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The Playing Rules of this Association are published in a separate booklet and may be obtained from the Executive Director of any Hockey Canada Branch, from any office of Hockey Canada or from Hockey Canada's web site.

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## F. PLAYERS

### RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of all Branches under the authority of Hockey Canada, in their sole and unfettered discretion, to implement residency registration regulations for the formation of teams within their Branch.
2.
  - a) Players must play in the Branch where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside.
  - b) Regulation F. 2 (a) does not apply to players registered in a Residential School (as defined in Regulation A) if they register with one (1) of that Residential School's hockey teams.
3. In reference to F. 1, F. 2 (a) and F. 5, residence is established by:
  - a) The parents' usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
  - b) In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player;or,  
if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives;  
or again,  
if the player lives equally with both parents, his place of residence shall be determined by the Branch.
  - c) When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person.

NOTE: the term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

NOTE: In the application of the above, the term "legal custody" and/or "legal guardian" refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- a) the application of the Divorce ACT,
- b) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,

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- iv) Junior C and D: Each team is allowed to register one (1) local player in 2007-08. The definition of "local" shall be that contained in the Hockey Canada Policy Manual. A local player shall not affiliate to any higher category team.
- e. Affiliation between Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior:
  - i) A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be named as an affiliate player with both a Major Junior team and either a Junior A or a Junior B team in the same season.
  - ii) A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may affiliate a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs with each of his affiliated teams as rostered in i). However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team or teams, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
  - iii) Any player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / CWG Events / World Junior A Challenge will not count in the ten (10) game total per team.
  - iv) Affiliation of goaltenders will be governed by rule E 36 (b).

[The CDM Committee will regularly monitor the situation and report at least semi annually. A thorough review of this regulation and its effects will take place at the Association's 2007 Semi Annual Meeting.]

- f) The maximum number of non-North American players that can register and play Major Junior Hockey shall be one (1), starting in the 2008-2009 season.
- g) Major Junior hockey shall establish by 2008-09 the maximum number of American players by team or league that can register and play on Canadian based teams.

- b) First year eligible Midget players (fifteen (15) year olds) who believe they are 'exceptional' and should be excluded from the previous provision may appeal to play Major Junior hockey under the provisions and conditions outlined in the Hockey Canada Policy Manual.
- c) Affiliation of first year eligible Midget players (fifteen (15) year olds) to Major Junior and Junior A and B hockey teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:
  - i) A team may affiliate no more than five (5) players for up to a maximum of five (5) games during the season.
  - ii) The player must sign a special affiliation form with the permission of his regular team.
  - iii) A player shall NOT be called up, except under emergency conditions, when the player's regular team is playing or when the player has semester exams at school.
  - iv) When the player's regular team is finished its season, the player may join the Major Junior/Junior A or B team for the balance of its season.
  - v) In Junior hockey, the team would be restricted to calling up one (1) fifteen (15) year old per game.
  - vi) A player may specially affiliate to a Major Junior team and a Junior A or B team in the same season and play a maximum of five (5) games with each team if he so chooses and his regular team agrees.
  - vii) Should a Major Junior League choose not to utilize this provision, the player would NOT be eligible to affiliate to two (2) Junior A or B teams in that League or region.
- d. A second year eligible Midget player (sixteen (16) years old) registering and participating in Junior hockey shall do so under the following guidelines:
  - i) Major Junior: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of four (4) players in 2007-08.
  - ii) Junior A: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players in 2007-08.
  - iii) Junior B: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players in 2007-08.

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- and F.38 are automatically released as of these dates and may register and play with any other team if otherwise eligible.
48. A player registered with a Senior AAA, Senior AA, Major Junior or Junior team who, prior to January 10 in the current season, is injured or becomes medically unfit to play for the balance of the season, may be protected on the January 10 list but would not count in the total number. It is understood that this player will not be able to compete for the balance of the season and a medical certificate, satisfactory to the Branch must be provided.
  49.
    - a) Any team which registers twenty-five (25) players by December 1 and nineteen (19) (twenty-five (25) in the case of Senior, twenty-three (23) in the case of Junior A and Junior B) players by January 10, shall lose title to all other players on its list of registration of the previous season.
    - b) A team wishing to continue to hold title to players registered from the previous season must name these players on its list as of these dates, but in no case shall the total number of players be more than twenty-five (25), twenty-three (23) or nineteen (19) as the case may be, including at least two (2) goalkeepers.
    - c) If in accordance with F.49 (b), a player's name appears on the December 1 and January 10 lists of a team during the current season without that player having **obtained** a current season registration, he becomes a free agent as of midnight, February 10 of that same season.
  50. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions in regulation E, teams shall not be permitted to dress more than nineteen (19) players except for Senior Teams (male and female), **Junior teams and the highest registered level of Midget (male and female) hockey teams** who may dress twenty (20) players for any game or pre-game warm-up in accordance with the playing rules. The number of players must include two (2) goalkeepers.
  51. A maximum of nine (9) twenty (20) year olds shall be permitted on Junior A game sheets, including affiliates, for all regular season and playoff games.

