

NBMHC PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES 2010 – 2011 SEASON

CLASSIFICATION

For provincial championship play Associations/community clubs/teams, except midget and competitive C registering with a New Brunswick Minor Hockey Council League will be classified AA, A, and B annually, based on their respective league standings as of January 10 of the current season except Midget. Provincial championship play shall be defined as any qualifying league, district or zone tournament or series preceding the actual provincial tournament.

- For affiliation purposes each team that is a league member shall be assigned an initial classification, by the Club or association as per the table below, this may not necessarily represent the team's final classification for provincial championship play, as of January 10.

The AA, A and B classification shall be determined as follows:

- Number of players per division divided by 16 (average number of players per team)
- The value obtained in (a) above will determine your category as per the following table:

TABLE	0 - .20	B
	2.01 - 3.5	A
	3.51 - 5.0	1AA, 1B
	5.01 - 7.0	1AA, 1A
	7.01 - 8.0	1AA, 1A & 1B
	8.00- 10.0	2AA, 1A & 1B
	10.01 11.0	2AA, 2A & 1B
	11.01- 18 +	3AA, 2A & 2B

- All associations/community clubs that do not follow the NBMHC Provincial Championship Guidelines will have their competitive teams at the AA, A, and B levels deemed ineligible for Provincials.
 - Registered players from a single gender female team, playing in female leagues, will not be included in the player pools to determine provincial classification of male or mixed gender teams.
- The number of teams in a league or division of a league will define the classification structure as of January 10. Example; A league composed of 3 AA, 3A and 3B teams will dictate positions 1-3 AA, 4-6 A and 7-9 B. The teams that occupy these positions shall carry the respective classifications on to provincial play regardless of their initial classification from the table above. Leagues will have the option at this time to recede teams in AA, A and B categories as numbers permit.
 - It will be the responsibility of the district director in conjunction with the leagues to determine the AA, A and B representative for their respective districts in the event the leagues do not encompass the entire zone.
 - All Association/Community Club teams participating in provincial championships must participate in the level of play (AA, A or B), if available as per their classification of January 10 [NOTE: This classification is independent of any classification assigned by a league, club or association]
 - Any Association/Community Club having more than 1 team in a Division category, (AA, A, B or C) must balance those teams within that category.
 - For the purposes of provincial championship qualification, a team may move to a higher category than indicated in the Table but may not revert back to their original category after January 10. All

associations/community clubs that allow teams to revert back will have all their competitive teams at the AA, A, B and C levels deemed ineligible for Provincials.

QUALIFICATION

7. To participate in provincial championships an association/community club must have a minimum of 12 players, 1 of which must be a goaltender, duly registered with the NBMHC in that division and category of play except for a competitive C team. (refer to Operations Manual 15.3b)
8. All teams at the Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Minor Junior C divisions (AAA, AA, A, B and C) vying for a Provincial Championship must play in a registered League. There shall be no provincial competition for the Initiation, Novice and Atom Divisions.
9. The NBMHC Directors shall ensure that all District/Zone/Association Leagues are operated in accordance with the NBMHC guidelines. Violations of such guidelines will render a team, community club and/or association ineligible for provincial playoffs.
10. Teams in the AAA level of play shall have their playoffs structured as per Hockey Canada requirements. The provincial playoffs shall be determined by a proposal from the respective AAA (Development) League or Central Midget League, for Midget AA, A and B by January 10, through the NBHMC Executive Committee Liaison who will present it to the NBMHC Executive Committee by January 31 of each season for approval.
11. A District or Community Club that fails to show for a scheduled zone playoff will not be eligible to participate in that level of play in the following season. Team officials will be suspended for a period of 1 year and the respective Community Club's membership will be subject to review by the NBMHC Executive Committee.
12. If the team members and the officials do not speak the same language during provincial playoffs, before the beginning of the game, a bilingual person must be identified who could help the officials better communicate their decisions, and inversely, in order to avoid any needless confusion.
13. End of season banquets of leagues having Anglophone and Francophone teams must be bilingual.

