



Female Rules and Regulations

(These rules are referring to girls who register and play female hockey)

Female Entry Age Rules for Under 12, Under 15 and Under 20

Under 12 Division: 9, 10 and 11 years old as of December 31 of the current hockey season.

Under 15 Division: 12, 13 and 14 years old as of December 31 of the current hockey season.

Under 20 Division: 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 years old as of December 31 of the current hockey season.

Players play in the division their age dictates unless they have been evaluated by either (1) a member of Hockey Development or (2) the Association's Technical Director. If neither 1 nor 2 are available, the highest coach level in their association. Players must be found to be too strong for the division they are moving from.

Where associations do not have sufficient numbers to register a team, a "Request to Pick Up A Player" form must be forwarded to the Female Zone Coordinator. This form must be signed by the President of the two associations involved. The Zone Coordinators response will be forwarded to both the Female Chair and the Hockey NL Office. Verbal request will not be entertained. Requests to pick up female players must be submitted on the Female pick up forms.

Female Teams must use the Travel forms found under Forms in the Female section on the Hockey NL web site.

Guidelines for under age Pick-ups:

1. Pickups must come from the home association first.
2. In all cases, the oldest players will be picked up first. i.e.: Under 15 will pick up a first year pee wee and Under 20 will pick up a second year bantam.
3. If there are not sufficient numbers in the home association, the association will have the opportunity to pick up players from their closest neighboring association.
4. Player can only be picked up from one division lower. (Under 20 will not be permitted to pick up a player from Under 12).
5. Exemptions for these guidelines may be made for goalies.
6. Teams may only pick up 4 under age players. (Passed September 2013)
7. Eight year olds are not eligible to play in Provincials. **Exception: Four eight year olds can be picked up for a Provincial Under 12 Team provided they do not displace another age appropriate player in that division in the Province. (Passed June 2015)**

THESE GUIDELINES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE MINOR HOCKEY PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN THE MINOR DIRECTORY.

Provincial Tournament Rules:

1. Girls who do not register and play on female teams will only be permitted to play in the Female Provincials after all female players are accommodated on teams. Then only to a roster of 12.
2. Where associations agree to open boundaries to form a league, players from those associations must be registered and playing in the league to be eligible to participate in the female Regional or Provincial Tournaments.
3. In Female hockey, where boundaries have been opened to allow pooled teams, players will register with the host association of the respective division.

4. Players in pooled leagues will either return to their home associations for Provincials or attend as the registered team from the league.
5. Players who attend post secondary schools and return to their home associations for Provincials must have attended 50% of their games and practices.
6. Any player who is registered with or plays with a team outside the province of Newfoundland and Labrador will not be permitted to participate in the Female Provincial Tournament.
7. Players who refuse to try out and /or attend the Provincial Tournament with their home association will not be permitted to be picked up by another team.
8. Goalies may be permitted to be play in a higher division in Provincials if they continue to honor their commitment to their own division and only when an age appropriate goalie cannot be found. This would require the approval of the Female Zone Coordinator.
9. A goalie cannot play for two teams in a Provincial Tournament.
10. Teams who refuse to travel to a designated site will be removed from the grading.
11. To be placed on the grading, teams must have 12 players, one of whom is a goalie.
12. The first grading report will be presented at the September meeting. The second grading will be posted on the Hockey NL web site by January 15. Only teams who have their rosters filed with the Hockey NL Office by January 10th will be put on the second grading. Teams will have 7 days to request to move and the final grading will be posted January 22.
13. Requests to be moved on the grading must be made by the Female Rep of the Association and signed by their President. Female Forms are on the Hockey NL web site under Female.
14. Teams may pick up players to a maximum of 19, at the discretion of the Female Committee, two of whom must be goalies
15. All teams must have a female on the bench, either as a coach, assistant coach, trainer or manager.

Female Pee Wee/Bantam/Midget Regional Team Rules and Regulations

Player Eligibility

1. Pee Wee Female ages 11-12 as of Dec. 31 of the current hockey season
2. Bantam Female ages 13-14 as of Dec. 31 of the current hockey season.
3. Midget Female ages 15-17 as of Dec. 31 of the current hockey season.
4. Players must be registered and playing on Female Teams in Associations where Female Teams are available. Players must have 50% of their regular season games and practices to qualify for Provincial Play-downs or for the Atlantic Championship.
5. In Associations where no Female Program is offered players may register and try out in the appropriate zone.
6. All players must register and be in good standing with their Minor Association to attend try outs.
7. Players must attend their designated Provincial Tournament to be eligible to attend the Atlantic Championship or out of province tournaments. Should a player not attend their Provincial Tournament without just cause then said player would not be eligible for a regional team the following season.
8. Players who fail to attend 100% of Regional team play without just cause shall not be eligible for regional team play the following season.