## VARIATIONS FOR THE CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL

(The following regulation does not apply to Female hockey.)

52. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions in Regulations B and F,
  - a) First year eligible Midget players (fifteen (15) year olds) shall only register and compete in Minor hockey.

**FILING OF ACTIVE LISTS OF PLAYERS**

39. The December 1 and January 10 lists must be in the hands of the Branch Executive Director or forwarded by fax, or at the Branch's discretion via electronic mail, no later than midnight December 1 and/or January 10 (whichever date applies).
40. Any team failing to abide by F.39 shall be declared ineligible for further competition until the preceding outlined provisions are met and provided further that non-compliance shall result in all players being declared released from membership with the team, under the authority and guidelines of the Branch Executive.
41. A team which has nineteen (19), [twenty (20) in Midget AAA, twenty-five (25) in Senior, and twenty-three (23) in Junior A and Junior B] registered players listed with the Branch Executive Director on January 10 shall not be permitted to register any further players during the current season. **A team, which has fewer registered players may, if it has allotted but unused registrations, register eligible players until the final registration date, but once a vacancy on the player roster has been filled it may not be used again.**
42. Any player released under regulation F.48 or F.50 must be signed by his new team before the final registration date, which is February 10 in any season. (See F.48 and F.50)
43. Should a player wish to re-sign with his former team, he may do so only by **obtaining** a new player's registration.
44. After January 10, no team shall be able to release any of its players and replace the players released by any other new players, whether such new players were free agents or players released by other teams or otherwise.
45. Players released from Hockey Canada teams after January 10, shall be ineligible to play with any other team in the current season. Furthermore it is understood that any player released after January 10 in the current season is not eligible to be transferred to any other member federation of the IIHF in the current season. (See H.7)
46. Players returning to Hockey Canada competition, released after January 10, in the current season by any other IIHF member federation team may be registered no later than February 10 provided that registration is accompanied by proper release and transfer.
47. Registered players whose names are deleted or omitted from active player's lists as of December 1 and/or January 10 (whichever date applies) under F.37

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- a) Twenty-five (25) eligible players in the case of Junior Male teams and Juvenile Male teams;
- b) Nineteen (19) eligible players in the case of Minor Male and Minor Female teams.**
- c) **Twenty (20) in the case of the highest registered level of male and female Midget hockey in the Branch.**

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

- 35. A team registering players must **submit all information required for the National Registry** to its Branch Executive Director for proper validation and approval.
- 36. Branch Executive Directors may refuse to validate and approve any **registration** which is not properly completed as requested in F.35.

### **SENIOR MALE AND JUNIOR MALE CUTDOWN DATES**

- 37. On December 1, all Junior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25), the total of the following:
  - a) The number of registered players on their active list; and
  - b) The number of allotted but unused registrations. If twenty-five (25) players are listed, at least two (2) must be goaltenders.
- 38. On January 10, all Senior teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25), Junior A and B teams must reduce to not more than twenty-three (23) and all other Junior teams to not more than nineteen (19) of the following:
  - a) The number of registered players on their active list; and
  - b) The number of allotted but unused registrations.

If all allotted registrations are used, twenty-five (25) for Senior teams, twenty-three (23) for Junior A and B teams or nineteen (19) for all other Junior teams are registered, at least two (2) must be goaltenders. Senior teams below the AAA level (at the sole discretion of the individual Branch) may register up to thirty (30) players on their active player lists. Teams that choose to register more than twenty-five (25) players on their active player list may not affiliate with a Senior AAA team.

