

NORTHEAST ZONE SPORTS COUNCIL

HOCKEY COMMITTEE

RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES.

JUNE 1998

The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee is a standing committee of the Northeast Zone Sports Council, and as such, is also governed by the existing bylaws, operating rules, amendments and motions of the Sports Council.

1.0 OBJECTS:

The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee cooperates with and abides by all regulations of the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council, Edmonton Minor Hockey Association, Hockey Alberta and the Canadian Hockey Association, to promote sport for all children up to the age of 21 years in the Northeast Zone of the city of Edmonton.

2.0 POWERS

The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee shall establish rules, regulations and policies as are necessary to properly conduct its affairs. These are not to be in conflict with those of other governing levels of hockey administration.

The NEZ Hockey Committee Executive may establish rules, regulations, and policies, as are necessary, from time to time. These Rules, Regulations and Policies shall be presented at regularly scheduled NEZ Hockey Committee meetings for ratification.

3.0 STRUCTURE: EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3.1 EXECUTIVE

- a. DIRECTOR (Chairman of this committee)
- b. PAST DIRECTOR
- c. ASSISTANT DIRECTORS (2 MAXIMUM)
 - 1st Director - operations
 - 2nd Director - finances
- d. REGISTRAR
- e. ICE ALLOCATOR
- f. COMMISSIONER
- g. SECRETARY
- h. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
- i. REFEREE IN CHIEF (ex-officio)
- j. PRESIDENT N.E.Z. SPORTS COUNCIL (ex-officio)
- k. N.E.Z. CATEGORY DIRECTORS
 - Initiation (2) -Peewee (2)
 - Bantam - Novice (2)
 - Midget -Atom (2)

3.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Alberta Avenue
- Beacon Heights
- Edmonton Garrison
- Eastwood
- Glengarry
- Homesteader
- Lago Lindo
- Montrose (1992)
- Parkdale/Cromdale
- Steele Heights
- Horsehills
- NEZ Eagles Hockey Association
- Maple Leaf Athletic Club
- Braves Athletic Club
- Warriors Athletic Association
- Edmonton Northstars Athletic Organization
- Raiders
- North Edmonton Red Wings Athletic Association
- Balwin
- Belvedere
- Delton
- Evansdale
- Hairsine
- Kilkenny
- Londonderry
- Newton
- Rosslyn
- Spruce Avenue
- Bannerman
- Beverly Heights
- Delwood
- Fraser
- Highlands
- Killamey
- McLeod
- Northmont
- South Clareview
- Elmwood Park

4.0 MEETINGS:

The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee meets the first (1st) Thursday of each month, except when the first day of the month is Thursday, the meeting shall be on the second (2nd) Thursday of that month. Special meetings may be called when necessary by the Director with appropriate notice.

The Annual General Meeting of Northeast Zone Hockey Committee shall be held in April.

Attendance at Hockey Committee meetings is required of all Executive and Committee members.

Failure to provide representation for 2 consecutive meetings will result in a form letter of "notice" being sent to the Sports Council, Community or Organization President and the absentee member.

FORM LETTER SAMPLE

Date _____

This notice is being sent to inform you that _____ or a recognized alternate, has been absent from meetings held _____ and _____ and thereby is not representing his/her respective community or organization.

According to N.E.Z. Hockey Committee adopted rules and regulations, notice is being sent, informing you that we miss you!

Please contact our Hockey Committee Director to inform this committee of any replacement. This is a request for representation from your community/organization so that your community/organization remains informed and a partner in our N.E.Z. hockey program.

N.E.Z. Hockey Committee Director _____

Secretary _____

5.0 ELECTIONS:

5.1 Candidates

All candidates for NEZ Hockey Committee Executive must be members in good standing of a Community/Organization within the NEZ Sports Council.

The Hockey Director (Chairperson), Assistant Directors (2 max.), Registrar, Ice Allocator, Commissioner, Secretary, Technical Director, shall be elected at the Hockey Committee April Annual General Meeting.

All other positions shall be appointed following the elections.

All Executive elections shall be submitted to the Northeast Zone Sports Council for ratification.

5.2 Term of Office

For continuity and proper carry over of representation the rotating terms of office shall be as follows:

Director, 2nd Assistant, Ice Allocator, and Secretary elected in even years.

