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## **BY-LAW NO. 6 - PART 4**

### **MINOR HOCKEY**

The rules and regulations governing Minor Hockey within the W.O.A.A. are as follows:

*(NOTE: Any reference to dues or fees including, but not exclusively, to team registration dues, playoff fees, fines or penalty fees, damages or replacement fees, administration fees, and assignment fees are set by the WOAA Minor Hockey Chairperson as per [E-1](#) and approved by the WOAA Directors as per Bylaw #1 Section 38. In most cases these fees are set before the start of the playing season and they are not part of the By-Law amendment process (Section H) at the Annual Meeting.)*

#### **SEC. A - AFFILIATION**

A-1. An agreement of affiliation with the OMHA has been signed. The terms and conditions of this agreement are published in the OMHA Manual of Operations.

#### **SEC. B - COMPETITION**

B-1. The series and classifications shall be as outlined in the OMHA Manual of Operations. The Minor Hockey Committee will review and recommend the classification of all W.O.A.A. teams to the OMHA prior to the Classification Meeting.

B-2. All centres are encouraged to enter a representative team in an age group before entering a Local League team. (Refer to [P-6](#).) The committee reserves the right to place a team in a classification or group it deems necessary to serve the best interest of the sport.

#### **SEC. C - ELIGIBILITY**

C-1. All representative team players are subject to the residential and eligibility requirements set forth in the OMHA Manual of Operations (refer to [P-7](#) for W.O.A.A. Local League player residential and eligibility requirements).

C-2. If a center does not enter a representative team, refer to OMHA Regulation 3.5.

C-3. In accordance with Hockey Canada regulations, no rostered minor player will be allowed to play in the W.O.A.A. Senior League at any time. The penalties for violating this rule shall be:

- (a) 1st offense - a five (5) game suspension.
- (b) 2nd offense - Suspended for the remainder of the season.

## SEC. D - TROPHIES, AWARDS, PENNANTS AND PLAQUES

*(Note: U9 Rep is subject to be eliminated for the 2022-2023 season thus eliminating D-1 (a))*

D-1. (a) U9 -Trophies will be distributed to the winning team by the W.O.A.A. at their earliest convenience for all W.O.A.A./OMHA Zone Rep. U9 competition.

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| U9 “The Hodges Division” Champions            | W.O.A.A.                            |
| U9 “The Hodges Division” Consolation Champs.  | Bud Lindsay                         |
| U9 “The McClure Division” Champions           | W.O.A.A.                            |
| U9 “The McClure Division” Consolation Champs. | Haugh Tire Ltd.                     |
| U9 “The Twolan Division” Champions            | Jim Inglis Memorial                 |
| U9 “The Twolan Division” Consolation” Champs. | Jack Twolan, Kincardine<br>(Plaque) |
| U9 “The Jacobi Division” Champions            | W.O.A.A.                            |
| U9 “The Jacobi Division” Consolation Champs.  | W.O.A.A.                            |

(b) U11 to U21 –The following trophies for W.O.A.A./OMHA Rep. U11 to U21 competition will be kept at the W.O.A.A. Office but the winning team may pick up the trophy and display in their local arena and return to the W.O.A.A. Office as per [D-6](#).

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| U11 “BB”                      | W.O.A.A.                |
| U11 “B”                       | Jim Duffield Jr.        |
| U11 “CC”                      | Seaforth Police Dept.   |
| U11 “C”                       | Alf Lockridge           |
| U11 “DD”                      | Milt Filsinger          |
| U11 Additional Entry –Group 3 | Clinton Reddi Chef      |
| U11 Additional Entry –Group 4 | Hugh Hodges             |
| U13 “BB”                      | W.O.A.A.                |
| U13 “B”                       | C.K.N.X.                |
| U13 “CC”                      | Young Gardens           |
| U13 “C”                       | Jim Inglis Memorial     |
| U13 “DD”                      | W.O.A.A.                |
| U13 Additional Entry –Group 3 | W.O.A.A.                |
| U13 Additional Entry –Group 4 | Clinton Home Hardware   |
| U15 “BB”                      | Dave and Muriel Neilson |
| U15 “B”                       | Don Ronnenburg Memorial |
| U15 “CC”                      | Darrell Rolph           |
| U15 “C”                       | Glen F. Johnston        |
| U15 “DD”                      | Sherwood Fabrics        |
| U15 Additional Entry –Group 3 | Fred & Ev Tout          |
| U15 Additional Entry –Group 4 | Hoselton Family         |
| U18 “BB”                      | W.O.A.A.                |
| U18 “B”                       | Walkerton Minor Sports  |

