



NOTICE OF MOTIONS

2022 Annual General Meeting



RESOLUTION SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Resolutions are an important opportunity for Members to participate in the shaping of BC Hockey. The Resolution Submission Procedure is to detail clear rules and a transparent process for resolutions to be brought forward at General Meetings.

Parties and Responsibilities

The parties involved in the process and their responsibilities are:

- 1) Sponsoring Member of the Resolution
 - a. submit resolution in plain English that demonstrates the intent of the proposed resolution together with any additional important background and support identifying any opposition to existing BC Hockey bylaws, regulations, policies, programs or practices and the proposed outcome of the resolution if accepted.
 - b. provide point of contact information for communications.
 - c. be available for communications regarding the resolution.

Note: Resolutions can be submitted at any time however the timeliest is January 1 to March 1 each year. Resolutions received after the March 1 deadline are considered for the following year's Annual General Meeting.

- 2) Governance Committee
 - a. review and identify validity and any issues or concerns with proposed resolutions
 - b. communicate any identified issues and concerns to the Sponsoring Member together with any recommended amendments/changes to alleviate such issues and concerns
 - c. if desired by the Sponsoring Member, assist to make any desired amendments to the proposed resolution
 - d. advise the Board of Directors of any issues or concerns and make recommendations regarding each resolution
 - e. create the resolutions package to be circulated to the Members which shall include, for each resolution, a history of the formation and development of the resolution outlining:
 - i. in the case of Member's resolutions, the Sponsoring Member of each resolution, all steps taken to finalize the resolution and any unresolved issues or concerns;
 - ii. in the case of Board generated resolutions, how the resolution was initiated and all steps taken to finalize the resolution;
 - iii. each committee or group that reviewed the proposed resolution and any issues or concerns they identified together with such committee's recommendation;
 - iv. Board of Directors review and any issues or concerns identified together with the Board's recommendation; and
 - v. if the Board of Directors recommends that a resolution is out of order, the resolution package shall clearly identify the Board's recommendation and the reasons for such recommendation and the procedural rules for out order motions.
- 3) Board of Directors
 - a. review resolutions and recommendations from the Governance Committee
 - b. identify any issues or concerns with resolutions moving forward for the Annual General Meeting and obtain appropriate input and expert advice regarding same
 - c. approve the resolutions package so that it may be circulated to the Members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting
- 4) Members
 - a. Debate and vote at Annual General Meetings



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
PROCEDURES POLICY**

I. INTERPRETATION

1. This is a policy of the Board.
2. Annual and Special General Meetings take place as set out in BC Hockey’s Bylaws and Regulations.
3. All General Meetings are chaired by the Chair of the Board for BC Hockey, as defined in Bylaw 101(e).

II. MEETING PROCEDURES

4. The Chair calls the meeting to order and may make announcements or comments. The Agenda is proposed as distributed. Any modification, change of order or addition is received by the Chair and accepted or rejected by the members present at the meeting.
5. The business of the meeting should be conducted through: a) the proposal of motions to be debated; b) reports of persons or Committees; c) questions.
6. Any person who wishes to speak to a motion must be recognized by the Chair. Once recognized, he or she is said to “have the floor”. Discussion on a debated motion must be relevant to the subject, impersonal and directed to the Chair. If the speaker fails to adhere strictly to the subject in a courteous, expeditious manner, or otherwise violates the rules of order, he or she shall be warned. If the speaker persists the Chair may rule him or her “out of order”, thereby withdrawing the right to speak to the motion.
7. The time allowed for discussion may be limited, within reason, by the Chair or by the meeting. It is advised that every speaker indicate whether he or she is for or against the motion. If the discussion has continued for a reasonable time, and the viewpoint for or against the question has been given, the Chair may ask for a motion to terminate the discussion or “call the question” (move the previous question).
8. No member shall speak more than once on the same question without consent of the Chair, except in explanation of a material part of a speech which may have been misconstrued, and in doing so the member shall not introduce new information. Members speaking to a question will be allotted three (3) minutes each time they speak. Members will not speak for a second time until all other members have had an opportunity to speak for the first time.
9. The Chair shall preserve order and decide points of order which may arise.
10. The Chair may, at his or her discretion, call for a recess.

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Resolution 2022-01 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Bylaw: 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 532. New bylaw 523.2022 **Paragraph:** _____

SUBMITTED BY: BC Hockey Board of Directors

SUBJECT MATTER OF RESOLUTION:
This resolution is to change the terms for Directors including the Chair, from two (2) years to three (3) years.

