



WETASKIWIN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

1. The Executive shall have the authority to make Regulations which shall be binding on all members of the Association. These Regulations may be added to, changed, or deleted from time to time at the discretion of the Executive by majority vote at any Executive meeting as per section 6.13 of the Association Bylaws.
2. To ensure an Executive response, any complaints pertaining to minor hockey must be submitted to the President in writing and signed by the complainant. The complaint will then be dealt with at the next Executive meeting.
3. Only authorized people (players, coaches, and officials) will be allowed on the ice area during games or practices as per Hockey Alberta rules. All players and coaches must be in equipment outlined by Hockey Alberta Bylaws.
4. All players are to wear all necessary equipment as specified by Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta whenever they skate on the ice under jurisdiction of the Association.
5. No player shall be allowed on the ice area, including player boxes, before the ice cleaning machine has left the ice and the gates are closed.
6. All players residing in the Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Association (WMHA) Boundary must be registered with the Association before being permitted to tryout, practice, play in a game, or go on the ice for any team under the jurisdiction of the Association. Players from other Associations must have completed a Permission to Tryout Form from their Association before being allowed on the ice.
7. Any player from outside the WMHA Boundary must be approved by the Executive.



8. At the discretion of the Executive, Team 1 in each division shall be allowed to carry players from outside the WMHA Boundary. Players trying out for Team 1 that are unsuccessful will be returned to their home Association. All other teams, except Female teams or players approved by the Executive, shall be composed entirely of players residing in the WMHA Boundary.
9. The Female Program will accept players from outside the WMHA Boundary with preference being given to players that reside within the WMHA Boundary.
10. Coaches are not allowed to solicit players who reside outside the WMHA Boundary.
11. Coaches may tryout, practice, and play only those players whose names appear on a list of registered players (HCR Roster) provided to them by the Registrar of the Association.
12. Players must register to play in the division for which they are qualified to play in by age. Any requests for exceptions must be submitted to the President of the Association for approval from the Executive. The President will present the request at the next Executive meeting and inform the requestee of the decision of the Executive. See Player Acceleration Policy on the WMHA website.
13. Players must complete and submit the Player Acceleration Request Form to be considered to move up to the next higher age division. If the request is approved by the Executive, the player will attend tryouts and must make Team 1 as determined by the Head Coach and Player Selection Committee.
14. Players that reside within the WMHA Boundary will automatically be eligible to register and play in the Association.
15. The refund schedule for players who move out of the WMHA Boundary or who become unable to play hockey because of injury, illness, or for any other valid reason as determined by the Executive will be as follows:



By October 15th of the Registration Year - 100% refund minus \$75.00 administration fee

By November 15th of the Registration Year - 50% refund

By December 15th of the Registration Year - 25% refund

After December 15th of the Registration Year - No Refund

****Fundraising credits are not refundable.****

16. All players registered shall be processed by the Association. All registration fees will be payable to *Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Association* and shall be paid in full by September 15th of the Registration Year. If fees are unpaid, a person shall lose his/her member status and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and the player(s) concerned shall not be allowed to participate in any team activities. Membership will be reinstated and the player(s) concerned will be allowed to resume activities with the team once fees are paid in full. Any outstanding fees must be paid in full before registration the following year.
17. The Executive will consider allowing 4 year old players to register in U7. The Early Entry Form must be completed and submitted to the President of the Association. The President will present the request to the Executive for approval. To be considered for approval, a parent/guardian of the player must be willing to volunteer to go on the ice in a coaching capacity. That parent/guardian must complete all necessary coaching courses.
18. Players trying out for higher caliber teams than are offered by the Association will be permitted the same opportunity to make the WMHA team provided they return to the Association by October 5th of the Registration Year. Exceptions will be granted to players whose first tryout extends beyond October 5th. If the player chooses to try out for a second, third, etc. team, they will not be granted the exception. Players on teams may be cut and transferred to other teams to make room for these returnees.
19. All Player Movement and/or requests for release must be presented in writing to the President. WMHA will follow Hockey Alberta guidelines when determining if a player movement and/or release will be granted.



20. When a player is expelled from a hockey game, he/she is to be placed in control of a responsible adult for the remainder of the game. If the player's parent/guardian is not in attendance, a team official will assume this responsibility. Immediately following the game, he/she is to return to the team dressing room.
21. Any/all of the Executive shall not hold a team position (Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Trainer, etc.) with any Association outside of WMHA unless they submit a letter of request to the Executive and are approved by majority vote.
22. No direct contact will be made to any sponsors of WMHA. First point of contact will be to the Public Relations Coordinator. Establishment of sponsorship for teams shall be set and approved by the Executive.
23. All fundraising licenses must be obtained through the WMHA Treasurer. All teams will prepare a proposed budget to be submitted to the WMHA Treasurer and approved by the Executive prior to the start of fundraising activities. Teams will be required to present a financial statement to the Executive at the end of the season and before the Annual General Meeting. Team account balances at the end of the year will not roll over to the next year and will be absorbed into the WMHA General Account.
24. Every effort will be made to purchase all minor hockey uniforms, goalie equipment, team jackets, and other miscellaneous items through suppliers in the City of Wetaskiwin and within the WMHA Boundary.
25. The Association will replace uniforms in all divisions as needed as approved by the Executive.
26. The Discipline Committee will deal with all incidents as per the WMHA Bylaw 17 - Discipline.
27. Bullying and Harassment will not be tolerated as per Hockey Canada Policy and Procedures Manual Section 5.12.



28. Inappropriate use of Social Media as determined by the WMHA Social Media Policy will not be tolerated. The WMHA Social Media Policy can be found on the WMHA website.
29. Any type of electronic photo devices will not be permitted in the team dressing room at any time. Teams are permitted to use a cell phone to play music in the dressing room.
30. Access to the WMHA Equipment room will be limited to members of the Executive, Team Coaches, Managers, and Team Equipment personnel.
31. Access to the WMHA Office will be limited to members of the Executive.
32. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Executive Meeting shall be posted on the website for membership to view once they have been approved by the Executive at the following meeting.
33. All Head Coach certifications must be presented to the WMHA Registrar no later than October 31st.