|                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| U18 "CC"                      | W.C. Murphy                        |
| U18 "C"                       | W. John Mitchell                   |
| U18 "DD"                      | Jeanne Liesemer                    |
| U18 Additional Entry –Group 3 | North Perth County Orange<br>Lodge |
| U18 Additional Entry –Group 4 | W.O.A.A.                           |
| U21 "BB-B"                    | Hamilton Optical Co.               |
| U21 "CC-C"                    | J.H. Stafford                      |
| U21 "DD"                      | Allan Baxter Memorial              |

D-2. The following trophies are provided for W.O.A.A. championship teams:

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U11 "W.T. Doc Cruickshank" Division | W.O.A.A.                             |
| U11 "M.L. "Tory" Gregg" Division    | Durham Minor Hockey                  |
| U11 "Alf Lockridge" Division        | D.J. "Boom" Gravett                  |
| U11 "Dave Neilson" Division         | Arthur Chrysler Plymouth Ltd.        |
| U13 "W.T. Doc Cruickshank" Division | Jack White                           |
| U13 "M.L. "Tory" Gregg" Division    | Canada Red Bark Products             |
| U13 "Alf Lockridge" Division        | Doug Smith                           |
| U13 "Dave Neilson" Division         | W.O.A.A.                             |
| U15 "W.T. Doc Cruickshank" Division | Hepco Credit Union                   |
| U15 "M.L. "Tory" Gregg" Division    | Wiarion Rec. Department              |
| U15 "Alf Lockridge" Division        | Holmstead Golf & Country             |
| U15 "Dave Neilson" Division         | All Treat Farms Ltd.                 |
| U18 "W.T. Doc Cruickshank" Division | Eck Palmer                           |
| U18 "M.L. "Tory" Gregg" Division    | Chesley Minor Hockey                 |
| U18 "Alf Lockridge" Division        | Hepco Credit Union                   |
| U18 "Dave Neilson" Division         | Country Coral Restaurant (Milverton) |
| U21                                 | Hugh Hodges Memorial                 |

D-3. The following Local League divisions will be provided with trophies or plaques for championship teams:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| U9 Elite                 | "Bruce Williams Memorial" (Plaque)<br>(Donated by Wallace Minor Hockey) |
| U11 Elite                | W.O.A.A.  |
| U13 Elite                | Kincardine Minor Hockey (Plaque)  |
| U15 Elite                | G.E. Fanuc  |
| U18 Elite                | W.O.A.A.  |
| <b>NORTH DIVISION</b>    |   |
| U9 Champions             | W.O.A.A. (Plaque)   |
| U9 Consolation Champions | W.O.A.A. (Plaque)   |
| U11 Champions            | W.O.A.A. (Plaque)   |

U11 Consolation Champions

W.O.A.A. (Plaque)

CENTRAL-SOUTH DIVISION

U9 Maroon

Canadian Tire (Hanover)

U9 Silver

Kincardine Minor Hockey (Plaque)

U9 White

Zehrs Markets (Listowel)

U11 Maroon

Canadian Tire (Hanover)

U11 Silver

W.O.A.A.

U11 White

Rothsay Concentrates

W.O.A.A. LOCAL LEAGUE

U13 Maroon

Canadian Tire (Hanover)

U13 Silver

Port Elgin Minor Hockey Association

U13 White

Canadian Tire (Hanover)

U15 Maroon

Canadian Tire (Hanover)

U15 White

Stan Hopper Memorial (Plaque)

U18 Maroon

Walkerton Minor Sports (Plaque)

U18 White

Walkerton Minor Sports (Plaque)

D-4. The W.O.A.A. reserves the right to change the category of a trophy if that existing category to which it was originally assigned becomes obsolete.

