



**2025 Annual General Meeting
Minor
June 2025**



Hockey New Brunswick Minor Council – Annual General Meeting
June 7th, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Saint John – Delta Brunswick

8:30 a.m.	Luc Martin	Welcome / Call to order
8:35 a.m.	Nic Jansen	Credentials / Roll call of delegates
8:50 a.m.	Luc Martin	Additions & Approval of Agenda
8:50 a.m.	Luc Martin	Business arising from Minutes
9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor Chair - Female Commission representative - Elite Hockey representative - District Directors - Executive Director
9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Rob Newson	Hockey Canada – updates
10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Normand Hector	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion - Presentation
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Ian Donald / Luc Martin	Notices of Amendment
12:00 p.m.-12:15 p.m.	Nic Jansen	Workshop / Feedback on HNB initiatives and programs
12:15 p.m.	Adjournment	

**New Brunswick Minor Hockey Council
Annual General Meeting
June 8th, 2024
Fredericton, NB – Delta Hotels by Marriott Fredericton**

Present: Luc Martin, Mark Wright, Kim Sparkes, Hazel Wells, Richard Hawkes, Lee MacWilliams, Kris Dupuis, Ian Donald, Francine Albert, Louis Gaudet, Lori Williams, Shaun Abbass, Alex Armsworthy, Jonathan Baker, Laura Barr, Ryan Beers, Shawn Bettel, Andre Bornais, Dan Boudreau, Sylvain Boudreau, Serge Bourgeois, Ruthie Bresson, Ryan Bresson, Kent Brewer, Eric Brun, Kevin Carrier, Mike Conley, Anne Corrigan, Jordan Currie, Patrick DeGrace, Kelly DeLucry, Chris Dunn, Kelly Emberley, Derrick Fillmore, Tania Gagnon, Mathieu Haché, Steve Haché, Angela Hawkins, Daniel Huard, Jennifer Hurley, Reta Kelley, Kevin King, Joey Landry, Brandon LeBlanc, Patrick Leger, Michel Legere, Courtney Maccaroni, Alexandre Mallet, Mark Marshall, Tim McCarthy, Zach McCarthy, Kristine McLaughlin, Sean McSorley, Dale Melanson, David Melanson, Eric Michaud, Arianne Milliard, Pierre Morais, Scott Nelson, John O'Toole, Denis Ouellette, Kim Penney, Scott Phinney, Mathew Richardson, Jamie Ross, Curtis Rossignol, Allain Savoie, Keith Shirley, Chad St-Onge, Philip St-Pierre, Robin Taylor, Pascal Theberge, Alan Underhill, Alexandre Violette, Cathy Waugh, Tim White, Gillian Wilson, Lance Woodman, Becky York, Roger Gaudet, Mark Belliveau, Brennan Roach, Lyn Colford, Charles Albert

Absent: Eric Pelletier, Denis Sheehan,

Observers: Dawn Shaw, Michael Berube, Todd Williams, Tom Donovan (Life Member), Doug Steeves (Life Member), Maurice Theriault, Heather Strickland (Staff), Katie Peddle (Staff), Nic Jansen (Executive Director), Michelle Currie (Staff Resource), Todd Pye (President), Kelly VanBuskirk, Daniel Rousselle, Marc-André Voisine, Stephen Marshall, Christian Bossé

1-Welcome- Luc Martin opened the meeting at 8:31am. He presented the agenda and welcomed everyone.
There were 80 voting delegates registered.

2- Credentials Committee Report

The credentials committee report was presented by Nic Jansen. He proceeded to list the District Associations and Community Club (and Leagues) and the number of voting delegates. Roll call for Credential Delegates: 80 voting delegates, or 41 votes to carry Notices of Amendment.

District Associations and Community Clubs

Association	#	Association	#	Association	#
Edmundston	2	Elite Hockey	1	Petitcodiac-Salisbury	1
Haut Madawaska	1	Grand Lake	2	Sussex	1
District 11 Director	0	Moncton	2	Riverview	2
Grand Falls	1	Hampton	1	Sackville	2
York North	2	Kennebecasis Valley	2	Kent Center	2
Restigouche North	2	Charlotte County	1	Kent-Sud	2
York West	2	Female Rep on Minor	1	West Kent Female	1
Victoria-Tobique	2	St. Stephen	1	Restigouche Ouest	2
Fredericton	2	Dieppe/Memramcook	2	Miramichi	0
Oromocto	2	Grand Manan	0	Greater Miramichi Female	2
Lewisville	1	Hillsborough	1	Baie des Chaleurs	1
District Director 2	1	District Director 3	1	Bathurst	1
District Director 6	1	District Director 7	1	Péninsule Acadienne	2
District Director 9	1	District Director 10	0	District Director 1	1
Rogersville	0	Minor Chair	1	District Director 5	1
Carleton Minor	2	Lancaster Minor	0	District Director 8	1
Woodstock	1	Boiestown/Doaktown	1	Shediac Cap Pele	2
Res-Ma-Vic	2	Western Valley Female	2	Central Female	2
South East Female	2	Fundy Female	1		

Leagues

League	#	League	#	League	#
NB Female AAA	2	Southern NB League	2	Central U15 League	1
Central U18 League	2	South East NB Rec.	1	Central U11 League	1

3- Motion to approve the 2024 Agenda.

Moved Lee MacWilliams, Seconded Lori Williams.

Motion Carried

4- Minutes of 2023 AGM.

Motion to approve the NBMHC 2023 annual meeting minutes – Moved Lee MacWilliams, Seconded Lori Williams

Motion Carried

5- Business arising from 2023 minutes.

There was no business arising from minutes.

6- Minor Chair – Luc Martin's report

Report as submitted.

7- Female Commission Representative- Lori Williams

Report as submitted. Female Provincials have been determined for the 2024-2025 season. When submitting the host application, teams can choose either the March 14-16, 2025, or March 21-23, 2025 weekend.

8- Elite Hockey Commission: Louis

Report as submitted.

9- District Director Reports:

Mark Wright- District 1: As submitted.

Kim Sparkes- District 2: As submitted.

Hazel Wells- District 3: As submitted.

Richard Hawkes - District 5: As submitted.

Lee MacWilliams- District 6: As submitted.

Kris Dupuis- District 7: As submitted.

Ian Donald - District 8: As submitted.

Francine Albert- District 9: As submitted.

Éric Pelletier- District 10 & 11: As submitted. Was not able to attend this year's AGM.

Lee Benoit – New District 10 Director for the 2024-2025 season

10- Executive Director - HNB: Nic Jansen

Report As submitted. Nic presented a summary of his report highlighting the main points from this past season.

11- UNB Sport Law Clinic – Kelly VanBuskirk

Nic introduced Kelly VanBuskirk who presented to the group virtually. Kelly touched on the following:

- Started a new Sport Law Clinic last fall. It's a credit course in which students get credit for participation. Each Student has a background in sports and the clinic focused this year on HNB.
- The students did a comprehensive review of the HNB Constitution and created a template to help associations create or update their Constitutions.
- There were quite a few investigations (complaints) which Kelly supervised.
- The investigations and reports by the students were well done.
- The service provided to HNB met or exceeded expectations.
- The UNB Sports Law Clinic has reached interest from National and Provincial Sport organizations.
- For the 2024-2025 season, the clinic is looking to increase the volume of investigations and continue to work with Nic and HNB.
- Some associations were reluctant to participate in the investigations. Kelly asked everyone to speak with their associations. The UNB Law school is working on behalf of HNB, and the investigations are serious and should work with the UNB Sports Law students. The clinic is beneficial to everyone. Every complaint should be investigated and addressed for quick resolution and correction. Participation is crucial.

