
ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship will be played under the official Hockey Canada Rules, with the addition of any Hockey Alberta, Alberta Native Hockey Association or Alberta Treaty Hockey rulings.
2. The Championship will be sanctioned by Hockey Alberta.
3. Registered Referees/Officials will officiate over all games and will have full authority throughout the championship games. All players, coaches, trainers and managers must respect their decisions.
4. It is mandatory for a least (1) coaching staff member for each participating hockey team, to hold a minimum of Coach Level 2 Certification in the National Coaching Certification Program except for Pre-Novice and Novice (participation) and the Hockey Canada Safety Programs (HCSP). Coach must always reside on the bench during game play.
5. It is mandatory for all coaching staff and Manager on each hockey team to hold the Respect in Sports Activity Leadership. Coach must always reside on the bench during game play.
6. Alberta Treaty Hockey Association **Board of Directors** and/or **Executive** are **NOT** permitted to resign to coach and/or manage any teams in the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship Games. All board members must sign a code of conduct agreement form.
 - a) Alberta Treaty Hockey Board of Directors and/or Executives are not permitted to resign to coach or manage a team in the same Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament year.
7. Out of province **Players Must** be resident of participating community for 3 calendar years to be eligible to play for that community. Goalies must be a resident Alberta for 3 calendar years to be eligible to play for a community.

COMMUNITY FEES

8. The Community Fee Deadline is **October 15th of each year**. New communities to the organization are required to pay a one-time fee of \$1,000.00; each year thereafter the renewal fee is \$1,000.00.
 - 7b) \$300.00 late fee penalty will be assessed to communities after deadline.
9. **Community Based; players must play for their own registered Alberta Treaty Status/Reserve.**
10. Except for the Residency/Student clause of one (1) year. (i.e., if living in Community "A",

but, registered in Community “B”)

- (a) Must have been a resident of Community “A” for 1 year to play for Community “A”.
- (b) A Declaration form filled out, or a written letter with proof attached. (School letterhead and attendance record)

REGISTRATION

11. Each team may register a maximum of 17 players and 2 goaltenders.
 - 10a) Pre-Novice to Atom teams 19 players no goalie identified, Peewee to Jr B Rule 10 Applies
12. Minimum of 10 players and 1 goalie.
13. All teams must be registered with Hockey Alberta either on a player card and/or team sheet.
14. ***All communities must submit their team registration along with team entry fee of \$1,000 (non-refundable) to Alberta Treaty Hockey Association by December 15th, of each year or a fine of \$500.00 per team will be imposed as set in the Constitution and Bylaws.***
 - 12.an Except for Pre-Novice and Novice, entry fee is \$700.00
15. ***First draft roster must be in by December 15th of each year; the roster registration deadline is January 15th of each year. Originals must be received no later than 11:59pm on this date. No further changes will be allowed after this date. NO EXCEPTIONS***
16. Female teams are permitted (4) Treaty Status imports from communities in good standings.
17. Only those names that appear on the original Alberta Treaty Hockey rosters will be allowed to participate in the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.
18. The Alberta Treaty Hockey Association roster will act as the master sheet for the players/team registration during the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.
19. Prior to all games, the score sheet will be verified against the master sheet, and if any discrepancies are found will result in disciplinary action.
20. A player whose birthday is after December 31st of each playing year will be deemed **OVERAGE** for his/her division. A player whose birthday is after December 31st of each playing year will be eligible to stay with his/her registered division. As per Hockey Alberta ruling, “an overage will be allowed during league play but not during playoffs”. Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships is considered playoffs.
 - (a) Jr B teams are allowed 2 overage players must not be over 21 years old.
21. The Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship Committee will notify any players’ that are on more than one roster. They must fill out a Player’s Consent form which will verify the team they will be playing for. Coach, player and parent must sign this form. Failure to do so will disqualify that player from the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship play.

All players must have Treaty Status.