D-5. a) There must be a minimum of six (6) teams participating in a play-off grouping in order for two (2) sets of awards to be presented. For play-off groupings of less than six (6) teams, only one (1) set of awards to be presented. Exceptions may be considered and approved by the Chairperson in consultation with the Executive Administrator.

b) Up to twenty (20) awards will be provided for the following Rep. and Local League divisions (subject to limitations as stated in [D-5 a\)](#):

W.O.A.A. Champions (all divisions) and Finalists (U15 and below).

W.O.A.A. Consolation Champions (where applicable) and Finalists (U13 and below).

**W.O.A.A. U9 Representative Champions, Finalists, Consolation Champions and Consolation Finalists.**

W.O.A.A. Local League Champions and Finalists.

W.O.A.A. Local League Consolation Champions (where applicable) and Finalists (U13 and below where applicable).

D-6. All trophies and plaques must be returned by the winning association or team, properly engraved, and received at the W.O.A.A. office by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season.

*Note: "Properly Engraved" shall mean: the new plate or shield shall be of similar size and material and shall be inscribed with the year and team title to match existing plates or shields on the trophy or plaque to which it shall be affixed in similar fashion as those others on said trophy or plaque.*

a) Failure to comply will result in the following:

- i) Trophies or plaques returned after November 1<sup>st</sup> but prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season will be considered 'late' and an administration fee of \$35.00 will be assessed the association.
- ii) Trophies or plaques returned without engraving, or without proper engraving as noted above, shall result in an administration fee of \$50.00 assessed to the association. The WOAA will complete the inscription.
- iii) Trophies or plaques returned after January 15<sup>th</sup> but prior to February 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season may result in the offending team or association being assessed an administration fee of \$500.00.
- iv) Trophies or plaques not returned after February 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season will be deemed to have been lost or destroyed and the offending team and/or association shall be assessed a replacement fee not to exceed \$1,500.00. The WOAA shall replace the trophy.

- b) Any damage, destruction or loss of a trophy or plaque shall be dealt with as follows:
  - i) The responsible team and/or association shall be assessed a replacement fee of \$1,500.00.
  - ii) The responsible team and/or association shall be declared a member 'not in good standing'.
  - iii) The responsible team and/or association may be 'suspended' from all league play including W.O.A.A. and OMHA participation until the matter has been reconciled to the satisfaction of the W.O.A.A. Minor Hockey Committee and the Board of the W.O.A.A.

Note: A member 'not in good standing' or 'suspended' as described above, shall remain so until such time as the matter has been reconciled to the satisfaction of the W.O.A.A. Minor Hockey Committee and the Board of the W.O.A.A.

## **SEC. E - FINANCIAL**

E-1. The Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Administrator, shall determine the variable entry fee and playoff fee, which shall be:

- (a) Sustainably adequate to cover operational expenditures,
- (b) Payable to the Executive Administrator as per scheduled deadlines,
- (c) Approved by the Board of Directors.

E-2. Any Local League team wishing to register and be rostered for tournament and exhibition purposes shall be charged a fee as per [E-1](#).

E-3. All representative team entries and fees are to be received by the W.O.A.A. Office by May 31st. All Local League entries and fees are to be received by September 15th. All entries received after the deadline date will be subject to a late fee.



E-4. A 25% administration fee will be retained by the W.O.A.A. from any representative first entry team withdrawing on or before September 18<sup>th</sup> of the current season. No refunds will be issued if a representative first entry team withdraws after September 18<sup>th</sup> of the current season. A 25% administration fee will be retained by the W.O.A.A. from any representative additional entry team withdrawing on or before September 25<sup>th</sup> of the current season. No refunds will be issued if a representative additional entry team withdraws after September 25<sup>th</sup> of the current season. A 25% administration fee will be retained by the W.O.A.A. from any Local League teams withdrawing more than seven (7) days prior to the Scheduling Meeting. No refunds will be issued if a team withdraws seven (7) days or less prior to or any time following the Scheduling Meeting.