12- Notices of Amendment:

Ian Donald was tasked to read out the NOA's and associations voted for or against the motion. 80 voting delegates and 41 votes were needed to carry.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT:

5.4: Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald
On the question by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald

Proposed wording:

All Game incident reports, and game sheets must be forwarded to the coordinator of Suspensions at the following email: suspensions@hnb.ca **not later than 48 hours after the incident.**

Motion Carried

12.1 (f) Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

Proposed Wording – NEW

Any games played with an ineligible Team Official will be declared a forfeit.

An ineligible Team Official is defined as an individual that was released from the team roster on or after December 15th for not having the certification requirements.

Motion Carried

13.5 (b), 15.2, 15.5, 15.10 (c) Moved to amend by Lee MacWilliams / Seconded by Chis Dunn

Proposed Wording

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**

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.

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 and Female
 - All female hockey is non-checking.

15.10 Goalkeepers

- a. Player Roster Forms upon which goalkeepers are registered shall be clearly marked as goalkeeper, except U13 and below.
- b. No replacement can be made for an ill or injured player, except the goaltender. (Refer to HNB Regulation 106.g).
- c. 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

Motion Carried

13.8 Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald

Proposed Wording - NEW

ROC Female Hockey representatives will be responsible for approving Female teams into the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR)

Motion Carried

15.13 (a) Motion moved by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald

Proposed Wording - NEW

U11 – team classification

For the initial registration of teams, the number of players registered by a Minor Hockey Association within a division will be used as follows:

- AA – for every 60 players, the association must have an AA team
- Discretion is provided + / - 10
 - Associations will not have more than 3 'AA' teams.

A – 24-59 players

- Discretion is provided + / - 10
- The above numbers represent the requirement to have A and AA teams.
 - Additional teams are at the discretion of the association.
- a. U11 AA teams can be formed between neighboring associations who do not meet the minimum number of players with the approval of the Board of Directors from each association as well as the District Director.
 - b. Minor Hockey Associations can make a request to their District Director at the start of the season to play at the highest level without meeting the required numbers.
 - c. Minor Associations may register more than one team in the same classification within a division. These teams must be balanced.
 - d. If a player's home association does not offer U11 AA, the player can transfer to a neighboring association. If they do not make the AA team, they must return to their home association.
 - e. It's recommended that associations have no less than 50% of their teams at the recreational level.

The motion to amend section 15.13 and to break it out to subsections was approved.

The first subsection was voted on and was defeated.

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- Associations will not have more than 3 'AA' teams.

Once defeated, the mover Luc Martin withdrew this amendment in its entirety.

15.14 (a) Motion moved by Lori Williams / Seconded by Luc Martin

Proposed Wording:

Travel teams may be permitted by the Female Commission on a case by case basis where circumstances warrant, Considerations may include but are not limited to location/geography of the players, travel distances and ice restrictions. Teams should expect to operate under restrictions deemed appropriate by the Female Commission, such as limited number of games or tournaments

Motion Carried

15.14 (d) Moved to amend by Lori Williams / Seconded by Luc Martin

Proposed wording – New

d. The deadline for travel team requests is December 15th.

Motion Carried

17.3, 17.4 (b) Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Lori Williams
On the question by Luc Martin / Seconded by Lori Williams

Proposed wording:

The movement of players from their age-appropriate division will only be permitted with the approval of the District Director.

For upward player movement to competitive division:

Registered non-AAA **co-ed** teams shall adhere to the following criteria with respect to the use of underage players in any division of minor hockey:

a. The upward player movement shall be available for second year players beginning in U9 including exceptional players with the movement to Competitive 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). 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.**

For player movement related to AAA, please refer to the EHC Exceptional Player Status Guidelines.

b. Overall hockey ability.

c. Physical development.

d. Social development.

e. The Selection Committee must be independent of the coaching staff of the team and must be made up of a representative of both the NBMHC and NBEHC, or their representatives.

f. All players (aged and under-aged) must be evaluated objectively and ranked by the Selection Committee.

g. The District Director from whose area the under-aged player is coming, must approve the selection and file same immediately with the Executive Director.

h. The use of the player must remain consistent with this ranking during the playing season or his status may be revisited by the District Director responsible for his league.

i. To balance program requirements of the association/club.

j. A fee of \$250.00, payable to the Hockey New Brunswick District.

k. All requests for upward player movement must be received one week prior to the Association try-outs starting, or at the discretion of the District Director.

For upward player movement to recreational division

Players must roster within their appropriate age division unless permission is granted by their District Director for a second year 'C' player to move up one division within the 'C' level. The District Director shall use the "Risk, Safety and Conduct Management" criteria for determining such movement.

For downward player movement (female players playing co-ed):

At the discretion of the district director, female co-ed players may be permitted to play down one division and play at the co-ed "C" level. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the District Director shall use the following criteria for determining such movement: a. Risk and safety management. b. Medical. c. Compassion d. Development of the player.

First year Female players may play down one division in a co-ed competitive division if they reside in a district that does not have a female competitive team.

For downward player movement (male players):

At the discretion of the District Director, male players may be permitted to play down one division and play at the co-ed "C" level. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the District Director shall use the following criteria for determining such movement: a. Risk and safety management. b. Medical. c. Compassion d. Development of the player.

The player must be evaluated to be in the bottom 50% of players on the lower category team that the player is to be rostered to. Once the overage player is approved on the roster they are permitted to participate in provincial playoffs.

Motion Carried

17.6 Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Lori Williams
On the question by Luc Martin / Seconded by Lori Williams

Proposed wording – NEW

The movement of female players from their age-appropriate female division will only be permitted with the approval of the Female Minor Council representative.

For downward player movement:

At the discretion of the Female Minor Council representative, female players may be permitted to play down one division and play at the Female A level. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the Female Minor Council representative shall use the following criteria for determining such movement: a. Risk and safety management. b. Medical. c. Compassion d. Development of the player.

For upward player movement to competitive division:

Registered non-AAA female teams shall adhere to the following criteria with respect to the use of underage players in any division of minor hockey:

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. Note: For player movement related to AAA, please refer to the EHC Exceptional Player Status Guidelines.

b. Overall hockey ability.

c. Physical development.

d. Social development

- e. Players must rank in the top third of their position of the upper level team (skill level). In the U11 division only, players must rank in the top third of all skaters. Goaltenders must rank as the top goalie in the evaluation.
- f. The Selection Committee must be independent of the coaching staff of the team and must be made up of a representative of both the NBFC and NBEHC, or their representatives.
- g. All players (aged and under-aged) must be evaluated objectively and ranked by the Selection Committee.
- h. The District Director from whose area the under-aged player is coming, must approve the selection and file same immediately with the Executive Director.
- i. The use of the player must remain consistent with this ranking during the playing season or the player's status may be revisited by the Female Minor Council representative.
- j. To balance program requirements of the association/club.
- k. A fee of \$250.00, payable to the Hockey New Brunswick District.
- l. All requests for upward player movement must be received one week prior to the Association try-outs starting, or at the discretion of the ROC Female Hockey Representative.