HOSTING OF PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

14. All provincial tournaments will be conducted on the weekend beginning with the final Friday in March, except Midget.
15. All provincial tournaments will be played under the Zone host system. Therefore, 5 teams, (4 Zones plus the Host), per category, (AA, A, B and C), can take part in every Provincial Division category playoff. All teams, excluding the host, will pay an entry fee of \$500.00 per team to the Hosting Zone.
16. Each Zone, throughout the Province, will be responsible for hosting a Provincial Championship Division on a rotating basis in conjunction with the following schedule. Each Division shall host each of the AA, A, B and C categories.

Division	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Peewee	D	C	B	A	D	C
Bantam	B	A	D	C	B	A
Midget	C	B	A	D	C	B
Minor Junior C	" ----- To Be Decided -----					

17. The zone allocated to submit an application to host the respective category of Championship is given first priority in the selection process. Application forms to host Provincial Championships must be submitted to the District Directors and Hockey New Brunswick office by mail, fax (453-0868) or email prior to January 10 of each year. The host for Provincial Tournaments shall be decided as per the qualifications for selection of site and hosting of the provincial championship (Annex A). Should a designated zone fail to submit application for a provincial championship category (ie. Peewee, Bantam, and Midget) application to host this specific category will be open to all zones until January 17. Upon this date, applications are to be received by Hockey New Brunswick office no later than 5:00 p.m. Should there be no application received for a specific category by January 17, Provincial Championships for that category will be cancelled for the current season.
18. The NBMHC shall award the right to host Provincial Championship prior to January 30 annually. Notices shall be forwarded to all Associations from the NBMHC Chair within 7 days of site identification.

DISTRICT AND/OR ZONE PLAYOFFS

19. All district and/or zone peewee and bantam playoffs must be either a) a best of 3 series for 2 teams or a double round robin (home and away) for more than 2 teams or b) the standings of a competitive league may be used.
20. All zones must declare representatives at the AA, A, B and C levels two weeks prior to the provincial tournament or the zone will be ineligible for Provincials. Whereas Leagues do not include the entire zone, district champions must be declared 4 weeks prior to provincial tournament. In this instance, District Directors shall schedule zone playoffs in accordance with the NBMHC guidelines. Within the zone, playing rules of registered minor hockey leagues will apply for the zone provincial playoffs.
21. Zone champions via their District Director must submit a copy of their roster forms, (including affiliates), duly approved by the HNB Registrar no later than Monday of the week prior to provincial tournament.

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES & REGULATIONS

22. All provincial tournaments will be played as per the following schedule format. Except for the first game on Friday, Zones may be substituted to accommodate team travel requirements.

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY
12h	Host Zone vs. Host Club	10h	Zone B vs. Host Zone	11h Final
14h	Zone A vs. Zone B	12h	Zone A vs. Host Club	
16h	Host Zone vs. Zone D	14h	Zone D vs. Zone B	
18h	Zone B vs. Host Club	16h	Zone A vs. Host Zone	
20h	Zone D vs. Zone A	18h	Zone D vs. Host Club	
<p>N.B. - The first game on Friday will always involve the host Zone team playing against the host Club. Subsequent games must be scheduled in consideration of travel requirements. The farthest teams should be scheduled for the later times. The final game on Sunday shall commence no later than 1400 hours.</p>				

23. Team Rosters - prior to the commencement of Provincial Championships, copies of the HNB Player Roster Forms, including affiliated players, shall be submitted by the HNB office to the Tournament Director. This roster will be frozen and players shall not be on two frozen rosters simultaneously.
24. Provincial tournament playoff games at all competitive levels to be 15-minute stop time periods with a 3-minute bench rest period between the first and second period and a flood between the second and third period. The ice must be resurfaced before the start of each game.

25. Tie Breaking Sequence (Amended: September 2006)

Two Teams Tied

If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of a round robin series, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final and final games are played.

