



2022
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
GUIDELINES

Provincial Championship Guidelines



1.0 Provincial Minor Championships

Minor Council shall set the dates for the provincial championships at the annual president's workshop in September. All teams shall pay a provincial championship fee as determined by Hockey PEI.

Minor Council will establish tournament formats each playing season, no later than ~~December 1st~~. (Delayed due to COVID). Once leagues have been established, tournament formats will be adopted by Minor Council for the current playing season.

Minor Hockey Council shall establish a set criteria and guidelines for tournament hosting and shall circulate such to all minor hockey associations well in advance of the application deadline. Each application must include confirmation that the proposed host site meets the established criteria.

Annually in January of each year, Minor Hockey Council shall select the hosts for each league's Provincial Championship tournament and notify all Associations of the sites selected. In the event that there is no applicant for one or more categories, then Minor Council shall determine the location for the Provincial Championship Tournament for that category.

2.0 Regular Season Standings

All Leagues must declare their final standings one (1) week prior to the provincial championships.

To determine team standings in the event of a tie at the end of the regular season, leagues will use Hockey PEI Regulation 28.03 to determine final standings.

"A" Male Divisions:

NOTE: Standings to determine eligible teams for the Provincial Championships are determined based on the second half of the season after teams have been tiered and enter a new division. Points from the first half of the season do not carry over to the second half.

3.0 Team Rosters

A team must have a minimum of twelve (12) players on its roster, one of which shall be a goaltender, duly registered with the Minor Hockey Council in that division of play at the beginning of the regular season. Teams may be permitted to have less than the minimum twelve (12) players on its roster if approved by minor council.

Provincial Championship team rosters:

1. Team roster of a minimum twelve (12) players and a maximum nineteen (19) players. This would include any affiliated players. Affiliated players would be included as part of the maximum 19 players.
2. Participating teams must have at minimum 10 skaters plus 1 goalie dress for each game of the provincial championships. This may include Affiliated Players if necessary.

3. If a team is not able to dress a minimum of 10 skaters plus 1 goalie for the Provincial Championships, such team will forfeit their spot in the Championships and the next place team from that division will be invited to attend.

Note: Players are permitted to be on two (2) rosters at the same time for provincials, ie. registered team and as an affiliated player on another team.

Submission of Team Rosters

Teams participating in provincial championships will be required to complete the ***Hockey PEI Provincial Championship Team Roster form***.

Forms shall be sent to the respective league coordinator at least 5 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championships. The league coordinator will provide the roster to Provincial Championship minor council representative. Rosters will be frozen at the start of the Provincial Championships and no changes will be permitted unless permission is granted by minor council.

Team Jerseys

The designated home team shall wear their white jerseys and the designated visiting team shall wear their colored jerseys. If a team only has one set of jerseys, then the minor council representative will determine what jerseys the teams will wear.

4.0 Playing Rules

Round robin games during the Provincial Championship tournament shall follow the same format as that in the regular season within each respective league.

The ice will be resurfaced at the conclusion of each game. Each game shall include a 5-minute warm up.

The official schedules will identify what team is designated as the home team and the visiting team for each game.

Time outs – each team will be permitted to take one time-out of (30) thirty seconds during the course of regular playing time or overtime. Rule 10.17(f). This applies for all games.

There shall not be any overtime in round robin games.

Tied Game (overtime) – semifinal and championship games only.

If at the end of regulation time the score is tied, the following shall take place:

- a) The puck shall be faced off at center ice and play shall continue 5 on 5 with a ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime period. Teams will not change ends;
- b) If the score remains tied after the ten (10) minute overtime period. Teams will be provided with a break in their dressing room and the ice shall be resurfaced.
- c) Upon return the teams will change ends and commence a twenty (20) minute period playing 4 on 4 until a winner is declared. Teams will follow this process until a winner is declared. At the conclusion of each twenty (20) minute period, the ice shall be resurfaced. Teams will change ends after each period.

- d) Any overtime shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.

4 on 4 Overtime

- e) If both teams have a man in the penalty box with different expiration times, at the end of the first overtime, then both teams would start that overtime period with three (3) skaters each.
- f) No team shall have less than three (3) skaters on the ice at any time. If a team should receive a minor penalty play will resume 4 on 3. If that same team should receive a second minor penalty, play will continue 5 on 3. At the first stoppage of play, after the expiration of both penalties, the teams would revert back to 4 on 4.
- g) Teams will always go back to the correct manpower at the first stoppage (first whistle) after the expiration of all penalties.

5.0 Tie Breaking

Tie breaking formula - To determine team standings in the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be used;

- A) The winner of the round robin game between the tied teams;
- B) If still tied, the team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position;
- C) If still tied the team with the best goal average would qualify. The goal average of a team is determined by dividing the total number of goals for by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round robin games are counted.

Example: Total Goals For: 10
 Total Goals Against: 4

$$\text{Percentage: } \frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$$

- D) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team which scored the first goal in the game between the two teams;
- E) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in penalties (all round robin games); and
- F) If still tied after all previous methods have been applied, the winner will be decided by a single toss of a coin.

Note: In the event that more than two teams are tied, once the tie breaking rules have been used to qualify the team with highest goal average, the procedure to break the remaining tie(s) will be to revert back to the beginning criteria.

6.0 Officiating

For all provincial championships, a three (3) person officiating system shall be used in all games. On ice officials must have officiated at that level throughout the season. The "Referee" must be at minimum a Level 3. Hosts are required to pay game fee's to these officials.

Championships may use the four (4) person officiating system if approved by minor council.

Note: For U18 AA male, Hockey PEI will assign referees for all games using a four (4) man system (Unless the association has been granted permission to assign their respective officials by Hockey PEI).

Note: For divisions that lead to a regional championship being hosted on PEI in the same year, Hockey PEI may look to assign referees for all games using a four (4) man system.

All minor officials including scorers and timekeepers, shall be provided by the host association, and/or team.

7.0 Minor Council Representative

A representative from Minor Council will be assigned to each championship to oversee playing rules and regulations, disciplinary action and operational procedures for the championship. This individual will be an asset to the host committee for the championship weekend. The representative may request a meeting with all team representatives in advance of the tournament to review rosters, rules, regulations etc...