

# **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 (except Atom) with 8 or more teams may be split into AA and A at the discretion of the Board of Directors and with approval of Female Council

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 A or AA 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 AA in that Division

### 2.5 Proving

2.5.1 The Federation shall schedule a proving round of approximately six 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 at least three other teams in that level of that Division and a total of at least four pre-season games before the conclusion of the proving round. Additional games to a total of eight games shall be scheduled as may be possible within the allowable time (the proving round may not necessarily be balanced)

2.5.3 The proving round shall be completed by no later than the end of the first week of 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.
- 3.7 The end date for the Regular Season shall be posted on the League web site at the beginning of the Regular Season. The Regular Season shall be followed by a 'make up week' to allow completion of scheduled games.

#### **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 Playoff format shall normally be in accordance with HNS AAA format, consisting of two rounds. Playoff format may vary depending on the number of teams in a given division. Playoff format will be posted on the Federation web site by 30 November
- 4.3 At the conclusion of the first round of playoffs, the Federation shall nominate four teams in any level of any Division to Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council for determination by Female Council of the representatives of the South Conference for the Provincial Championship.
- 4.4 In the event of a tie at the end of Regular Time, the Championship Game shall continue as follows until a conclusion is reached:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Overtime: Five Minutes 5 on 5 sudden death
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Overtime; Five Minutes 4 on 4 sudden death
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Overtime Shootout, five players each team to be named at the commencement of the shootout to shoot alternately.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Overtime Shootout, alternate players from each team until an unanswered goal is scored.
- The Federation shall present a Championship banner to the winning team

## **5.0 PLAYER MOVEMENT**

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

- The home Association is left with an adequate number of players to ice an A 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 SCHEDULING/ FAILURE TO PLAY**

6.1 It shall be the responsibility of Association representatives, team coaches and team managers to assure that all scheduled League games are completed within one week of the end of the Regular Season

6.2 Teams may be required to reschedule games as a result of weather, travel requirements, available ice, ice time conflicts, illness or tournaments. Other reasons for re-schedule requests may be considered. In the case of a required reschedule, the onus shall be on the team requesting a schedule change to assure that a rescheduled game is played.

6.3 A request for schedule change shall follow the following procedure:  
The team initiating a schedule change shall contact the opposing team by Email at least seventy two hours but preferably seven days prior to the scheduled date advising of the need to reschedule. This requirement may be waived in the case of exceptional circumstances such as sudden illness. Emails shall be copied to the appropriate division scheduler.  
The team initiating the change shall offer an alternate ice time for play if the home team or shall request an alternate time for play if the visiting team.  
A team offering or having offered three alternate ice times that do not conflict with another scheduled League game shall be considered to have fulfilled its obligations to assure that a game is played.  
All correspondence regarding rescheduled games is to be copied to the appropriate Division Scheduler

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.

## 7.0 Appeals Committee

7.1 An appeals committee shall be formed to deal with questions of interpretation of League Rules and protested League games. Provincial seeding games shall be the exclusive jurisdiction of HNS Female Council

7.2 The Committee shall consist of three members of the Federation and two associate members who shall take the place of a member in the event of a conflict of interest.

### 7.3 Procedure for Appeal

1. The coach or manager of the aggrieved team must assure that the reason for protest is noted on the game sheet.
2. The coach or manager must notify by Email the League President and by copy, the League Secretary, the opposing coach and the protesting team's League representative within 12 hours of the end of the game
3. The protesting team must submit a immediately cheque in the amount of \$75.00 payable to the South Conference Female Hockey Federation In the event that a protest is upheld by the committee the protesting team's \$75 fee shall be refunded.
4. The Appeals Committee shall consider the protest and shall render its decision, which shall be final.

## 8.0 Officials

8.1 On ice officials must be registered with Hockey Nova Scotia and assigned in accordance with HNS Regulations

8.2 The Home team shall be responsible for providing three on ice officials for each game. A two official system may be used in unforeseen circumstances. The agreement of both coaches in such a case is to be noted on the game sheet.

8.3 In the event that a game is not played due to the failure of the home team to provide appropriate officials, the game may be replayed before the end of the Regular Season with all costs being born by the offending team. (See Section 6 Failure to Play)