

## HNL ICE TIME ALLOCATION POLICY

DIVISION														
		NOVICE		ATOM		PEE WEE \ UNDER 12 FEMALE			BANTAM \ UNDER 15 FEMALE			MIDGET \ UNDER 20 FEMALE		
CATEGORY														
GAME TYPE	SELECT	NON SELECT	SELECT	NON SELECT	SELECT	NON SELECT	REGIONAL	SELECT	NON SELECT	REGIONAL	SELECT	NON SELECT	REGIONAL	
Regular Season / League	N/A	Equal	Equal	Equal	Discretion 1	Equal	Discretion 2	Discretion 1	Equal	Discretion 2	Discretion 1	Equal	Discretion 2	
Exhibition &/or Invitational Tournaments	N/A	Equal	Equal	Equal	Discretion 1	Equal	Discretion 2	Discretion 1	Equal	Discretion 2	Discretion 1	Equal	Discretion 2	
Provincial Championships	N/A	N/A	Equal	n/a	Discretion 1	n/a	Discretion 2	Discretion 1	n/a	Discretion 2	Discretion 1	n/a	Discretion 2	
Goaltender all Game Types	N/A	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	Equal	

### DEFINITIONS

**Equal:** Is defined as equal ice time every game. There has to be a variable allowed due to the uncertainty in the frequency in stoppages of play. Goaltenders have the option of changing during the mid-way point of each game or play full games as long as they have equal game time throughout a season and/or provincial championship. Goaltenders are restricted to a one game differential throughout the season or tournament. The championship game in a provincial tournament is excluded from this definition for goaltenders only. Coaches may play either goaltender.

**Discretion 1:** Is defined as equal ice time every game, however, there is the ability for a coach to use select players in the last three minutes of a period and on all special team situations.

**Discretion 2:** is defined as the ability for a coach to use players anytime during the game as they decide; however, each player must receive a minimum of 3 shifts per period.

**Special Team Situations:** Any situation that does not require 5 skaters vs. 5 skaters.

**Select:** Any team that is formed based on a selection process or any team participating in a provincial championship.

**Non Select:** Any team formed that is not based on a selection process. Teams are formed based on other factors (age, random assignment, House League)

**Regional:** Any team formed based on a selection process involving a number of Associations (Major Midget, AAA programs).

### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

#### **GAME TYPE:**

#### **Regular Season/League, Exhibition &/or Invitational Tournaments:**

The complainant must register their complaint with their local Minor Hockey Association and/or League who is responsible for such complaints and they will determine if the guideline is being followed.

#### **Provincial Championships:**

For Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Tournaments the complainant must register the complaint with the HNL Coordinator who will determine if the guideline is being followed.

### SANCTIONS

Any coach who is found not following the Provincial Ice Time Allocation Guideline will be provided with a first time warning. If a second registered complaint is investigated during a season or tournament and it is found that the coach has continued not to adhere to the Ice Time Allocation Guideline, the Head Coach will be immediately suspended for one year. No warning is required to apply the sanction during a team's last game of a provincial championship.

### NOTE

-There is some flexibility in this guideline. There are situations where players/goaltenders are not playing due to physical restrictions. Goaltender can be changed in a game when their teams is trailing by five or more goals.