1st Assistant Director, Registrar, Commissioner, and Technical Director elected in odd years. (These positions shall be elected for a (1) year term in 1998 only).

All positions elected are for a 2-year term.

6.0 VOTING:

Each member of the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee is entitled to (1) vote. If an Executive member is also a Committee member then this member has only (1) vote.

The Director or chair of a meeting will vote only when necessary to break a tie vote.

No other sub-committee, hockey association or organization shall be entitled to vote.

7.0 MOTIONS:

All motions are to be presented in writing for the Hockey Committee to deal with. Motions must be concise, legible, indicate length of duration, be seconded, and be subject to applicable rules of order governing motions.

If no date is specified in a motion, then that motion is for the current Hockey Season only.

Any motions affecting the rules, regulations and policies of this Committee are to be presented in writing at a meeting, tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting, where they will then be dealt with. This allows for sufficient study to determine its impact and provide proper notice for all members to be aware of the pending motion.

Any motions approved changing rules, regulations and policies, must be ratified by the Northeast Zone Sports Council at their next regular scheduled meeting prior to implementation.

8.0 BUDGET:

The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee shall submit a budget for approval to the September meeting of the Northeast Zone Sports Council.

Said budget shall be proposed at the June Hockey Committee Meeting, and having been duly considered and passed by the Hockey Committee at the August meeting, be submitted to the Northeast Zone Sports Council for ratification.

9.0 ANNUAL DUES:

There shall be no annual dues for the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee; however, each member is required to be a member in good standing of the Northeast Zone Sports Council. Sports Council dues **MUST** be paid in full by September 1 for the upcoming membership year. Voting privileges shall be suspended until such time as outstanding dues are paid.

10.0 HONORARIUMS:

The Hockey Committee shall submit to the Sports Council all candidates for honorariums as deemed appropriate. All honorariums must be renewed annually.

11.0 SUB COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS OF OTHER COMMITTEES:

Members appointed or elected to committees of EDMONTON FEDERATION HOCKEY COUNCIL, E.M.H.A., or other hockey related committees shall bring reports to the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee.

Prior to voting on behalf of the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee at the other meetings, members must obtain consent and approval from the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee.

12.0 APPAREL:

Northeast Zone Hockey Committee Apparel will be supplied to Executive and Category Directors after completion of 1 years service. These Apparel shall be paid from the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee budget.

13.0 TRAVEL:

All travel shall be budgeted for to cover travel to specific locations, accommodations and meals and shall include such items as are applicable to the current season budget. Receipts must be turned in for all expenses.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Play-offs in Calgary every second year,
H.A. annual meeting in June of each year.

The Northeast Zone Hockey Director and/or Assistants to a maximum of 4 persons may attend meetings and play-offs. Northeast Zone Hockey Committee Category Directors representing teams from Northeast Zone Hockey may attend play-offs for the Northeast Zone Hockey Teams involved.

14.0 DUTIES OF NORTHEAST ZONE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

1. EXECUTIVE

a. Director

The Northeast Zone Hockey Director is the official delegate to:

Edmonton Federation Hockey Council (director and alternate, 2 votes)
Edmonton Minor Hockey Association (1 vote)
Northeast Zone Sports Council

The Director may when necessary appoint alternates to represent the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee at meetings.

The Director may appoint alternates to attend out of town or out of province events when required.

- b. Past Director
- c. Assistant Directors (2)
- d. Registrar
- e. Ice Allocator
- f. Commissioner
- g. Secretary
- h. Technical Director
- i. Referee-In-Chief

- j. Category Directors
 - a. Category Directors are restricted to acting within the Category assigned and not outside their appropriate categories.
 - b. Consult with teams, communities, areas, to properly recommend the placement of teams in the appropriate levels.
 - c. Hold meetings as necessary with the Coaches of his/her Category/division to explain Code of Conduct, duration of games, play-offs, rules, operating procedure, etc.
 - d. Attend Northeast Zone Hockey Committee meetings to report on progress and present up to date standings in writing, for attending members.
 - e. Make Area Presidents, Community Hockey Directors and Coaches aware of suspensions/problems relating to their specific jurisdiction.
 - f. Monitor teams and players that accumulate excessive penalties.
 - g. Receive game sheets within 48 hours of the game and maintain accurate records of the category standings.
 - h. Provide numbered approval for all exhibition and tournament games. A minimum (48) hours notice is required to process these requests.
 - i. Travel Permits must be obtained for all games played beyond the E.M.H.A. boundaries. A minimum of (48) hours notice is required for within Alberta travel and (60) days for outside Alberta.
 - j. When attending games at arenas, if possible introduce yourself to the assigned referees.

