

NOVA SCOTIA MAJOR BANTAM LEAGUE

1.0 OBJECTIVES:

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

- * To provide a higher calibre of play for skilled bantam age players in all areas of Nova Scotia;
- * To encourage players to stay within 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
- * 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 twelve (12) regionalized teams located in the following regions;

- * Region 1: Cape Breton Region
- * Region 2: Strait Region including Antigonish and Canso Minor Hockey Associations
- * Region 3: Pictou County Minor Hockey Association
- * Region 4: Fundy Region
- * Region 5: Cole Harbour/Bel Ayr and Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Associations
- * Region 6: Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
- * Region 7: Bedford Minor Hockey Association
- * Region 8: Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association
- * Region 9: TASA and Chebucto Minor Hockey Associations
- * Region 10: Sackville and East Hants Minor Hockey Associations
- * Region 11: Western Region
- * Region 12: Nova Region

3.0 GOVERNANCE

3.1 The league shall be administered by an Executive Committee appointed by Hockey Nova Scotia, and approved by the HNS Board. This Executive Committee shall consist of:

- * Chair (appointed by Hockey Nova Scotia Board)
- * President
- * Vice Presidents (2)
- * Secretary / Treasurer
- * Registrar
- * Development Representative (appointed by HNS HDC Chairperson)

3.2 All Executive Committee members shall be appointed by the Hockey Nova Scotia Board annually.

4.0 RESIDENCY:

4.1 Players must tryout for the team within the Region in which he resides.

4.2 Should a player not be selected to the team within his Region, he will have the option of trying out for one additional team only.

5.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Players must be Bantam aged (13 and 14 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 Major Bantam team.

5.2 Underage players will not be eligible to play unless approved by the Chair and President, under the guidelines for the Exceptional Player Process as established for the Nova Scotia Major Bantam League.

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 15th annually and must conclude no later than September 10th of each season.

6.2.1 A core roster consisting of 11 skaters and 1 goaltender is to be submitted to the league registrar by September 1st of each season with the final roster submitted to the league registrar by September 15th of each season.

6.3 Teams are encouraged to hold Spring Identification Camps at the end of each season. The camps must not start before 14 days after Atlantic Regional Championships for both Pee Wee and Bantam and must be completed by May 31st.

7.0 PLAYER AFFILIATION:

7.1 Current Hockey Nova Scotia regulations for special affiliates will apply; with the exception that only affiliates from registered Bantam teams within the selecting team's region are eligible.

7.2 The number of affiliates for each team will be limited to 5 skaters and 1 goaltender.

8.0 TEAM COMPOSITION

8.1 Teams shall consist of minimum 17 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
- * CSA approved Helmets
- * 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 conform with the Hockey Nova Scotia By-Law 12 "Conflict of Interest" 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 for games and practices.
- * Try out fees
- * Travel (normally provided by parents. This is for any rental of buses during winter months)
- * Officials
- * Player Registration/Insurance
- * Jerseys/equipment
- * Team administrative costs
- * League Executive and administration
- * Trophies/Awards
- * Tournaments
- * Playoffs

12.0 REGISTRATION

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

13.0 SCHEDULE: (to be determined) The final schedule will be approved by the Executive Committee with consideration given to including tournaments (2) with all teams participating and games to be part of regular schedule. Anticipated number of regular scheduled games will be 33.

13.1.1 Teams will play a balanced schedule with all games being played on weekends (Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings/afternoons). Exceptions for weekday games, if requested, will be granted for interlocking games between teams located in Regions 5,6,7,8,9 and 10. Weekday games must not commence before 7:00 p.m. and must be completed by 10:00 p.m.

13.2 Games played on Saturdays must not commence prior to 4:00 p.m., with the exception of interlocking games between teams in Regions 5,6,7,8,9 and 10; and in any event, must be completed no later than 10:00 p.m. Games played on Sundays must not commence before 11:00 a.m. and must be completed at a time to allow the visiting team to return to their home arena by 7:00 p.m, with the exception of interlocking games as above, which must be completed by 10:00 p.m.

14.0 COMPETITION:

14.1 Each league game will consist of:

- * Periods 1 and 2, 15 minute stop time with the 3rd period being 20 minutes stop time.
- * 10-minute warm-up;
- * 10-minute intermission between the 2nd and 3rd period;
- * Ice to be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods; and
- * No overtime during league play.
- * Each team permitted 1 - 30 second time out per game.

14.2.1 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 President. All games must be fully completed. "Buzzing off" will not be permitted.

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 league Executive Committee. All coaches and bench staff must meet the minimum certification standards for AAA, as specified in Hockey Nova Scotia regulations.

17.0 DISCIPLINE:

17.1 Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council Code of Discipline will apply.

18.0 MEMBER TEAMS:

18.1.1 The league's twelve 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 of adherence to all aspects of the bid solicitation requirements, league constitution, and Hockey Nova Scotia policies and procedures.

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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
 - \$5000.00 bond
 - 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

*Please note that franchise packages will be available December, 2009.
Proposals will be due and reviewed in January, 2010 and will be selected and announced February, 2010.