RESOLUTIONS:
To approve the following changes to the Bylaws necessary to change the terms of Directors including the Chair, from two (2) years to three (3) years. The intention, if passed by the Voting Members, is that the terms of Directors including the Chair for 2022 shall be determined on the basis of Bylaw 523.2022.

Terms of Office

521 An elected Director shall serve a ~~two~~**three (3) year** term unless required to serve a **two (2) year term or a one (1) year term** pursuant to these Bylaws or the Director’s term is terminated earlier pursuant to these Bylaws. Terms for elected Directors shall commence upon the close of the annual general meeting at which the Director was elected and expire immediately upon the close of the annual general meeting at the end of the Director’s term unless the Director’s term is terminated earlier pursuant to these Bylaws. For the term of an appointed Director, see Bylaw 538 unless terminated earlier pursuant to these Bylaws.

522 A Director may not run for re-election if that Director is serving in their ~~eight~~**ninth**, or greater, consecutive year on the Board at the time of re-election. Any such Director who has served ~~eight (8)~~**nine (9)** or more consecutive years on the Board, including any term as Chair, shall not be eligible to stand for election to the Board for two (2) ~~consecutive~~ years following expiration of their term. Year includes any part of a year.

523 No individual may serve more than two (2) ~~consecutive two-year terms~~ **three (3) year** terms as Chair.

523.2022 - To transition to three (3) year terms for elected Directors (from two-year terms), the following process to determine Directors’ Terms of Office shall apply:

- a) **Two (2) of the Directors elected at the 2022 annual general meeting, with the greatest number of votes will receive three (3) year terms while the remaining Directors elected at the 2022 annual general meeting will receive two (2) year terms;**
- b) **Three (3) of the Directors elected at the 2023 annual general meeting, with the greatest number of votes will receive three (3) year terms while the remaining Directors elected at the 2023 annual general meeting will receive either two (2) or one (1) year terms based on the greatest number of votes so that at the end of the 2023 annual general meeting , three (3) Directors will have three (3) years remaining, three (3) Directors will have two (2) years remaining and three (3) Directors will have one (1) year remaining on their terms; and,**

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- c) If all candidates for Director are acclaimed at either the 2022 or 2023 annual general meeting, then the term lengths will be determined by a vote of the Voting Members at the annual general meeting.
- d) Bylaw 523.2022 will expire at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 season.

Election of the Chair

526 The Voting Members shall elect the Chair for a ~~two~~ **three (3)** year term at an annual general meeting using the procedure generally described in these Bylaws.

527 The following individuals are eligible to stand for election as Chair, any:

- a. ~~current~~ elected Director whose term does not expire at the annual general meeting where the election is occurring; or,
- b. individual nominated for the position of elected Director in accordance with these Bylaws.

Election of Directors

532 When one (1), two (2) and three (3) year terms are available for election at the annual general meeting, the elections shall have the three (3) nominees receiving the greatest number of votes serve a three (3) year term, three (3) nominees with the second greatest number of votes serve a two (2) year term and the nominees receiving the lesser of the highest number of votes serve the one (1) year terms.

RATIONALE:

To ensure optimal Board performance and continuity, while enhancing succession planning, it has been suggested that the term lengths for Directors be increased from two (2) to three (3) years. It is possible that a number of the more experienced Directors' maximum terms can be reached at the same time and the Board could completely turn over in a two-year period, based on the current lengths of term set out in the Bylaws or because a Director(s) may choose not to serve longer than a two year term.

In order to accommodate a three (3) year term, the maximum term length would need to be increased from eight (8) to nine (9) years. To encourage continued succession planning for the position of Board Chair, and to accommodate the new three (3) year term, the maximum term length for Board Chair is recommended to be increased to six (6) years.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Governance Committee: The Governance Committee was involved in material review and construction of a draft of the Resolution. The Governance Committee recommended to the Board that this resolution is in an acceptable format to proceed.

Board of Directors: The Board recommends the Members adopt Resolution 2022-01.

Operations (CEO): The CEO recommends the Members adopt Resolution 2022-01.

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Resolution 2022-02 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Article: ALL BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS **Paragraph:** _____

SUBMITTED BY: BC Hockey Board of Directors

SUBJECT MATTER OF RESOLUTION:

This Resolution, which has been a significant part of the Governance Committee’s work, along with BC Hockey staff, for the past few years, is to approve those changes to BC Hockey’s Bylaws and Regulations shown in the attached proposed amendments, all being made with the goal of making BC Hockey’s Bylaws and Regulations clearer, more consistent and concise, and much easier to read and interpret. The Governance Committee has attempted at all times to make the changes in a manner that DOES NOT IN A MATERIAL WAY change the interpretation of BC Hockey’s Bylaws and Regulations.