E-5. Wherever applicable the H.S.T. will be calculated at the current rate and included in the final play-off bills to the centres. In most cases any fees described in these by-laws excluding team registrations and appeals or protest fees will be included in the play-off billings and due upon receipt of statement. A 10% administration fee will be added to all outstanding accounts that are not paid by July 31<sup>st</sup>. All previous season accounts including any added administration fees must be paid in full before a Minor Hockey Association can participate in any W.O.A.A./OMHA activities after August 31<sup>st</sup>. Any club or local association failing to make prompt returns upon receiving a "Statement of Account" may be suspended by the Board of Directors.

E-6. The application for Representative or Local League tournament sanction permits within the W.O.A.A. shall be filled out online through the OMHA Portal sixty (60) days in advance of the tournament date(s). A copy of the application along with the sanction fees made payable to the W.O.A.A. shall be sent to the W.O.A.A. Office. The tournament applications will be reviewed by the W.O.A.A., then forwarded to the OMHA.

E-7. Upon completion of the W.O.A.A. play-offs, the Minor Hockey Association will be billed for playoff fees as set by the WOAA Minor Hockey Committee and approved by the WOAA Board of Directors.

- a) All Elimination Rounds before Finals
- b) All Teams Playing In A Three (3) Way Round Robin Series  
All Teams Playing In A Four (4) Way Round Robin Series  
All Teams Playing In A Five (5) Way Round Robin Series  
All Teams Playing In A Six (6) Way Round Robin Series  
All Teams Playing In A Seven (7) Way And Above Round Robin Series
- c) All Final Rounds

E-8. No percentage of gate receipts is required at any time.

E-9. Playoff Tournaments - When a tournament style play-off is held for U13 and above to determine a championship, each team shall pay a fee to the W.O.A.A. The fee shall be added to the play-off billing. The WOAA playoff tournament fee for U9 and U11 will be included in the initial team registration described in [E-3](#) of this manual (to take effect for the 2022-23 season). The host team in consultation with the W.O.A.A. Convenor may charge each team to cover eligible tournament costs which would include ice time, Timekeepers, referees and administration supplies. The host association shall provide the W.O.A.A. with a financial report of the tournament fourteen (14) days after its completion.

E-10. ASSIGNMENT FEES - OFFICIALS:

When an individual club or local association requests “Neutral Officials” be assigned by the W.O.A.A., that club or local association shall be responsible for the full payment (fees and mileage) of the assigned officials. To cover the administrative costs involved, the requesting club or local association shall be assessed a fee per request. The fee shall be added to the play-off billing.

E-11. A Minor Hockey Association that fails to submit the game sheets from their centre once every seven (7) days shall be billed a late fee. The cost of online game sheets is due upon billing by the WOAA office.

## **SEC. F - COMMITTEE**

F-1. The W.O.A.A. President shall appoint a Chairperson.

F-2. The Chairperson shall appoint a committee to be ratified by the W.O.A.A. Board of Directors.

F-3. The committee shall be composed of:

- (a) Appointed Chairperson,
- (b) Vice-Chairperson,
- (c) Convenors - Representative and Local League,
- (d) OMHA Liaison Appointee,
- (e) President of the W.O.A.A.,
- (f) Other appointed members.

F-4. The Chairperson or designate shall convene meetings as necessary.

F-5. The committee shall assist the Chairperson in the day to day operations of the program.

F-6. In conjunction with the Executive Administrator collectively they shall administer the program by:

- (a) Directing and co-ordinating schedule play-offs,
- (b) Reviewing events and resolving relative issues,
- (c) Ensuring teams respect and adhere to rules and regulations,
- (d) Providing guidance, leadership and direction to all clubs and members.

## **SEC. G - ANNUAL MEETING**

G-1. The date of the Annual Minor Hockey Meeting shall be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of September; however, an alternate date may be selected by the Chairperson.

G-2. During the meeting the Chairperson shall present proposed amendments which shall be resolved as outlined in By-Law No. 4, Rules of Order.

## **SEC. H. - AMENDMENTS**

H-1. An amendment that is inconsequential or contravenes the By-Laws shall not be accepted.

