



Hockey New Brunswick – Regulations Review

Hockey New Brunswick has compiled a Regulations Review document so all participants have access to the information they require to ensure our leagues and teams are prepared to return to the ice as quickly and efficiently as possible, and with a level playing field, when it is safe to do so.

This document will outline recommendations that have been approved by the Hockey New Brunswick Board of Directors, including changes to the HNB Constitution, as well as Operations Manuals for Minor, Elite Hockey, Junior and Senior. These recommendations speak to regulations that impact player registration, affiliation, roster composition, league scheduling and Development Weekend.

In addition to the Hockey New Brunswick document, Hockey Canada created a Regulations Review document, which established a national standard, ensuring a level playing field for teams participating in divisions/categories that are eligible for regional and national championships,

Hockey Canada's Regulations Review - https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Exclusive/return-to-hockey/downloads/HC_RTH-%20Regulatory-Review-e.pdf

The approved amendments for the 2020-2021 season are listed below:

HNB Constitution - Rules and Regulations – Section 105.(d) – Teams

Current Wording - Any team not renewing its membership by October 15 shall forfeit its membership and all its players shall become free agents.

Recommendation - Any team not renewing its membership by **December 1, or 7 days prior to the league's first regular season game** shall forfeit its membership and all its players shall become free agents. **Junior / Senior teams who do not operate during the 2020-2021 season, will retain player rights for the 2021-2022 season, should a player(s) roster with another Hockey New Brunswick sanctioned team during the 2020-2021 season.**

HNB Constitution – Rules and Regulation – Section 106(g) – Players

Current Wording - A replacement for a goalkeeper who may die, be seriously ill or be injured, so as to prevent his playing with his team may be permitted to play upon



the production of medical evidence satisfactory to the Executive Director. Application for such replacement shall be made to the Executive Director, and once named a replacement goalkeeper cannot be replaced unless he becomes medically unfit. The regular goalkeeper shall return to competition as soon as medical evidence indicates that it is in order for him to do so and the replacement goalkeeper can play anytime and shall return to his own team if so desired. The replacement goalkeeper shall come from the same classification or lower.

Recommendation - A replacement for a goalkeeper who may die, be seriously ill, have a **COVID-19 related illness**, or be injured, so as to prevent his playing with his team may be permitted to play upon the production of medical evidence satisfactory to the Executive Director. Application for such replacement shall be made to the Executive Director, and once named a replacement goalkeeper cannot be replaced unless he becomes medically unfit. The regular goalkeeper shall return to competition as soon as medical evidence indicates that it is in order for him to do so and the replacement goalkeeper can play anytime and shall return to his own team if so desired. The replacement goalkeeper shall come from the same classification or lower.

“COVID-19-related illness” would include, by way of example, a rostered player who has gone into isolation because they:

- have tested positive for COVID-19, or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or
- are living with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or
- have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Minor Operations Manual – Section 15.12 – Teams

Current Wording - 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 or A 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.

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U13 and below. A 'C' and a female AA or A 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. **Should a Minor Hockey Association have a registration decline due to COVID-19, and not be able to meet the minimum roster requirements, exceptions to Section 15.12 need to be approved by the respective District Director, HNB Minor Council Chair and the HNB Executive Director.**

Minor Operations Manual – Section 19.8 – Affiliation

Current 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 ten (10) games.

Recommendation - ***an allowance be added to Section 19.8 in Minor Operations Manual and Hockey Canada Regulation F.15(d) if a team needs to call up a player due to a "COVID-19-related illness."***

Any player affiliation as a result of a COVID 19-related illness would not count against the limit of games per team.

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The league and Hockey New Brunswick shall have the ability to address any suspected abuse of the COVID-19- related illness exception.

Note: This amendment would apply to Minor, Elite Hockey, Junior and Senior teams. Hockey New Brunswick encourages teams use all nineteen (19) specialty affiliate players.



Minor Operations Manual – Section 27.2 – Development Day

Current Wording - No games shall be played by any minor hockey team on the first Saturday of November for Development weekend. The only exception to this rule is for AAA teams.

Recommendation – Delete

Senior Operations Manual – Section 2.2(a) – Schedule

Current Wording - 2.2(a). A league must consist of 3 or more member teams from the same category of the same division and play a minimum regular league schedule, as follows:

- i) Senior – a 10 game schedule

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Junior Operations Manual – Section 2.3(a) – Schedule

Current Wording - A league must consist of 3 or more member teams playing a minimum of 12 home and 12 away games in a regular league schedule.

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Additional Resources

Hockey Canada Playing Rules ‘Points of Focus’ –

https://hnb.ca/images/hnb/2020/pdf/Officiating_Points_of_Focus.pdf