Motion carried

17.2 (c) Moved to amend by Lori Williams / Seconded by Luc Martin

Proposed wording:

Female players may dual register with a Minor co-ed and female team **only if approval is provided by the ROC Female Hockey and the Minor Female Representatives**. Females choosing to dual register will declare to both associations and coaches upon registration which team will be her primary team. (Female AAA and NBIAA players are not eligible to Dual register.

Motion Carried

17.7 (a/b) Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald

Proposed wording:

DELETE

Motion Carried

19.8 Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald

Proposed wording:

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.

Motion Carried

20 (e) Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Ian Donald

Proposed wording:

A team played a game with 1 or more ineligible players **or Team Official**.

When a game is declared forfeited due to a team playing with 1 or more ineligible players / **Team Official** the non-offending team shall be declared the winner and score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. Should the game in question be part of a tournament, the offending team shall automatically be relegated to the final position in the tournament standings. The use of an ineligible player / **Team Official** shall be reported to the Branch Executive Director.

Motion Carried

13- Hockey Canada Registry 3.0 – Josh Bell

Nic introduced Josh Bell from Hockey Canada who presented to the group virtually. Josh touched on the following:

- Overview of the HCR 3.0 and benefits.
- New Features being rolled out – Tournaments, HC Special Programming, Events, Single Sign-On with the Learning Lab and Registration, Rostering and Waitlist Improvements.
- Third Party Issues which lead to increased administration time, increased cost and incorrect reporting. Registration and rostering directly with the HCR will solve these issues.
- Hockey Canada Data Hub which will be added into the HCR and the MHA's will be able to view their Organization reports. Some of the reports that will be available will be the Registration Report, Transaction Report, Clinics/Stores Report, Invoice Report, etc.

14- U11 Provincials – Luc Martin

HNB received a request for U11 Provincials to be included next season. The format would be 8 teams in AA, A and B, and 16 teams in C. This request is being brought to the floor to see if associations are interested in adding U11 to the Provincials. Luc facilitated a vote to include the U11 Provincials for the 2024-2025 season. **Carried**

U15B – Non-Checking League – Luc Martin

Minor Council have had discussion on whether U15 B should change to a non-checking division. It was decided to add this to the Minor AGM agenda and have the Minor Hockey Associations vote on whether U15 B changes to a non-checking division. Luc facilitated a vote to include a U15 B Non-checking division. **Carried**

15- Minor Chair Election – Nic Jansen

The nomination package for the HNB Minor Council Chair was distributed on March 14th. The deadline to submit nominations was May 9th. Luc Martin is the only nomination received; therefore, he'll be re-elected for a two-year term by acclamation.

16- Outgoing Minor Council Members – Luc Martin

Luc thanked Kris Dupuis (District 7 Director) who is the only outgoing member for his hard work and dedication throughout the last few years and presented him with a plaque and gift.

Motion to adjourn the 2024 Minor AGM: Louis Gaudet at 12:21 pm - **Carried**

MINOR HOCKEY PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Luc Martin

Another season has just been completed, and once again minor hockey, female hockey, development hockey and the officials' association have continued to collaborate and work together to develop and improve our programs, although with some of our partners the approach is more difficult than others. This past season, HNB offered several development camps and certifications.

The following courses were offered online:

- Coach 1: 461
- Coach 2: 570
- Safety: 374
- Respect - Leader: 1054 - 17 recert
- Respect - Parent: 1385 - 23 recert

-94 people took Development 1 training; one course was given online and 4 others on site in Fredericton, Saint John, Bathurst and Moncton

-4 goalie clinics were held online: 2 in English and 2 in French. The following associations provided ice time for on-site training: 2 FYHA, 2 Saint John, Acadian Peninsula, Bathurst and Grand Falls.

I'd like to thank Matt Vautour for organizing these clinics.

The only negative point is that the training is almost all online now and HNB, along with the district directors, will still have to chase down the associations to get their members to take the mandatory training before the deadline.

I attended more than 61 meetings this season for different reasons. The Minor Hockey Board (HNB) meets regularly to discuss the advancement of our sport. For the past few seasons, HNB has held 3 online meetings with the province's minor hockey associations; the participation rate is quite good, but all associations should have someone present at these meetings. During these meetings, HNB shares very good and important information, which is very useful for the associations and helps them manage their current season.

PROVINCIALS

This season, the Minor Council and HNB decided to hold provincial championships in all levels of the U11 division.

The provincial championships were held over 2 weekends this season: March 21 to 23, for the U11, U13 and U15, AA and B divisions, and March 28 to 30, for the U11, U13 and U15, and U18 AA, A, C divisions.

I'd like to thank the hosts for organizing and coordinating these provincial tournaments and congratulate the champion and runner-up teams.

Host Association

U11C Fredericton
U11B Restigouche-Ouest
U11A Woodstock
U11AA Edmundston

Winning Team

Blizzard1, Edmundston
Kennebecasis Valley Hawks
Vicking Restigouche Nord
Hawks Moncton

Finalist

Blizzard 2 Edmundston
Lancaster Thunder
St Stephen Spartans
FYHA Thunders

U13C Tracadie Sheila
U13B Petit-Rocher
U13A Grand-Sault
U13AA Shippagan-Lamèque

Blizzard 2 Edmundston
Titans de Chaleur
Jr. Cats de Grand-Sault
Sussex Ranger

Blizzard 1 Edmundston
Vicking Restigouche Nord
Hampton Huskies
FYHA Ice Dogs

U15C Kennebecasis Valley	Tigre Neguac	Flames Kent Sud
U15B St-Stephen	FYHA Flames	Blizzard edmundston
U15A Sussex	Sussex Ranger	York North Coyotes
U15AA Hampton	FYHA Lions	Oromocto Eagles
U18C Lewisville	Grand Lake Wild	Tri County RiverRats
U18B Lancaster	Flames Baie de Chaleur	Miramichi Wild
U18A Lancaster	Aigles Dieppe/Mem. (Hebert)	Lewisville Lightning
U18AA Lancaster	Aigles Dieppe/Mem. (Boudreau)	Petitcodiac-Sali, Flyers

16 provincial tournaments were held for a total of 145 teams that participated in these tournaments, and during these two provincial tournament weekends, I had the chance to visit 10 different locations. During my visits, what impressed me the most was that the tournament organizing committee was very well organized and had many volunteers who participated. If it weren't for the volunteers, the tournaments wouldn't happen. I had the chance to talk to a lot of coaches, parents and volunteers. What's always impressive on these weekends is to see the positive energy of so many volunteers who get involved to make these tournaments a success. I'd like to thank all the volunteers - without your dedication, there wouldn't be a provincial tournament in our province.

There have been no major incidents at any of these tournaments, apart from a few suspensions. We must always improve and work to have the best teams at these tournaments. I've noted a few areas where the minor council should be looking at improving.

SUSPENSION

This year was a busy one for suspensions, with a total of 565 suspensions, 477 players and 88 coaches, compared with 518 suspensions, 437 players and 81 coaches in the 2023-2024 season. During the season we had to carry out 35 Hearing with suspended players or coaches, the Minor Council Disciplinary Committee had to meet very often to render decisions on suspensions and video reviews.

The majority of suspensions are at the U18 C level, and the Minor Council will have to work to find a solution to reduce suspensions at this level. Some infractions do not change from season to season, we received a total of 15 infractions under section 11.5 Physical abuse of an official and 57 infractions under article 7.10 B, for fighting. This is far too many, and we need to work with officials and associations to try and reduce physical abuse towards them. No official, no game.

With social media, you need (association) to have a more vigilant control what your teams put on social media, it goes around the province pretty fast.