H-2. Proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the W.O.A.A. Executive Administrator at least sixty (60) days prior to the announced date of the Annual Meeting. All Centre Contacts shall receive a copy of the proposed amendments prior to the Annual Meeting.

H-3. Any amendment shall be submitted in printed, written or typewritten manner and will:

- (a) Have the name of the mover and the association thereon,
- (b) Clearly identify the By-Law, Paragraph, part or parts thereof.

## **SEC. I - VOTING**

I-1. Each association of the year previous to the Annual Meeting shall have one (1) vote per representative team and one (1) vote per centre for Local League provided that association is in good standing.

I-2. Any new association who has deposited their entry fee with the Executive Administrator shall have the right to vote.

I-3. There shall be no voting by proxy at any time.

## **SEC. J - TEAM REGISTRATION**

J-1. Registration and approval of OMHA Official Team Rosters, including player and team official approvals, will be done online and all reference in these by-laws to player, team official or team roster forms shall include online forms, where applicable.

J-2. The team registration online form is identified and title as the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) Official Team Roster.

J-3. All OMHA Official Team Rosters must be completed in full.

J-4. All new players must provide a copy of "Proof of Birthdate".

J-5. Failure to provide complete "Residence" information will result in NON APPROVAL of the participant.

J-6. Representative teams must forward for approval (via their Centre Contact), to their assigned Convenor, OMHA Official Team Rosters no later than October 9<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season.

J-7. Local League teams must forward for approval (via their Centre Contact), to their assigned Convenor, the OMHA Official Team Rosters (Local/House League Teams) no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season.

J-8. After the stated dates no player or team official may participate in any game until they have been approved by their assigned Convenor.

J-9. Team officials must allow at least twelve (12) business days to have their OMHA Official Team Roster processed for tournament play.

J-10. Players can be added or deleted up to January 10th.

J-11. From February 1st to February 10th it is the Centre Contact's responsibility to obtain the Convenor's interim approval for any new player, then complete that player's registration online and obtain final approval.

J-12. No new player can be signed after February 10th as per Hockey Canada rules; however, Team Officials may be added or deleted at any time. To add or delete Team Officials after February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Centre Contact shall notify the W.O.A.A. Convenor in charge of that centre's team roster approval. That information shall then be passed onto the W.O.A.A./OMHA Regional Director for approval.

J-13. It is the team's responsibility to ensure they have the OMHA Official Team Roster (including their approved Affiliated Players) in their possession for all play-off and tournament games.

J-14. Any player/goalie that is requested to have a roster transfer to a lower division/category team after December 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season, shall not be affiliated back to the team they are currently rostered on. This regulation may be waived and special permission given by the W.O.A.A. Minor Hockey Chairman, who in consultation with the Minor Hockey Committee, deems it to be in the player's/goalie's best interests. Other affiliation requests for these same players/goalies shall be dealt with on a case by case basis.

J-15. An affiliated player's name must be listed on the OMHA Official Team Roster in order to play for the affiliated team. Additions or deletions must be completed prior to January 15th.

J-16. Any person who is approved as a Team Official (Coach, Manager or Trainer) with a minor team within a local association or club may act as a team official for any other minor team in that same community.

## SEC. K - PLAYING RULES

K-1. The Association shall adopt the Hockey Canada playing rules with the OMHA rules taking precedence where applicable. Amendments to these rules as they apply to the W.O.A.A. will be made on an ongoing basis at the Annual Minor Hockey Meeting and approved by the Board of Directors.

K-2. In W.O.A.A. play, the order of precedence and priority of play shall be as follows:

- (a) OMHA Playdowns,
- (b) W.O.A.A. Play-offs,
- (c) Consolation Play-offs,
- (d) League,
- (e) Tournament,
- (f) Exhibition.

K-3 For all W.O.A.A. schedule and play-off games, there shall be no scheduling of games after 9:00 p.m. unless previously agreed upon when the visiting team is required to travel greater than eighty (80) km., one (1) way when the following day is a school day for the travelling team. Note that the actual resultant start time can be beyond 9:00 p.m. due to unforeseen circumstances (just not intentionally scheduled beyond 9:00 p.m.).

