

BY-LAWS of the WINNIPEG MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.
(Amended April 24, 2024)

BY-LAW 1.

NAME

This organization shall be known as "Hockey Winnipeg".

BY-LAW 2.

DEFINITIONS

In these By-Laws:

1. "Association" means the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association (WMHA)/Hockey Winnipeg.
2. "Area Associations" means those Minor Hockey Associations in Winnipeg approved by the WMHA.
3. "Branch" means Hockey Manitoba.
4. "Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association" means those lands within the Province of Manitoba bounded as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the center of the Red River with the production east of the north limit of Section 24, Township 16, Range 4 East; thence west along said production and the north limits of Section 24, 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, Township 16, Range 4 East, and sections 24, 23 and 22, Township 16, Range 3 East to the north-west corner of said Section 22; thence south along the west limits of Section 22, 15, 10 and 3, Township 16 of Sections 34, 27, 22, 15, 10 and 3, Township 15 of Sections 34, 27, 22, 15, 10 and 3, townships 14, of Sections 34, 27, 22, 15, 10 and 3, Township 13, in all Range 3 East to the southwest corner of said Section 3 of Township 13; thence west along the north limits of Sections 33, 32 and 31, Township 12, Range 3 East to the north-west corner of said Section 31; thence south along the west limits of Sections 31, 30, 19 and 7 to the center of P.T.H. 101, as the same is shown on a plan registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office as No. 6863; thence west and south along the center line of said P.T.H. 101 to the north limit of the Four Mile Road lying north of and adjoining the Parish of St. Charles; thence in a general west direction following the north and west limits of the Four Mile Road lying north of and adjoining the Parishes of St. Charles and Headingly to the production of the east limit of River Lot 227 of the Parish of St. Francois Xavier to the north limit of said Four Mile Road; thence south along said production, the east limit of Lot 227 in the Inner and Outer Two Miles of said Parish and its production to the center of the Assiniboine River; thence downstream along said center of the Assiniboine River to the production north of the east limit of Lot 1 in the Outer Two Miles of the Parish of St. Francois Xavier; thence south along said Outer Two Miles of said Parish, and its production to the south limit of the Four Mile Road; thence in a general east direction following the south and east limits of the four Mile Road lying south of and adjoining the Parishes of St. Charles and Headingly to the west limit of the Four Mile Road lying west of and adjoining the Parish of St. Vital; thence in a general south direction along the west and south limits of said Four Mile Road and the west and north limits of the Four Mile Road lying west of and adjoining the Parish of St. Norbert to the production of the south limit of River Lot 70 of said Parish of St. Norbert; thence east along said production and south limits of Lot 70 in the Inner and Outer Two Miles of said Parish and its production to the center of the Red River; thence south upstream along the center of said Red River to the production west of the south limit of River Lot 188 of the Parish of St. Norbert; thence east along said production and south limit of said River Lot 188 in said Parish of St. Norbert and its production to the north limit of the Two Mile Road in said Parish to the south limit of Lot 180 in the Outer Two Miles of the Parish of St. Norbert; thence east along said south limit to the west limit of fractional Section 30, Township 9, Range 4 East; thence north along said west limit of said Section 30, Township 9, Range 4 East thence north along said west limit of said Section 30 and its production to the south limit of the Greater Winnipeg Floodway; thence northerly along said south and east limits of said Floodway to the north limit of Section 32, Township 9, Range 4 East; thence

east along the north limits of Section 32, 33, 34 and 35, Township 9, Range 4 East to the northeast corner of said Section 35; thence north along the east limits of Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 26 and 35, Township 10, Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 26 and 35, Township 11, Sections 2, 11 and fractional Section 14, Township 12, all of Range 4 East to the south limit of the Four Mile Road in Outer Two Miles of the Parish of St. Pauls; thence in a general north direction along the south and east limits of the Four Mile Road in the Outer Two Miles of the Parish of St. Pauls and St. Andrews to the north limit of fractional Section 33, Township 12, Range 5 East; thence east along the north limits of Sections 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 12, Range 5 East, and Sections 31, 32 and 33, Township 12, Range 6 East to the north-east corner of said Section 33, of Township 12; thence north along the east limits of Sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 27 and 34, Township 13, Range 6 East to the north-west corner of said Section 34 of Township 13; thence east along the north limit of said section 34 to the north-east corner of said Section 34; thence north along the east limits of Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 26 and 35, Township 14, Range 6, East to the north-west corner of said Section 35; thence east along the north limits of Sections 35, and 36, Township 14, Range 6 East to the north-east corner of said Section 36; thence north along the east limits of Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24, Township 15, Range 6 East to the north-east corner of said Section 24; thence east along the north limits of Sections 24, 23, 22, 21 20 and 19, Township 15, Range 6 East, and Sections 24, 23 and 22, Township 15, Range 5 East and its production to the center of the Red River; thence north along the center line of said Red River to the point of commencement.