The HNB Minor Council, have implemented in the minimum disciplinary standards in section 8, when a team that receives seven (7) different match penalties, fighting majors or maltreatment suspensions will have to attend a hearing with representatives from the minor hockey association, district and Hockey New Brunswick Minor Council. This season we had to meet with 5 teams, one of which was suspended in March for the remainder of the season. This is the last resort the Minor Council wants to take. The associations have a job to do with their problem teams before they reach the maximum number of suspensions.

	Player	Coach	Total	U18 C	Coach
District # 1	19	3	22	6	0
District # 2	14	7	21	4	2
District # 3	126	23	149	54	3
District # 5	91	19	110	34	2
District # 6	107	14	121	50	3
District # 7	32	8	40	3	0
District # 8	21	5	26	8	1
District # 9	31	7	38	19	1
District # 10	17	0	17	8	0
District # 11	19	2	21	15	2
TOTAL	477	88	565	193	14

	Team	District	Suspension
1	Oromocto Eagles U15 AA	3	14
2	Restigouche North Vikings U18 C	11	14
3	FYHA Panthers U18 C	3	10
4	Oromocto Yetis U18 C	3	10
5	Kent Centre Bears U18 A	7	10
6	Tracadie-Sheila Aigles (Cool) U18 C	9	10
7	K. V. Hawks U18 A	5	10

SUSPENSION TABLE BY DIVISION

	2023-2024				2024-2025		
	Player	Coach	Total		Player	Coach	Total
U11 C	8	3	11		9	2	11
U11 B	2	2	4		2	2	4
U11 A	9	5	14		9	2	11
U11 AA	7	2	9		6	3	9
TOTAL	26	12	38		26	9	35

	2023-2024				2024-2025		
	Player	Coach	Total		Player	Coach	Total
U13 C	31	11	42		30	11	41
U13 B	0	0	0		4	2	6
U13 A	14	3	17		14	6	20
U13 AA	20	10	30		14	4	18
Total	65	24	89		62	23	85

2023-2024						
	Player	Coach	Total	Player	Coach	Total
U15 C	46	12	58	63	12	75
U15 B	1	0	1	3	0	3
U15 A	45	10	55	46	6	52
U15 AA	27	2	29	37	8	45
Total	119	24	143	149	24	175

	2023-2024			2024-2025		
	Player	Coach	Total	Player	Coach	Total
U18 C	167	11	178	187	14	201
U18 B				21	3	24
U18 A	69	4	73	45	4	49
U18 AA	27	5	32	16	3	19
Total	263	20	283	269	24	293

END of SEASON REPORT

Suspensions Report

The report below includes suspensions that were issued in Minor Hockey only. The number of suspensions is specific to each infraction, not the number of games a member was suspended.

RULE 11 – MALTREATMENT

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Number of Suspensions
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	40 (players) 28(coaches)
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	23 (players) 30 (coaches)
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Disrespectful and Abusive Behavior	32 (players) 15 (coaches)
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	1
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	29 (players) 1 (coach)
11.5(c)	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	15

MAJOR PENALTY

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Number of Suspensions
7.2(b)	Major	Boarding	24
7.3(b)	Major	Body Checking	22
7.4(b)	Major	Charging	5
7.5(b)	Major	Checking from Behind	26
7.6(b)	Major	Head Contact	2
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	12

7.9(b)	Major	Roughing	5
8.3(b)	Major	Interference	0
8.6(b)	Major	Tripping	0
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	12
9.3(b)	Major	Slashing	4

MATCH PENALTY

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Number of Suspensions
7.1(c)	Match	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury <i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.</i>	19
7.2(c)	Match	Boarding	1
7.3(c)	Match	Body Checking	0
7.4(c)	Match	Charging	1
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	2
7.6(c)	Match	Head Contact	28
9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	0
9.2(c)	Match	Cross Checking	3
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	5
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	3

FIGHTING

Rule #	Penalty	Number of Suspensions
7.10(b)	Fighting Major Penalty	57
7.11 (a)	Instigator or aggressor in a fight	10

OTHER

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Number of Suspensions
4.8 (c)	Misconduct	Penalty for misconduct and extreme misconduct	235
	Code de Conduit		1
	Social Medias		2

TOTALS:

Maltreatment – 214 suspensions
 Major Penalty – 112 suspensions
 Match Penalty – 43 suspensions
 Fighting – 57
 Other – 235

REGISTRATION

This season saw an increase of 456 players and 231 coaches. In the U7 and U9 levels, the increase in players is still on the rise, which is very good for the future of the province.

NBMHC REGISTRATION REPORT 2024-2025

TOTAL

Division	2023-2024	2024-2025	Increase / (decrease)
Senior	526	63	14.64%
Junior	340	410	20.59%
U21	0	29	
U18	1,712	1,748	2.10%
U15	2,089	2,190	4.83%
U13	2,338	2,346	0.34%
U11	2,115	2,294	8.49%
U9	2,047	2,038	5.72%
U7	1,937	1,908	5.21%
NBIAA	1,270	1,266	-0.31%
Other	236	35	-85.00%
Totals	14,604	15,123	3.51%

FEMALE

Division	2023-2024	2024-2025	Increase / (decrease)
Senior	52	46	-11.54%
Junior			
U21			
U18	171	178	4.09%
U15	355	412	16.06%
U13	511	462	-9.58%
U11	416	453	4.89%
U9	420	491	16.9%
U7	414	441	6.52%
NBIAA	522	524	038%
Other			
Total	2,908	3,007	3.40%

MALE

Division	2022-2023	2021-2022	Increase / (decrease)
Senior	474	557	17.51%
Junior	340	410	20.59%
U21	0	29	
U18	1,541	1,569	1.82%
U15	1,734	1,734	
U13	1,827	1,835	0.44%
U11	1,699	1,828	7.59%
U9	1,627	1,649	1.35%
U7	1,523	1,544	1.38%
NBIAA	748	742	1.38%
Other	189	35	-81.48%
Total	11,702	11,932	1.97%

NBMHC REGISTRATION REPORT

2023/24 - 2024/25

District #1	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Edmundston	23-24	#	263	60
	24-25	#	251	43
Grand Falls	23-24	#	229	38
	24-25	#	254	46
Restigouche Ouest	23-24	#	104	15
	24-25	#	113	21
Haut Madawaska	23-24	9	22	
	24-25	#	31	6
St Leonard/Ste. Anne	23-24		22	
TOTALS	23-24		618	119
	24-25		649	116

District #2	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Carleton	23-24	#	158	31
	24-25	#	175	34
Victoria Tobique	23-24	#	110	16
	24-25	#	96	17
Woodstock	23-24	#	196	53
	24-25	#	198	49
Western Valley Female			14	4
			24	4
TOTALS	23-24		464	104
	24-25		493	204

District	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
District #3				
Boiestown/Doaktown	23-24	#	99	16
	24-25	#	102	22
Fredericton	23-24	#	1108	196
	24-25	#	1104	198
Grand Lake	23-24	#	140	28
	24-25	#	161	36
Oromocto	23-24	#	587	102
	24-25	#	589	113
York North	23-24	#	300	66
	24-25	#	285	74
York West	23-24	#	82	19
	24-25	#	95	21
Central Female Hockey	23-24		198	40
	24-25		222	55
TOTALS	23-24		2514	467
	24-25		2558	519