RESOLUTIONS:

To approve those changes to BC Hockey’s Bylaws and Regulations shown in the attached amended Bylaws and Regulations.

RATIONALE:

The Governance Committee has been working through a significant cleanup of BC Hockey’s Bylaws and Regulations for the last couple of years. The Governance Committee identified a large number of inconsistencies, errors, poorly defined terms and difficult to interpret Bylaws and Regulations and took on the task to clean them up. The work was broken up into 3 phases as follows:

Phase I - As an actual phase the cleanup of typos, inconsistencies and defined terms has already been completed. The Members passed resolutions to allow the CEO to make such changes. The items included in the 2021-22 review are in additional to the completed clean up.

Phase II - to clean up terminology that is out of date and/or no longer used and make things more consistent and concise. Because of the nature of the changes in Phase II, the Members should review and approve the changes. Possible engagement may be required based on Membership needs.

Phase III – to clean up categorization of Members and other terms and definitions that are confusing. Because of the changes contemplated in Phase III, there should be engagement with the Members before such resolutions are put forward.

The goal for 2021- 2022 was that Phase I and II, above, would be completed and presented to the Membership by Resolution at the 2022 AGM, and that Phase III deliberation and engagement would be planned for the 2022-2023 season. To that end, the Phase I and II recommendations are now being presented to the Membership for consideration by this Resolution. The plan for Phase III is currently being designed.

Pre AGM procedure:

The BC Hockey deadline for circulation of resolutions to BC Hockey Members is 30 days prior to the AGM. Upon receipt of this information, if requested, BC Hockey will offer engagement sessions with the Members prior to the

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AGM. The purpose of this engagement is to prepare for the AGM by supplying background and clarification to assist Members in their knowledge and comfort with the resolution components.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Governance Committee: The Governance Committee was involved in material review and construction of a draft of the Resolution. The Governance Committee recommended to the Board that this resolution is in an acceptable format to proceed.

Board of Directors: The Board recommends the Members adopt Resolution 2022-02.

Operations (CEO): The CEO recommends the Members adopt Resolution 2022-02.

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Resolution 2022-03 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Article: Appendix A – 1. Annual Registered Participant Assessments **Paragraph:** _____

SUBMITTED BY: BC Hockey Board of Directors

SUBJECT MATTER OF RESOLUTION:

CURRENT WORDING:

- 1. Annual Registered Participant Assessments
 - All Participants (except Adult Recreational)
 - \$13.00 in 2019-2020
 - \$13.50 in 2020-2021
 - \$14.00 in 2021-2022
 - \$14.50 in 2022-2023
 - Hockey Canada Adult Recreational Player \$2.00

This Participant Assessment Fee is in addition to the membership assessments charged for Hockey Canada Certificates and Hockey Canada Insurance. It shall be valid for a playing season, which shall be considered to begin on August 15 and end on August 14 of the following year.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

- 1. Annual Registered Participant Assessments
 - All Participants (except Adult Recreational)
 - \$13.00 in 2019-2020
 - \$13.50 in 2020-2021
 - \$14.00 in 2021-2022
 - \$14.50 in 2022-2023
 - \$14.00 in 2022-2023***
 - \$15.00 in 2023-2024**
 - \$15.50 in 2024-2025**
 - \$16.00 in 2025-2026**
 - Hockey Canada Adult Recreational Player \$2.00

This Participant Assessment Fee is in addition to the membership assessments charged for Hockey Canada Certificates and Hockey Canada Insurance. It shall be valid for a playing season, which shall be considered to begin on August 15 and end on August 14 of the following year.

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RATIONALE:

To continue the practice of approval for the annual Membership Fee increase over a three (3) year period starting in the 2023-2024 season. At the 2014 AGM the membership approved a proposal to consider these annual increases in three (3) year cycles to eliminate uncertainty during the budget development process. The fifty-cent increase is being proposed to assist with increasing operating costs due to inflation.

*The Board can waive these fees increases and has done so for the 2022-2023 season.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Governance Committee: The Governance Committee was involved in material review and construction of a draft of the Resolution. The Governance Committee recommended to the Board that this resolution is in an acceptable format to proceed.

Board of Directors: The Board recommends the Members adopt Resolution 2022-03.