5. "Minor Hockey" means hockey in all age groups up to and including U18.
6. "Special Funds" means such funds as raised by the Executive of the Association but does not include funds which are realized by assessment of members or grants from the Branch.
7. "Division" the name given to players born in a year including U18, U17, U15, U13, U11, U9 and U7.
8. "Category" the name given to the different levels of competition including AAA, AA, A1, A2, and A3.
9. "League" a number of teams from the same division of the same category that play a schedule of games against each other.

BY-LAW 3.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Association as set out in the Articles of Incorporation are restricted to the following:

1. To encourage and foster minor hockey in the Association;
2. To foster player skill development at all levels of hockey within the Association;
3. By agreement with the Branch, to operate minor hockey in the Association and to decide and adjust any and all matters that may be in dispute;
4. To establish leagues for teams in the various age groups within its jurisdiction to conduct competition and to decide the winners of the various groups who shall represent the Association in provincial playoff competition.
5. To foster fair and equitable competition.

BY-LAW 4.

COMPOSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall consist of:

1. the Executive;
2. Area Associations with hockey zone boundaries approved at an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Association and listed as Schedule "A" to these By-Laws; and
3. Community Centres with hockey zone boundaries approved at an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Association and listed as Schedule "A" to these By-Laws.

Schedule "A" appears in the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Rules and Regulations Handbook.

BY-LAW 5.

REPRESENTATION AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL, SPECIAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

1. All Annual, Special and Executive Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
2. The Executive of the Association shall consist of the Executive Officers and the Executive Members of the Association as set forth in By-Law 6.
3. Each Executive Officer, except the President, and each Executive Member shall be entitled to vote at the Executive Meetings.
4. All members of the Association as set forth in By-Law 6 shall be entitled to attend all Executive Meetings, Annual Meeting or Special Meetings of the Association.
5. At the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting, each Executive Officer, except the President, and each Executive Member as set forth in By-Law 6 shall be entitled to cast 1 vote. Each Executive Member shall be entitled to attend and cast 1 vote for each WMHA approved Community Centre within the area he or she represents, provided he or she presents the official proxy sent to the President of the Community Centre and signed by the Community Centre President. That Community Centre may elect or may appoint their own delegate, as set forth in By-law 21, and the delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote provided he or she presents the official proxy sent to the President of the Community Centre and signed by the Community Centre's President.
6. The President shall be entitled to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tied vote at the Executive Meetings, Annual Meeting or Special Meetings of the Association.

BY-LAW 6.

EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Executive

Executive Officers of the Association shall consist of the Officers next hereinafter enumerated:

1. President
2. Past President
3. Executive Vice-President Operations
4. Executive Vice-President Programs
5. Vice-President A (U7, U9 & U11)
6. Vice-President A (U13, U15 & U18)
7. Vice-President AAA
8. Vice-President AA
9. Vice-President Female
10. Vice-President Officials

Executive Members of the Association shall consist of each Area Association President, or a designate of the President of the Area Associations next hereinafter enumerated:

1. Assiniboine Park Hockey Association
2. Fort Garry North Hockey Association
3. Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association
4. River East Minor Hockey Association
5. St. Boniface Minor Hockey Association
6. St. James-Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association
7. St. Vital Minor Hockey Association
8. Seven Oaks Minor Hockey Association
9. South Winnipeg Hockey Association
10. Transcona Minor Hockey Association Inc.
11. General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres

General Membership

The **Members** of the Association shall consist of the Executive Officers, Honorary Life Members, Executive Members and the Directors and others next hereinafter enumerated:

1. Executive Director
2. Registrar
3. Scheduling Director
4. Tournament Director
5. Publicity Director
6. Coaches Liaison Director
7. Officials Supervision Director
8. Referee-in-Chief
9. Officials Assignment Director(s)
10. Hockey Manitoba/Hockey Winnipeg Minor Hockey Director
11. U18 AAA MMHL Division Director
12. U17 AAA Division Director
13. U15 AAA Division Director
14. U18 AA Division Director
15. U15 AA Division Director
16. U13 AA Division Director
17. Female U18 AA/A; U15 AA/A Division Director
18. Female U13 AA/A; Female U11 A; Female U9A Division Director
19. U18 A (Direct Entry) Suspension Director
20. U15 A (Direct Entry) Suspension Director
21. U13 A (Direct Entry) Suspension Director
22. U9 A/U11 A Division Director

BY-LAW 7.

CONSTITUTIONS

All Area Associations, as defined by Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association By-Laws, shall submit their Constitutions, By-Laws and Policies to the Winnipeg Minor Hockey office by October 1st of each year.

BY-LAW 8.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. Except for the Past President, the Executive Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association.
2. A term length of two (2) years shall apply to all elected Executive Officer positions. Should an Executive Officer vacate their elected position, the appointed replacement shall occupy that role until the end of the current term.
3. In ODD years, the following positions will be scheduled for re-election: President, VP Programs, VP AA and VP A (U7, U9 & U11).
In EVEN years, the following positions will be scheduled for re-election: VP Operations, VP AAA, VP Female, VP A (U13, U15 & U18), VP Officials.
4. The Executive Officers shall reside within the boundaries of the Association, or have previously served the organization in one of the positions outlined in By-Law 6.
5. The Directors, Executive Director, Registrar and Referee-in-Chief shall be appointed by the Executive Officers.
6. Any office not filled by election at the Annual Meeting and any vacancy occurring in any such office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive.

BY-LAW 9.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President

The President, within the jurisdiction of the Association, shall have all the powers of the President of the Branch, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall have the power:

- a) To sign as a signing officer for the Association;
- b) To preside at all meetings;
- c) To exercise the powers of the Executive in case of an emergency;
- d) To sit on all committees as an ex-officio non-voting member;
- e) To vote at Executive Meetings, Annual Meetings or Special Meetings only in the event of a tied vote; and
- f) To suspend (in consultation with any two members of the Executive) teams, team officials, players, parents or spectators, ***on/off ice officials*** and shall report the suspension to the next Executive meeting
- g) To administer the provisions of the Respectful Hockey Policy and Procedure required to be administered by the President.

Executive Vice-President Operations

The Executive Vice-President Operations shall:

- a) In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability to act, have and exercise all the powers of the President;
- b) Chair meetings of any appeals;
- c) Chair meetings of all Suspension Hearings; and
- d) On behalf of the Association, coordinate, formulate and assist the Executive Director, Registrar, Tournament Director and Team Officials Conduct Director in the discharge of their duties.
- e) In conjunction with the Executive Director, provide financial budget and reports for the Association.
- f) Sign as a signing officer for the Association.
- g) Ensure that the Executive Director receive all monies payable to the Association and keep same on deposit in a chartered bank as directed by the Executive.
- h) Ensure that the Executive Director receive and record all accounts payable by the Association and with the approval of the Executive pay all such accounts.
- i) Ensure the Executive Director make payment in all cases, by cheque, the signing officers for each cheque being in all cases a combination of any 2 of the following: President, Executive Vice-President Operations or Executive Director.
- j) Ensure the Executive Director keep proper books of accounts and make them available to any Executive Officer or Executive Member at any time on request.
- k) Have all accounts audited once each year, not later than the 31st day of December following the year end Annual Meeting, in order that this audit is presented at the following Annual Meeting.
- l) Have the Executive Director prepare and review an annual operating budget for the Association program.
- m) Have the Executive Director prepare for Executive approval an annual team registration fees for all teams under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- n) Ensure the Executive Director approve all expenses for game officials handling games under the direction of the Association, and
- o) Review and present budgets and monthly financial reports for all WMHA programs including AAA, AA and All Star Days and any special events.

Executive Vice-President Programs

The Executive Vice-President Programs shall:

- a) In the absence of both the President and Executive Vice-President Operations, or in the event of their inability to act, have and exercise all the powers of the President;
- b) Be an ex-officio non-voting member of all Councils within WMHA;
- c) On behalf of the Association co-ordinate, formulate and assist the Vice-President AAA; Vice-President AA; Vice-President A (U7, U9 & U11); Vice-President A (U13, U15, & U18) and Vice-President Female; and
- d) On behalf of the Association, coordinate any special projects.