District	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
District #5				
Hampton	23-24	#	330	56
	24-25	#	337	59
Kennebecasis Valley	23-24	#	759	124
	24-25	#	781	122
Lancaster	23-24	#	598	124
	24-25	#	580	114
St. Stephen	23-24	#	161	36
	24-25	#	142	32
Sussex	23-24	#	243	46
	24-25	#	252	55
Charlotte County	23-24	#	128	27
	24-25	#	145	35
Grand Manan	23-24		25	8
	24-25	9	55	12
Fundy Female	23-24		270	55
	24-25		295	54
TOTALS	23-24		2514	476
	24-25		2587	483

District	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
District #6			0	
			0	
Dieppe/Memramcook	23-24	#	730	162
	24-25	#	713	185
Hillsborough	23-24	#	88	25
	24-25	#	93	23
Lewisville	23-24	#	321	70
	24-25	#	342	75
Moncton	23-24	#	576	174
	24-25	#	573	165
Petitcodiac	23-24	#	267	54
	24-25	#	274	69
Riverview	23-24	#	371	99
	24-25	#	367	99
Sackville	23-24	#	185	37
	24-25	#	223	49
South East Female	23-24		382	82
	24-25		455	104
TOTALS	23-24		2920	703
	24-25		3040	769

District #7	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Shediac / Cap Pele	23-24	#	370	89
	24-25	#	376	104
Kent Centre	23-24	#	233	49
	24-25	#	239	93
Kent Sud	23-24	#	370	88
	24-25	#	354	83
Westmorland-Kent	23-24		156	36
	24-25		181	31
TOTALS	23-24		1129	262
	24-25		1150	257

District #8	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Miramichi	23-24	#	331	60
	24-25	#	403	84
Baie Ste.Anne	23-24	#	38	
	24-25			
Renous	23-24	#	88	6
	24-25	#	109	8
Rogersville	23-24	6	68	16
	24-25	5	55	14
Sunny Corner	23-24	#	81	8
	24-25	#	83	11
Miramichi Female	23-24		92	22
	24-25		142	20
TOTALS	23-24		698	112
	24-25		792	137

District #9	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Acadien Peninsula	23-24	#	642	136
	24-25	#	674	119
TOTALS	23-24	#	642	136
	24-25	#	245	119

District #10	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Baie des Chaleurs	23-24	#	173	34
	24-25	#	154	30
Bathurst	23-24	#	187	45
	24-25	#	214	42
TOTALS	23-24		360	79
	24-25		368	72

District #11	Season	M	Total Players	Coach
Restigouche North	23-24	#	305	59
	24-25	#	309	61
TOTALS	23-24	#	305	59
	24-25	#	309	61

	Season	U7 M	Total Players	Coach
EDZA EAST	23-24		176	46
	24-25		125	31
EDZA NORTH	23-24		85	18
	24-25		51	9
EDZA SOUTH	23-24		122	25
	24-25		89	17
EDZA WEST	23-24		152	47
	24-25		103	22
TOTALS	23-24		535	136
	24-25		368	79

U15 AAA

Dieppe Flyers	18	4
Fredericton Caps	20	5
Miramichi Rivermen	17	3
Moncton Hawks	18	7
NW Voyageurs	19	4
Southern Rangers	20	3
Totals	112	26

MAJOR MIDGET TEAMS:

	Coach
Moncton Flyers	23-24 20 5
	24-25 20 3
Saint John Vito's	23-24 21 5
	24-25 20 5
Northern Moose	23-24 21 3
	24-25 20 5
Fredericton Caps	23-24 20 5
	24-25 19 6
Totals	23-24 82 18
	24-25 79 19

Female Franchises

			Coach
Fundy Kraken	23-24	14	4
	24-25	19	4
Moncton Rockets	23-24	19	2
	24-25	16	4
Western Flames	23-24	17	3
	24-25	16	4
Totals	23-24	50	10
	24-25	51	12

			Coach
RNS	23-24		2
	24-25		2
RNS Female	23-24		4
	24-25		3
Totals	23-24	36	6
	24-25	42	5

		TOTAL	Coach
NBIAA	23-24	1270	275
	24-25	1272	276

Community Hockey Program	23-24	35	35
	24-25	251	21
sledge/neurodiverse	24-25	88	0

Registration Report Totals:

		U7 M	Total Players	Coach
2023-2024 Totals	23-24	#	14142	2950
2024-2025 Totals	24-25		14366	2974

* Prefer not to say

COMMENTS

I repeat myself every year, in my reports from previous years, there is still inappropriate behavior in the arenas during minor hockey games. This season I witnessed a few incidents where coaches, parents and grandparents were involved in the stands. When we see grandparents and parents to yell at young officials at U9 and U11 level, there's a problem. These young officials must start somewhere. One incident is one incident too many.

People believe that hockey is a right, not a privilege. This must continue to be a national priority. As a result, HNB has taken several steps to change behavior. We introduced the Parent Code of conduct policy to HNB participants, and HNB introduced mandatory "Respect in Sport" training for parents.

As you can see, the Minor Council takes certain suspensions very seriously. We're aware that some suspensions are part of hockey and happen in the heat of the moment. But in the case of unnecessary suspensions, such as those for fighting and maltreatment, or when coaches are ejected from a game and the other coaches on the bench refuse to submit the name of the offending coach, the minor council will investigate the offences and issue more severe sanctions. A grand total of 88 coaches were suspended this season, so it's time for associations to become more vigilant in their choice of coach.

The work between minor hockey and the AOHN/NBHOA officials' association is improving, but there's still a lot of work to be done together. One of the things we get a lot of complaints about is post-game reports (scoresheets). Many scoresheets are of poor quality, penalties are not indicated, scoresheets are not signed by officials, and on a few occasions this season, suspensions were not issued because officials were more than 48 hours late in submitting their reports.

The lack of training available, and the lack of evaluation or follow-up after training in some regions seem significant. In all the discussions, judging and work were never called into question, but rather the support surrounding young officials. We're aware that there's a shortage of officials everywhere, but better support might enable us to recruit more and retain some. The service offered must remain standard from one region to another, and between the different groups, whether in minor hockey, development hockey, high school or other calibers. We feel that minor hockey is not getting the priority it should.

Demographics remain a challenge for the smaller centers. However, the larger centers are much more open-minded and willing to work with the smaller centers.

In some divisions, we may have to look at and follow the model of the U18 Central league. This league has been working very well for several years now.

In Conclusion, my minor council and I still have challenges ahead of us that we must overcome. However, we always continue to work together to improve minor hockey in the province, and to ensure that all young people have a place to play hockey. I'd like to thank Nic Jansen for all the help he's given me over the years. Nic Jansen is a very important part of the HNB Minor Council. Thank you to Michelle Currie, who is always available to help on the minor council and answer many calls during the hockey season. Thanks to the HNB staff (Heather, Matt, Brogan and Katie) for all their hard work. In closing, I'd like to thank all my HNB minor council for the support they've given me and for their excellent work in their region, as well as all the volunteers who are involved in their association, for the good development of hockey in New Brunswick.

Thank you and have a good summer. Hope to see you again this fall.

Luc Martin
HNB Minor Chair

FEMALE HOCKEY REPORT – Jodie Driscoll

The provincial league operated with 55 teams this season (excluding travel teams & AAA). To increase competition and make games closer, the league tiered some divisions for the second half of the season. Travel continues to be a concern for teams and some issues were encountered around game rescheduling.

Provincials were overall positive with most divisions tiered to allow for better competition. West Kent had teams drop out at the last minute and were fined to cover ice fees.