Operations (CEO): The CEO recommends the Members adopt Resolution 2022-03.

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APPENDIX A:

Proposed Amendments to BC Hockey's Bylaws and Regulations

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CONSTITUTION

Article One – Name

- 1.1 The name of the Society is the “British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association”. For legal purposes, the name shall be the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, and for all other purposes, the organization shall be known as “BC Hockey”.

Article Two – Purpose

- 2.1 The purposes of the Society are, to:
- a. govern amateur hockey in British Columbia and Yukon Territory;
 - b. represent amateur hockey in British Columbia and Yukon Territory nationally and be affiliated with Hockey Canada;
 - c. operate not for profit;
 - d. foster, improve and perpetuate the game of amateur hockey in the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory;
 - e. develop sport participation, including recruitment and retention initiatives;
 - f. secure the enforcement of the rules of the games as adopted by the Society;
 - g. supervise and carry out the competitions for the championship of British Columbia and Yukon Territory;
 - h. emphasize and encourage the involvement of those volunteers who put the interests of the game ahead of their personal interests;
 - i. elevate awareness of the responsibilities of the Hockey public in ensuring the game is played in a positive environment;
 - j. provide a safe playing environment, including participation in the hockey’s national insurance program;
 - k. assist registered participants in their pursuit of excellence by providing effective programs and services through available resources;
 - l. present a common voice on behalf of the members in all discussions that could affect them at the national and international level;
 - m. advance amateur hockey for all individuals in British Columbia and Yukon Territory through progressive leadership by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a sportsmanlike manner; and,
 - n. actively promote and support equal access to hockey programs and services for all regardless of sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, racial origin or religion or as otherwise set out in the *BC Human Rights Code*.

BYLAWS

Bylaw One – Overview

Definitions

101 The following terms have these meanings in these Bylaws:

a. Above Minor – Junior hockey and Senior Hockey

~~a-b.~~ “Act” – the *Societies Act* of British Columbia as amended from time-to-time;

~~b-c.~~ “Auditor” – a public accountant appointed by the Members by Ordinary Resolution at the annual general meeting to audit the books, accounts, and records of the Society for a report to the Members at the next annual general meeting;

~~c-d.~~ “Board” – the Board of Directors of the Society;

~~d-e.~~ “Bylaws” – these Bylaws as altered from time-to-time;

~~e-f.~~ “Chair” – the Chair of the Board of the Society;

~~g.~~ “Constituting Documents” – are those documents bringing into effect a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship;

~~f-h.~~ “Delegate” – means an individual who is designated by a Member to represent that Member's interests at an annual or special general meeting;

~~g-i.~~ “Director” – an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to these Bylaws;

~~h-j.~~ “Districts” – the Society shall be divided into eight (8) Districts with geographic boundaries as determined by the Board from time-to-time, which shall be known as:

1. East Kootenay District;
2. Lower Mainland District;
3. North Central District;
4. Northeast/Yukon District;
5. Northwest District;
6. Okanagan District;
7. Vancouver Island – including Powell River District; and,
8. West Kootenay District.

~~i-k.~~ “District Associations” – shall be the:

- i. East Kootenay – East Kootenay Minor Hockey Association;
- ii. Lower Mainland – Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association;
- iii. North Central – Cariboo Amateur Hockey Association;
- iv. Northeast/Yukon – Peace River District Minor Hockey Association and Yukon Amateur Hockey Association;
- v. Northwest – North West District Minor Hockey Association;
- vi. Okanagan – Mainline – Okanagan-Mainline Amateur Hockey Association;
- vii. Vancouver Island – Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association; and,
- viii. West Kootenay – West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association;

~~j-l.~~ “Member” – shall be those individuals, associations, leagues, teams, directors and schools as set out in *Bylaw 2 – Membership*;

~~m.~~ “Minor” – means Minor Hockey as defined by *Hockey Canada Regulation*;

~~k-n.~~ “Nominating Committee” – that committee responsible for the electoral process that leads to the composition of the Board and further described in *Bylaw 7 – Committees, Work*

Groups and Task Groups;

- 1.0.** “Ordinary Resolution” – a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution;
- 1.1.** “Playing Rules” – the rules that govern the game of hockey in Canada, as set out in the *Official Playing Rules Book of Hockey Canada* and any additional rules approved by the Society, as amended from time-to-time;
- 1.2.** “Policies” – the policy or policies of the Society, as amended from time-to-time;
- 1.3.** “Registered Participants” – are those persons or entities as described in *Bylaw 3 – Registered Participants*;
- 1.4.** “Regulations” – the Regulations of the Society, as amended from time-to-time;
- 1.5.** “Society” – the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, also known as “BC Hockey”;
- 1.6.** “Special Resolution” – a resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than three-quarters (3/4 or 75%) of the votes cast on that resolution; and,
- 1.7.** “Voting Members” – Members falling within the classes of members identified as “voting” in *Bylaw 2 – Membership*.

