



ALLIANCE Hockey

2022 Championship Guidelines

Purpose of Championship Guidelines

The Championship Guidelines will act as a directive to the minimum standards, regulations, and logistics of hosting an ALLIANCE Hockey Championship.

The information to follow contains a synopsis of the key responsibilities of the various stakeholders and will provide an overview of the responsibilities in hosting an ALLIANCE Hockey Championship.

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1.0 Rules & Regulations

1.1 Game Schedule Notes

- a. All games will be played under official Hockey Canada Rules except as provided elsewhere in these regulations.
- b. Game durations as indicated in the chart below.
- c. Pre-game warm up will be five (5) minutes (or as per Host ice capabilities). The time shall be shown on the official game clock and will commence at the sound of the buzzer, as instructed by the referee.
- d. There will be one (1) 30 second timeout per team permitted in each game.
- e. Round robin format will be played on Day 1 and Day 2 except at U13 A/AA & U15 A/AA.
- f. Semi Final and Championship Games will be played on Day 3 except at U13 A/AA & U15 A/AA.
- g. Upon conclusion of each game, players are to follow COVID protocols in addressing one another i.e. shaking hands, standing on respective blue line and saluting by raising sticks.
*Host to determine.
- h. Flooding the ice in regulation and overtime will be as per the Host's Guidelines.
- i. In the Championship game the team who finished higher in the round robin series shall be listed as the home team.
- j. The total points obtained in Round Robin play (2 Points for a Win, 1 Point for a tie, 0 points for a loss). All Round Robin games that finish regulation in a tie will remain in a tie. No overtime in Round Robin series.

Recommended Ice:

	Division	Length of Period, Including Floods
Round Robin Semi Finals Finals	U10 – AAA, AA, A	10-10-B-15
	U11 – AAA, AA, A	
	U13 – AAA, AA, A	15-15-F-15
	U15 – AAA, AA, A	

1.2 Player Rosters

- The maximum number of players allowed to dress for each game is **19 (nineteen)**, including **2 (two) goalies**.
- Teams must provide an approved Hockey Canada roster with any approved Affiliated Players prior to the start of the Event.
- Teams shall arrive at the arena one (1) hour prior to the official starting time of the game or as directed by the Event.
- One official from each competing team is to go to the designated Championship Office at the arena one (1) hour prior to game time to confirm the game sheet. Teams can view game sheets at <http://gamesheet.app> following each game.
- Any team found with ineligible players participating in a game will be disqualified from the event.



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- Note: Games won by a disqualified team will be recorded as a win for the opposing team at a score of 1-0.

1.3 Team Composition

- The following pro-active measures have been implemented as we are still dealing with COVID and the reality of possible infection during Championship Events:
- Teams are required to meet the following minimum composition standards:
 - U15 and above: 10 skaters + 1 goaltender (refers to rostered players).
 - U9 through U14: 9 skaters + 1 goaltender (refers to rostered Players).

If a team(s) are at the arena and the numbers outlined above cannot be met (i.e. injuries/suspensions occur during game), the Hockey Canada Rule of 6 players constitutes a game is implemented: Section #2, Teams, Situation 3 (page 13).

SITUATION 7 Rule 2.5 (d) Where a team is unable to place the exact number of players on the ice to which they are entitled whether due to penalties or injuries, the Referee shall suspend the game and report this incident to the President. ALLIANCE Hockey rules state that 30 minutes constitutes a game. (page 18)

Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 Refusing to Start Play

The penalty for refusing to Start Play is severe and may result in a 1-year suspension. Every effort needs to be taken to avoid Refusal to Start Play coaches on both teams must work with the officials to avoid unsafe play. A decision to stop play must be agreed upon by all parties. If such a decision is made, teams should utilize the ice and provide opportunity for participants to play in a controlled environment that is safe and provides quality player experience for both teams, suggestion even up teams and continue to play.

- If a team is unable to compete, the game shall be recorded as a win for the opposing team at a score of 1-0.

1.4 Jerseys

- All teams shall bring two sets of uniforms.
- The **VISITING** team will wear **LIGHT** jerseys and the **HOME** team will wear **DARK** jerseys.

1.5 Discipline

- If a player or team official is ordered to the dressing room for the balance of the game, such person shall be subject to further disciplinary action deemed necessary by the Event Governing Committee.
- In all cases, the [OHF Minimum Suspension List](#) for Minor Hockey, as approved by the OHF Board of Directors, shall be used.
- The Event Governing Committee shall rule on all Match Penalties assessed during any game of the Championship series.
- Any player or team official under suspension shall not be eligible to participate in any game of the Championship until the suspension has been served.
- Player suspensions for various infractions will be administered as per OHF/ALLIANCE Hockey rules.
- Any team permitting a player to participate in a game when the player is suspended or ineligible, will automatically forfeit the game 1-0.



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- It is team official's responsibility to check game sheet at <http://gamesheet.app> after each game and list suspended players on electronic game sheet prior to each game.

1.6 Protests / Appeals

- There are no appeals. All decisions of the Event Governing Committee and referee(s) are final.
- There shall be no protest on referee penalty calls.
- There shall be no protest on the outcome of a Championship Game.

1.7 Tie-Breaker Round Robin

- Ties in round robin games will remain a tie with each team earning one point.
- In the event of a tie at the end of the round robin series, for any position, **ALLIANCE Hockey Policy 7.0: Tie-Breaker** procedure will be used to break the tie. If the procedure reaches 7.1.4, penalty minutes from the Championship event would be calculated to break a tie.