In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

26.1. If two teams are tied:

26.1.1 The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams gains the higher position.

26.1.2 The team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position.

26.1.3 If the two teams are still tied after 26.1.1 and 26.1.2 have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against. NOTE: All round robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals against = 4 goals

Percentage: $10/10+4 = .714$

NOTE: The higher percentage gains the higher position

26.1.4 If the two teams are still tied after 26.1.1, 26.1.2, and 26.1.3 have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round robin games, gains the higher position.

26.1.5 If the two teams are still tied after 26.1.1, 26.1.2, 26.1.3, and 26.1.4 have been applied, then the team which scored the first goal in the game between the tied teams gains the higher position.

26.1.6 If the two teams are still tied after 26.1.1, 26.1.2, 26.1.3, 26.1.4, and 26.1.5 have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the higher position.

Three or More Teams Tied

Note: The three-team tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd seed. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one team, that team assumes that position. The three-team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two-team tiebreaker

26.2. If three teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games among the tied teams only will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) shall advance.

26.2.1 The team with the most wins, in games among the three teams, would gain the highest position.

26.2.2 If teams are still tied after 26.2.1 has been applied, then the team with the best goal average, gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner: total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round robin games are included

Example: For = 10 goals against = 4 goals

Percentage: $10/10+4 = .714$

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position(s).

The exercise of 26.2.2 establishes the team or teams with the highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance. If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. They do not go back to the "Two Team Tiebreaker."

Example;

- A. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances
Team B - .500 = 3 seed – Does not advance Team C - .650 = 2 seed – Advances
- B. Team A - .714 = 1 seed – Advances
Team B - .500 = Still tied with team C – go to next step 26. 2.3. Team C- .500 = Still tied with team B – go to next step 23.2.3.
- C. Team A – .650 = Still tied with team B – go to next step 26.2.3. Team B - .650 = Still tied with team A – go to next step 26.2.3. Team C - .500 = Does not advance

26.2.3 If teams are still tied after 26.2.1 and 26.2.2. The team with the fewest goals against (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

27. For single or deciding game in District, Zone or Provincial Championship playoffs, if at the end of regulation time, the score of a game is tied, the following shall take place:

- a) **A 10-minute sudden victory overtime period shall take place;**
- b) **If the score is still tied after a) above, proceed as per Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule 83.**

RULE 83 – Hockey Canada Official Playing Rule

- a) *In the final game, if the score is tied after regulation time, the following shall take place;*
 - (1) *If the Referee feels it is necessary, he may order the ice to be re-surfaced at the end of the third regulation period. If the ice is not resurfaced, the teams will not change.*
 - (2) *the puck shall be faced-off at centre ice and the play shall continue with a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period.*
 - (3) *if the score is still tied after the sudden victory 10- minute overtime period, the teams would take the normal between period break and a return to play 20-minute sudden victory periods. The teams will now change ends.*
 - b) *Any overtime shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.*
- 28. The Team Manager shall furnish the Tournament Chairman with a list of players, (including affiliates), and a provincial roster list.
 - 29. The host NBMHC District Director or his nominee shall examine all Team Rosters, (including affiliates), prior to the start of the Tournament. This review will be conducted with Team officials present at a meeting at the first of the Tournament. All teams must have a registered team official or designate confirmed in writing by the Association/Club president present for this meeting or the team forfeits all right of protest or appeal.
 - 30. The 1 referee and 2 linesmen system shall be used in all NBMHC playoffs. All minor officials including scorers, timekeepers and goal judges are to be provided by the Host Association, Community Club and/or Team. Goal judges are mandatory for Provincial Tournament Championship games only.
 - 31. The winning team at the Provincial tournament shall be declared Provincial Champion and be awarded a HNB-NBMHC championship banner. Each Member of the winning team shall be presented with a NBMHC gold medallion while each member of the runner-up team shall be presented with a silver medallion.