## SEC. L - PLAY-OFFS

L-1. The Chairperson in conjunction with the Executive Administrator and committee shall arrange all Rep. and Local League play-offs.

- L-2. a) A coin toss will determine the site of the odd game in any W.O.A.A. /OMHA Rep. series.  
b) The Convenor shall determine the process of determining the site of the odd game for the W.O.A.A. League Championship play-off series.  
c) The Local League Convenor(s) shall determine the process of determining the site of the odd game for the W.O.A.A. Local League Championship play-off series.

L-3. W.O.A.A./OMHA Rep. Playdowns shall be 4, 6, or 8 point series when time permits or as otherwise stated by the Chairperson.

L-4. Each year a complete list of Rep. play-off rules and drawsheets will be available on the W.O.A.A. Web Site.

L-5. Curfews shall not be applied to any Rep./Local League play-off game; OMHA “Game Regulations” will apply. Any play-off game in contravention to this rule will be forfeited and two (2) points will be awarded to the visiting team.

L-6. The W.O.A.A. Office must be notified as soon as possible by the leading team of a final Rep. series when a trophy presentation may be necessary.

L-7. The W.O.A.A. Local League Convenor(s) must be notified as soon as possible by the leading team of a final Local League series when a trophy presentation may be necessary.

## SEC. M - GAME OFFICIALS

M-1. Unless otherwise stated the home team shall supply registered and qualified game officials, as per OMHA Manual of Operations, for all W.O.A.A.-OMHA Rep. and Local League play-offs.

M-2. No member of the immediate families may officiate any game in Rep./Local League play-offs in which a family member is participating. (This includes linesmen in a three man system.) The immediate family includes: mother, father, husband, wife, brother, sister, son, daughter, aunt or uncle. (see note [M-4](#))

M-3. In all cases, game officials must be at least two years older than the division age limit they are officiating. It is preferable to use a three man system for U15. Except in case of an outstanding circumstance, a three man system shall be used for all U18 Rep and U21 exhibition, regular season, and play-offs. A four man system may be used in U18 and above but is not mandatory. Exception as per OMHA Regulation 18.4 “All officials 18 years of age or older on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season and are carded as a Certified HCOP Level 2 or higher are eligible to officiate any level of OMHA hockey as per OMHA Regulations Appendix B (Representative Assignments) or OMHA Regulations Appendix C (Local, Minor Development and House League Assignments).” (See note [M-4](#))

M-4. The home team shall supply neutral game officials for the deciding game of a Rep. series. The DECIDING GAME is when the series is tied in points and either team could be eliminated from further play.

Neutral Game Officials - Resides outside the boundaries of the centre involved and has not been a regular game official in that centre.

NOTE: (RE: M-2, M-3 & M-4) The non-offending centre must submit a Protest with the appropriate fees as per W.O.A.A. By Law 3. The offending centre must submit a Defense with appropriate fee as per W.O.A.A. By Law 3. If a defense is not submitted in the appropriate manner, the Protest will be upheld and the offending centre will be billed the appropriate administration fee.

The penalty for use of illegal game officials when a Protest is upheld shall result in the game being replayed at the non offending centre at the end of the series if required.

M-5. The W.O.A.A. Office will assign game officials for the following games:

- (a) All OMHA games against teams from outside the W.O.A.A.
- (b) Opposing team has requested neutral game officials. It is essential that the W.O.A.A. Office be notified with as much notice as possible when neutral game officials are requested.
- (c) At the discretion of the W.O.A.A. Minor Hockey Chairperson.

M-6. Local associations requesting neutral game officials for any game or series other than covered in these rules must make arrangements through the W.O.A.A. Office, with at least seventy-two (72) hours notice before game start. Payment of the game officials and the administration fee shall be as stated in Sec. [E-10](#).

M-7. In every W.O.A.A. Local League regular season, exhibition and tournament game, the OMHA Table of Local League Assignments Appendix C -Regulations shall be used.

M-8. In every W.O.A.A. Local League play-off game, the OMHA Table of Local League Assignments Appendix C -Regulations shall be used. NOTE: Exception To Appendix: "In all U9 and U11 Local League play-off games at least one game official must be Registered Level 2 or higher."