- k. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION OR REPORT FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE NORTHEAST ZONE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL CONSTITUTE VACATING THE POSITION.

2. Federation Hockey Council Tiering Committee Representatives

3. Committee Members

4. Coaches

- a. Have proper change (no cheques) available for the referee before the game. Referees do not carry change.
- b. Prepare game sheets in full prior to the start of the game. Print all names clearly. Visiting team fills in the sheet first. Ensure after the game all information is complete. Carry the team's player registration card (HARD CARD) at all times, and produce it upon request.
- c. Deliver the game sheet to the appropriate Category Director within (48) hours of the games completion. Exhibition, tournament and league games are all required to be turned in. Home team is responsible for delivering the white copy and the visiting team also must deliver one copy for verification by the category director.
- d. All games must start on time. Each team should provide (1) timekeeper. Use minimum warm up time on the ice. Stretches and preparation can be done in the dressing room prior to ice time. Don't waste game time on excessive warm-up. Coaches should refrain from being on the ice during these brief warm-ups.
- e. Decision to terminate games lies strictly with the referee. Coaches cannot decide that the game will continue to its proper length. The game is over when allocated time has expired regardless of time left on game clock, this is where the 5 minute/2 minute rule applies, whereby, if there is more than 5 minutes remaining to play with only 5 minutes of allocated ice time, the clock shall be reset to 2 minutes for game play regardless of the score.
- f. Avoid severe penalties by ensuring that his or her team is not involved in any altercation during the handshake. Hockey players remove their gloves prior to the handshake, and they do not spit in their palms or utter obscenities.
- g. Consult Category Directors on all issues regarding suspensions. Referees have no jurisdiction on these matters.
- h. Ensure the visiting team leaves the ice first at the end of game play unless otherwise directed by the referee. Coaching staff should proceed and follow their respective players to avoid unwanted incidents. Dressing rooms should be opened in advance.

- i. The Manager, coach or team captain shall be responsible for the conduct of their players at all times and will endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during, and after the game, on or off the ice, and in the building or surrounding grounds.

- j. NEVER ENTER THE REFEREE'S ROOM and ensure that no member of his/her team, coaching staff, players, parents or fans never enter the referee's room. NEVER WAIT OUTSIDE for the referee or in any way hinder his coming or leaving an arena or ice surface. The Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance policy will be enforced should such incidents take place.

15.0 NEZ HOCKEY COMMITTEE AWARDS

(Presented at the NEZ Sports Council Banquet, November of each year)

Nomination forms for awards are handed out to the Hockey Committee members early January of each year. By season end or by the June Hockey Committee meeting, completed forms are to be returned to the NEZ Hockey Chairman.

The Hockey Committee Executive will act as a review committee to investigate further all nominations and verify the winning nomination.

A) CATEGORY DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR: _____

Displays dedication and commitment to the position held. Excellence in watching the teams and providing fair and appropriate tiering. Communicates well with the coaches of the teams and with the Directors. Excellence in reporting to the Executive and Hockey Committee.

Biography: _____

B) EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR: _____

The Executive who has met or exceeded expectations in their duties. Displays commitment to the position and excellence in working with other Executive Members and the Hockey Committee. An organized individual with very good interpersonal skills in dealing with associated organizations or clubs.

Biography: _____

C) SENIOR REFEREE OF THE YEAR: _____

Biography: _____

D) JUNIOR REFEREE OF THE YEAR (16 or younger) _____

Biography: _____

E) COACH OF THE YEAR: _____

A certified coach of NEZ Hockey who displayed excellence in team leadership, cooperation with all team coaching staff and parents, and who demonstrated successful player development. This coach need not have the most wins or medals, however has scored high in good sportsmanship, creating a fair, fun environment within the team and associated organizations.

