
2009 - 2010 Competitive Non-Contact Hockey Program

Objectives:

To provide a competitive, fun, Non-Contact hockey league in each of the following age divisions for those players who wish to play non-contact hockey - Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget.

In some cases it is difficult to find goaltenders for the Non-Contact leagues. Part of the problem seems to be kids who would play goal but do not have nor do they have the means to purchase the necessary equipment. We realize that most zones already have used equipment for these cases and would recommend that all zones have at their disposal, decent used goaltender equipment that they could supply to the Non-Contact Coordinator if he requires it.

League Play:

Each zone will provide at least one team in each age division. Where player numbers do not allow this, or if a zone has an excess of players, these players will be grouped together to form another team(s). It is recommended that the zone with the greatest majority of players on these multi-zone teams would look after the administration of that team (coaches, jerseys, etc.) These teams will be put together at the discretion of the non-contact committee (SMHA chairman and zone coordinators). These recommendations for team formation will be presented to the Zone Commissioners and SMHA Executive director prior to final team formations by the SMHA Non-Contact coordinator.

Martensville and Clavet will be allowed to interlock with Non-Contact and Rec teams, if they choose. Saskatoon surplus players will not be assigned to out of town interlock teams. The out of town teams will be responsible to field a full roster of players from their community.

18 year old players (1990 birth year for 2008-2009) are permitted to register for and play in the Midget Non-Contact League. All 18 year old players registering must have been previously registered with SMHA in a hockey program within the last two years.

During player registration, each Zone must inform their Non-Contact players that they may not play in their own Zone, pending the number of players registering. Each Zone should make an effort to honor those players who registered first in their respective Zones by date and time to remain in their own Zone. Late registrations will be the first players moved if necessary.

- League games for Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget Non-Contact shall be 1 hour 30 minutes in length.
- All games include 1 flood, every second period.
- Teams will be allowed a 5-minute warm-up.
- The first 2 periods shall be 15 minute stop time periods.

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- The intent will be to have all games consist of three 15 minute stop time periods.
 - However, where there is less than 5 minutes remaining in the allotted ice time (all rink clocks used as standard time) with more than two minutes remaining on the game clock, the official timekeepers (a representative from each team) will notify the referee during the first available stoppage in play (by pressing buzzer) and adjust the clock down to 2 minutes to be played stop time to conclude the game.
 - Score sheets must be filled out completely and are the responsibility of the visiting team.
 - Time clock and penalty bench are the responsibility of the home team.
 - Handshakes will occur at the end of the game and are considered to be Part of the game.

Games used to count point standings for SMHA Playoffs will be determined at the beginning of each season when the number of teams in each division has been finalized. This will be indicated on the schedule.

For game purpose, teams shall dress not less than 6 registered players, one of whom must be goalkeeper.

Playoffs:

All teams in each of the leagues will advance to the playoff round.

Playoffs will be a double knockout. Duration of games, tie breaker information etc. for playoffs will be made available to each team as soon as possible following the conclusion of regular season play, and before the first playoff game is played.

If teams are tied in the league standings at the conclusion of regular season games, ties will be broken according to rules of SHA handbook.

Special Rules and Regulations:

Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget divisions will use SHA referees - three man system. The amount of practice ice is limited so as to keep the time commitment of players, officials, parents etc. in line.

- Midget Non-Contact teams will have 4 practice ice times scheduled by SMHA - two in the month of November, one in January and the fourth approximately one week prior to the beginning of City Playoffs.
- Bantam Non-Contact teams will have 5 practice ice times scheduled by SMHA - two in the month of November, one in December, one in January and one approximately one week prior to the beginning of City Playoffs.
- Pee Wee Non-Contact teams will have 6 practice ice times scheduled by SMHA - two in the month of November, one in each of December, January and February, and one approximately one week prior to the beginning of City Playoffs.

Any overage player applying to play in Pee Wee and Bantam Non-Contact must first be dealt with and approved by the Non-Contact Committee and then sent to the SMHA executive for consideration.

Any player affiliation from Tier II or Tier III contact programs must be pre approved by the Non-Contact committee and SMHA. ie goaltenders.

Rules governing this league will be the same as contact hockey (CHA, SHA, SMHA) unless otherwise stated.

As the name implies, this is strictly a non-contact hockey league and the on ice officials shall be instructed to call the game as such. Non-Contact is defined the same as in the Novice program and Women's hockey program as:

- **CHA Rule 50(b)** - When the offensive player is skating towards the defensive player, the defending player may not hit the offensive player by going in the opposite direction to that player. The body contact must be as a result of the movement of the offensive player. There must be no action where the offensive player is pushed, checked or shoved into the boards. Where in the opinion of the referee accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be called.

Fighting will not be tolerated and shall be very harshly dealt with (i.e. first fighting offense results in a 5 game suspension and a second offense results in an automatic indefinite suspension).

Majors in Non-Contact:

- Indefinite suspension until reviewed by 2nd Vice President.

Match Penalties:

- 1st offense - 5 games.
- 2nd offense - 10 games.
- 3rd offense - Indefinite.

For list of other suspensions etc. for the league refer to the SMHA handbook.

Any player receiving a fourth minor penalty during the course of a game shall be ejected from that game. A substitute player will serve the penalty.

Affiliations in Non-Contact are as follows: Novice Rec to Atom Rec; Atom Rec to Pee Wee Non-Contact; Pee Wee Non-Contact to Bantam Non-Contact; and Bantam Non-Contact to Midget Non-Contact.

Program Committee

The Committee will consist of the Non-Contact Program Chairperson plus 7 Non-Contact Coordinators or their substitute representing the SMHA Zones. Each Zone Non-Contact Coordinator will ensure that their zone is represented at each meeting.

There will be an initial meeting held to decide the number of teams and a second meeting will be held at the end of September to finalize late registrations and player placement.

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