Definitions in the Act

102 The definitions in the Act apply to these Bylaws.

Interpretation

103 In these Bylaws, words in the singular form include the plural and vice versa and words importing a specific gender include the other gender and a corporation.

Conflict with Act or Regulations

104 If there is a conflict between these Bylaws and the Act or the regulations under the Act, the Act or its regulations, as the case may be, prevail.

Custody and Use of Seal

105 The seal of the Society shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of a resolution of the Society’s Board and in the presence of at least one (1) Director and the Society’s Chief Executive Officer, and said seal shall remain in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer.

Inspection of Records

106 Upon five (5) days written notice to the Society’s Chief Executive Officer, the records of the Society as prescribed in the Act shall be made available for inspection to the extent and in the manner prescribed in the Act, at the Society’s office during normal office hours. ~~Access by Members to the register of Members may be restricted by resolution of the Directors as prescribed in the Act.~~ If a Member requests a copy of a record, it shall be provided at the fee established by the Board and/or in accordance with the Act and its regulations.

Official Rules of Order

107 The current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order* are the official rules of order covering all meetings of the Society, except where they are at difference with these Bylaws, in which case these Bylaws shall take precedence.

Bylaw Two – Membership

Member Classes

- 201** The Society shall have 10 classes of Members which shall be the following:
1. Associate Members (non-voting);
 2. District Associations (voting);
 3. District Hockey Leagues (voting);
 4. Directors (voting);
 5. Hockey Canada Accredited Schools (voting);
 6. Hockey Leagues (voting);
 7. Honourary Life Members (non-voting);
 8. Minor Hockey Associations (voting);
 9. Minor Hockey Teams (voting); and,
 10. Senior and Junior Teams (voting).

Members

- 202** The Members are those persons, associations, leagues, teams and schools that fall within one (1) of the classes of members having been previously admitted into membership in the Society, whose membership has not been terminated, and who are in good standing with the Society.
- 203** Each Member (other than an Associate Member, Minor Hockey Team, District Hockey League, Honourary Life Member, or a Director), shall as a condition precedent to membership in the Society, adopt a Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and/or other Constating Documents that do not contradict the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Policies of the Society.
- 204** The Board may admit new Members (other than Minor Hockey Teams and District Hockey Leagues) and may from time-to-time specify residential boundaries, where applicable, and other terms as to membership and participation of Members in the Society.
- 205** Each Minor Hockey Team registered at the A category, and playing at the U13, U15, U18 and U21 division, ~~registered by and affiliated with~~ a Minor Hockey Association which is a Member of the Society in good standing shall be a Member of the Society.
- 206** Each Hockey Canada Accredited School certified by BC Hockey and in good standing shall be a Member of the Society.
- 207** Each District Hockey League, registered with the Society, affiliated with a District Association which is a Member in good standing of the Society, and within which Minor Hockey Teams registered at the A category play, shall be a Member of the Society. Within each District Association, not more than one (1) integrated and one (1) female District Hockey League for each Hockey Canada age division classification may be a Member.
- 208** The Society may, by Regulation, establish procedures and conditions for the acceptance of new Members and the relocation of teams.
- 209** Membership in the Society is not transferable.

Members' Rights

- 210** Members who are in good standing and not under suspension have the following rights:
- a. to receive notices of annual and special general meetings;
 - b. to attend, speak and vote at annual and special general meetings;

- c. to submit proposals for inclusion on the agenda of annual and special general meetings;
- d. to participate in competitions and other programming organized by the Society;
- e. to exercise all other rights and privileges arising from these Bylaws, Regulations and Policies of the Society, and such other rights and privileges as the Board may, from time-to-time, determine; and,
- f. Members are not entitled to participate in general meeting(s) by telephone or another communications medium.

211 A Member (excluding Directors, Honourary Life Members, Minor Hockey Teams) may apply Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and decisions of the Society and of Hockey Canada in a more restrictive manner insofar as they apply to those participating in that Member's programs.