Biography: _____

F) TEAM SHOWING BEST CONDUCT & GREATEST DESIRE: _____

A team award for best conduct throughout the season both on the ice and off. The players have demonstrated sportsmanship throughout, and a desire to play the game, not necessarily having the most wins or medals. This team would be a pleasure to play against and symbolize what we expect of fair play in hockey.

Biography: _____

G) 'BRIAN KIRIAK' MEMORIAL AWARD: _____

Awarded to a PeeWee Team for displayed sportsmanship and talent in game play.

Biography: _____

H) 'BILL BOUCHARD' MEMORIAL AWARD: _____

Awarded to a Midget Team for displayed sportsmanship and talent in game play.

Biography: _____

I) WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR: _____

This person will have displayed a great commitment to hockey by their involvement in NEZ Hockey. As a Director of a Community, Area or Association in NEZ Hockey, this person has made great contributions for the betterment of the sport from the organizational side, as well as in the trenches with the players, parents and coaches. An ambassador for NEZ Hockey when it comes to dealing with other Associations or Officials of Hockey in EMHA.

Biography: _____

J) DEDICATION & LONG SERVICE: _____

An award presented to an individual for years of commitment and service within the NEZ hockey program. This person may be a coach, referee, director or other community or association member having been dedicated to NEZ hockey. Nominations are accepted for those individuals having been involved for: 10-15 years, 15-20 years and over 20 years. One person for each category will be selected from the nominations presented each year.

Biography: _____

K) DIRECTOR'S AWARD: _____

Selected by the NEZ Hockey Director. Awarded to a person who displays great desire to better hockey for the players, parents and organizers, and has made excellent contributions in this regard to hockey in the NEZ. This person has displayed dedicated involvement at all levels of hockey and displays excellence in leadership, communication and sportsmanship.

Biography: _____

16.0 AMENDMENT OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES:

The Rules, Regulations and Policies may be amended or altered in regular session of the Northeast Zone Hockey Committee.

Amendments are to be presented in writing at a meeting, tabled to the next scheduled meeting, where they will then be dealt with. This allows for sufficient study to determine its impact and provide proper notice for all members to be aware of the pending motion.

17.0 GEOGRAPHIC AREA:

The boundaries of Northeast Zone Hockey are in accordance with the Edmonton Minor Hockey Associations and generally the area to the North of the North Saskatchewan River and East of 97 Street. Also included are the communities of Rosslyn, Westwood, Spruce Avenue, Mcauley, Rosedale, Riverdale, Evergreen, Horsehills, and Edmonton Garrison.

17.1 COMMUNITY LEAGUES:

These are geographic groups set out by Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. Certain Communities may amalgamate together in unison to operate their programs. In addition, specific community groups may be identified as the following Area Organizations listed below.

17.2 AREA ORGANIZATIONS:

The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee has identified three geographic areas in the Northeast as follows:

- AREA 1: EAGLES- That area:
- North of 137 Avenue
 - West of Fort Road/ Manning Drive
 - East of 113 A St. and South of 153 Ave. to 97 St.
 - East of 97 Street
 - also included is the community of Edmonton Garrison.

- AREA 2: NORTHSTARS - That area:
- South of 137 Avenue
 - West of 50 Street
 - East of 97 Street
 - Also South of Yellowhead Trail
 - East of 97 Street
 - West of the Eastern City limits
 - also including the communities of Rosslyn, Westwood, Spruce Avenue, Parkdale, Cromdale

- AREA 3: BRAVES - That area:
- West of Eastern City limits
 - North of Yellowhead Trail
 - East of Fort Road/Manning Drive
 - South of the north boundary of the city of Edmonton
 - also including the communities of Evergreen and Horsehills.

