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Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association 2003-2004 House League Guidelines

1. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that the guidelines of MPMHA are followed in the management of the team under their care throughout the season. Any departure from these guidelines will be treated seriously by the association.
2. At least one member of the coaching staff must be present at all times before and after a game or practice when children are present.
3. Coaches are to ensure that the Fair Play policy is followed in all games to ensure equal ice time for all players.
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 - (a) To avoid default, teams must dress a minimum of eight (8) skaters and one goaltender for all teams.
 - (b) Players on all house league teams will be ranked in order of ability. A team may use players from other teams in its division that are not playing, but must select a player of equal ability or below.
5. Novice, atom, pee wee and bantam games will consist of three 10- minute periods. Midget games will consist of two 12- minute periods and one 15- minute period.
6. Novice hockey will use the three- line, two minute buzzer system. The five strongest players will play on the first line, the second strongest on the second line etc. If a team has more than 15 skaters, six players will play on the third line and the team with 15 skaters will play five skaters on the third line.
7. Slap shots are not permitted in novice hockey. There is no penalty and the face-off will be held as per the hockey rules.
8. Novice players will serve a full two-minute penalty (six minutes on the clock) unless a goal is scored on the line of the player being penalized.
9. Timekeepers, score sheets, and pucks are the responsibility of the home team.
10. Game sheets can be picked up at the MPMHA office or arena canteens and must be properly filled out and signed by team officials prior to the game..
11. All players must wear approved equipment. Stop signs are mandatory. No player will be permitted to play without one.
12. Players receiving three minor penalties in novice, atom, pee wee and bantam games will

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be suspended for the remainder of that game. Midget players receiving three stick infractions in one game will be suspended for the remainder of that game.

13. Any protest regarding a game must be made in writing to the co-ordinator of the particular division within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
14. Team jerseys are the property of MPMHA and are only to be worn for team games. Practice jerseys are to be worn at practices, power skating and any outside activity. Players violating this rule will be dealt with by the association.
15. Any house league player called up to a higher division or to an all-star team must receive permission from both division co-ordinators. Only under special circumstances may a player miss his teams game to play with another team as a call-up.
16. A rotation system will be used to determine teams that will attend outside invitational tournaments. No team may travel to a tournament without permission from the division co-ordinator.
17. Players are expected to attend all division practices and games and to inform their respective coaches if a player cannot attend due to illness or other causes.
18. Teams are responsible for their scheduled ice-time. If a team does not show up for its scheduled time, then it will be charged the amount of the ice time.
19. All divisions of minor hockey will be governed by the playing rules of the Canadian Hockey Association.
20. Any item not covered by these rules shall be dealt with first by the division co-ordinator and then the house league director whose decision shall be final.
21. Any team wishing to travel outside the MPMHA area to attend other than regularly schedule games must advise the House League Coordinator and complete the prescribed forms at the MPMHA office.
22. One 30 second time out may be requested in a championship game.