M-9. Payment for game officials shall be as stated in the OMHA Manual of Operations.

## **SEC. N - SUSPENSIONS**

N-1. In accordance with the By-Laws and Policies, the Chairperson shall:

- (a) Suspend or discipline registered participants,
- (b) Review and/or revise suspension scale annually.

N-2. All suspensions commence at the time of the infraction.

N-3. Any member having incurred a suspension who fails to adhere in full to the assessment, the suspension shall be doubled (Authority By-Law No. 3, Suspension Paragraph 5 (c)).

N-4. Any player or team official who is assessed a third Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct or Match Penalty or any combination thereof may be placed under indefinite suspension until dealt with by the Convenor and/or the Minor Hockey Committee. This rule does not apply to the W.O.A.A./OMHA play-offs.

N-5. The OMHA Match Penalty suspension scale will apply as a minimum guideline for suspensions. The Convenors will assess suspensions up to and including five games. The Minor Hockey Chairperson will be contacted for suspensions of six to ten games. Suspensions over ten games the Minor Hockey Committee will make recommendations to be referred onto the W.O.A.A./OMHA President(s) and finally approved by the W.O.A.A. Board of Directors.

N-6. When multiple penalties are assessed resulting in multiple suspensions; these suspensions shall be served in consecutive sequence.

N-7. When a suspension is not served in its entirety at the completion of a season, the remainder of the suspension shall be served at the beginning of the next season. The OMHA will be notified of any carry-over suspensions.

## **SEC. O - ALL-STAR GAMES**

O-1. The Minor Hockey Committee will not support or sanction any All-Star Games for the U13 age level and below. The Minor Hockey Committee shall review all requests for All-Star Games for U15 and above. All requests must be submitted in writing by the host association ninety (90) days prior to the event in writing. Once approved in writing, the host association may continue to plan the event.

## **SEC. P - SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

P-1. The W.O.A.A. have adopted a Privacy Policy in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). In reference to all distribution of personal information to third parties, all members and participants shall have the option to Opt-In or Opt-Out. All inquiries as they refer to the Privacy Policy shall be dealt with by the appointed W.O.A.A. Privacy Officer.

P-2. The Policies and Procedures concerning the Harassment and Abuse Policy of the OMHA are found in the OMHA Manual Of Operations and are adopted by the W.O.A.A. Minor Hockey. All centres are to review these policies and must follow with a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Should any incident arise, the Minor Hockey Chairperson must be notified immediately.

### W.O.A.A. Local/House League Rules

P-3. Local/House League teams shall adopt all Hockey Canada rules; however, OMHA and W.O.A.A. amendments to these rules will take precedence.

P-4. The following is to be used as a guideline by centres for the signing of players with both a Rep. and a Local League team. Centres with more than one Local League team should contact their Convenor. All affiliation rules will apply as per OMHA Manual of Operations.

| NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS | MINIMUM TO SIGN TO REP. TEAM |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 18                    | 8                            |
| 19                    | 8                            |
| 20                    | 9                            |
| 21                    | 9                            |
| 22                    | 10                           |
| 23                    | 10                           |
| 24                    | 11                           |
| 25                    | 11                           |
| 26                    | 11                           |
| 27                    | 12                           |
| 28                    | 12                           |
| 29                    | 13                           |
| 30                    | 14                           |
| 31                    | 14                           |
| 32                    | 15                           |
| 33                    | 16                           |
| 34                    | 17                           |

P-5. Teams entering tournaments may only use players signed to that team’s approved OMHA Official Team Roster. Team/Centres are not permitted to combine teams unless properly signed and approved as a Recreational (House) League “Select” Team as defined in the OMHA Manual of Operations. All Local/House League teams must register players as per Sec. [J-7](#).

P-6. When a centre’s only entry (or entries) in a given age group is Local League; that team (or teams) will participate in play-offs known as Local League Elite.  
Exception – A Local League Elite team that completes their regular season schedule with less than a .600 winning percentage, may apply to their Local League Convenor to compete in the appropriate Local League Colour Final Play-offs (if eligible by record) no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

P-7. The OMHA representative player Residence Rule (Regulation 3.0 Player Eligibility) shall also apply for the determination of player eligibility for all W.O.A.A. Local/House League teams.