18.0 REGISTRATION:

- 18.1 All players must be registered and hold a current membership within the community of his or her residence. This community shall be a Member Community League of the Northeast Zone Sports Council as identified in section 17.0 geographic area, and in good standing with dues paid up.
- 18.2 If a community or organization has an outstanding account with the NEZ Sports Council they will not be permitted to register any teams.
- 18.3 Players shall be in good standing with no outstanding accounts with any community or organization to be eligible for registration. Written notice may be given to the Sports Council President of any outstanding accounts.
- 18.4 Upon being registered, players may participate in the programs offered within the N.E.Z. geographic boundaries.
- 18.5 All players shall return to their residence community upon the conclusion of the current hockey season regardless of where they played during the previous season in the NEZ geographic area.
- 18.6 All Imported (from outside geographic area) players with proper documents, shall remain with the N.E.Z. until released.
- 18.7 Players who reside in the Northeast and receive the proper transfer documents may play outside the Northeast geographic area. They remain with that area until released.
- 18.8 Transfers between community hockey, within a particular area will be handled by participating community Hockey Directors only.
- 18.9 Hockey in Categories Atom and Peewee, Divisions 1 to 3 shall be the responsibility of the organized Areas. No other organization shall be permitted to register teams in Division 1 to 3 of these categories unless authorized in writing by the appropriate Area and approval of the Zone Registrar.

19.0 PROGRAMS

19.1 INITIATION 1:

A (4) level program to develop skating and fundamental hockey skills. Available to children of any age.

Highly Recommended for all first year players, who reside in the Northeast geographic area, typically 12 years and younger.

Every attempt will be made to group players according to age and skill level for instruction. Special consideration may be granted for players to transfer to established teams by the required deadlines. The NEZ Category Directors must give approval first and the teams taking the player must have room.

The focus is on fun and learning to play a sport. This Program entails 20 on ice instructional sessions with a year-end wrap up event of skill demonstration and fun game play.

Participation in Initiation Hockey is not limited to one year only. Continued participation will ensure fun learning and development under the program format.

19.2 INITIATION 2:

Available to children under 8 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

This program is a continuation of the Initiation 1 with introduction of ½ ice games to develop game play. It is intended that Levels B and C of the Initiation Program are covered at this level. Subject to ice availability, some full ice games may be scheduled.

Measured progression of skills and ability to participate in full ice game play can also be accommodated by player transfers to teams at the next level, Initiation 3.

This movement may be done in cooperation with the Category Director, prior to November 15 of the current season, and also if the receiving team will accept the player.

19.3 INITIATION 3:

Available to children under 8 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

Full ice play requiring specific abilities as learned in Initiation 1 and Initiation 2 levels of Hockey.

19.4 NOVICE HOCKEY:

Available to children under 10 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

Novice division 1 and 2 hockey shall be restricted to the (3) Areas organizations. Novice division 3 and down shall be the prerogative of Community Leagues desiring to participate.

19.5 ATOM HOCKEY:

Available to children under 12 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

Atom division 1 hockey shall be restricted to 2 teams, and the host of the teams shall be according to the B.E.N. rotation appended to these rules. The Atom Team Formation procedures shall be appended to these rules. Atom Division 4 and down shall be the prerogative of Community Leagues desiring to participate.

19.6 PEEWEE HOCKEY:

Available to children under 14 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

Peewee division 1 hockey shall be restricted to 1 team and division 2 shall have 2 teams, and the host of the teams shall be according to the B.E.N. rotation appended to these rules. The Peewee Team Formation Procedures shall be appended to these rules. Peewee division 4 and down shall be the prerogative of Community Leagues desiring to participate.

19.7 BANTAM HOCKEY:

Available to children under 16 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

Teams will be assigned to respective areas or communities upon completion of the formation of the teams. Bantam team assignment shall be according to the B.E.N. rotation. Within the Areas, Community League sponsorship is an available option. The Area and their respective communities determine exact sponsorship.

BANTAM REGISTRATION FEES SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AND SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE NORTHEAST ZONE SPORTS COUNCIL, at the time of registration.

The registration fee shall cover try-out ice for team formation and team registration.

Any funds remaining after payment of these fees, shall be refunded on a per player basis to the organizations operating the various teams under the guidance of the Bantam Category Director.

The Northeast Zone Hockey Director and Bantam Category Director may select a BANTAM TEAM FORMATION COORDINATOR, prior to any try-outs.

The Bantam Category Director SHALL OVERSEE ALL TEAMS AND PLAYERS UNTIL FINAL FORMATION OF THE TEAMS.

19.8 MIDGET HOCKEY:

Available to children under 18 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

Midget REGISTRATION FEES SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AND SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE NORTHEAST ZONE SPORTS COUNCIL, at the time of registration.

The registration fee shall cover try-out ice for team formation and team registration.

Any funds remaining after payment of these fees, shall be refunded on a per player basis to the organizations operating the various teams under the guidance of the Midget Category Director.

