



GLOUCESTER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

GHA Novice League Play Format as follows:

1.0 General

Items 1.1-1.5- Implemented as set out in the approved HEO Novice Implementation Program.

2.0 Team Structure

2.1 Teams on a full sheet

2.1.3 -"2" Games – 4 Teams

2.2 Tiering

2.2.1 Tier-1

-(Rangers) will host "2" Tier-1 teams.

-Tier-1 will play inter-district. Games will be managed by the AA league

2.2.2 Tier 2-4

-Will play intra-district

-Designated game arenas, 70% to be played at Fred Barrett and Potvin, 30% to be played at Metcalfe, Russell, Orleans.

2.3 Roster Sizes

2.3.1 Tier-1 to consist of 16 skaters and 2 goalies.

2.3.2 Tier 2-4 HEO recommended roster size 9-13 with minimum roster size as 9 and a maximum of 13.

2.3.3 Tier 2-4 Bench staff limited to 3. Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Trainer.

2.4 Goaltenders

2.4.1- Tier-1- Assigned and rotational goaltenders

2.4.2- Tier 2-4- Recommendation no full-time goaltenders. All players rotate in Phase 1 (September –December). There can be limited full-time goaltenders- limited rotation In Phase 2 (January- April)

2.5 Team Formation (Tiers 2-4)

2.5.1- Recommendation to review the allocation chart once the number of teams have been decided.

3.0 Season Structure

3.1 Two phases are recommended (September- December) and (January- April)

3.2 Phase 1 games occurring in two-week intervals

3.3 Phase 2 games occurring weekly

-Tier 1- 30 regular season games set by AA league, no playoffs, year end jamboree

-Tier 2-4- 20 regular season games, no playoffs, year end jamboree

- Phase 1 for Tier 2-4 October- Christmas Break, Phase 2 January- April

- League games to start in October.

Items 4.0- 10.0- Implemented as set out in the approved HEO Novice Implementation Program.