

## HOCKEY NL ICE TIME ALLOCATION POLICY In Branch Play Only

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 in every game, however, there is the ability for a coach to use select players in the following situations:

- (a) in all special team situations in the third period;
- (b) in the last three (3) minutes of the third period; and
- (c) in any overtime period(s) that ensue.

**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 NL Provincial Tournaments the complainant must register the complaint with the Hockey NL Coordinator who will determine if the guideline is being followed.

### SANCTIONS

All coaches registered with Hockey NL coaching any minor teams who are not adhering to the Hockey NL Ice Time Allocation Policy will be assessed the following disciplinary action:

**First Offence:** Any coach found not adhering to the Provincial Ice Time Allocation Guidelines Policy will be immediately issued a first time written warning by the President of the Minor Hockey Association (or Hockey NL Coordinator for Provincial Championships).

**Second Offence:** Any coach found not adhering to the Provincial Ice Time Allocation Guidelines Policy will be immediately issued a one month suspension, from the date of the offence, with not less than five (5) games.

**Third Offence:** Any coach found not adhering to the Provincial Ice Time Allocation Guidelines Policy will be immediately suspended for one (1) year from the date of the offence.

**Fourth Offence:** Any coach found not adhering to the Provincial Ice Time Allocation Guidelines Policy will be suspended indefinitely upon review by the Branch.

No warning is required to apply the sanction during a team's last game of the provincial championship. In this case, guidelines under the second offence regulation will be applied.

**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 team is trailing by five or more goals.