



<b>Policy Name:</b> Sanctioning		<b>Date of Approval:</b> Feb 11, 2023	<b>Effective Date:</b> Feb 11, 2023
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<b>Responsible:</b> Board of Directors-Risk & Safety	<b>Accountable:</b> Board of Directors	<b>Consulted:</b> Board of Directors	<b>Informed:</b> HNO Members

Event sanctioning issues:

As part of Hockey Canada requiring Branch approval on the following items, I am proposing the following policies to allow the Branch Executive Director the ability to provide member teams, Leagues and Associations the ability to be involved in these activities.

### **Outdoor Rink Policy**

Hockey Northwestern Ontario allows its member teams, Leagues and Associations to use outdoor facilities under the following conditions.

1. The Safety Person or Head Coach must inspect the Ice surface and deem it safe and acceptable (use of the HNO Facility Safety Checklist is required).
2. The Safety Person or Head Coach must inspect the Boards and gates to make sure they are secure and safe.
3. Member registered Coaches and players only are allowed to participate.
4. All Branch and Member team, League and Association rules and guidelines apply.

### **Team travel to the United States and Internationally Policy**

1. Member teams, Leagues and Association must ensure their constituent teams have applied for a Travel Permit and Branch and Hockey Canada approval for international travel.
2. Opposing teams must be registered with the Federation of the country visited.
3. Full equipment must be worn.
4. **Players and team staff who are travelling out of the Country are only insured up to Hockey Canada's insurance cap in Canadian dollars provided they have extended out of country/provincial health coverage for Sport Related Injuries.**

### **Minor Games Between Periods at Junior and U Sports Games Policy**

1. Hockey Northwestern Ontario allows its member teams, Leagues and Associations to allow its minor aged players to participate in Between Period Games at sanctioned Junior and U Sports games.
2. The Branch office must be notified of the Team, Arena, and Date.
3. Players must wear full equipment.
4. The participating team staff must provide proper on and off ice supervision as necessary.
5. **Participating team staff must wear helmets if they are on the ice between periods.**

## **Sanctioning Requirements**

The purpose of this form is for HNO Members applying to run an event outside of the regular playing season. The following requirements must be met:

- The event must be run between April 15th and September 1st
- All coaches must be over the age of 16.
- All coaches must have a valid CRC/VSC, Rowan's Law, Respect in Sport, and Gender Expression completed.
- Any event that includes U7 and U9 hockey must abide by the half-ice gameplay model in the U7 and U9 Pathway Policies.
- The event must be in accordance with all HNO Policies.
  - All HNO Policies can be found at this [LINK](#).
- Any player or Team Staff that was not registered in the previous playing season will be subject to the current Hockey Canada and HNO fee.
- The cost to operate a Spring/Summer League or Tournament is \$10 per team.
- Any HNO Member found not abiding by these requirements will lose sanctioning for the event and be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
- All sanctioning approvals are contingent on the attached registration forms being completed in full prior to the event taking place.

Contact Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

HNO Member \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Information**

Please check the type of event:

- ☐ Hockey School / Skill Development
- ☐ Spring/Summer League
- ☐ Tournament
- ☐ Other:

Please check all the age divisions included in this event:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> U7  | <input type="checkbox"/> U13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U9  | <input type="checkbox"/> U15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U11 | <input type="checkbox"/> U18 |

Start date:

Concluding Date:

Brief Description of Event:

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Submit completed forms to [jfetter@hockeyhno.com](mailto:jfetter@hockeyhno.com). Allow five business days for approval;

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**Office Use Only**

☐ Approved      ☐ Deny

Date:

Team Name:

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Team Staff Full Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Registered Team 2025/26 Season	Division

Team Staff: