



Little Native Hockey League Rules and Regulations 2012 Tournament

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1: The following Little Native Hockey League Rules and Regulations will be used specifically for governance of the Little Native Hockey League Tournament. All Tournament decisions and related activities for the participating teams, both on and off the ice, made by the Little Native Hockey League Executive Committee are final.

2: Team Eligibility:

The Little Native Hockey League Tournament is an Inter-Reserve Recreational Minor Hockey Tournament. All Teams must represent an Ontario First Nation in order to enter the tournament.

3: Registration Deadlines

The following Deadlines will be the permanent dates for all upcoming Little NHL Tournaments:

Early Bird Registration Deadline: December 15th prior to the next tournament

Final Registration Deadline: January 31st prior to the next tournament

Late player(s) or team(s) addition will be allowed after the Final Registration Date if a \$250 late fee is paid, to the Little NHL Executive, by Feb 15th. NO player or team additions can be made after February 15th. Failure to make all payments and submit all registration criteria by the above deadline dates will result in your team's disqualification.

The registration criteria are listed below. The LNHL Executive will review and will visually approve each team registration criteria ASAP. Your team will be contacted if there are any potential player conflicts prior to the tournament.

4: Team Registration Criteria & Check List – send in the following step 1-7 to fully complete your registration package.

- Step 1: send your registration fee by certified personal cheque, money order or First Nation cheque to the Host Committee
- Step 2: enclose a completed Player Registration Form (minimum 11 players to a maximum 19 players) to be sent with your payment. NOTE all player liability and waiver forms hand in at the Tournament do not fax these in!
- Step 3: Only one performance bond is required from your First Nation to cover all its Bantam and Midget teams. The bond received by any First Nation, Business or Individual must indicate in writing which teams are covered. If your Bantam or Midget team is not on this list then you will have to submit a bond on your own. All bonds must be received by the final registration deadline in the amount of \$750 and made payable to the: "Little NHL Executive"
- Step 4: enclose a completed Team Management Registration form
- Step 5: release forms must be submitted for all pick up players - see rules 5, 6, 7 & 8.
- Step 6: for players using their parent's status cards; include "Statement of Live Birth" - long form or the parent's First Nation B.C.R. stating parent's name and Band Number and child's name.
- Step 7: Player must be a resident of the First Nation and BCR from that community stating living on that First Nation. A letter required from School Principal that they were registered by the beginning of September 2009 Calendar year.
No later date of residency BCR or Principal letter will be accepted...



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5: Player Eligibility

- a) Players must have a valid "Certificate of Indian Status" indicating an Ontario First Nation; **OR**
- b) Players, without status cards from Ontario, must have at least one biological parent who has a "Certificate of Indian Status" card from an Ontario First Nation. Any player using their parents' status card **MUST** provide a "**Statement of Live Birth**" long form or **B.C.R. from their Parents' First Nation** which verifies that the parent is a member of that Ontario First Nation. Document **MUST** be received by the Host First Nation by the final deadline date.

6: Home First Nation

Every player is expected to play for his/her home First Nation as indicated on the status card being used, unless the player is using residency option or has been released by his/her First Nation. Residency option is described below.

7: Residency Option: For On-Reserve Residents only

Players that meet eligibility requirements of rule 5 a) or b) and live on a different Ontario First Nation may play for that First Nation without being considered a pick up player and without requiring a release from any other Ontario First Nation.

To prove residency the team Manager must submit the following documents with the team registration before the Final Deadline date:

- a) BCR indicating that the child does live on that First Nation as of the beginning of September 2010.
- b) Letter from school Principal stating the player was registered as of the beginning of the school year 2010.

8: Player Release Requirements

Any players not playing for their Home First Nation must obtain signed Player Release Forms from all relevant First Nations.

See attached Official LNHL Player Release Form. Please note: This release form may only be approved/authorized by the following individuals of the First Nation providing the release. Please request a signature in the following order, only one signature is required:

- 1st President of their Minor Hockey Committee/Association
- 2nd Manager of the team that has rights to the player but is willing to release the player
- 3rd Chief of all relevant First Nations

Any team manager that feels they may have territorial rights to a neighbouring First Nation's player must notify the LNHL Executive in writing by February 15th. All Player disputes must be settled prior to the tournament. No player release OR residency option protests will be accepted at the tournament.



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9: Player Pick up Limits

The Little NHL Executive Committee will use the latest available Indian Registry Results provided by INAC to determine Total On-Reserve Populations of the Ontario First Nations. Please see attached INAC On-reserve population list to determine the maximum number of Pick up players/team that your First Nation is allowed to bring to the tournament.

First Nation Total On-Reserve Population	The Maximum Number of Pick up players your First Nation is allowed per team is as follow:	
	Tyke, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam & Midget Divisions	Girls Divisions ONLY
1 – 999	7	9
1000 – 1999	4	6
2000 – 4999	1	2
5000 or more	0	0

10: Teams Eligible To Pick Up Players Only: Exception to Maximum Pick up

A team may pick up **one goalie** without using up one of their pick up spots. All goalies are expected to play for their respective First Nation, unless he/she is released.

11: Team minimums and maximums

Each team may have a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goalies registered to play in accordance with all eligibility rules. Each team must have at least 11 players registered to play prior to the tournament. All teams must have 6 players ready to play at any game. At any time when a team has less than 6 players the game will be forfeited immediately.

12: Team Files & Managers' Duties

The LNHL Executive Committee and the HOST Committee **NO LONGER** require Copies of Status Cards or Birth Certificates; **HOWEVER**, all team managers **ARE REQUIRED** to keep these documents with them at each game during the tournament.

