

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE  
PROPOSALS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON

[NB Feedback to be given by 27th March 1998]

1. 3 Leagues of 10-10-10
2. All fixtures to be Home and Away
3. Promotion and Relegation to be "One Up; One Down" after first year, with 10th in NHL Div Two to be automatically relegated to Regionals.
4. By 2000/2001, all NHL **Prem** games to be on **water-based** pitches
5. Matches to be in two blocks, with season from September to May, with mid-season break December to January
6. Champions League to be played between top 3 NHL Prem and HA Cup winners (or top 4 in NHL Prem) and at Milton Keynes. Will govern Euro participation
7. Each NHL Prem to play one home game at Milton Keynes, thus giving 2 appearances at MK for each team, per season
8. Play Offs to be over May Bank Holiday Weekend. Pool Games to be Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a Cross-Over on Monday; NB Four games in 4 days
9. New Placings to turn on NHL League positions **at end of 1998/9 season** (ie next year)

**NHL PREMIER**

1st - 9th in NHL Prem

10th spot between 10th in NHL Prem and NHL Div One Champions (in Cross-Over Match)

**NHL ONE**

11th & 12th in NHL Prem

Loser of 10th NHL Prem v NHL ONE Champs (see above)

2nd - 8th in NHL One

**NHL TWO**

9th - 16th in NHL One [8 teams]

2 from Play Offs

2 pools of 4 teams, ie 17th, 18th & 19th in NHL One, plus 5 Regionals.  
Pool Winners and Pool Runners Up play Cross-Overs to find 2 for  
NHL Two

**SUMMARY**

On this basis, we need to finish 8th or better in Div One next year and to get hold of a water-based pitch, if we want to get on