



MANITOULIN PANTHERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

# Rules & Regulations

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## REGULATIONS:

### Regulation 1. - Association:

- A) All Association Members must be over 18 years of age.
- B) The Manitoulin Panther Minor Hockey Association will not be liable for any accidents or injuries, which may occur to its Members or Players during any organized activity or function.
- C) The Policy, *Risk Management for Panther Hockey*, is an addendum to the Association's Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations.
- D) Where there is a conflict of interest, no Member of the Panther Hockey Association Executive may be part of any other Hockey Association.
- E) All committee reports dealing with expenditures and/or fund-raising must include a detailed financial statement or budget
- F) The Association, upon approval, shall pay the costs for any related courses, training or upgrading for any member of the Association.
- G) The Association, upon approval, shall pay the costs for any Member attending an out of town event, as long as he/she is representing the Association at this event.
- H) Evaluations of all Team Staff will be completed no later than the meeting prior to the AGM.
- I) Directors may not be absent more than three consecutive meetings in a row, without just cause.
- J) All selections for Head Coach will be done by a committee with extensive hockey background, which will include at least one member of the Executive Committee.
- K) Individual fundraising efforts by any members of the Association are strictly prohibited. Fundraising efforts for any/all related association or team events are to be as a team and at the approval of the executive. Any violation of this ruling could in members being put in bad standing and may result in expulsion from the association.
- L) SOCIAL MEDIA: Any use of social media to engage in negative remarks against any member of your team, the team, parent group or association, is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this ruling could result in members being put in bad standing and may result in expulsion from the association
- M) USE OF MPMHA LOGO
  - a. The MPMHA Logo is the property of the Association and may not be used by anyone without the express written permission from the Executive.
  - b. Teams wishing to purchase merchandise with the MPMHA logo, must purchase these products through the MPMHA official supplier(s), if applicable. If the merchandise is unavailable through the supplier, then special written permission to use the logo may be granted.

Regulation 2. - Member Teams:

- A) Approval to select less than 15 players per team is required from the Executive Council. With the Exception of Teams involved in the Supplemental AP Program where rosters spots will be identified prior to tryouts.
- B) Should it become necessary to use import (Players from "off-Island") players, the selection of team players is to be done by a committee of 3. Two board members, not in conflict, & the coach will make up this committee.
- C) Team Tournaments;
  - 1) The Coaches may register for up to two tournaments at their discretion and other tournaments above that will require a parent vote.
  - 2) All teams are required to attend their TOC unless approval is received from the executive with justifiable reasoning.
- D) Before making off island purchases, a quote from a local supplier is required where possible. Any purchases made by a Member Team for team equipment, jerseys and socks or anything else that is team related, belonging to the Association, whether or not the Association supplied any funding for the purchases.
- E) Team staff will be appointed by the Head Coach of the respective team and approved by the Executive once the team has been finalized.
- F) All team staff and Executive Members approved by the Association, must at all times, conduct themselves in a manner, which will be exemplary to the Manitoulin Panther Minor Hockey Association. Failure to comply will result in a disciplinary hearing.
- G) PROGRESSION: Progression is encouraged by the Association, where it is felt that a certain player has exceptional skills, which warrant moving up to the next division. (see Tryouts Policy) Another option, new to the 2017-18 Season, is the Supplemental Affiliated Player Program (see SAPP Policy).
- H) All fund-raising activities done by Member Teams that involve solicitation of the general public must be approved by the Executive.
- I) All Member Teams must submit a Projected Team Budget to the Executive Council, for approval, prior to the start of the season. This Budget is to detail team costs and fund-raising activities. At season end, the Actual Budget must be submitted.
- J) The minimum funding by the Association for ice time shall be to pay for ice all league games and one 1.5 hr practice per week, only during the period from September through February inclusive providing that the schedule has been approved by the Ice Convener and said schedule is in compliance with the conditions as set out by the Arena Management.
- K) For all games, the one ice Officials (Referee and Linesmen) will be selected by an Assignor from an approved list provided by the District Referee in Chief.
- L) Entry fees or performance bonds to the any league for which Member Teams play in, will be paid by the Association.

- M) Any player whose registration is not paid in full after the deadline shall cease to participate in any team function until payment arrangements have been approved by the Executive.
- N) All player certificates and staff cards purchased by the Association for each Member Team belong to the Association, not the Team, whether they are used or not.
- O) Teams are responsible for obtaining and paying timekeepers.
- P) When administering discipline to a Novice or an Atom player off-ice, parents/legal guardians of the player must be notified when such discipline is to be administered so they may be present if they wish. If parents/legal guardians are not available, the parent rep may be present to inform the parent/legal guardians of said discipline. All discipline will be documented.
- Q) All funds raised by a team that eventually folds belong to the Association and will be held for this age group next season.
- R) All teams are expected to carry out 50/50 draws for each home game and the proceeds are to be used to pay for the game officials from the money collected. For any short falls, the team will be reimbursed by the Association, at the end of the season, up to a maximum of \$400. In order to receive reimbursement, the team must submit a complete report to the Executive, on a proper reconciliation form, outlining each game, how much money was raised, and who won.

**Regulation 3. - Releases:**

- A. In order to request a player release the player/parent/legal guardian shall first all be deemed to be in good standing with Association /Club Team. With compliance to the above – By-Law 6, the following shall apply:
  - 1. Releases to play on AA and AAA teams shall be granted automatically.
  - 2. Releases for all other category teams below AA or AAA level shall be granted automatically providing there is no Panther Hockey team for said player to play on.
  - 3. Players “cut” from a team will automatically be granted a release.
  - 4. Should a Panther team fold after sufficient tryouts, releases shall only be granted automatically to those players attending tryouts.
  - 5. Should an issue be deemed an extenuating circumstance, the Board will consider to review and determine whether a release shall be granted.
  - 6. As in the case of (4 above), those players who did not attend Panther tryouts shall not be automatically granted a release.

**Regulation 4. - Registration Refunds: -**

In general, refunds will only be allowed when the player’s resignation is a result of:

- a) A player having registered for a team that is not iced or where that player cannot be placed on a team.
- b) An injury or medical condition that prohibit a player from playing – a doctor's note may be required for any refund citing medical reasons/injury.
- c) A player moving out of our area.

All requests for refunds must be submitted, in writing, to the Association's Executive for approval. This request must be dated and signed by the parent/legal guardian and contain a reason for the request. All refunds will be subject to a \$25 administration fee. The remainder of the refund will be based on a pro-rated formula as follows:

- before the first ice time, - 100% of registration fees
- before October 1<sup>st</sup> – 80% of registration fees
- before November 1<sup>st</sup> – 70% of registration fees
- before December 1<sup>st</sup> – 60% of registration fees
- before January 1<sup>st</sup> – 50% of registration fees

All refunds will be less the current costs of Hockey Canada's player registration. The only exception to this formula would be where a team is not iced in the division for which the player has registered or where the player cannot be placed on a team prior to their first game. Individuals falling within these criteria will be entitled to a full refund of registration fees.

No refunds will be issued after January 1<sup>st</sup>, unless the player is injured, and will not participate for the remainder of the season, or if the player is moving out of our designated area. Players suspended by Manitoulin Panthers Minor Hockey, NOHA, OHF, or Hockey Canada are not eligible for refunds. Please allow 3 weeks for processing from time of notification. There will be no refunds for any amounts for rep tryouts and any team fundraising.