Member Obligations

212 The Members are responsible for ensuring the Society acts in compliance with the Act, these Bylaws and the Regulations.

213 Each Member is obliged and empowered to foster, conduct and control amateur hockey within its jurisdiction, as applicable, in a manner consistent with the Society's Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and Board decisions. All games played within the jurisdiction of a Members having such jurisdiction, and the qualification of all Registered Participants competing in such games, must conform to such Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and related decisions of the Society.

214 Subject to the Voting Member's rights outlined in these Bylaws, no Member (excluding, teams, people, and leagues) shall amend its Constituting Documents, Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules or Policies in a manner that contradicts or conflicts with the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules or Policies of the Society, unless a pilot project has been approved by the Board.

215 Membership in the Society, as a Voting Member, includes:

- a. acceptance of the authority of the Society;
- b. adherence to and observance of the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and related decisions of the Society;
- c. acceptance of and subscription to such insurance coverage and membership fees as may be approved and made mandatory by the Society from time-to-time;
- d. acceptance of the final and binding authority of the Society in relation to all provincial matters and Hockey Canada in relation to all national matters;
- e. acknowledgement that the Members share the same goals, philosophies and responsibilities and agree to be governed by a uniform set of rules and regulations that the Society may establish from time to time; and,
- f. responsibility for full compliance with all other duties arising from the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of the Society.

Associate Members

216 Associate Members are entitled to:

- a. receive notices of annual and special general meetings;
- b. attend and speak at annual and special general meetings;
- c. participate in programming organized by the Society; and,
- d. exercise such other rights and privileges as the Board may, from time-to-time, determine.

- 217** Membership in the Society, as an Associate Member, includes:
- a. acceptance of the authority of the Society;
 - b. adherence to and observance of the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and related decisions of the Society;
 - c. taking steps, as the Associate Member deems necessary, for the registration and administration of personnel in teams, leagues, and groups which are strictly within its own organizations and reporting such registration to the Society in accordance with the procedures established by the Society;
 - d. acceptance of and subscription to such insurance coverage and membership fees as may be approved and made mandatory by the Society from time-to-time;
 - e. compliance with all other duties arising from the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of the Society; and,
 - f. eligibility only to compete for trophies offered for competition by teams representing Associate Members.
- 218** Associate Member representatives do not have voting rights at annual or special general meetings of the Society but may have voting privileges within a committee or work group to which they have been named.

District Associations

- 219** District Associations shall be responsible for:
- a. organizing and administering Hockey Leagues within the Districts, and coordinating such programs and other areas of activity within the District as their member Minor Hockey Associations shall determine; and,
 - b. the supervision and general conduct of all levels of Minor hockey in the District with the exception of U18 AAA.

Honourary Life Members

- 220** Honourary Life Members are individuals acknowledged for their distinguished contributions to the Society by appointment by the Board to the office of Honourary Life Member.
- 221** Honourary Life Members are entitled to:
- a. attend annual and special general meetings;
 - b. receive notices of annual and special general meetings;
 - c. attend annual and special general meetings at the Society's expense;
 - d. speak at annual and special general meetings;
 - e. receive minutes of annual and special general meetings;
 - f. act in an advisory capacity to the Board; and,
 - g. receive rights and privileges as the Board may, from time-to-time, decide.
- 222** Membership in the Society as an Honourary Life Member includes:
- a. acceptance of the authority of the Society;
 - b. adherence to and observance of the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules, Policies and related decisions of the Society; and,
 - c. complying fully with all other duties arising from the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of the Society.

- 223** The number of Honourary Life Members is at the discretion of the Board.
- 224** Honourary Life Members do not have voting rights at annual and special general meetings of the Society but may have voting privileges within a committee or work group to which they have been named.

Minor Hockey Associations

- 225** In order to qualify as a Member of the Society, a Minor Hockey Association must offer programming within a geographic subdivision as approved by the Board and must be ~~affiliated to its~~ a member of its District Hockey Association.

Members in Good Standing

- 226** All Members are in good standing other than a Member, that:
- a. fails to pay when due, annual membership dues, if any, or any other debt owing to the Society and the Member is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid;
 - b. fails to maintain its good standing under the *Societies Act*, *Corporations Act* and/or any other B.C. legislation under which it is otherwise regulated; or,
 - c. has been suspended by its regulator.
- 227** A Voting Member who is not in good standing, may not vote at an annual or special general meeting, or consent to a resolution of Members or otherwise assign its vote(s) by proxy.

Membership Year

- 228** The membership year of the Society shall commence on August 15 and end on August 14 of the following year.