Teams will be assigned to respective areas or communities upon completion of the formation of the teams. Midget team assignment shall be according to the B.E.N. rotation. Within the Areas, Community League sponsorship is an available option. The Area and their respective communities determine exact sponsorship.

The Northeast Zone Hockey Director and Midget Category Director may select a MIDGET TEAM FORMATION COORDINATOR, prior to any try-outs.

The Midget Category Director SHALL OVERSEE ALL TEAMS AND PLAYERS UNTIL FINAL FORMATION OF THE TEAMS.

19.9 JUNIOR HOCKEY:

Available to persons under 21 on December 31 of the current Hockey Season.

In the N.E.Z. this program is administered by the North Edmonton Red Wings and Warriors Athletic Associations.

20.0 LEAGUE GAMES:

- 20.1 Teams in City wide leagues shall be governed by the program set out by Edmonton Federation Hockey Council directives.
- 20.2 House League Hockey shall be that hockey operated by the Northeast Zone for Zone teams and invited participants only.
- 20.3 The Northeast Zone Hockey Committee shall provide an appropriate number of league games for House League teams.
- 20.4 House League Hockey in the Northeast Zone shall operate under a three goal ruling. The rule is that a single player may not score more than three goals in a single game. Additional goals scored will appear on the game sheet, but will not be counted in the final game results.
- 20.5 THE THREE GOAL RULE SHALL APPLY IN LEAGUE GAMES AND PLAY-OFFS IN ALL HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY, HOWEVER, IT SHALL NOT APPLY IN OVERTIME DURING PLAY-OFFS.

COACHES ARE REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM POSTING 4TH GOALS ON THE SCORE CLOCK DURING GAMES, AND TO ENSURE THAT THEIR TIMEKEEPERS REFRAIN FROM POSTING THESE GOALS.

21.0 PLAY- OFF HOCKEY:

- 21.1 Teams in City wide leagues shall have the play-off program provided by the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council.
- 21.2 House League teams shall receive a program similar to 21.1 above provided by Northeast Zone Hockey Committee.
- 21.3 There shall be no ties in play-off Hockey. Refer to Edmonton Federation Hockey Council procedure for determining standings and ties in games.

22.0 NORTHEAST ZONE HOCKEY POLICIES:

- 22.1 The Northeast Zone Tiering Representatives will take advice from the appropriate Zone Category Directors regarding the movement up or down of its teams or players. In case of a dispute, the Federation Tiering Committee will have the final decision on movement.
- 22.2 UNDERAGE player registrations are at the discretion of the community and Area Hockey Directors Registrars. A waiver form must be completed, signed by the player, guardian and Director of the area, and forwarded with player registrations to the N.E.Z. Registrar in September. Any players moved up a category prior to November 15

22.3 CODE OF CONDUCT – ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

- a. Membership and participation in hockey administered by the NEZ Hockey Committee is a privilege not a right. Members, players and participants are required to abide by the Bylaws, Rules and Policies of this Committee and the NEZ Sports Council. Their behavior is expected to mirror the spirit of the Bylaws, Rules, Policies and this Specific Code.
- b. All members and participants of NEZ Hockey shall respect other members, officials, parents, players, fans, team officials, volunteers or Executive Committee members of NEZ Hockey. Any inappropriate conduct, threats, harassment or abuse (including the use of profanity) directed towards game or team officials, members, parents, players, fans, volunteers, or Executive Committee members of NEZ Hockey or of any association, will not be tolerated.
- c. All members, fans, and participants of NEZ Hockey shall respect the game of hockey and shall behave in a manner so as to not make a travesty of the game.
- d. Upon violation by any member, fan, or participant of any provision of the Code of Conduct an incident report shall be completed and presented to the Commissioner which may result in immediate suspension or expulsion for the offender and/or the offender's family, being consistent with the Zero Tolerance Policy.
- e. The Commissioner will convene a hearing committee of 3 members, within 7 days of receiving the incident report. The hearing committee shall follow NEZ Hockey Committee Rules, Regulations, and Policy and Northeast Zone Sports Council Bylaws and operating rules. Federation, EMHA, HA or CHA rules also apply.

The hearing committee will determine appropriate discipline and shall notify the offender in writing of their decision.