Congratulations to our Provincial Champions!

U11 A / Tier 1: SEFHA Panthères (Landry)

U11 A / Tier 2 : SEFHA Panthères (Leger)

U11 A / Tier 3: Acadian Peninsula Gladiatrices

U11 AA: SEFHA Fury

U13 A / Tier 1: SEFHA Panthères (Gauthier)

U13 A / Tier 2: Fundy Kraken East

U13 AA: SEFHA Fury

U15 A / Tier 1: Sackville Sirens

U15 A / Tier 2: Grand Manan Kraken

U15 AA: West Kent Phoenix

U18 A: Miramichi Panthers

The female commission has submitted a NOM to clarify female affiliation for the upcoming season.

Rationale is that movement within associations is affiliation and between associations is double carding

This season was the first that Female ROC members held responsibility for approving rosters and player movement. Overall went well with some learning curve experienced.

Two areas (Sackville and Miramichi) applied for and received exceptions to roster NBIAA players this season

Jodie Driscoll

Female Representative to Minor Council

ELITE HOCKEY REPORT – Louis Gaudet

Board member: Louis Gaudet

Position: Elite Hockey Chair

General Updates: Overall good season with Elite hockey. Still some issues remain with player talent pool, selection process and interference by some parents. Successful provincial tournament with winners spread throughout the province. HNB Elite AAA teams were successful at regional Atlantic Championships. U13 South Riptide finished 4th; U15 East Hawks won bronze, and U15 East Flyers hosted in Dieppe and won Gold. U18 Moncton Flyers won Gold at the Atlantics and then travelled to Chilliwack, BC to compete in the Telus Cup where they finished 3rd for bronze.

Initiative	Action completed	Potential challenges	Owner
Team Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -develop standardized process -procure tools for automation and tracking -Identify neutral evaluators -look at other 'Best Practices' <p>**Work in progress**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -some areas, coaches unwilling to use independent evaluators -some areas, coaches not willing to use automation -other jurisdictions not willing to share 	Louis Gaudet All EDZA Presidents Brogan Bailey
GOLD Medal Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -act as liaison with Hockey Canada -ensure teams participating are active <p>**Most teams participating and compliant with tasks**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -some teams still not participating -unwillingness of some staffs to engage 	Brogan Bailey
AAA Franchises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -review franchises informally -ensure compliance with regulations <p>**Most franchises moving in right direction.</p> <p>**Some issues with new U15AAA groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -groups wanting to do their 'own thing' -varying organizations budgets 	Louis Nic/Brogan
AAA Provincials	<p>**Held in Moncton at 4-Plex March 27-30</p> <p>**Very successful event once again</p> <p>**Added Female U13AAA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -site that can accommodate all teams -Conflicting dates due to other events being hosted in viable facilities 	Louis Nic/Brogan HNB Office staff
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – workshops	<p>**Good feedback from participating teams.</p> <p>** Some u15, u16 & u18 teams participated in an E, D & I workshop</p> <p>**sessions with Brock McGillis were held</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Scheduling conflicts -Time constraints -prior attendance to sessions 	Louis Nic / Brogan

DISTRICT 1 REPORT – Mark Wright

Here is my report for the 2024-2025 season. District 1 is represented by 4 active community clubs. To make a comparison with last year, the associations have seen an increase in their registration, which is good, and the U7 and U9 level have seen a big increase which bodes well for next year. As for the referees, the number to remain the same.

At the beginning of the season, I met with the managers of the U7 to U18 teams to explain them how the district works and the rules of the different categories. We're going to do this again next year and even do one with the coaches of each category. We also met with the presidents of the district 2 associations, and we will do the same exercise at the beginning of the season.

During the season, we had a total of 8 meetings with a good number of participants, a lot of effort was put again this year by the associations to ensure that all their volunteers have the necessary courses to be compliant before the deadline. A big improvement from last year, but in 2025 we set ourselves the goal of reaching 100% before the deadline.

District 1 had a total of 21 suspensions during the year versus 12 the year before, mostly related as hockey suspension, the reason of the raise is that we had more teams and players and none of the suspensions overboard coaches versus referees.

Towards the end of the season, we received several complaints about fair play. We need to address this at the beginning of the 2025-2026 season. We must work with our associations and coaches to ensure that fair play is respected. It's a good challenge because the level of competitiveness of the coaches is very present.

At the provincial championship levels District 1 was well represented in the various provincials and came back with 3 banners and the district had 9 teams that participated, congratulations to all the teams.

My goals for next year are obviously to implement electronic score sheets and the establishment of a Zone A league for all competitive and recreational teams with District 2 and 3.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the district executive (Marc-André, Marc and Cindy), the presidents of the associations (Éric, Patrice and Philippe, Pascal, Joey), ROC Éric Lebel, referee-in-chief Jacques Lebel, women's hockey Arianne Milliard, the president of the minor council Luc Martin as well as all the volunteers for their involvement and all the efforts put into ensuring the smooth running of hockey in our region.

Mark Wright
District 1 Director

DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Lisa Law

Victoria Tobique Minor Hockey Association - Cathy Waugh - VTMHA President

VTMHA had a pretty good season this year. This was the first year in a long time that we were able to have A teams at U11, U13 and U15. Although the U11 team dropped back to a C level team in December, the other 2 A teams continued their season and were able to win a couple of games. We are hoping to be able to continue with A teams moving forward.

We had a very good turn out for all of our tournaments this year.

To my knowledge we had no player or coach suspensions. We did have a lot of issues with parents and their behavior that needed to be dealt with. From what I understand, we are not the only association that has had these types of issues this year.

Our U11C team made it to provincials, and they finished in 3rd place. U13A hosted zones for U13B, which went very well.

This was my first full year as the president of VTMHA, and I must say, it was very challenging, but also rewarding. The kids make it worth all the headaches.

Carleton Minor Hockey Association - Tim McCarthy - CMHA President

We had 147 registered players, icing three U7 teams, three U9 teams, and comp and rec teams at the U11, U13, and U15 levels. Our U15C hosted zones and went to provincials.

CMHA continued its Hockey Development Initiative by:

- Continuing to upgrade equipment and offer various skill sessions. For example, we purchased 6 mini nets for Hartland arena.
- Subsidized the cost of the ZWD goalie clinics, upgraded goalie gear for the U7 & U9 age groups.
- Hosted Matt Wright and Champions Hockey for 2 checking clinics.
- Painted 2 dressing rooms at the NCCC in Blue Knight's colors.
- Hosted an CMHA all-female hockey day.
- Had our first ever CMHA kick off day where every CMHA team played a home exhibition game to kick off the season.
- Hosted HNB (Matt Vautor) to run a skills and drills session for each age group.
- Partnering with the town we hosted an NHL Legends game and skill clinics.

Off the ice CMHA continued with the online registration but introduced an online payment system. Although we had some minor hiccups along the way, it was a fairly quiet season.

Woodstock Minor Hockey Association:

WMHA, hosted U11C zones, with 6 teams and Provincials for U11A with 8 teams. Both tournaments went very well with no issues.

Lisa Law (Interim)
District 2 Director

DISTRICT 3 REPORT – Hazel Wells

District 3 had 2896 players minor members from YN, OMHA, FYHA, GLMHA, YW, Boiestown/Doaktown and CFMHA. Last season we had 2535 minor members. Up by 361 youth members.

The total of Bench Staff this season was 895 bench staff which is up from last season as we had 743. Central Female and FYHA both hosted First Shift programs successfully this season.