Discipline and Suspension

- 229** The Board shall have the power to discipline or suspend any Member that breaches or violates any Bylaw, Regulation, Playing Rule or Policy of the Society, including discipline by fine.
- 230** A suspended Member shall lose its rights as a Member of the Society, including the right to vote at any annual or special general meetings of the Society, while such suspension remains in effect.

Expulsion

- 231** The Board may expel a Member that:
- a. fails to fulfill its financial obligations to the Society;
 - b. seriously or repeatedly violates the Bylaws, Playing Rules, Regulations, Policies or decisions of the Society or Hockey Canada; or,
 - c. is deemed to have brought the sport of hockey into disrepute.
- 232** Before determining a motion for expulsion of a Member, the Board shall provide the Member facing expulsion with notice of the meeting at which the expulsion is to be voted upon, with such notice to be provided at least 30 days in advance of the meeting and which notice shall include a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion. The Member facing expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard prior to any decision being rendered.
- 233** A motion for expulsion of a Member must be passed by Special Resolution.

Termination

- 234** A Member's membership in the Society is terminated when, the:
- a. Member' term of membership expires;
 - b. Member is not in good standing for 12 months;
 - c. Member, who is an individual resigns or dies; or,
 - d. Member is expelled in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 235** Loss of membership status by resignation or expulsion immediately terminates all rights and privileges that the Member enjoyed within the Society but does not relieve that Member from its financial obligations to the Society, other Members, or anyone else to whom the Member may have a financial obligation for which the Society may bear liability.

Bylaw Three – Registered Participants

Obligations and Adherence to Rules

- 301** In addition, to the Members, the Society recognizes that its Registered Participants contribute to the success of the Society.
- 302** Registered Participants are any person or entity registered with the Society or any of its Members, or any person, affiliated with or associated with, in any capacity whatsoever, any Minor Hockey Association, team, league, Hockey Canada Accredited School or similar entity participating in games or activities of any kind sponsored or organized by the Society or any of its Members, including but not limited to the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged participant registered in the Society programming, shall not have membership status in the Society but, rather, shall be referred to throughout these Bylaws.
- 303** Participation in the Society’s programming is voluntary. Registration within programming offered by the Society or one (1) of its Members entails acceptance by the Registered Participant, including the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged Registered Participant of the final and binding authority of rules and decisions of the Board, adherence to and observance of the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of the Society and acceptance of and subscription to such insurance coverage and Registered Participant registration fees as may be approved and made mandatory from time to time by the Board.

Discipline and Suspension

- 304** The Chair shall have the ~~power~~ authority to suspend, fine or take such disciplinary action that may be deemed necessary against any Registered Participant for failure to comply with the Bylaws, Playing Rules, Regulations, Policies of the Society or of Hockey Canada, or for unsportsmanlike conduct or maltreatment on or off the ice, ~~or abuse of officials~~. The ~~power~~ authority of the Chair to suspend, fine or take disciplinary action may be delegated. A player may not be fined.
- 305** Any suspension, a fine or disciplinary action taken against ~~to~~ a Registered Participant imposed under these Bylaws shall continue until the requirements for lifting the suspension have been met, unless modified by the Appeal Committee in accordance with these Bylaws.

Bylaw Four – Meetings

General Provisions

- 401** Annual and special general meetings shall be called by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 402** Delegates to all annual and special general meetings shall be affiliated with the Voting Member which they represent.
- 403** No delegate shall be admitted to the annual or special general meeting unless that delegate has presented to the Society's Credentials Committee Work Group a certificate of the delegate's appointment signed by the president or authorized representative of the delegate's team, Hockey League, District Hockey League, Minor Hockey Association, Hockey Canada Accredited School or District Association.
- 402404** The delegate for a Minor Hockey Team shall be appointed by the Minor Hockey Association with which the Minor Hockey Team is ~~affiliated~~registered, and the delegate for a District Hockey League shall be appointed by the District Association with which the District Hockey League is ~~aassociated~~affiliated.
- 403405** Copies of the minutes of all annual and special general meetings shall be forwarded as expeditiously as possible after such meetings to the Members.
- 404406** Speaking privileges at any annual or special general meeting are reserved for the Board, delegates, the Chief Executive Officer, Associate Members, Honourary Life Members and such other persons as may be recognized by the Chair.

