each year.
12. All Referees must have at least Level I Certification at the end of the first six (6) weeks of the season.

13. Referees should be at least two (2) years older than the players in the game they referee, if possible.
14. The Pas Minor Hockey Association deadline for registration will be December 15th each current year. No player will be allowed to play hockey after this date unless the player moves to The Pas from another Town and is carded, together with a transfer and written release by the organization he/she comes from, as per Hockey Manitoba.
15. All Rep Team try out camps in The Pas Minor Hockey Association are to be advertised by way of the bulletin boards in the arena and through the Convenor and Coaches in the House League.
16.
 - a) All "First" Rep Teams will hold tryouts immediately after The Pas Minor Hockey Association's 1st registration and all teams will be provided six(6) hours of ice time, if required, for these tryouts, with team selection to be completed by October 15th of each year. Exception to this being Midget "First", whose deadline will be extended to November 1st.
 - b) All "Second" Rep Teams will be provided with six (6) hours of tryout time, if required, with teams to be selected by October 31st of each year. Exception to this being the Midget "Second" team, whose deadline will be extended to November 15th.
17. A new Affiliation Agreement between The Pas Minor Hockey Association and any Junior Team will be struck up by September 1st of each current year.
18. Players, coaches, managers, and parents shall be informed about the Association's Disciplinary Policy before the first game of the season in the form of a Disciplinary Policy Manual.
19. Any Executive member (elected/appointed), any coach, any manager, any on ice/off ice official involved in Minor Hockey who contributes to juvenile delinquency in any way, shall be suspended for an indefinite period of no less than one (1) year and upon review of current Executive for re-instatement. Further to this, said person(s) shall be reported to NMHA/Hockey Manitoba.
20. Donations and equipment will be accepted from local businesses and organizations. A standard crest will be adopted.
21. All teams traveling out of town to participate in exhibition tournament play shall be required upon return to provide The Pas Minor Hockey Association Executive with their original carbon copy of the game sheets.
22. All game protests must be submitted in writing, and accompanied by a \$10.00 retainer, to The Pas Minor Hockey Association within forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the protested game. (Retainer to be returned if appeal is successful).

23. If a player misses more than three (3) consecutive games or practices, the Convenor will investigate the reason for the absences.
24. It is mandatory that players registered with The Pas Minor Hockey Association wear a BNQ specifically manufactured throat protector during any on ice TPMHA activity, whether in town or out. Players failing to do so will not be allowed on the ice. This rule will be strictly enforced by on ice officials during games and otherwise, by all Minor Hockey Coaches.
25. At no time shall a member of the Executive of The Pas Minor Hockey Association interfere with players, team officials, or game officials during a game situation. The only exception to this rule will be if a game official stops the game and motions an Executive member to the ice surface.
26. During suspension The Pas Minor Hockey Association players will not participate in ANY The Pas Minor Hockey Association ice time activities.
27. Coaches, managers, and trainers must sign a Hockey Manitoba registration card, if applicable. No more than five (5) carded officials shall be permitted in the player's box. Only carded individuals are allowed in the player's box or on the ice at any time.
28. That The Pas Minor Hockey Association authorizes the Convenor and Coaches of a League to select players to try out for Norman or Hockey Manitoba teams.