FYHA's U18 and U15 remained in District 3 league play this season within the recreational division. Having the FYHA recreational teams join our district provided a heavier schedule as in U18/U15 we had a total of 13 recreational teams in U18 and in U15 we had 15 recreational teams and 10 AA teams which played within SNB league this season. We had 14 A teams play within the district, 7 U11 A, 7 U13A and 5 U15A.

Grand Lake AGM is scheduled for May 13th, York West AGM is scheduled for May 26th, Stanley's AGM is April 27th, York North AGM is scheduled for May 4th, FYHA's AGM is not scheduled yet, OMHA AGM is scheduled for April 29th. District Director election is scheduled for April 27th and will be hosted by Craig Moore, ROC chair. Keswick AGM has been completed, and Kevin King is back for another year! Suspensions for the Maltreatment rule were in excess this season for District 3 14 coaches from associations, 2 of these were 11.1 E while the others were more severe. 11 players in U18 were suspended using the maltreatment rule out of 42. I have had a few investigations within District 3 as well.

District 3 would like to thank the staff for all their efforts in helping with issues this season. You are greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone has a great season and see you next year at the rink.

Respectfully.

Hazel Wells
District 3 Director

DISTRICT 5 REPORT – Richard Hawkes

As I reflect on the past year, I'm proud of the accomplishments and growth within our district. I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude to:

Association Presidents and Volunteers: Your tireless efforts and dedication to our district's hockey community are truly appreciated. Thank you for your hard work and commitment.

Provincial U15 Hosts: Hampton, Sussex, KV, and St. Stephen did an outstanding job hosting provincials. Your efforts helped make these events successful and enjoyable for all participants. St. Stephen Minor Hockey: Thank you for hosting Day of Champions for the past 2 seasons. Your Association has done a great job.

Areas for Improvement

Parent and Coach Conduct: We need to continue working together to promote positive behavior and sportsmanship towards young officials. Let's strive to create a supportive environment for all participants.

Appreciation

Minor Council and HNB Staff - Thank you for your collaboration and support throughout the year.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming year and working together to continue growing and improving our district. Thank you again to everyone involved.

Richard Hawkes
District 5 Director

DISTRICT 6 REPORT – Lee MacWilliams

The 2024-2025 season was a busy one in District 6.

District 6 was also able to host Hockey New Brunswick Neurodiverse hockey program again this year in Moncton. The program allowed for many neurodiverse children (ages 6 through 17 years of age) an opportunity to try this amazing game. Special thanks to David Melanson (Head Instructor) and volunteer Julie Doucette for their championing this Hockey New Brunswick program to help make this happen.

Coaches, Referees, and Goaltending clinics were carried out throughout all minor hockey associations in District 6 with strong participation at all of them.

Coaches Certifications and criminal record checks still seemed to be a challenge this year. This resulted in several coaches being removed from their rosters (some only temporarily). Coaches and parents need to remember that their certifications have to be in place by December 15th each year. District 6 (specifically Lewisville Minor Hockey) hosted the U18 C Provincial Championships this season. The host committee did a great job hosting this event as it was considered a great success. A special thank-you to Riverview Minor Hockey for stepping up and helping Lewisville find some much-needed ice time for the weekend.

Congratulations to all the Provincial Championship teams throughout the province. District 6 had a few of our own including:

- U13 AAA SEFHA Fury
- U18 A Lewisville Lighting
- U 18 AA Hockey Dieppe-Memramcook Aigles

A sincere thank you to the minor hockey club Presidents, executive directors, league Presidents, and Blair Kennedy for everyone's support in my first season. Your attendance and participation in our monthly District meetings this season were appreciated.

Special thanks to Nic Jansen, Maurice (Moe) Theriault, Luc Martin, and the staff at Hockey New Brunswick. I appreciated your guidance all season.

Thanks.

Lee MacWilliams
District 6 Director

DISTRICT 7 REPORT – Alexandre Mallet

I would like to begin my report by thanking my four associations for the excellent work they have done this year. Without these four dedicated presidents and their many volunteers, this season would not have been a success.

In District 7, we experienced several great successes this year. On the girls' hockey side, we had, for the first time, a competitive team at the U11 level as well as a team at the U13 AAA level. Several associations saw success with their preseason camps. The tournaments organized by the District 7 associations were also a great success, especially the Blizzard tournament, which hosted 127 girls' teams and remains the largest girls' tournament east of Montreal.

I would like to congratulate all the teams from District 7 that qualified for the various provincial championships. Special congratulations to the U15 AA West Kent Phoenix team, who won top honors at the provincial tournament. I would also like to congratulate Mallory Basque from the U13 AAA West Kent Phoenix team for receiving the league's Most Outstanding Player award and being named Offensive Player of the Year.

As for the challenges we faced in District 7 this year, the Shediac Cap-Pelé association had to operate with only one arena due to delays with the Cap-Pelé rink. They also had significant difficulty finding goaltenders at the higher levels. Recruiting volunteers for teams and associations continues to be a challenge as well.

As my first season as director, I view the 2024-2025 season very positively, and I believe that together, we can continue to foster a positive, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for the seasons to come.

In closing, I would also like to thank all the members of Hockey New Brunswick, especially Luc Martin, Nic Janson, and Michelle Currie for their support during my first season as District 7 Director. Without you, I would not have been able to guide my associations as effectively, and I am very grateful.

Thank you,

Alexandre Mallet
District 7 Director

DISTRICT 8 REPORT – Ian Donald

District 8 teams experienced a year of moderate success. The four associations within District 8 had teams participating in the Northshore Minor Hockey League (NSMHL) and attended at all age levels of provincials. Although no provincial banners were brought back to the area this season, the regular season play was competitive and successful, with signs of stable health in participant numbers at the U7/U9 age levels.

Player Participation Statistics

1. Miramichi Minor

- **Total Players:** 367
- **Divisions:** U7, U9, U11 C x2, U11 B, U11 A, U13 C x2, U13 A, U15 C x2, U15 A, U18 C, U18 B

2. Sunny Corner Minor

- **Total Players:** 91
- **Divisions:** U7, U9, U11 C, U13 C, U18 C

3. Renous Minor

- **Total Players:** 119
- **Divisions:** U7, U9, U11 C, U13 C, U15 C, U18 C

4. Rogersville Minor

- **Total Players:** 79
- **Divisions:** U7, U9, U11 C, U13 C

The play structure in Zone D needs improvement. The NSMHL is making commendable efforts to establish a Zone league, which works well for competitive divisions. However, District 9 does not participate at the C level, making it difficult to determine provincial attendees each year. Modernizing the league to include all Zone teams would be beneficial, providing clarity on provincial participants. With some creativity, the League could extend the season with a Championship weekend or playoffs. It is also suggested that all minor leagues should be Zone leagues, potentially operated by HNB for consistent operations and rules.

The caliber of teams from Zone D is a serious concern, especially with the number of teams within the EDZA model. Zone D should consider pausing its involvement with EDZA. Stronger players could join AA/A level teams in their local associations, improving their competitiveness at the provincial level. Elite players will always find their way to elite teams. Currently, if a player is "pretty good" and their parents can afford it, they can play at the EDZA level, which is unfortunate.

Hockey seems to have become a niche sport, no longer the main passion for many participants. Access to other sports, activities, and social interests has led to a decline in the quality of play. Many

players attend games but show less interest in practice. We need to be realistic with our expectations and support the participants according to their needs and skill levels.

