

# **EAST KOOTENAY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION POLICIES**

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## **Policy 1 - Fines**

Failure to play a League Game- \$1000.00

Failure to send League Game Score to EK President (within 48 hours)-\$20

Failure to send Game Sheets containing a suspension to President (within 48 hours)-\$20

Failure to attend EKMHA Monthly Meeting- \$100.00

Failure to attend EKMHA Annual General Meeting- \$150.00

## **Policy 2 - EKMHA League and League Championship Policy**

The East Kootenay Minor Hockey Association (EKMHA) has established a league system in order to promote the game of hockey within the association. While it is understood that many teams play in a number of tournaments inside and outside the association, the priority of all teams must be to compete in the EKMHA leagues.

### **EK League**

The EKMHA League season runs from November 1 of the current year through to the Monday of the Alberta Family Day weekend.

If tiering is needed to ensure a balanced league these tournaments can be held throughout the month of October, except in the last weekend of the month. The last Sunday in the month of October is reserved for a scheduling meeting. The meeting will be arranged by the EKMHA board.

Not only should available ice times be brought to the scheduling meeting but each association should attempt to book ice time for a league championship tournament. As described below.

Once the league schedule has been set, it will be posted on the EKMHA website. Any changes to the set schedule must be approved by the President of the EKMHA. Any team not wishing to participate in the league championships must notify the President of the EKMHA on or before December 31 of the current season. League championship sites will be approved no later than January 1 of the current season.

The manager of the home team is required to send the score of any home games played on the weekend to the EKMHA President within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Failure to provide the score may result in a \$20 fine (at the discretion of the president). This is in addition to sending any game sheets which may require the attention of the president. This will allow the standings to be updated quickly, especially near the end of the season when games may affect playoff seeding. It will also allow suspensions to be dealt with in a timely manner.

## **Championships**

Championship series for the EKMHA League will begin the weekend after the Alberta Family Day Weekend and can potentially run through to the last weekend in March prior to the start of Springbreak. Earlier championship weekends can be approved by the President if it does not cause undue financial hardships on teams. Championship weekends will not be approved in any Resort Communities (Elk Valley, Windermere Valley, etc.) on long weekends through the winter, unless hotel rates are guaranteed to be at the lowest rate offered during the hockey season.

All championship weekend schedules must be approved by the President of the EKMHA. Seeding for these tournaments will be based on the league standings, however changes which could reduce tournament costs for teams travelling to the championships may also be considered. The league champion is the home team throughout the tournament and may, at the discretion of the President, be allowed to choose their position in the playoff format. Playoff formats are found on the EKMHA website.

Costs for these championship tournaments are to be shared equally amongst the participating teams.

## **Policy 3 - League Games**

League games take precedent over all other games. Failure to play a scheduled league game will result in a fine of \$1000.00 to the team cancelling the league game, unless the game can be rescheduled. All costs associated with cancelling the game shall be paid by the team who cancelled. If less than 48 hours is given, the team is responsible for ice and referee costs. If more than 48 hours is given then the team is only responsible for ice costs. All changes to league games must be approved by the EKMHA President.

Games which are cancelled due to poor roads or poor weather, will not be viewed by the EKMHA in the same light as games cancelled for no reason or to attend tournaments. Fines will still be applied but the teams may be given wider discretion to play the makeup games.

If a game cannot be rescheduled and a fine is applied then all costs associated with the missed game will be paid by the EKMHA to the association who did not cancel the league game.

The onus is on the team who postpones the league game to find a time which is beneficial to both teams. While it is not preferred, cancelled league games may be played during tournaments, as long as the proper time is allotted for this game. However the team who had the game cancelled is under no obligation to play a league game during a tournament.

All team fines must be paid prior to the EKMHA AGM.

All regular season league games will follow the format as listed below and book the appropriate ice times as indicated.

All games will be booked with a minimum of 2 hr of ice. The game will consist of three 20 minute stop time periods with a flood half way through the second period.

- Warmup - 5 min
- First Period - 20 min stop time
- Break 2 min
- Second Period - 10 min stop time
- 15 min - Flood
- Second Period - 10 min stop time
- Break 2 min
- Third period - 20 min stop time
- No overtime - Ties after regulation remain a tie for the standings

#### **Policy 4 -Officials and Referees**

Local associations are responsible for supplying competent minor hockey officials and certified referees for all games played within a MHA. All associations may use the Two Referee/One Linesman, Two Man, Three Man or Four Man system to referee games within their associations.

The organizing committee shall approve on ice officials for all league championship tournaments.

Referees are responsible for sending game reports to the President within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Failure to do so may result in a suspension.

The team manager of the home team is responsible for sending the score of all league games played to the President of the EKMHA within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

The team manager of the home team is responsible for sending the game sheet of any game in which additional suspensions may be warranted to the President of the EKMHA within 48 hours of the end of the game in which an infraction may have occurred.

#### **Policy 5 - Suspensions**

Suspension of players and team officials will follow the BCH Minimum Suspension Guidelines which are sent out to all MHA at the beginning of the hockey season.

The EKMHA reserves the right to apply further suspensions to players and team officials as it sees fit. These additional suspensions must enhance rules laid out by HC.

#### **Policy 6 - Ineligible Team Officials**

The deadline for all team officials to be certified is December 1st, a letter will be sent to the MHA indicating deficiencies. If by December 15th the team officials are still not certified a fine of \$250 per uncertified team official will be assessed. If by December 31st the team officials are still not certified a travel suspension (team) will be imposed until such time everyone is properly certified (may result in their removal from the HCR roster).

#### **Policy 7 - Novice to Atoms Movement Policy**

The following process will be used for all application to register a novice age player to the atoms level for the season.

- 1) Completed applications must be submitted by the minor hockey association with approval by the associations president to the BC Hockey Operations Task Group Member
- 2) The BC Hockey Operations Task Group Member will bring the application to the district board for review at the next scheduled meeting
- 3) Applications will only be considered for safety reason and only to the house team of an association. Special consideration on team placement will be considered by the board on an individual bases
- 4) Application must be submitted with an independent evaluation of the safety concern only
- 5) Following a vote by the board the East Kootenay President will provide the BC Hockey Operations Task Group Member with a letter of support or non-support