- f. All Communities and Area organizations shall at pre-season registration make all participants aware of this Code of Conduct. The Code of conduct acknowledgement form must be signed by all participants with 1 copy forwarded with team hard cards to the NEZ Registrar. This includes all player/guardians and coaching staff.

23.0 DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS:

- 23.1 Hearings based on supportive documentation shall be heard as soon as possible and, in any event within 7 days of being received.

Decisions rendered shall be in writing within 48 hours following the completion of the hearing. Copies are to be provided to all parties involved and also to the Edmonton Federation Hockey Council secretary.

- 23.2 All discipline and appeal situations shall be subject to the rules and regulations of:
- a. Canadian Hockey Association (CHA)
 - b. Hockey Alberta (HA)
 - c. Edmonton Minor Hockey Association (EMHA)
 - d. Edmonton Federation Hockey Council (EFHC)
 - e. Edmonton 'AA' Council
 - f. Edmonton Junior Council
 - g. Northeast Zone Sports Council (NEZSC)
 - h. Northeast Zone Hockey Committee (NEZHC)
 - i. Athletic Organizations (Braves, Eagles, Northstars, Maple Leafs, Red Wings, Raiders or Warriors)
 - j. Community Leagues
- 23.3 All requests for appeal of decisions must be in written form addressed to the Northeast Zone Hockey Commissioner, with 48 hours of the game, incident, or decision in question, including a \$150.00 cash, certified cheque, or money order, payable to the Northeast Zone Sports Council, which shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld, otherwise reverted to the Northeast Zone Hockey General Fund.
- 23.4 The Northeast Zone Hockey Commissioner must respond to the appeal within 72 hours of receipt of the appeal. The Commissioner deals with utmost respect with each appeal, and demands the same from the appellants.
- 23.5 The Northeast Zone Hockey Commissioner hears and acts on appeals applicable to Northeast Zone Hockey regarding decisions and discipline appeals of such decisions, and on issues referred by Edmonton Federation Hockey Council Directors or Interlocking league Directors.
- 23.6 Appeal documents must contain a clear concise summary of the grounds for appeal with particular reference to the rules and regulations that have been violated. Such documents are not available to anyone other than the Commissioner prior to any hearing.

23.7 In conducting the appeal the commissioner shall form an Appeals Committee and shall convene relative to each appeal, persons or parties, parents or guardians, coaches or coaching staff, or any person with representation of the parties involved, as the commissioner may determine pertinent to rendering a decision.

23.8 Appeals of a minor person must be made by a legal guardian or other adult as appointed by the legal guardian and must be in attendance at the appeal.

24.0 COACHING CERTIFICATION

All coaches of Northeast Zone Hockey whose names will be placed on Hard Card Registration forms or who will participate on ice or on the bench are required to obtain proper coaching certification In accordance with the National Coaching Certificate Program as follows:

Initiation Program -Mandatory for coaching at Novice and lower

Coach Level- Mandatory for coaching teams entering provincial championship competition. Recommended for all coaches.

Intermediate Level- Mandatory for coaching Bantam and Midget AAA levels. Recommended for all coaches Peewee and above.

Advanced Level- Recommended for coaching high performance players. (ie: Bantam AAA, Midget AAA, Junior A)

Hockey Trainers - Strongly recommended for all volunteers involved with a hockey team safety program.

Drill Design - Recommended for all coaches interested in conducting effective practices.

Player Selection - Strongly recommended for all coaches and organizations involved with player evaluation and selection.

Goaltending - Recommended for coaching Atom and above.

Checking - Recommended for coaching 2nd year Atom and above.

25.0 DOCUMENTS APPENDED:

Atom/ Peewee Division Team Formation Procedures
Area Sponsored Team Rotation
Code of Conduct/Fair Play Agreement Form
Waiver Form - Underage
Code of Conduct- Incident Report

NORTHEAST ZONE HOCKEY AREA CO-ORDINATED
(BRAVES - EAGLES - NORTHSTARS)

ATOM & PEEWEE TEAM FORMATION PROCEDURES

Co-ordination

The Braves, Eagles and Northstars (referred to hereafter as the Areas), shall compile the documentation for the process using the previous year as example. This process is to be updated annually to be kept current, and shall be presented to the NEZ Hockey Committee by the June regularly scheduled meeting. The appropriate NEZ Category Directors shall be kept informed of the process to ensure coordination of all NEZ teams takes place, as necessary for proper registration.