All team managers must also keep copies of all coaching staff qualifications and documents turned in with registration packages (B.C.R.'s, Principals letter, Statement of Live Birth – long forms, Waiver of Liability forms, Parents letter of consent for player to move up-if applicable, Player Registration form and Team Management Registration form). Etc.: For every player on the team list – in case there is a protest for eligibility.



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13: Certification – Managers, Coaches & Trainers

In order to enhance the quality of the Tournament Experience for the players, referees, linesman, tournament organizers and spectators, the following certification is NOW MANDATORY.

	Speak Out Certificate	Minimum N.C.C.P. Requirement: Intro. to Comp. Part A, Level One	Hockey Trainers Certificate OR Standard First Aid
Managers	√		
Coaches & Assistants	√	√*	
Trainers	√		√**

* - Tyke and Novice Coaches and Assistant Coaches may have Initiation certification instead of Level One Hockey Coach Certification

** - Trainers who are Paramedics, Registered Nurses and Medical Doctors are exempt from this requirement.

N.C.C.P. – National Coaches Certification Program

14: Ineligible Player Protest

Only the Team Manager can protest an ineligible player. The protest must be player(s) specific and submitted in writing within one hour of the completion of the game, to Little Native Hockey League Executive or an Arena Captain. Protest fees are no longer required. See rules 7 & 8 for released or residency option players.

Any team manager failing to provide proof of eligibility within a reasonable time frame will result in loss of game and player(s) will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. **The Little Native Hockey League Executive Committee will ensure all eligibility rules are adhered to at every game of the Tournament.**

15: Division Designation NEW 2012 NO BODY CONTACT All Divisions Ontario Wide Rule for all House League & House League Select Teams and Tournaments! The Little Native Hockey League Tournament was originally created & designed for House League Teams.

New: You can register your Team for Only the “C” or “D” Division See Registration Form! You will only play against other teams registered in the C or D Divisions provided we get a least 3 teams per division using this option!

Players are not permitted to play on more than one team during the tournament.

Players’ division is determined by the year of birth of the player as follows;

Tyke	2005 -- 2006	Bantam Boys	1997 -- 1998
Novice	2003 -- 2004	Bantam Girls	1997 -- 1998
Atom Boys	2001 – 2002	Midget Boys	1994, 1995 & 1996
Atom Girls	2001 -- 2002	Midget Girls	1994, 1995 & 1996
Peewee Boys	1999 -- 2000		
Peewee Girls	1999 – 2000		

16: Girls Divisions

- a) Girls are NOT permitted to play in the Bantam or Midget Divisions (only up to Peewee level)
- b) Boys are NOT permitted to play in any Girls’ Division.



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17: Moving up a Division: Most players, for safety reasons, are expected to play within their designated age group. If a player wants to move up one or two divisions, he/she **MUST** provide written consent/approval from their parent/guardian to the Little NHL Executive Committee prior to the tournament.

18: Tyke Division - Game Time Frame & Special Rules

- a) All tyke games will have three 15 minute STRAIGHT time periods, including Championship games.
- b) The buzzer will sound every three minutes for a complete line change and the players will line up at centre ice.
- c) Players may change on the fly at their coaches' discretion.
- d) To maximize the amount of play within the three minutes; in the event of offside OR when the goalie freezes the puck, the puck will be thrown into a neutral corner by the referee and play will continue immediately.

19: All Divisions (excluding Tykes) - Game Time frames

- c) All divisions Novice to Midget and Girls divisions will have three 10 minute STOP time periods, including Championship games.
- d) If any game has a goal differential of five or more goals, then the game will switch to STRAIGHT time.

20: Sudden Victory Overtime: All games in all Divisions that end in a tie after three periods will go into Sudden Victory Overtime as follows:

- e) Tykes 3 on 3 for 3 minutes. Still Tied another 3 on 3 for 2 minutes **NO TEAM CAN USE THE SAME PLAYERS TWICE ANY SUBSTITUTIONS DURING PLAY TEAMS HAVE TO USE THE REMAINING PLAYERS ON BENCH!!**
- f) Tykes still tied go to shoot out. See rules below.
- g) Novice to Midget 3 on 3 players for Five Minutes at Stop time. Still Tied 3 Player shoot out. Still Tied Sudden Victory shoot out. **NO PLAYER CAN SHOOT TWICE UNLESS ONE TEAM IS GONE THROUGH LINE UP AND THE OTHER TEAM IS ALLOWED TO REPEAT PLAYERS.**
- h) The goalie is not permitted to go beyond the center ice line and can only be pulled for a delayed penalty.
- i) If a penalty is called, the opposing team will add one player. Once the penalty time expires, the penalized player may join the play until the next whistle. At that stoppage in play, both teams must remove their additional players and resume play according to the amount of players eligible at that point during the overtime.

21: Rules of Play

- j) Penalties will be called in accordance with the Hockey Canada Official Rule Book (HCORB). All other sections of the HCORB rules **DO NOT** apply to the Little Native Hockey League Tournament, with the exception below:
- k) If any player incurs a major penalty for fighting or another major infraction which carries an automatic match penalty, the player will be disqualified from the tournament. Furthermore, the Executive Committee will review these types of penalties to determine if further disciplinary action is required.
- l) All teams must be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled game.
- m) In the event that two teams have the same color jerseys, the Home Team will be responsible for changing their sweaters.
- n) A 30 second time out will be allowed in the Championship A and B games only.
- o) No other rules from any other hockey association apply to this tournament, except for rules stated above.