

## **KVMHA Tournament Rules** *(revised January 2009)*

The following rules are a guideline and may be adjusted (with the exception of NBMHC Provincial Guidelines) depending on what categories are participating in any particular tournament.

### **General**

1. Teams/Coaches are requested to be at the arena no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time and be fully dressed 15 minutes prior to game time.
2. Players are not permitted on the ice surface until the rink attendant has closed the ice surface doors and Timekeeper has sounded horn.
3. Coaches are to insure that when the referee blows the whistle for commencement of the game; all non-starting players are to clear the ice immediately.
4. Referees are not to be questioned as to suspensions and the referees' dressing room is off limits to everyone except the Duty Committee Member. Any suspensions will be advised by the Duty Committee Member to the coach.
5. As a courtesy and safety to spectators, players are requested to refrain from shooting pucks during warm up into the sideboards.
6. The committee reserves the right to ban any spectator from the rink should their conduct be deemed inappropriate.
7. The committee reserves the right to suspend players or coaches should unsportsmanlike conduct occur.

### **Injury - Stoppage of Play**

- The clock will be stopped at the referee's whistle.
- Coaches are requested to call their players to the bench awaiting resumption of play.
- Parents and spectators are reminded that they are not allowed to go on the ice surface without permission.
- Should one ignore this reminder and sustain an injury on the ice surface, neither KVMHA nor the rink accepts responsibility.

### **Dressing Rooms**

Teams will have designated dressing rooms that are clearly marked. All teams are requested to keep rooms clean and tidy. Coaching staff should inspect the rooms before and after each game, any damages to be reported immediately to the committee member. Failure to do this will result in the team having to take full responsibility.

### **Regulations**

1. HNB (Hockey New Brunswick) regulations will be in effect throughout the Tournament (Note 3. and 4. below)
2. Referee's decisions will be final. NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.
3. Players/Coaching staffs awarded 5 minute majors and will be barred from further participation in the tournament and will be reported to their Club President and respective zone Director for any of the following:
  - a. Match
  - b. Gross Misconduct
  - c. Checking from Behind Intent to Injure
  - d. Fighting

4. 2 minute checking from behind - offending player is suspended from the game. Should the incident occur in the last 10 minutes of the 3rd period then the offending player will be suspended for the following game.

5. Minor Penalties - ALL TWO (2) MINUTES.

6. Official Time Outs – Championship game only - are not permitted. 30-second regroup between periods will be allowed.

7. The tournament committee reserves the right to review any team incurring excessive number of penalties and their degree of severity. Further participation in the tournament could be forfeited.

8. In the event that the regular goaltender is unable to play, teams are permitted to use another goaltender provided he/she is from the same association and not from a higher division.

NOTE: The Tournament Committee reserves the right to call any game that, in their opinion, is a travesty to the game. A hearing will be convened as to whether or not the team(s) in question will be permitted to continue in the tournament.

### **Game Format**

1. All game times will be as follows:

Three (3) minute warm-up (setup by Timekeeper) Periods 1, 2 & 3 - 12 minutes stop time.

Note: All games must finish in the allotted time. The clock may go to straight time to match the allotted time.

2. Overtime: Elimination/Semi Finals & Championship Games (See NBMHC Provincial Championship Guidelines - <http://www.hnb.ca/content/12477>)

3. Mercy Rule is in effect for ALL GAMES. If there is a five (5) goal spread at the end of the 2nd period, the 3rd period will be straight time.

### **Tie Breaking Sequence**

Please see the NBMHC Provincial Championship Guidelines - <http://www.hnb.ca/content/12477> for all tie-breaking procedures