



What's New for 2009-2010



The following is a summary of new regulations or policies that have been implemented by Hockey Manitoba for the 2009-10 hockey season.

Mandatory Helmets – Minor Hockey Coaches (Effective 2008-09 season)

All on-ice participants including coaches are required to wear a CSA approved helmet during all Hockey Manitoba sanctioned 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

Hockey Manitoba is currently working on continuing a helmet discount program helmet for coaches through participating Source for Sports outlets. Please check the Hockey Manitoba website for more information.

Coach Certification Reminder

Certification for the Initiation, Coach Stream, Development 1, Respect in Sport and Safety programs must be obtained on or before December 1st of the current season.

It is the responsibility of each Minor Hockey Association to ensure their coaches have achieved their appropriate certification. Please refer to Section J of the Hockey Manitoba handbook for additional information and regulations regarding Coach Certification requirements.

Rural Minor Female Registration

Rural minor female players registering on both male and female teams must now be rostered on each team by January 10th of the current season, unless not previously registered in the current season.

This regulation was adopted to avoid registration of players for the purpose of provincial championship competition only.

Extended Season

For the purpose of the extended season (March 1 – April 30), players are now eligible to register with the same centre in which he/she was registered with in the regular season, regardless of the location of their residence.

Please refer to pages 61-62 of the Hockey Manitoba handbook for the complete extended season regulations.

Bantam Rural AA Provincial Category

A male Bantam Rural AA provincial category will be open for approved teams with players from a maximum of five associations within one region. Prior to tryouts, the five associations must be declared. Amalgamated associations will be considered as one association if in existence for three consecutive years.

The winner of the Bantam Rural AA provincial category will join the Winnipeg Bantam AA Champion, Brandon Bantam AA team and Rural City AA Champion in the Bantam Final Four Championship each season.

Provincial Categorization – Rural Minor Male

All teams will enter the category of play as determined by Regulation D. 53 in the Hockey Manitoba handbook (based on registration numbers in male hockey). Teams are not permitted to move to a lower category but may request a move to a higher category at the Semi Annual meeting.

Provincial Categorization – Rural Minor Female

For the purpose of Hockey Manitoba minor female provincial play-off competitions, teams will be placed in categories at their regional meetings and are subject to review by the regional Female Vice Directors prior to approval by Minor Council at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Regions are required to supply their teams' standings within the leagues they participate in. This information, as well as the teams' official rosters, is to be provided to the regional Female Vice Directors prior to the Semi Annual meeting.

Respect in Sport

The on-line educational program on the prevention of abuse and harassment in hockey is now mandatory for all coaches by December 1st of the current season. Please Note: The Hockey Canada Speak Out certification will be accepted as a substitute for the Respect in Sport Program for the 2009-10 season.

The Respect in Sport program can be accessed through our website at www.hockeymanitoba.mb.ca

Certification Requirements for House League coaches

Novice and Pre-Novice house league teams require a minimum of one coach to meet the full current coach certification criteria. All other house league coaches on the team will require Respect in Sport and all house league teams require a certified Safety person. All House league coaches must be fully certified in their 2nd year.

Note: Hockey Manitoba recommends that all house league coaches attend a clinic in their first year. Coaches in all other levels of hockey must meet the full certification requirements indicated in Section J of the Hockey Manitoba handbook.

Initiation Coach Certification

There will now be a 1-hour on-ice component added to the Initiation coach certification clinic.

On-line Clinic Registration

Registration for Coach and Official clinics will be completed on-line via the Hockey Manitoba website. Please visit www.hockeymanitoba.mb.ca for complete details.

U-15 Director's Cup and Female Bantam Challenge Eligibility

In order to be eligible candidates must be a Canadian citizen and have been a member within the three previous seasons. Any candidate who falls outside these regulations can apply to Hockey Manitoba for a concession.

Rosters must include a minimum of 17 players (15 skaters and 2 goalies) and maximum of 19 players (skaters and 2 goalies). Regions who can not meet the required minimum roster size must have their rosters approved by the Chairs of Minor Hockey.

New Program of Excellence Structure (Male)

Effective in the 2009-10 season, there will now be an U-16 team (Team Manitoba) and an U-17 team selected (Team West) each season. The U-16 team will compete in the Western Branch Championships and the U-17 team will compete in the World U-17 Challenge. Note: Every fourth year the U-16 Team Manitoba team will compete at the Canada Winter Games (Next Games scheduled in Halifax in 2011).

Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) Database

Hockey Manitoba is once again offering use of the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) database for the 2009-10 season to all Minor Hockey Associations. New association registrars using the on-line database are required to attend one of the scheduled training sessions taking place in Aug-Sept 2009. Although data entry will be completed directly by Minor Hockey Associations, approval is required by the appropriate Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrar. In addition, because not all Minor Hockey Associations will be utilizing the on-line database, hard copies of all forms including rosters, addition/deletions, playoff application forms etc. are required to be submitted to your zone registrar as in previous seasons. Associations that utilize the on-line database will be able to speed up the registration process and have access to all member information including coach certification. In addition, the database will offer a number of benefits including scheduling, reporting, fee recording etc.

Please Note: Hockey Manitoba is proceeding with plans for all registration to be completed on-line through the HCR Database in 2010-11. Hard copies of rosters and other forms will no longer be utilized in the registration process and Hockey Manitoba encourages all associations to begin using the HCR Database this season.

Please contact Esther Thiessen in the Hockey Manitoba office at esther@hockeymanitoba.mb.ca for more information.

Hockey Canada Safety for All booklets and Insurance Information

Hockey Canada is no longer circulating the "Safety for All" booklets and Insurance Information. This information is now available on the Hockey Manitoba website in both the Insurance and Hockey Forms section. Please note that it is extremely important to ensure all members are aware of this information.

Hockey Manitoba Office – Change of Address

Please note that the Hockey Manitoba office will be moving to the following address on **December 31, 2009:**

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