



## Guiding Principles

Participants will be recreational players that enjoy and play the sport for the sheer love of the game. These players would not normally get the opportunity to represent their community. The games are intended to provide an enhanced environment, which permits players to experience a travel opportunity and meet new friends in friendly competition. All players should get the opportunity to play; although equal ice time is impossible to implement, each player should be able to enjoy “fair” ice time at the games. The games are not intended to be a “win at all cost” competition. The intent is not for players to have a competitive experience, but **gain experience through participation.**

**The TEAM FIRST initiative shall apply through all preliminary and final competitions.**

### Pee Wee Policies

- Hockey Canada and BC Hockey rules and regulations will apply to the play downs and games.
- The ‘No Body-Checking’ rule shall be applied to the games and play downs.
- Teams must be registered with BC Hockey before November 1 of the year prior to the games.
- Associations must inform the BC Hockey Executive Director and the BC Hockey District Director of intention to participate in the Northern BC Winter Games before November 1 of the year prior to the games.
- Associations failing to notify the Executive Director and District Director by November 1<sup>st</sup> will not be eligible to participate in the Northern BC Winter Games.
- Team rosters must be submitted to the District Director at least one week prior to play downs. Only those players and substitutes are eligible to participate in Northern BC Winter Games. If no play-down is necessary, the team roster must be submitted to the BC Hockey District Director by November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Associations with more than 100 players registered in Pee Wee must submit the roster as published from the Hockey Canada Registry of the team representing the association.
- All team coaches must be a minimum of “Coach” level qualified. One of the coaching staff must have current HCSP certification. All team officials must have Speak Out! certification.
- Teams participating cannot be a Hockey Canada carded team, nor can they card after play downs. Teams may not use players affiliated to teams in a higher category or division.
- Associations with less than 50 registered Pee Wee players shall be permitted to use affiliate players on their Northern BC Winter Games team.
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- Minor Associations with less than 100 players registered in the Pee Wee division are allowed to form a team from the total pool of uncarded players.
- Use of players under Pee Wee age will be considered on an individual basis to allow teams to meet requirements to field a team. The emphasis is on individual circumstances and does not open the doors to affiliation of skilled Atom players for this event.
- Due to the unique nature of small northern communities, it is recognized that “special circumstances” may arise. Pee Wee and Female team special circumstances will be considered by the BC Hockey District Director for that team. The three northern BC Hockey Directors will reach consensus on the item which will be relayed back to the team. Their decision shall be final.
- Tie-breaking Procedures shall be those used for branch championship competitions. (Reg. 5.22)



## BC Hockey Host District Director Responsibilities for the Northern BC Winter Games

- BC Hockey District Director, or designate, and District Referee Committee member, or designate, shall be in attendance at the games to oversee the games - adjudicate disputes or protests, determine schedule revisions, determine rule interpretations and tie-breaking procedures.
- BC Hockey District Director and Referee Committee Member will liaise with the local Northern BC Winter Games Host Committee and assist in ensuring all organizational components and policies are met for Pee Wee and Senior female recreational hockey.
- BC Hockey Referee Committee member, or designate, will approve local host committee's list of qualified officials for all games.
- BC Hockey District Director, or designate, will host a "Coaches Meeting" for all Hockey teams prior to games commencing to review - BC Hockey Expectations for Coaches, Tie Breaking Procedures, game sheets, rosters, schedule, delays, injured players and other items deemed necessary.
- Decisions of the BC Hockey District Director and BC Hockey Referee Committee Member shall be final.

## Play Downs

- The BC Hockey District Director shall approve all district play downs. The host association shall be approved by the BC Hockey District Director at least one month in advance of the play downs.
- The Referee Committee member shall approve the officials to be used in the play downs.
- The BC Hockey District Director or designate shall oversee all regional play downs.
- All team rosters shall be submitted to the BC Hockey District Director, or designate, at least one week prior to the play downs.
- Play downs shall be as outlined on the Sport Technical Package.
- All play downs must be completed by November 30 of the year prior to the games.
- Tie-breaking Procedures shall be those used for branch championship competitions. (Reg. 5.22)
- The host association is to send the original copies of all game sheets to the BC Hockey District Director immediately upon completion of the final game of the play downs.
- At the conclusion of regional play-downs, the BC Hockey District Director, or designate, shall have a completed copy of the team's registered players, coaching staff and substitutes. The team shall also forward immediately, a cheque for their Northern BC Winter Games entry fee to the BC Hockey District Director.
- **The winning team and runner up team will submit their registration lists to the Northern BC Winter Games before to December 1 of the year prior to the games.**

## Critical Dates

### November 1

- All teams declare their intentions in both Pee Wee and female senior recreational hockey
- All teams must be registered with BC Hockey
- All teams wishing to participate in the Northern BC Winter Games must forward their intentions to the BC Hockey Executive Director, BC Hockey District Director and District Female Development Coordinator for female recreational teams.



December 1

- All winners declared, and team rosters for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams forwarded to the BC Hockey District Director for confirmation of eligibility. (Female Recreational Teams to Female Development Coordinator)

Teams found guilty of using ineligible players after the games, will be ineligible to participate in the Northern BC Winter Games the following year.

Teams or team officials found guilty of abusing the principles of the games may be suspended from further participation in the Northern BC Winter Games.

All questions or concerns in regards to Pee Wee or female recreational hockey directed to Northern BC Winter Games personnel shall be redirected to the BC Hockey District Director of that area.

All hockey matters for play downs, team or player eligibility and game formats are the sole responsibility of BC Hockey.