Timeline

All teams formed by this process shall be formed along due consideration for the next lower tiers to be formed by the Areas or Communities. Sufficient time (ie: 3 weeks) shall be allowed prior to player registration for these lower tier teams to be formed. Dates for final player movement shall be determined in advance by the 3 Areas and the NEZ Registrar. Representatives for the lower tier teams shall be provided sufficient notice of all schedules, etc.

Scheduling

A schedule of skate sessions to form the teams shall be provided by the NEZ Ice Allocator in consultation with the Areas. The basis for ice allocation shall be the ice used the previous year.

Evaluation

The Areas shall be responsible for proper evaluations to place the players at their appropriate levels with no bias for the Area which they live in. Qualified coaches, evaluators, or consultants shall be the only persons responsible for evaluations.

Selection

The selection process shall be agreed upon by the 3 Areas, documented, and made available to the NEZ Hockey committee by the June meeting. The selection shall be done with no bias for the area which the player resides or for which area may be sponsoring the team. The process for selection shall be based upon the prior year if no proposals are made at the June meeting for changes.

Appended to this description is the 1997-1998 process as accepted and implemented. Any changes to this process shall be introduced by motion at the June NEZ Hockey Committee meeting and ratified by the members.

CODE OF CONDUCT FAIR PLAY AGREEMENT

MANDATED BY THE NEZ HOCKEY COMMITTEE & FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE OUR ENJOYMENT OF THE GAME.

ATHLETE

I AGREE TO:

REMEMBER THAT I'M PLAYING BECAUSE I ENJOY THE GAME OF HOCKEY.

WORK AT ACHIEVING MY PERSONAL BEST AND TO NOT BE DISCOURAGED IF IT'S NOT MY BEST.

REMEMBER THAT WINNING IS NOT EVERYTHING BUT THAT TRYING TO WIN IS MORE IMPORTANT.

SHOW APPRECIATION FOR GOOD PLAYS AND PERFORMANCES BY MY TEAMMATES, OPPONENTS AND OFFICIALS.

CO-OPERATE WITH MY COACHES AND TEAMMATES.

NEVER ARGUE WITH A REFEREE OR DISPLAY UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.

ALWAYS KEEP THE GAME SAFE AND FUN AT ALL TIMES.

PARENT

I/WE AGREE TO:

REMEMBER THAT MY CHILDREN PARTICIPATE FOR THEIR FUN

PROVIDE PLENTY OF ENCOURAGEMENT BECAUSE THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO HELP THEM LEARN.

TEACH MY CHILD THAT AN HONEST EFFORT IS AS IMPORTANT AS WINNING.

ENCOURAGE MY CHILDREN TO BE GOOD SPORTS.

TEACH MY CHILDREN THAT OFFICIALS AND LEAGUE ORGANIZERS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GAME AND TO NEVER SHOW DISRESPECT FOR THEIR DECISIONS.

APPLAUD THE VALUE AND EFFORTS OF THE COACHES, OFFICIALS AND LEAGUE ORGANIZERS.

REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN ONLY LEARN WHAT WE TEACH THEM AND THAT FAIR PLAY STARTS AT HOME.

COACH

I WILL STRIVE:

TO TEACH MY ATHLETES TO PLAY HONESTLY, FAIRLY, AND TO RESPECT THE RULES, OFFICIALS AND OPPONENTS.

TO BE A COACH THE ATHLETES CAN RESPECT AND LOOK UP TO AS A ROLE MODEL.

TO BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE AND INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN MY ATHLETES.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE ATHLETES, PARENTS, OPPONENTS AND LEAGUE ORGANIZERS.

OBTAIN PROPER TRAINING AND CONTINUE TO UPGRADE MY COACHING SKILLS SUITABLE FOR THE LEVEL BEING COACHED.

NOT RIDICULE OR YELL AT MY ATHLETES FOR MISTAKES OR POOR PERFORMANCES.

REMEMBER WE ARE ALL PARTICIPATING FOR THE FUN AND ENJOYMENT OF A GAME.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ATHLETE: _____

PARENT: _____

COACH: _____ **TEAM:** _____ **DATE:** _____