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Re: Minor Hockey Provincial Championships

Minor Hockey Associations are getting ready to host provincial championships. These preparations should also include the on-ice officials. For a complete list of provincial hosts please visit the Hockey Nova Scotia website: http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/minorhockey_provincials.php

All participants (including the host committee, coaches, off-ice and on-ice officials) should be familiar with HNSMC regulations 23 and 24, rules for Provincial Championship Tournaments. Please ref to the Hockey Nova Scotia website for further details: http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/documents/HNSRegulationsNov09_003.pdf

Referee-in-Chiefs and Assignors should consider the following recommendations. MHA's are not obligated to follow these suggestions but they may prove to be helpful.

1. The tournament Referee-in-Chief shall attend the coaches meeting held prior to the first game. Under ideal circumstances the Referee-in-Chief would not be one of the officials working games on the ice.
2. Select the on-ice officials approximately a month in advance so they make the necessary arrangements to be available (book off work, inform teachers, etc.).
3. Expect officials to be available for all games to avoid unnecessary assigning challenges.
4. Have a meeting with all officials prior to the first game to set expectations (including dress code, promptness, etc.) and review the rules.
5. Designate officials as either Referee's or Linesmen. This creates some consistency for the teams and officials.
6. Select 3 Referee's and 6 Linesman for AA, A, B, C & Female Provincials or 4 Referee's and 8 Linesmen for AAA provincials. If hosting two provincials the same weekend you would need double the number of officials.
7. If an MHA doesn't have enough qualified officials available for the weekend arrangements should be made to use some officials from another area. The host committee would be responsible for covering the cost of any travel, accommodations and/or meals for officials traveling a significant distance.
8. Assign officials using the provided templates. Rank each Referee and Linesman and then assign them accordingly (ie. Referee 1 is the top Referee). The templates are designed so that Referee's and Linesmen don't see the same team more than twice in round robin play (with minor exception). Officials work one game shifts with adequate rest in between games to ensure they are physically and mentally sharp.
9. Have a meeting for all officials following the last round-robin game on Saturday to issue Sunday's assignments. These should be based on performance during the tournament and not influenced by the teams or host committee.

SCHEDULE/TEMPLATE – ATOM, PEEWEE, BANTAM, MIDGET AA, A, B, C & FEMALE

TIME	VISITORS	HOME	REFEREE	LINESMAN	LINESMAN
FRIDAY					
4:00PM	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	Referee 2	Linesman 1	Linesman 6
6:00PM	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	Referee 3	Linesman 2	Linesman 5
8:00PM	TEAM 2	TEAM 5	Referee 1	Linesman 3	Linesman 4
SATURDAY					
8:30AM	TEAM 4	TEAM 1	Referee 1	Linesman 2	Linesman 3
10:30AM	TEAM 3	TEAM 2	Referee 2	Linesman 1	Linesman 4
12:30PM	TEAM 5	TEAM 1	Referee 3	Linesman 5	Linesman 6
2:30PM	SKILLS COMPETITION				
4:00PM	TEAM 2	TEAM 4	Referee 1	Linesman 2	Linesman 3
6:00PM	TEAM 5	TEAM 3	Referee 2	Linesman 1	Linesman 4
SUNDAY					
8:30AM	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TBD	TBD	TBD
10:30AM	TEAM 1	TEAM 3	TBD	TBD	TBD
2:00PM	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD

SCHEDULE/TEMPLATE – ATOM AAA, PEEWEE AAA & BANTAM AAA

TIME	VISITORS	HOME	REFEREE	LINESMAN	LINESMAN
THURSDAY					
12:00PM	TEAM 7	TEAM 1	Referee 1	Linesman 2	Linesman 7
2:00PM	TEAM 6	TEAM 2	Referee 2	Linesman 4	Linesman 5
4:00PM	TEAM 5	TEAM 3	Referee 3	Linesman 3	Linesman 6
6:00PM	TEAM 4	TEAM 7	Referee 4	Linesman 1	Linesman 8
FRIDAY					
8:00AM	TEAM 2	TEAM 5	Referee 1	Linesman 1	Linesman 6
10:00AM	TEAM 3	TEAM 7	Referee 2	Linesman 2	Linesman 5
12:00PM	TEAM 6	TEAM 4	Referee 3	Linesman 3	Linesman 4
2:00PM	TEAM 1	TEAM 5	Referee 4	Linesman 7	Linesman 8
4:00PM	TEAM 7	TEAM 2	Referee 1	Linesman 1	Linesman 6
6:00PM	TEAM 3	TEAM 6	Referee 2	Linesman 2	Linesman 5
8:00PM	TEAM 4	TEAM 1	Referee 3	Linesman 3	Linesman 4
SATURDAY					
10:00AM	TEAM 1	TEAM 6	Referee 1	Linesman 1	Linesman 3
12:00PM	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	Referee 4	Linesman 4	Linesman 7
2:00PM	SKILLS COMPETITION				
4:00PM	TEAM 5	TEAM 4	Referee 2	Linesman 2	Linesman 8
SUNDAY					
8:30AM	SEMI-FINAL GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD
10:30AM	SEMI-FINAL GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD
2:00PM	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD

SCHEDULE/TEMPLATE – MIDGET AAA

TIME	VISITORS	HOME	REFEREE	LINESMAN	LINESMAN
THURSDAY					
12:00PM	TEAM 7	TEAM 1	Referee 1	Linesman 2	Linesman 7
2:15PM	TEAM 6	TEAM 2	Referee 2	Linesman 4	Linesman 5
4:30PM	TEAM 5	TEAM 3	Referee 3	Linesman 3	Linesman 6
7:00PM	OPENING CEREMONIES				
8:00PM	TEAM 4	TEAM 7	Referee 4	Linesman 1	Linesman 8
FRIDAY					
8:00AM	TEAM 2	TEAM 5	Referee 1	Linesman 1	Linesman 6
10:15AM	TEAM 3	TEAM 7	Referee 2	Linesman 2	Linesman 5
10:15AM	TEAM 6	TEAM 4	Referee 3	Linesman 3	Linesman 4
12:30PM	TEAM 1	TEAM 5	Referee 4	Linesman 7	Linesman 8
2:45PM	TEAM 7	TEAM 2	Referee 1	Linesman 1	Linesman 6
5:00PM	TEAM 3	TEAM 6	Referee 2	Linesman 2	Linesman 5
7:15PM	TEAM 4	TEAM 1	Referee 3	Linesman 3	Linesman 4
SATURDAY					
10:00AM	TEAM 1	TEAM 6	Referee 1	Linesman 1	Linesman 3
12:15PM	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	Referee 4	Linesman 4	Linesman 7
2:30PM	SKILLS COMPETITION				
4:30PM	TEAM 5	TEAM 4	Referee 2	Linesman 2	Linesman 8
SUNDAY					
8:30AM	SEMI-FINAL GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD
10:45AM	SEMI-FINAL GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD
3:00PM	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		TBD	TBD	TBD

For further clarification please contact the undersigned.

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