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31. Branches of Hockey Canada will issue to all registered teams a player registration allotment under the following guidelines:
- a) i) Senior Male not more than forty-five (45) registrants  
ii) Senior Female not more than twenty-five (25) registrants
  - b) i) Junior Male not more than forty-five (45) registrants  
ii) Junior Female not more than twenty-five (25) registrants
  - c) i) Juvenile Male not more than twenty-five (25) registrants  
ii) Juvenile Female not more than twenty-five (25) registrants
  - d) i) Midget Male not more than twenty-five (25) registrants  
ii) Midget Female not more than twenty-five (25) registrants
  - e) i) Bantam Male not more than twenty (20) registrants  
ii) Bantam Female not more than twenty (20) registrants
  - f) i) Pee Wee Male not more than twenty (20) registrants  
ii) Pee Wee Female not more than twenty (20) registrants
  - g) i) Atom Male not more than twenty (20) registrants  
ii) Atom Female not more than twenty (20) registrants
  - h) i) Novice Male not more than twenty (20) registrants  
ii) Novice Female not more than twenty (20) registrants
32. Goaltenders registered under this regulation shall be clearly **identified as** "goaltenders". Players designated as goaltenders shall not be permitted to play any other position. Any coach who allows either of the goaltenders to play in any position other than goal shall be automatically suspended until dealt with by the Branch Executive, when playing under the Branch, and by the Chair of the Board when playing in Hockey Canada playoffs. The final twenty (20) (in the case of Midget AAA teams), twenty-three (23) (in the case of Junior A and Junior B) and twenty-five (25) (in the case of Senior), registered players shall include at least two (2) goaltenders. (see F. 38)
33. F.32 does not apply to the Pee Wee Division or below, however, on Female Senior Hockey teams at least one (1) player shall be designated a "goaltender".
34. Notwithstanding F.31, the following teams **may not register**, at any one time, more than:
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24. Every club team shall be responsible for the representation made to this Association regarding the age of players. In the event of a team playing an ineligible player in connection with any play-off games in Branch or Inter-Branch play-downs, the team shall be dropped from the year's competition and the opposing team shall be considered the winner of the round. In the case of a team playing any player ineligible in games preceding the above, the player shall be dropped, and at the discretion of the Branch Executive the team itself may be allowed to continue in competition. If the team is allowed to continue in competition, all games won in the current series or the most recently completed series, provided the team is between series while playing the ineligible player shall be awarded to the team or teams which competed against it; but in the case a team is not allowed to continue in competition, all games played by it shall be cancelled.
25. **Every coach, manager, safety person/trainer and equipment manager of any registered team competing in the games provided by this Association and its Branches shall be a member of a team which is a member of this Association and shall, prior to competing in any league or championship game, have a Hockey Canada registration completed through the Branch duly validated by the Branch Executive Director or his/her designate for the current playing season.**
26. Every player, coach, manager, trainer by acceptance of registration in this Association, acknowledges the authority of this Association and its Branches, and undertakes to abide by the Articles, By-Laws, Regulations, Policies and Playing Rules of this Association and its Branches.
27. Team officials wishing to also play must also be registered on an approved player's registration.
28. Any registered player is eligible to play in Branch or Inter-Branch play-offs, whether he has played a league game with his team or not.
29. A player may not register and play under a second registration in the same season unless properly released from the initial registration in accordance with Regulation H. Violations of this provision will result in the immediate suspension of the player. Branches, at their discretion, may dual sign Minor Female players on both Female and Minor male teams, where applicable.
30. Players participating with a team at a CCAA, CIS, **NJCAA** or NCAA institute of education after January 10 of the current season shall be ineligible for participation with a Hockey Canada team during that season (does not apply to Female Hockey).

18. Every player applying for the first time for registration as a Minor and Junior shall submit a birth certificate issued by a competent authority.
19. In cases where it is impossible to secure a birth certificate, the Branch Executive Director may, if he considers the supporting evidence satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof a duly certified baptismal certificate, issued before the age of ten (10) years, or the age at the date of entry in this country as certified by the form filed at the port of entry.
20. Notwithstanding F.19, players, older than ten (10) years of age, who wish to register for the first time, and do not possess a birth certificate, must, in addition to a baptismal certificate or verification of age at the date of entry into Canada, produce further supporting documentation deemed satisfactory by the Branch Executive Director.
21. Furthermore, when a player has been registered under the age of ten (10), the said certificate shall be examined by the Branch Executive Director and not endorsed unless supported by a duly certified baptismal certificate, or a letter from Canada Employment and Immigration Department showing the date of entry to Canada, or a statement of age according to school records as endorsed by the principal of the school in which the pupil first started his education and furthermore, such a certificate shall not be approved by the Hockey Canada President unless he is in possession of the evidence already mentioned in this regulation F.15.
22. Any player who is a registered member of a Branch, and who has been proven guilty by his Branch, or Hockey Canada of:
  - a) Falsifying or forging a birth certificate;
  - b) Falsifying or forging Hockey Canada registration information;
  - c) Playing under an assumed name; or
  - d) Having had knowledge that any of the above has occurred shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team for a period of up to three (3) years from the date of suspension.
23. Any team official, executive member of a team, club or association, proven guilty after a proper hearing by his Branch or Hockey Canada of having been a party to, or having had knowledge of such falsification, shall be suspended for a period of not less than three (3) years from playing or holding office with any team, club, or association affiliated with Hockey Canada.