CATEGORIZATION

22. Players' registered with Hockey Alberta as AAA, AA, Tier 1 or Community A will be defined for the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship as "A" players.
23. Players' registered as Tier 2, 3, 4 or Community B, C, D will be defined for the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship as "B" players.
24. If three (3) or more "A" players' are on one team, that team can only enter and play in the "A" division in the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.
25. In the case of dire situation, a player can move up/down from the level he/she has been registered during the hockey season if his/her age permits it. However, this player will be considered an "A" player at the higher level and remain at that level for the duration of the Championship games.
26. If a Community enters two (2) or more teams per division, one (1) team must be registered in A and one team in B i.e.; Atom (A) Atom (B). Depending on the number of teams entered will determine if A or B divisions will be used or combined.

GAME REGULATIONS

27. All teams must be at the scheduled ice arena, one (1) hour prior to scheduled championship game time.
28. All games will start on time. The game clock will start regardless if any team is unable to commence game play within three (3) minutes of the scheduled start time. The opposing team will be awarded one (1) goal minute the clock runs. Once ten (10) minutes has been reached, the game will be forfeited, and the opposing team will be declared the win by 10-0 score.
29. A minimum of five (5) players & the goaltender in uniform shall be necessary to start an Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships game.

30. Teams will not be allowed on ice for warm-ups unless a coach, trainer, or manager is present and in the players box. Warm-ups will be limited to two (2) minute in duration.
31. The time break between periods will be one (1) minute in duration.
32. All games will consist of 2-15 straight time periods and 1-20-minute stop time period. Exception to Pre-Novice and participate Novice they will play 3-15-minute straight time. (1-hour time frame)
33. Injuries to players on the ice will stop the clock at the discretion of the Referee or Referee in Chief.
 - (a) Play will go straight shoot out.
34. If after 2nd period with a five (5) goal differential exists, the 3rd period will be straight time. If there is a 7-goal difference after the 2nd period, the game will be called. Exception Pre-Novice and Participate Novice.
35. Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships reserves the right to change the game lengths from year-to-year depending on ice availability and/or any unforeseen incidences that may arise for example; facility maintenance equipment failure, etc.
36. Finalized ice times will be inserted into the program with each division layout.

OVERTIME

(Not applicable in round robin play)

37. STRAIGHT TO SHOOTOUT

PENALTIES

38. All penalties assessed during straight time will not commence until the puck is dropped following the assessment of the penalty.

39. All minor penalties assessed during the straight time shall be three (3) minute duration.

Minor penalties assessed during stop time will be the normal (2) minute duration.

40. All major penalties assessed during straight time shall be seven (7) minutes duration. Major penalties assessed during stop time will be the normal five (5) minute duration. All major penalties will be assessed a game misconduct or at the discretion of the referee.

DISCIPLINE

41. All disciplinary rulings shall be final for the duration of the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.

42. Managers and coaches will be deemed responsible for the **behavior** of their team and supporters. The Hockey Alberta minimum suspension guidelines will be used for **suspensions** except for the following at the discretion of the referee.

- a) Fighting Instigator or aggressor will automatically be out of the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.
- b) Retaliator in a fight will be suspended for the next game.
- c) Checking from behind with intent to injure (**match penalty**) will automatically be out of the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.
- d) **Teams involved in bench brawls will result in an automatic ejection from the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.**

43. Any player, coach, manager or spectator who receives a 9.6 (Physical Harassment of Officials)

(Alberta Treaty Hockey Championship Board will be suspended from the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.) they will be suspended from the tournament plus a minimum of 1 year.

44. Alberta Treaty Hockey and Hockey Alberta will review any major infractions. Any penalty or infraction deemed intentional by Alberta Treaty Hockey and Hockey Alberta, in accordance with the referee report, can result in automatic expulsion from this year's championship. Severe infractions may result in suspension from the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships.
45. ****Team Managers can make a request to the Arena Director, to verify opposing team rosters, which must be done before the start of the game.****
46. ****Any coach(s) found to be using ineligible player(s) will cause the team to forfeit the game (and /or medals). The coaching staff and the ineligible player will be immediately disqualified from the Alberta Treaty Hockey Championships with further Disciplinary actions pending from Hockey Alberta Ruling.****

PROTESTS

47. **All protests must be made before the end of the game in question.**
48. All protests shall be in writing and accompanied by a ***\$500.00 non-refundable cash fee.***
49. A Protest Committee will consist of three (3) Treaty Hockey Board members. The Protest Committee will meet with only the designated team manager during a protest hearing.
50. **All decisions by the Protest Committee are final!**