Vice-President A (U7, U9 & U11)

The Vice-President A (U7, U9 & U11) shall:

- a) Direct, formulate and coordinate the administrative functions of A (U7, U9 & U11) at the Area Association level; and
- b) Hold meetings each season to establish a liaison with the Area Association Presidents or their designates.

Vice-President A (U13, U15 & U18)

The Vice-President A (U13, U15 & U18) shall:

- a) Direct, formulate and coordinate the administrative functions of A (U13, U15 & U18) Direct Entry hockey, and
- b) On behalf of the Association appoint, in consultation with the Executive Officers, three Suspension Directors to carry out the duties of applying the rules of suspension, assisting where necessary.

Vice-President AAA

The Vice-President AAA shall:

- a) Co-direct, formulate and coordinate the administrative functions of AA/AAA hockey;
- b) On behalf of the Association, formulate, coordinate and assist the AA/AAA Division Directors in the discharge of their duties; and
- c) Provide a monthly financial report to the Executive of WMHA.

Vice-President AA

The Vice-President AA shall:

- a) Co-direct, formulate and coordinate the administrative functions of AA/AAA hockey;
- b) On behalf of the Association, formulate, coordinate and assist the AA/AAA Division Directors in the discharge of their duties; and
- c) Provide a monthly financial report to the Executive of WMHA.

Vice-President Female

The Vice-President Female shall:

- a) Direct, formulate and coordinate the administrative functions of Female Hockey, and
- b) On behalf of the Association, in consultation with the Executive Officers, appoint the Suspension Director(s) to carry out the duties of applying the rules of suspension, assisting where necessary.

Vice-President Officials

The Vice-President Officials shall:

- a) Have and exercise all the powers of the President in respect to the administrative duties of the Referee-in-Chief, Officials Conduct Director and Officials Assignment Director; and
- b) Suspend any game officials.

BY-LAW 10.

PERMISSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

1. An Executive Officer of the WMHA shall be excluded from being actively involved with any tier council, team or association in the WMHA, unless defined in the WMHA By-Laws, or with the permission of the Executive.
2. Executive Officers of the Association shall be excluded from officiating in the WMHA except with permission of the Executive.

BY-LAW 11.

ATTENDANCE

Executive Officers and Members missing 3 consecutive meetings or 4 out of 5 meetings shall be asked to resign their office unless excused by the President.

BY-LAW 12.

AA/AAA COUNCIL

1. At the annual discretion of the Executive, there shall be a AA/AAA Council, co-chaired by the Vice-President AA and the Vice-President AAA, the membership of which shall consist of persons appointed by the co-chairs as well as one representative as appointed by each Area Association.
2. The AA/AAA Council shall have such powers and duties respecting AA/AAA hockey as may from time to time be delegated or assigned to it by the Executive.

BY-LAW 13.

A COUNCIL

1. There shall be an A Council for U7, U9 and U11 chaired by the Vice-President A (U7, U9 & U11). The membership of this Council shall consist of an equal number of persons appointed by each Area Association responsible for A hockey in the area prescribed in By-Law 2, sub clause 4.
2. There shall be an A Council for U13, U15, and U18 chaired by the Vice President A (U13, U15 & U18). The membership of this Council shall consist of an equal number of persons appointed by each Area Association responsible for A hockey in the area prescribed in By-Law 2, sub clause 4.
3. The A Councils shall have such powers and duties respecting A hockey as may from time to time be delegated or assigned to it by the Executive. Variations to Rules and Regulations voted and passed by these Councils must be presented by the Vice President of the Council to the Executive for final approval.
4. The only members of A Councils allowed to vote on issues are the equal number of persons appointed by each Area Association.

BY-LAW 14.

FEMALE COUNCIL

1. There shall be a Female Council chaired by the Vice-President Female, the membership of which shall consist of the Female Hockey Division Directors and an equal number of persons appointed by each Area Association responsible for Female in the area prescribed in By-Law 2, clause 4.
2. The Female Council shall have such powers and duties respecting Female hockey as may from time to time be delegated or assigned to it by the Executive.