The behavior in arenas is concerning. Aggressive and reactive behavior has become common in many New Brunswick arenas. Hockey NB's efforts are commendable but not progressing quickly enough. I fully support a Zero-Tolerance policy for inappropriate behavior during HNB-sanctioned events, including suspending players if their parent, grandparent, or caregiver is involved in misconduct. This would quickly address obscenities, foul language, and inappropriate behaviors. Responsibility for curbing these behaviors lies with HNB, individuals, teams, and associations.

Lastly, my participation on the Minor Council Discipline Committee is rewarding and provides great insight into some issues facing our sport. It does however require considerable time and effort but validates my concerns about behavior during HNB-sanctioned events. Additional focus on adjusting disciplinary standards and penalizing repeat offenders will help keep players safe and engaged in the sport.

It is a pleasure to represent District 8 and Minor Council, and I look forward to a summer break before we resume in the fall.

Ian Donald
District 8 Director

DISTRICT 9 REPORT – Francine Albert

The Peninsula has grown to 751 registrations in 2024-2025, an increase of almost 50 registrations. The 131 girls represent 17% of registrations and their number has increased by 2% compared to last season.

From U11 upwards, most players are “double carded” to enable them to play a few games in an all-female team.

We made Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams at U9 level. On the whole, this division worked better than last year. The teams were better divided.

The number of goalies is always a problem. The possibility of affiliating goalies with several teams helps, but is not enough.

Volunteers are always slow to obtain their criminal record checks before the deadline. Suspensions are on the rise, especially at U18C level. Complaints are also on the rise. In summary, the 2024-2025 season was an eventful one. Many difficult decisions had to be made.

For the coming season, Daniel Roussel and I have agreed to make presentations to the teams about the operations manual and rules or disciplinary standards and more. We realize that most don't take the time to consult these documents.

Congratulations to all the teams who took part in the provincial championships, and especially to the Gladiatrices U11A Tier 3 for winning gold. Congratulations to the Lamèque/Shippagan and Tracadie committees for organizing the U13AA and U13C championships. Both championships were a great success.

In closing, I'd like to thank my vice-president Gaétanne Beaudin Roussel, who so kindly stood in for me for a few weeks during my mourning period. She supervised the Provincial U13AA with great care.

Thanks to the HNB staff for their help and to Luc Martin for his ongoing support. Thank you to the Acadian Peninsula Community Club under the presidency of Kellie Benoit with its members René A, Benoit, Marie-Pier Plourde, Marco Plourde, Mona Aubry, Patrick Haché and Christelle Haché for your involvement and trust.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Francine Albert
District 9 Director

DISTRICT 10 REPORT – Lee Benoit

This was my first year as a District Director for district 10.

Regionally we had a total of 370 players and from that number 60 were female players.
We had a total of 25 teams. (6x u7, 6x u9, 5x u11, 3x u13, 2x u15, 3x u18)

My District was the host of the U13B Provincials which was greatly organized by the Association de Hockey Mineur de Baie des Chaleur and the Chaleur U13comp team.

Our numbers regionally are very healthy for the U7-U9 and U11 age group. Which is promising for the years to come. The u15 level has low participation and this was foreseeable as numbers are low for players born in 2010 and 2011.

Both of my associations hosted various tournaments and participation was great. Both of my associations appear to work well together to assure everyone could play hockey at various levels. As director I have attended over 100 games in my area.

Shout out to our 2 Provincial Champs: Chaleur U13B and the Chaleur U18B teams.
Player retention and recruitment remains two of my focuses when discussing with my associations. Both associations were great to work with. Both associations have invested in putting importance on referee recruitment as well.

In general, the 24-25 season was a successful year.

Lee Benoit
District 10 Director

DISTRICT 11 REPORT – Éric Pelletier

This season, in district 11, there were teams at all levels. Restigouche North minor hockey had the biggest amount of players registered in years. There were over 300 players in the association. This growth is attributed to female hockey and the Bauer first shift program.

The executive is doing a wonderful job, making hockey accessible to everyone and that all volunteers are qualified and have their criminal record check and vulnerable sector Check.

The registrar sends many reminders to teams and parents, concerning the parents respect in sports course. There were only approximately 10 people without the course, but upon further inspection, some needed to be merged with an older sibling, a few had left hockey, and one was removed from the ice. Female hockey growth in district 11 is due to the commitment of the female director, Serge Fontaine and all of the many dedicated volunteers and to ROC 8 female representative, Jennifer Talbot Lavigne. RNMHA has an awesome group of volunteers that put in countless hours to develop kids in our sport, we all love. The association's teams fared well at tournaments, even winning a few banners. Seven teams earned their way to provincials. Two teams lost at the semifinals, three were done after the round robin games, 1 team, the U-13 B, won silver, and the U-11 A won gold. The U-18B, Chaleur Flames, won gold at the U-18 Central league provincials. There are 6 players from District 11 that played on the team. Congratulations to all teams. Suspensions were high, mostly at the U-18 C level.

I want to thank all the members of the minor council for the countless hours dedicated to hockey and to the HNB staff for all the help, answering all my many phone calls and emails. Your help is very much appreciated.

Enjoy your summer and see you in the fall.

Eric Pelletier
District 11 Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - Nic Jansen

As we celebrate another season for Hockey New Brunswick, I'd like to provide an overview of initiatives and programs from the 2024-2025 season:

The 2024 National Women's Under-18 Championship was held November 3rd- 9th in Quispamsis. In conjunction with the event, several development initiatives were held, including Esso Fun Day skills camps, a We are Coaches certification clinic, a coaching seminar, and an officiating clinic.

In April, Hockey Canada announced that the 2026 Esso Cup will be held in Dieppe, New Brunswick. Hockey New Brunswick will work with Hockey Canada and the local organizing committee to run Development initiatives in conjunction with the event.

Hockey New Brunswick has partnered with the University of New Brunswick law program. As part of our collaboration with the UNB Sport Law Clinic, students are engaged as independent third-party investigators to conduct investigations into complaints, ensuring impartiality and professionalism in the process. On February 21st, the UNB Sport Law Clinic hosted a symposium featuring presentations on a range of important topics, including: liability in sport; combatting politics in youth sports; anti-doping laws; structuring a safe sport conflict resolution program; transgender athletes in women's sports; the impact of NCAA rule changes on Canadian university hockey; and Hockey New Brunswick's efforts to address maltreatment in the sport.

Hockey New Brunswick ran Neurodiverse camps in Dieppe, Quispamsis, and Fredericton. The program was free of charge and open to all neurodiverse youth between the ages of 5 to 17, a total of 75 participants took part in the sessions that included 10 on-ice sessions. For the first time, a Jamboree was held in Dieppe that included participants from all three programs. The Jamboree included games, a pizza party and wrapped up with the Moncton Wildcats game.

This season, Hockey New Brunswick hosted seven Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion workshops with over 200 participants attending. The participants included players, coaches, officials, parents, and volunteers. The focus of the workshops was making our sport more inclusive, how we can accommodate the differences of people and ideas to promote diversity awareness.

Congratulations to the SEFHA Fury Female U13 AAA, SEFHA Fury Female U15 AAA, Dieppe Flyers U15 AAA, Moncton Flyers U18 AAA and Edmundston Blizzard Jr A on winning Regional Championships this season.

Thanks again to all the outstanding volunteers throughout New Brunswick. It's a pleasure to work with a passionate and dedicated group of volunteers.

See you around the rink.

Nic Jansen
Executive Director