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GMAA Elementary Hockey Handbook

Section 1: Team Entry and Classification

- 1.1) All official team entries must be submitted on S1 by the deadline
- 1.2) Classification: U12 - non-contact

Category	Birthdate	Grade
U12	October 1st, 2010, to December 31 st , 2011	Grades 5 & 6

Section 2: Player Registration & Eligibility

- 2.1) Player Registration is due on S1 prior to the teams' first game.
- 2.2) All registered players must submit an acceptance of risk form. If the GMAA has not received a player's acceptance of risk form before they play their first game, the player in question will be ineligible and the game will automatically be defaulted.
- 2.3) Eligibility: The following special rules shall apply for hockey:
 Federated AAA (major or minor) players shall not be eligible for GMAA hockey.

Section 3: Uniform (also refer to Governing Rules – Rule VI, Section 5)

- 3.1) All players must wear a helmet and facemask (CSA approved) while on the ice. Goalies must wear a mask and/or helmet. A neck guard is compulsory. Sweaters tucked into the pants are not subject to a penalty provided the number is clearly visible.
- 3.2) Mouth Guards are not compulsory but are recommended for all players in GMAA.

Section 4: Scheduling & Starting Time

- 4.1) The schedule shall be drawn up by the schools at a scheduling meeting. Each team is required to have one representative present to do the scheduling.
- 4.2) League games have priority over any exhibition games or tournaments and will not be postponed because of any conflicts in playing dates.
- 4.3) Number of Games: U12 teams will play a maximum of 12 regular season games
- 4.4) All participating schools are required to provide indoor artificial ice for all scheduled games. The minimum ice time required is 1.5 hours for regular season games and 2 hours for playoff games.
- 4.5) There must be a minimum of 4 teams to draw up a schedule of games.
- 4.6) Time: Games should be scheduled to start between 2:30PM and 5:30PM. Provided both coaches agree, starting times outside of this guideline may be arranged.

Section 5: Governing Rules & Rule Modifications

- 5.1) Current Rules as established by Hockey Quebec shall apply.
- 5.2) Staff Member: no teams shall be permitted to play any league game unless accompanied by a staff member from that school. PENALTY: Default of game, \$50.00 fine, plus all other costs incurred for organizing the game.

5.3) Playing Time: The timing for all games shall be 3 periods of 15 minutes stop time. This will require 1 1/2 hours of ice time. A regular season game will be considered to have been completed if two thirds (2/3) of the game has been completed.

5.4) Call ups – call ups are not permitted in GMAA hockey.

5.5) All players whose names appear on the game report are considered as having taken part in that game.

5.6) Any team not on the ice 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the game.

5.7) Any team defaulting a game that is not due to an “emergency” situation be penalized 1 point in the standings in addition to the existing financial penalties. The office staff, along with the discipline committee, will determine if it was an emergency.

5.8) Time out - one 30 second time out per team per game is allotted.

Section 6: Regular Season Games

6.1) Number of Players

- a) Minimum number of players required to start a league game is eight (8) plus a goalie. If two (2) goalies dress, the minimum would then be ten (10) players.
PENALTY - if unable to dress this number means LOSS OF GAME.

6.2) A team may dress and play a maximum of 17 players plus one or two goalies.

PENALTY - successive minor penalties until correct number of players remain on the bench.

6.3) Officials

- a) All U12 games will be covered with 2 officials.
- b) If possible, all championship games will have 3 officials.
- c) If no assigned officials are present at starting time, the coaches shall have the option of starting the game using persons mutually agreed upon to referee OR rescheduling the game.

6.4) Mercy Rule: In the third period the time will be running time if the goal spread is 5 goals or more. This rule is at the discretion of the losing coach.

Section 7: Championships & Playoffs (see Rule XI Secondary Governing Rules)

7.1) Eligibility - A player must have played at least 40% and a Goalie must have played at least 3 games during the regular GMAA season to qualify for playoffs.

7.2) Playoff structure will be announced at the Hockey Scheduling meeting.

7.3) Playoffs both Semi-finals and finals: All playoff games shall be sudden death and played to a conclusion according to GMAA rules. The games shall be played at the home ice of the higher place team for quarter and semi-finals.

7.4) Breaking ties in the standings when all teams make the playoffs.

- a) The higher place will go to the team which defeated the other in the game(s) between the two tied teams.
- b) The win % of the teams involved in the tie shall be calculated. The higher place will go to the team with the better win %.

- c) The goals against each of the teams involved in the tie, in the games between the teams tied, shall be tabulated.
- d) The goals against each of the teams involved in the tie over the entire season be considered.

7.5) Breaking ties should a team(s) be eliminated from the playoffs:

- a) When 2 teams are tied and only 1 team will move on to the playoffs, a sudden death game will be played if still tied after "Breaking ties in standings" rules have been applied.
- b) When 3 or more teams are tied with only 1 team moving on to playoffs no tiebreaker game shall be played and the above rules "breaking ties in standings" shall be followed.
- c) When 3 teams are tied and there are two playoff spots available: Step #1 Rank the teams by following the above rule "breaking ties in standings" The teams ranked 1st & 2nd will move on to the playoffs.

7.6) Playing Time: playoffs will follow regular game time rules. If at the end of regular time the game is tied, sudden death overtime will be played. A rest time between regulation time and the first overtime period and between every overtime period thereafter shall be 1 minute.

7.7) Overtime Periods

- i) In regular season competition, no overtime is played, a tied game will end in a tie.
 - ii) In Quarterfinals: 1 overtime period - 5 minutes running time, 4 against 4 (golden goal)
 - iii) In Semis or Finals: 1 overtime period of 10 minutes running time, 4 against 4 (golden goal)
- If the games are still tied at the end of the overtime periods they will go to a shootout.

7.8) Shoot out rule: Each team must list a total of three players in random order. These players will alternate one from each team, with the home team having the choice of who shoots first. If still tied after these 3, one player from each team will participate until the tie is broken. The number of shooters per team shall be equal to the number of players on the team with fewer players. If it goes to a second round, the order of shooters may be changed. Goals may only be scored inside the opposition's blue line.

Section 8: Duties of Home School & Visiting Schools

8.1) Home team responsibilities

- a) The home team shall supply a trained official scorer and penalty timekeeper.
- b) The home team must print the scoresheet prior to the game. They must also upload the results and scoresheet to S1 the night of the match.
- c) The home coach must notify the opposing coach and the referee, prior to the start of the game, at what time ice is no longer available for playing.
- d) The host school is to provide the pucks for both teams during the warm-up period and enough regulation pucks for the completion of a game.
- e) To provide adequate spectator supervision.
- f) Home ice must be available for at least 1.5 hours for all games. (2 hours for playoffs).

Section 9: Hockey Discipline

9.1) Hockey Quebec disciplinary sanctions will be adhered to, however GMAA disciplinary sanctions may be more severe than those followed by Hockey Quebec.

9.2) Any player disqualified from a GMAA Hockey game will automatically be given a further suspension of a minimum of two games, subject to the discretion of the Hockey Discipline Committee.