1.8 Tie-Breaker – Semi-Final, Final

- As per Hockey Canada playing rules, if at the end of regulation time the score is tied, the teams shall take a two-minute rest at their benches and the following shall then apply:
 - If the referee feels it is necessary, they may order the ice to be cleaned at the end of the three regulation periods.
 - The teams shall not change ends.
 - The puck shall be faced off at center ice and the play shall continue with a ten-minute sudden victory overtime period.
 - If the score is still tied after the ten-minute sudden victory period, the teams would take the normal between period break and return to play sudden victory periods, in accordance with the length of periods for that division.
 - Teams are to change ends at the end of each overtime period.
 - Any overtime period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
 - If either team declines to play in the necessary overtime period or periods, the game shall be declared a loss for that team.
 - The Event Governing Committee shall have the prerogative to render a decision under any emergency situation.

1.9 Tailgating

- The consumption of alcohol in non-licensed public areas such as arena parking lots is illegal. If Arena staff observe this or receive complaints that it is occurring, they will call the police immediately. Teams who have parents that are found violating this policy may find their team removed from the event.

2.0 Responsibilities of the Host Organizing Committee

- a. The Host Guidelines outline the minimum protocol requirements for Hosts. ALLIANCE Hockey expects the Host Organizing Committee to maintain these protocols. Going above is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee. Any deviation during the Championship must be approved by the Series Governing Committee.
- b. The Host Organizing Committee shall be responsible for providing warm-up pucks (~25 per team) and all game pucks. Game pucks must be frozen 24 hours prior to all games.





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- c. Secure experienced timekeepers who are familiar with the venue for every game. It is imperative that a minimum of two timekeepers are at each game. Timekeepers will be assigned and trained by the Host Organizing Committee. Timekeepers and scorekeepers are to be independent, competent, and knowledgeable individuals. Goal judges are not required.
 - d. Responsible to select the On-Ice Officials to be used at the event. All On Ice-Officials shall wear the OHF Officials' crest on the left chest of the sweater.
 - e. All costs for On-Ice Officials shall be the responsibility of the Host Organizing Committee. The On-Ice Officials fee rates are based upon the current ALLIANCE Hockey rates and will be remunerated upon conclusion of the event to the Host.
 - f. Update game stats in real-time via Championship scoring application. If real-time updates cannot be accommodated results are to be updated immediately following each game. Internet access for the weekend will be required.
 - g. Update schedule via Championship web game tools at the conclusion of the round robin.
 - h. Upon conclusion of the event, in cooperation with the ALLIANCE Rep, forward any Match Penalty Report Forms to the ALLIANCE Hockey Office (Chad Houben).
 - i. Host a Pre-Championship Meeting for Teams where possible.
 - j. Create an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The Emergency Action Plan must be submitted to the ALLIANCE Hockey Rep one week prior to the event start. Note: It is very likely that all facilities the Championship will be using has an existing EAP. The existing EAP may only need to be amended in part to suit the purposes of the Championship and must cover the following:
 - i. Reporting the emergency
 - ii. Activating the emergency plan
 - iii. Assuming overall command
 - iv. Establishing communication
 - v. Alerting staff
 - vi. Requesting external aid
 - vii. Coordinating activities of various groups
 - viii. Providing medical aid
 - k. The Host is financially responsible for all ice rental and fees relating to the On-Ice Officials at the event. The On-Ice Officials will be remunerated based on the fee schedule set by ALLIANCE Hockey.
 - l. All ALLIANCE Hockey Championships shall have an awards presentation. All medal presentations take place on ice.
 - m. Complete a Championship Report and Financial Statement and submit (mail or email) to the ALLIANCE Hockey Office within thirty days following the completion of the Championship along with any banners and supplied property.

3.0 Responsibilities of ALLIANCE Hockey





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- a. ALLIANCE Hockey to annually review the Rules and Regulations of the Championships.
- b. ALLIANCE Hockey to host an orientation conference call for all Host Organizing Committee Chairs.
- c. ALLIANCE Hockey to forward copies of the Championship Guidelines to each Host.
- d. ALLIANCE Hockey to approve all schedules for Championships.
- e. ALLIANCE Hockey to appoint a Division Representative for each event and provide this information to the Host Organizing Committee.
- f. Provide each Host with the event banner.
- g. Provide awards to Hosts.
- h. Provide financial reimbursement as reviewed to the Hosts for costs associated with the Event.

4.0 Responsibilities of Division Representatives

- a. Must be in attendance for all games of the Championship.
- b. Be familiar with ALLIANCE Hockey Discipline Procedures, ALLIANCE Hockey Championship Guidelines, ALLIANCE Hockey Championship Rules and Regulations and OHF Minimum Suspension List.
- c. Attend the Pre-Championship Meeting and participate in all activities and meetings where applicable.
- d. Assist the Host Organizing Committee, when necessary, to ensure a smooth and well-run Championship.
- e. To participate in the award presentations on behalf of ALLIANCE Hockey, including the presentation of the medallions to participating teams.
- f. The presentation of medallions must be made on the ice. This is to be coordinated with Host Organizing Committee.
- g. Communicate and ensure implementation of decisions made by the Event Governing Committee.
- h. Ensure that the ALLIANCE Hockey Code of Conduct is followed during the Event.
- i. Submit the online post event report, upon completion of the event, including any recommendations for future ALLIANCE Hockey Championships. Report must be submitted within thirty (30) days of Championship.
- j. Provide a written report to ALLIANCE Hockey on any hockey operations and/or disciplinary matters that occurred during the Championship.

5.0 Responsibilities of Participating Teams





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- a) Attend the Pre-Championship Meeting where applicable.
- b) All team members must behave in an appropriate manner, both on and off the ice in accordance with the ALLIANCE Hockey Code of Conduct.
- c) The Team Trainer has authority on decisions regarding injuries and a player's ability to continue playing.
- d) Refer to the Rules & Regulations Section for other responsibilities.