10. **Composition of Academy teams, for example restrictions on the number of international players, shall be a Branch responsibility.**

## **REGISTRATION**

11. **Every player competing in the games provided by this Association and its Branches shall be a member of a team which is a member of this Association and shall, prior to competing in any league or championship game, be registered by the Branch and duly validated by the Branch Executive Director or his designate for the current playing season.**
12. A Branch or the Officers of Hockey Canada, as applicable, may take disciplinary action against:
  - a) Any team found to be in violation of any Hockey Canada registration regulation, and/or;
  - b) Any individual found guilty of having falsified or forged any document that would make that individual eligible to play hockey in any IIHF member federation.
13. Once registered as a member of a team, a player shall remain a member of such team until he ceases to be a member thereof as provided in Regulation H. When over-age, the player shall be considered a member of the next team of his club, provided the club has a team in a higher Division for which the player is eligible.
14. **The process for registration shall be inline with Hockey Canada's Registry requirements.**
15. **Upon validation and approval by the Branch Executive Director, registration data will be distributed as follows:**
  - a) to the Branch;
  - b) to the local association/team;
  - c) to Hockey Canada's Registry.**
16. The Branch Executive Director will not approve a registration until it is fully completed with all required information.
17. Registration shall be accepted only if the information is in the hands of the Branch Executive Director or forwarded by registered mail post marked no later than midnight February 10 or the first business day following if February 10 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday.

- iii) Such player, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under **F.4 (d)**, may be further restricted by the Branch, by the power vested in By-Law TWELVE, to register or participate with any team which may qualify for their provincial championships.
  - iv) The Division or category that such player may play, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under **F.4 (d)** will be determined by said Branch with the exception of any Hockey Canada team in a Division and/or category, which could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Minor Hockey National or Regional Championship.
  - e) Current Residential School agreements supersede this regulation.
5. There shall be, however, no residential qualification required for players registered with Senior and Junior teams. Branches are, however, authorized to make restrictions with regard to the residential qualifications required for players registered with Senior and Junior teams under their jurisdiction.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- 6. Every person who is an amateur in accordance with this Association's definition thereof (See A.3), is not under suspension by this Association or any of its Branches or by any other member of the International Ice Hockey Federation, and is not a member of any club or team under the jurisdiction of any other member of the IIHF, shall be eligible for membership on a team in this Association.
- 7. The team officials of every club and team shall be responsible for representations made in respect to the eligibility of the players of the team or club.

### **HOCKEY ACADEMIES**

8. To be defined as a Hockey Academy the hockey program must:
- a) have a formal partnership with the local Minor/Female Hockey Association;
  - b) have a formal partnership with a recognized educational institution;
  - c) these partnerships must have the written approval of the Branch.
9. Placement of Academy teams shall be at the Branch discretion; however, those Academy teams shall not be allowed to compete in a playoff (League or Branch) that leads to a Regional or National Championship.

- c) **loss of parental authority,**
  - d) **when it is deemed the child's development is compromised,**
  - e) **when both (2) parents are deceased,**
  - f) **married, or the equivalent of married.**
4. a) Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers vested in it by By-Law TWELVE may, on application made by or on behalf of any player, deem such player to be resident in a Branch other than that where his parent is resident and Hockey Canada's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- b) A Branch, in its sole and unfettered discretion under powers vested in By-Law TWELVE may, on application to the Branch made by or on behalf of any player, deem such player to be resident in a place within the Branch other than that where his parent is resident and the Branch's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- c) **A Branch, in its sole and unfettered discretion under the powers vested in By-Law TWELVE may deem a non-Canadian Citizen to be resident in the Branch provided that the player is in strict accordance with Hockey Canada Regulations F.1, F.2 and F.3.**
- d) A Branch may make application to the Hockey Canada Board of Directors or its National Appeals Committee for a non-Canadian player to register within Hockey Canada if they are not in accordance with F.4 (c). Hockey Canada, in its sole and unfettered discretion under the powers vested in it by By-Law TWELVE may, on application made by or on behalf of any player by the Branch, deem a non-Canadian Citizen to be resident in that Branch other than where his parent is resident and Hockey Canada's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- i) Such player, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under **F.4 (d)** would be ineligible to register with any Hockey Canada team in a division and/or category, which could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Minor Hockey National or Regional Championship.
  - ii) Such player, if granted the ability to register in said Branch under **F.4 (d)**, once registered with a hockey team in accordance with F.4 (d) (i), is ineligible to participate as an affiliate player with any team, which could earn the right to participate in a Hockey Canada Minor Hockey National or Regional Championship.