

South Conference Female Hockey Federation

League Regulations

1. GENERAL

The SCFHF shall provide a League for Female Hockey in the South Conference as described by Hockey Nova Scotia (Dartmouth, Halifax, Nova and Western zones)

- The SCFHF shall schedule and provide play at all divisional levels if numbers permit
- The SCFHF shall assess and collect League fees from the Members on a per team basis

CATEGORIZATION

- 2.1 Divisions with more than 8 teams may be split into Tier 1 and Tier 2 at the discretion of the Board of Directors
- 2.2 To the degree possible and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, an equal number of teams shall play in each level in each Division
- 2.3 Associations icing teams within the SCFHF shall pre-categorise their teams prior to the season into Tier 1 or Tier 2 as they see fit
- 2.4 Any Association with enough players to ice two or more teams in any particular Division shall ice at least one team in Tier 1 in that Division
- 2.5 Proving
 - 2.5.1 The Federation shall schedule a proving round of approximately eight games in each Tier of each Division with the intention of evaluating Members decisions as to level of play.
 - 2.5.2 Each team in any level of a particular Division shall play at least one game against every other team in that level of that Division before the conclusion of the proving round. Additional games to a total of eight games shall be scheduled as may be suitable (the proving round may not necessarily be balanced)
 - 2.5.3 The proving round shall be completed by no later that mid-November.
 - 2.5.4 The results of the proving round shall be evaluated by the Board of Directors of the Federation which shall consider win-loss results and any other factors which it considers germane in determining the final placement of any team into a particular level of play.
 - 2.5.5 In the case of dispute the Board of Directors shall vote on placement and a simple majority of votes (50 % +1) shall be used to determine placement of any team

3.0 REGULAR SEASON

- 3.1 The Regular Season, beginning immediately after the conclusion of the Proving Round will consist of at least a double Round Robin to be played within each level of each Division
- 3.2 The Regular Season schedule shall be 'balanced'
- 3.3 Regular Season play shall include as close to 20 games as is possible,

3.4 Teams shall play an equal number of home games and away games or as close thereto as numbers may allow.

3.5 Should numbers dictate that the Regular Season schedule in any level of any Division include a triple or greater round robin, the Federation may at its discretion purchase neutral site ice and the third game may be scheduled at a neutral location with the teams playing bearing ice and refereeing costs equally.

3.6 League standings toward Championship shall be based on a team's results in the Regular Season only.

4.0 PLAYOFFS

The following shall apply to each level of play in each Division

4.1 At the conclusion of the Regular Season, League playoffs shall be held

~~4.2 Play off format shall be a best of three semi final for the top four teams, 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 followed by the winners of the semi final playing a best of three final for the League Championship.~~

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4.2 Playoff format shall be in accordance with AAA format, consisting of two rounds. Detailed playoff format be posted on the web site prior to commencement

4.3 The Federation shall present a Championship banner to the winning team

4.4 The Federation shall nominate the two finalists in any level of any Division to Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council as representatives of the South Conference for the Provincial Championship

5.0 PLAYER MOVEMENT

5.1 In the event that a member Association decides to ice only a Tier 2 team in any Division, upward movement of individual players from that Association to an Association offering Tier 1 play in that Division may be considered if:

- The home Association is left with an adequate number of players to ice a Tier 2 team
- The player movement is approved by the Female Council Regional Director(s) involved

5.2 Subject to Hockey Nova Scotia Regulation 501 and to HNSFC Regional Director approval, Member Associations may amalgamate as they see fit to allow

all players to play hockey at a level which offers an appropriate level of challenge and growth to suit her particular abilities.

5.3 It is the fundamental and primary intent of the Federation to provide **all** Female players wishing to play Female Hockey in the South Conference with a place to play. Member Associations are encouraged to seek creative solutions to assure that the Federation's goals are achieved.

6.0 FAILURE TO PLAY

7.1 In the event that a team has not played all of its scheduled games at the conclusion of the Regular Season schedule due to reason within or outside of its control, the Board of Directors shall request the facts of the case from the teams involved, shall review the same and shall at its sole discretion award a tie or determine a forfeiture.