

Memorandum of Understanding – 2024-2025

This agreement is made between Hockey New Brunswick (HNB) and the New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association (NBIAA).

1. HNB shall provide Hockey Canada (HC) Insurance, through the Hockey Canada Insurance provider B.F. Lorenzetti (BFL), to all registered participants in a High School Hockey Program. Registered participants will include all players and bench personnel that appear on the Official Team Roster. Certified HNB officials that officiate NBIAA High School Hockey games will also be covered with Hockey Canada Insurance.
2. The NBIAA will register all participants in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). All rosters will be inputted by midnight on November 15th – late additions will be added by the NBIAA staff. Hockey New Brunswick will provide training and support on the HCR when required.

The deadline to roster all players is February 1st.

3. HNB shall assist any applicant or team manager with the filing of a Hockey Canada Injury Report.

Furthermore, the NBIAA shall provide the following:

1. The NBIAA shall govern all aspects of High School Hockey in the Province of New Brunswick.
2. Coaching Certification: All Head Coaches are required to have Development 1 and Assistant Coaches are required to have Coach 2 certification. The deadline to complete coach courses is December 15th.

One bench staff from each team must also be certified at the Hockey University online safety course by December 15th, if not, the team will be ineligible for all games, practices and sanctioned activities. All volunteers will be required to take the online Respect in Sport course, as well a Criminal Record Check. Completion of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' course is mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see O.R. 13.

3. The NBIAA and Hockey New Brunswick will follow their respective suspension guidelines.

Should an associate player receive a suspension, they will be required to follow the minimum suspensions for the league with which the suspension occurred.

All persons receiving a suspension under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick or the NBIAA shall be deemed ineligible from participating at any level of hockey in any capacity under the jurisdiction of Hockey New Brunswick or the NBIAA until the suspension has been served or length of suspension has elapsed from within the league it was given.

4. The NBIAA shall provide to HNB in writing, sanction for any teams travelling out of New Brunswick or Nova Scotia play against other Hockey Canada registered teams, as well as any teams traveling outside of Canada.
5. The NBIAA shall govern their own appeals process and NBIAA members shall not have access to the HNB/Hockey Canada Appeal processes.
6. Associate Player” (“AP”) - refers to those players from HNB club teams or NBIAA school teams, when such player(s) are participating with a team other than with which they are registered in the Hockey Canada Registration (HCR) system.

Associate agreement between the NBIAA and Hockey New Brunswick will be as follows:

(a). Female - NBIAA players can be associated to the following HNB teams- Female U15 AA, Female U15 AAA, Female U18 AA, Female U18 AAA, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA, U18 A, U18 AA.

(b). Female – HNB registered Female U13 A, Female U13 AA, U13 C, U13 B, U13 A, U13 AA, Female U15 A, Female U15 AA, Female U15 AAA, Female U18 A, Female U18 AA, U18 C, U15 C, U15 B, U15 A, U15 AA can be associated to the NBIAA.

(c). Male – NBIAA can be associated to Junior C, Junior B, Junior A and U18 Major AAA.

(d). Male – U15 AAA, U15 Major, U15 AA, U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U16 AAA, U18 AA, U18 A and U18 B, U18 C can be associated with NBIAA.

Exemptions for goalies to associate to a division not listed above will be reviewed on a case by case basis, and requires the approval of the Hockey New Brunswick and NBIAA Executive Directors.

7. The NBIAA will honour the Hockey New Brunswick Intent to Try-out form. Any HNB player who has signed an Intent to Try-out form and has not been released

will not be permitted to roster or attend any practices with an NBIAA team. The Intent to Try-out form will be used for HNB AAA teams only.

8. All associate players must be in the HCR by Jan 15th.
9. All associate players must have played at least one league game with their rostered team by no later than Jan 15th to continue to be an associate player with their associate team.
10. Appearance of a registered player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specifically noted on the official game report.
11. Associated players used by a team in a game, shall be designated on the official game report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name on the players line-up or team roster.
12. An associate player must come from a team registered in the designated geographic sub-division in which the selecting team operates as defined by HNB and NBIAA and all players must be properly registered with HNB.
13. A team may associate nineteen (19) players from within the teams designated geographic sub-division, as defined and approved by HNB or NBIAA.
14. A geographic subdivision may include a city, town, municipality, rural area, HNB minor hockey district or zone or a school district as established from time to time by HNB or NBIAA.
15. No player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) specially associated players' list at any one time during the current season; with the exception of players 16 years of age or older who may be selected as an associate Player with two of the following in the same season: Junior A Team; Junior B Team; and Junior C Team.
16. Once a player's Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the HNB Executive Director as being a specially associated player, his name becomes part of the selecting team's list of specially associated players and may not be dropped from such list during the current season and replaced, unless the team with which he registered releases him on or before January 10.
17. Approval of Special Associate Players

Player association approval requirements:

- i. Coach or team manager of the team looking to associate a player sends an email to the parent asking permission to associate the player.
- ii. The parent accepts by answering the email. The coach or team manager then forwards the email to the coach or team manager of the players rostered team.
- iii. The coach or team manager approves the request by answering the email.
- iv. A copy of the email chain is then provided to Hockey New Brunswick, who lists the associate player in the Hockey Canada Registry.

If an associated player is needed, the coach of the associate player's team must give their consent before asking the associated player to participate in a game or practice

Should a higher or lower level coach have an issue with an associate player and the approval process, they can contact the respective Executive Director (HNB – Nic Jansen; NBIAA – Allyson Ouellette).

18. Number of Games

- a. All associate players may associate to a team at any time, **to a maximum of ten (10) games**. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's associated team, the player may thereafter associate an unlimited number of times. For goaltender exceptions see Hockey Canada Regulations B. 42, E. 36(b).
- b. Exhibition games and/or exhibition tournament games are excluded from the number of games referred to in (a).
- c. A suspended player, whose team has been eliminated from further competition for the year, may serve his suspension with his associate team provided he has played a minimum of 1 game as an associate. A player who receives a suspension with his associate team, and that team is subsequently eliminated from further competition for the year before the full suspension has been served, may complete his suspension with his own team. **If a player is suspended with his associate team, the player must serve the suspension with the associate team.** If a game counts toward the serving of a suspension, then it in effect counts as a game played, towards the maximum 10 permitted.

19. All such associations permitted under this Memorandum of Understanding shall terminate at the end of the current playing season, and may not be altered during the current playing season.

20. No new registration is required or shall be issued for associated players and such players are not numbered among the associating teams nineteen (19) or twenty (20) in the case of Female Midget AAA, as applicable, registered players. Such players remain members of their HCR registered team.
21. A replacement for a goalkeeper who may be seriously ill or injured, so as to prevent their playing may be permitted at the discretion of the NBIAA / HNB Executive Director.
 - NBIAA teams applying to use an HNB member as on an emergency basis needs to be approved by the NBIAA Executive Director.
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