Format

1. Regional Teams will be selected no later than December 15.
2. Teams must consist of 15 skaters and two goalies. If two goalies are not available in a region, the zone coordinator must be notified.
3. The try out list must be forwarded to the Zone Coordinator showing the players name, date of birth and home association.

4. Final team selection will be forwarded to the Female Zone Coordinator and to the Host Association 24 hours before players are notified.
5. Once selected, the team can practice or play exhibition games providing such activities Does Not interfere or conflict with a minor hockey program.
6. Such activities should not put an undue financial burden on the players.
7. All Regional teams will compete in a Provincial Tournament to be held January.
8. The Provincial Tournament will be a round robin format consisting of 3-15 minute periods for Bantam and 3-20 minute periods for Midget. The top two teams advance to the Championship Game. (Providing all regions participate)
9. Two hours must be allowed for all games.
10. Ice will be cleaned after every second period; this applies to the Championship Game as well.
11. There will be no Bronze medal game in Provincial Play-downs.
12. Schedules will follow the format of the Bantam Irving and Pee Wee Alliant Provincial Championship with the exception of the rest period. Female will allow a two hour rest period between games.
13. The winner of this Provincial Tournament will advance to the Atlantic Championship.
14. If a full complement of players does not try out for the regional team, every effort must be made to secure a complete roster for play-downs. Should overtime be required in the Semi-Final Game, the format for overtime in a Championship game will be used as per Paragraph 10 G of the Provincial Tournament Procedures.
15. The winner of the Provincial Play-down will advance to the Atlantic Championship.
16. Teams have to declare their intent to go to the Atlantic Championship prior to the Provincial Play-downs.
17. Should the Team representing NL win the Atlantic Championship they automatically advance to the Female Midget Nationals. Travel, accommodations and meals for the team and coaches will be paid for by Hockey Canada. A Branch Rep is included with the team.
18. Branches have to declare their intent to go to the Esso Female Midget Nationals (should they win the Atlantics) prior to the Provincial Play Downs. If a team withdraws after November 1 a \$2000 fine will be levied by Hockey Canada. Teams must be prepared to advance to both the Atlantic Championship and the Nationals if competing in the Play-downs.
19. An Association will be required to host the Provincial Tournament.

Coach Criteria

1. Head Coach or Assistant Coach must have Intermediate Level or Development 1 Certification and all coaches must have at least Coach Stream or Coach Level.
2. All coaching staff (including trainers and managers) must have Speak Out and have completed the screening process.
3. Trainers must be HCSP certified.

Exemptions will not be given to the above criteria.

Rules

1. All regional teams must have a host association in place prior to try-outs. Host associations will be responsible for providing receipt books and receiving information concerning the team's budget and finances. The host association may make other reasonable stipulations as it sees fit. The team must obtain a letter from the President indicating that they are agreeing to act as the host association. This letter is to be forwarded to the Zone Coordinator. Teams should inform the Female Zone Coordinator of jersey colors to prevent potential conflicts.
2. The team manager can obtain the Regional Team Criteria as per Statement of Revenue and Expenditure on the Hockey NL website. This document must be sent to the host association and the Zone Coordinator.

3. Hockey NL and Hockey Canada's playing rules are to be followed for Provincial Play-Downs.
4. Upon completion of the Provincial Play-downs, the team advancing to the Atlantic Championship must confer with the Zone Coordinator before travel arrangements are made.
5. The Zone Coordinator must be copied on all correspondence concerning the Regional and Provincial teams.
6. Regional teams must assume full responsibility for any debts incurred and any damages incurred to hotel rooms, dressing rooms etc.
7. The Bantam Regional team will have the option to pick up a Maximum of three second year Pee Wee players, (this does not include goalies) to bring their numbers to 15 skaters. A Pee Wee player cannot displace a Bantam player.
8. The Midget Regional team will have the option to pick up a Maximum of three second year Bantam players (this does not include goalies) to bring their numbers to 15 skaters. A Bantam player cannot displace a Midget player.
9. All travel arrangements should include the Branch Rep.
10. All Regional teams should name alternates.
11. When coaches have to be informed of any change after the start of the tournament, the Hockey NL coordinator will call a meeting of all coaches concerned and if a member from the Female Committee is present, he/she is to be included or in their absence another member from the host association. Any change should be confirmed with the Hockey NL Female Chair.
12. The host association must block hotel rooms for players and coaches of all teams before any are released for parents.