

# **NOVA SCOTIA FEMALE MIDGET AAA LEAGUE**

## **1.0 OBJECTIVES:**

1.1 The objectives of the Nova Scotia Female Midget AAA Hockey league are:

- To provide a higher calibre of play for skilled female players in all areas of Nova Scotia;
- To encourage players to stay at home in Nova Scotia by providing a viable competition alternative;
- To provide a competitive level of hockey under minor hockey rules that provides for an emphasis on education, skill development and sportsmanship; and
- To enable skilled players to compete against players of similar level while limiting the impact on family and travel to players.

## **2.0 STRUCTURE:**

2.1 The league will consist of four (4) regionalized teams located in the following regions:

2.2 REGION 1: Area inclusive of Northside and District, Cape Breton County, Glace Bay, New Waterford, Sydney and Baddeck (within Cape Breton West) minor hockey associations.

2.3 REGION 2: Area inclusive of Strait Richmond, Antigonish, Canso and Pictou County minor hockey associations plus Cape Breton West: Inclusive of Trail, Port Hood, Inverness, Whycomogagh and Mabou minor hockey associations

2.4 REGION 3: Area inclusive of Dartmouth, Nova and Fundy Zones

2.5 REGION 4: Area inclusive of Halifax, and Western Zones.

## **3.0 GOVERNANCE**

3.1 The league shall be administered by a league executive appointed by Hockey Nova Scotia's Female Council, as approved by the HNS Board. This executive shall consist of:

- President
- Vice - President
- Secretary – Registrar
- Treasurer
- Female Council Representative (appointed annually by Female Council)
- Referee-in-Chief (appointed annually by HNS RIC)
- Development Representative (appointed annually by HNS HDC Chairperson)

3.2 All executive members shall be appointed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council annually.

3.3 Each team shall have a member of Female Council on its executive.

## **4.0 RESIDENCY:**

4.1 Players must tryout for the teams within their respective region(s). Players who reside in the designated open regions may compete for teams as specified in paragraph 2.0.

## **5.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 Players must be Midget aged (15, 16 or 17 years old within the calendar year) who are residentially eligible to register and play minor hockey in hockey Nova Scotia are eligible to try out for their Midget Zone AAA team.

5.2 Underage players shall be permitted to play in the Nova Scotia Female Midget AAA league if they do not displace an appropriate age player.

## **6.0 PLAYER SELECTION:**

6.1 Player evaluation and selection will be the responsibility of each respective team utilizing the Hockey Nova Scotia High Performance Program Evaluation/selection model. Tryouts for all clubs shall not commence prior to August 15 annually and must conclude no later than September 10<sup>th</sup> each season.

## **7.0 PLAYER AFFILIATION:**

7.1 Current Hockey Nova Scotia regulations for special affiliates would apply. To be eligible, all affiliate players must be members in good standing with a recognized minor hockey association.

## **8.0 TEAM COMPOSITION**

8.1 Teams shall consist of 20 players including two goaltenders.

## **9.0 TEAM UNIFORMS**

9.1 All clubs must provide the following equipment to all participating players;

- Sweaters (colours approved in bid process)
- Matching Socks
- Gloves
- Helmets c/w CSA approved masks
- Pants or Shells

## **10.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

10.1 Each club shall be responsible to select their respective team executives and volunteer staff. Team administrators must complete the Hockey Nova Scotia Conflict of Interest form prior to acceptance by Hockey Nova Scotia.

## **11.0 PLAYERS FEES AND COSTS**

11.1 Player fees may be collected to cover the following:

- Ice costs (practice and games);
  - Games
  - Practice ice to be a minimum 2 hours per week
- Tryout fees;
- Travel (normally provided by parents. This is for any rental of buses during winter months);
- Officials (Three official system in place. Local officials to be used);

- Player Registration/Insurance;
- Jerseys/equipment;
- Team administrative costs;
- League Executive and administration;
- Trophies/Awards;
- Tournaments; and
- Playoffs

## **12.0 REGISTRATION**

12.1 All team members and officials must be registered as specified in Hockey Nova Scotia regulations.

## **13.0 SCHEDULE:**

13.1 Teams will play a 24 game schedule with all games being played on weekends (Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings/afternoons) and scheduled at times that allow players to commute to games from their place of residence on the day of the game.

## **14.0 COMPETITION:**

14.1 Each league game will consist of:

- 3 x15 minute stop time periods;
- 10 minute warm-up;
- 10 minute intermission between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period;
- Ice to be resurfaced between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods; and
- No overtime during league play.

14.2 Game time slots (rentals) must be two hours in length to allow for the game. Any team wishing to host a home game outside of their specified home arena must seek the approval of the League Executive.

## **15.0 PRACTICES**

15.1 Teams must hold a minimum of two practices per week at a minimum of one-hour duration each.

## **16.0 COACH SELECTION:**

16.1 Coach selection will be administered by the league clubs, however, all coaches must be approved by the HNS Female Council. All coaches and bench staff must meet the minimum certification standards as specified in Hockey Nova Scotia regulations.

## **17.0 DISCIPLINE:**

17.1 Hockey Nova Scotia's Code of Discipline will apply.

## **18.0 MEMBER TEAMS:**

18.1 The league's four teams/franchises will be awarded through an evaluation of submitted bids from interested groups who must meet specific bid criteria. Teams/franchises will be awarded for two-year terms upon conclusion of which must be applied for again. Hockey Nova Scotia has the right to revoke membership upon completion of this term. Teams will be evaluated during this period to

ensure they adhere to all aspects of the bid solicitation requirements, league constitution, and Hockey Nova Scotia policies and procedures.

**PRESS RELEASE**

Hockey Nova Scotia, announced today, that it is establishing a provincial Female Midget AAA League for the upcoming 2008 -2009 hockey season. The league will consist of four franchises in year one and will provide the opportunity for our very best female players to compete in a highly competitive league.

At this time, Hockey Nova Scotia is soliciting resumes from individuals interested in serving on the League executive. All resumes should be submitted to Hockey Nova Scotia by June 30, 2008. For additional information, contact Hockey Nova Scotia at (902) 454-9400.

Hockey Nova Scotia is also soliciting bids from interested groups for each of the four league franchises. To receive a franchise bid package, please contact Darren Cossar, Hockey Nova Scotia, at (902) 454-9400.

All bids/resumes must be received no later than Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, to be eligible for consideration.

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## **FRANCHISE BID PACKAGE**

### **BID PACKAGE CONTENTS**

- a) Opening letter explaining the league and why we are seeking bids for franchises
- b) Include league data (same as proposal) detailing specific requirement including mock budget and mock schedule.
- c) Bid submission requirements list to include:
  - Letter of Intent
  - Names, occupations, and contact data for club executive as well as titles
  - Proposed budget
  - Any sponsorship agreements
  - Home arena and management contacts
  - Signed contract for required ice time (games/practices)
  - Request for club name
  - Request for uniform colours