P-8. The OMHA programming for U11 and below shall be followed by all centres with U11 and below hockey. Any centre’s Minor U9 and below age players wishing to participate in games (1/2 ice exhibition) with another centre must be on an approved OMHA Official Team Roster and have an approved OMHA Travel Permit. No exhibition game will be allowed prior to the approved date of the OMHA program. All rostered players must be of proper residence and have approved paperwork. All players must register in their home centre before being considered for approval in another centre if the home centre has no team in that age group.

P-9. The W.O.A.A. has adopted a Policy that a current three (3) years Police Check is required for any individual who is in a position of trust or authority while working with youth (under the age of 19). It is the responsibility of each team, league or association to ensure that Police Record Checks have been completed.



P-10. Rowan's Law is applicable to all participants. It is mandatory that each team ensures participants have reviewed Ontario's Concussion Awareness Resources.

### **SEC. Q - COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES**

Q-1. Each local association or an individual team if no association exists shall forward to the Executive Administrator the name, address, telephone number (home and business) and email address of a specified Centre Contact person and Assistant Centre Contact Person.

Q-2. Communication to and from the Executive Administrator will be via that stated person.

Q-3. The procedure of communication is as follows:

- (a) W.O.A.A. Board of Directors
- (b) Minor Hockey Chairperson
- (c) Minor Hockey Committee
- (d) Referee Committee
- (e) Convenor
- (f) Centre Contact/Assistant Centre Contact
- (g) Team Officials
- (h) Players

### **SEC. R - COMPLAINTS**

R-1. When a complaint is submitted, it shall be forwarded to the Executive Administrator. The submission shall be typewritten or carefully handwritten in form, concise, factual and shall be signed by the:

- (a) President, Secretary and/or Centre/Team Contact of a local association with two signatures affixed.
- (b) (If no association exists), Coach and Manager of a club.
- (c) Individual who has a direct interest in the matter.

### **SEC. S - PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

S-1. Protests and Appeals shall be submitted in accordance with the procedures so stated in By-Law No. 3.

ADDENDUM #1 Fees

Note : Any reference to dues or fees including, but not exclusively, to team registration dues, playoff fees, fines or penalty fees, damages or replacement fees, administration fees, and assignment fees are set by the WOAA Minor Hockey Chairperson as per [E-1](#) and approved by the WOAA Directors as per Bylaw #1 Section 38. In most cases these fees are set before the start of the playing season and they are not part of the By-Law amendment process (Section [H](#)) at the Annual Meeting.

Following is a list of fees relevant to Minor Hockey that will be reviewed annually by the specific sport Chairperson and approved by the WOAA Directors.

| <b>Section</b>         | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Fee / Fines<br/>+ HST where applicable</b>   | <b>Last Date<br/>revised by<br/>WOAA</b> |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| <a href="#">D-6 a)</a> | Late return of trophies   | i) \$35.00<br>ii) \$50.00<br>iii) \$500.00<br>iv) \$1500.00                           |  |
| <a href="#">D-6 b)</a> | Damage / loss of trophy   | \$1500.00   |  |
| <a href="#">E-3</a>    | Late entry fee  | \$50.00   |  |
| <a href="#">E-7</a>    | a) Elimination round before finals<br>b) Round robin 3 teams<br>Round Robin 4 teams<br>Round Robin 5 teams<br>Round Robin 6 teams<br>Round Robin 7 teams<br>c) Final Series | \$35.00 (each team)<br>\$45.00<br>\$50.00<br>\$55.00<br>\$60.00<br>\$65.00<br>\$60.00 |  |
| <a href="#">E-9</a>    | Tournament Style playoff fee  | \$30.00 each team   |  |
| <a href="#">E-10</a>   | Assignment fees-officials   | \$35.00   |  |
| <a href="#">E-11</a>   | Late submission of game sheets  | \$10.00   |  |
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