BY-LAW 15.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall have the power to administer all the affairs of the Association, to conduct its business and to authorize all expenditures and without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall have the powers:

- a) To fill any vacancies that may happen;
- b) To establish hockey zone boundaries;
- c) To conduct competitions;
- d) To register all teams and players;
- e) To hear and rule on appeals;
- f) To suspend any team, player, team official or game official for violation of any of the provisions in the Rules and Regulations or Special Rules and the lifting of any such suspension to any team, player, team official or game official;
- g) To suspend any Executive Officer in accordance with the Constitution of Hockey Manitoba with a 2/3 majority of the votes cast;
- h) To determine all questions arising from situations which are not otherwise specifically provided for;
- i) To appoint committees as may be required to carry on the business of the Association;
- j) To prescribe, consistent with these By-Laws the powers and duties of all persons set forth in By-Law 6;
- k) To exercise in minor hockey in the area prescribed in By-Law 2, sub clause 4, all the powers and duties of the Branch Executive;
- l) To accept or reject entries from any minor hockey authority under the jurisdiction of the WMHA;
- m) To pass all Rules and Regulations as required for the administration of the Association; and
- n) To develop policies and practices for the management and operations of Hockey Winnipeg (WMHA).

BY-LAW 16.

DUES

1. Each team entered in competition in the Association shall pay an annual fee to the Association, and said fee shall be set by the Executive each year on or before the 1st day of October of the current playing season.
2. The said fee shall be payable at the time that the teams register for competition and shall be in addition to any other dues or fees payable to the Branch.

BY-LAWS 17.

MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at the call of the President between the 15th day of April and the 1st day of June of each year.
2. Special Meetings of the Association may be held at the call of the President and the President shall call such meetings on request of a majority of the Executive.
3. There shall be an Executive Meeting at the call of the President at least once, in every month, during the playing season.
4. Notice of the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting shall be given in writing to all members of the Association and to the Presidents of all Community Centres listed in Schedule "A" to these By-Laws not later than 14 days prior to the holding thereof. Proxy forms shall accompany the notice of the meeting sent to the Community Centre Presidents. The President of the Community Centre may elect to send another Community Centre official in his/her place or proxy the Community Centre's vote to the President of the Area Association the Community Centre resides in. Notice of meetings and Proxy forms will be distributed via the Area Associations for delivery to the Community Centre Presidents. In the case of the St. John's Ravenscourt School, notice shall be provided to the Headmaster of the School via the Area Association.

Schedule "A" appears in the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Rules and Regulations Handbook.

BY-LAW 18.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following order of business shall be observed at the Annual Meeting of the Association:

- a) Presentation of delegates' credentials
- b) Roll call of delegates
- c) Reading of minutes
- d) Business arising out of minutes
- e) President's address
- f) Financial report
- g) Reports on committees
- h) Resolutions, general or new business
- i) Elections
- j) Adjournment

BY-LAW 19.

APPLICATION OF BRANCH CONSTITUTION

That where the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations are inconsistent with the Constitutions, By-Laws, and Regulations of the CHA and Hockey Manitoba, the CHA and Hockey Manitoba Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations shall prevail.

BY-LAW 20.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting of the Association, provided that 30 days' notice of the specific amendment has been given in writing to the Executive Director and provided further that 14 days' notice has been given in accordance with By-Law 19, clause 4 and such amendment is thereafter approved by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast at the meeting. A motion to amend the By-Laws may itself be amended at the meeting by the same majority. An amendment to these By-Laws shall be submitted to Hockey Manitoba for ratification and until Hockey Manitoba refuses to ratify such amendments, shall be valid and effective.

BY-LAW 21.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations passed by the Executive under By-Law 17, sub clause (m) may be amended at an Executive Meeting by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast provided that notice of such amendment has been given in writing to the members of the Executive at least 14 days prior to the meeting. ***Any provision to waive the 14-day Notice to consider a competition change must be made at either the monthly Executive meeting or a Special meeting called by the President.***

BY-LAW 22.

GRANTS

Any grants which would ordinarily be payable by the Branch to any Community Centre in the Association shall be paid directly to the Association and expended as it may direct.

BY-LAW 23.

APPLICATION OF BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The application of the WMHA By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations are for the entire calendar year and they apply to all Executive Officers, Executive Members, General Members, team officials, game officials and players.