Notice of Meetings

- 405407** The Chief Executive Officer shall send notice of the time and place of annual and special general meetings to each Member. Such notice shall be sent by mail, courier, personal delivery, telephonic, electronic or other communication facility not less than 30 days before the meeting and shall be accompanied by a meeting agenda and reasonable information to permit Members to make informed decisions. Special general meetings may be held upon shorter notice provided waivers of notice are given in writing by all Voting Members.
- 406408** The accidental omission to send notice of an annual or special general meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice by, a Member entitled to notice does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting.
- 407409** Notice of an annual or special general meeting must include the text of any special resolution to be submitted to the meeting.

Quorum

- 408410** At all annual and special general meetings, a quorum shall consist of not less than 20 of the Voting Members, excluding proxies, entitled to be present.

Annual General Meeting

- 409411** The annual general meeting shall be held on a weekend during the month of June and at a place in British Columbia to be determined by the Board. The annual general meeting shall be held no later than six (6) months after the end of the Society's preceding financial year.

410412 At annual general meetings, the following shall be the order of business:

- a. presentation of delegates' credentials;
- b. roll call of delegates;
- c. establishment of quorum;
- d. approval of minutes;
- e. Chair's report;
- f. Chief Executive Officer's report;
- g. Board report;
- h. registration and finance reports;
- i. approval of financial statements;
- j. appointment of Auditor;
- k. amendments to Bylaws and Regulations;
- l. general or new business;
- m. elections;
- n. date and place of next annual general meeting; and,
- o. terminate the meeting.

411413 Special general meetings shall be held when:

- a. the Board approves a motion to call for a meeting; or,
- b. Members who collectively hold at least 10 per cent (10%) of the votes that may be cast at a meeting of Members requisition a meeting. Any such requisition shall be made in a written submission sent to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board and must set out the purpose of and any special resolution for which such meeting is being requisitioned.

412414 Any special general meeting requisitioned under Bylaw 411(b) shall be called by the Board within 21 days of its receipt of the requisition and the meeting must be held within 60 days of its receipt.

413415 The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare the agenda for a special general meeting and shall limit that agenda to the items specified by the Board resolution to call such meeting or the written submission by which such meeting is requisitioned.

414416 The agenda of a special general meeting may not be altered.

Voting

415417 Each Voting Member is entitled to cast one (1) vote on any matter on which Members are entitled to vote.

416418 Decision shall be made by an Ordinary Resolution, unless a Special Resolution is required by these Bylaws and/or the Act. The Chair shall cast a ballot only in the event of a tie.

417419 Proxy voting is permitted by Voting Members with the exception of Directors. Directors can neither give their proxy to another Voting Member nor carry a proxy from another Voting Member. A proxy certificate appointing a proxy holder shall be signed, in the case of:

- a. a Minor Hockey Team, by the president of the Minor Hockey Association with which that Minor Hockey Team is affiliated;
- b. a District Hockey League, by the president of the District Association with which that District Hockey League is affiliated; or,

- c. any other Voting Member, by the president or authorized representative of that Voting Member.

418420 Voting Members may not have more than three (3) votes (including their own).

419421 At annual and special general meetings, voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by a Member entitled to vote at the meeting, or these Bylaws specifically require a secret ballot.

420422 In lieu of conducting a formal vote on any resolution that can be adopted by an Ordinary Resolution, the Chair may ask the Voting Members to indicate whether there are any objections to a particular resolution that has been put forward. If any objections are noted, the resolution shall be put to a formal vote. If no objections are noted, the resolution shall be deemed to be adopted by consensus, and no formal vote will be required.

Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations

421423 A resolution to amend the Society's Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations may be submitted by a Member by specific notice in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

422424 An amendment to, the:

- a. Constitution or Bylaws shall require a Special Resolution; or,
- b. Regulations shall require an Ordinary Resolution.

423425 A resolution to amend the Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations, to be considered at the annual general meeting, can only be made in accordance with the following process:

- a. specific notice in writing must be given to the Chief Executive Officer not later than March 1; and,
- b. the Chief Executive Officer shall communicate all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations to each Member not less than 30 days prior to the annual general meeting.

424426 A resolution to amend the Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations ~~can to be considered only be made~~ at a special general meeting can only be made pursuant to notice given in accordance with these Bylaws.

425427 Notice of a resolution to amend the Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations may be waived providing that each Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting agrees in writing.

426428 Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall take effect when filed with the Registrar of Companies (BC Registry Services) or at a later date as specified in the special resolution. Amendments to the Regulations shall take effect immediately unless otherwise stated in the resolution.

Bylaw Five – Board of Directors

Role

- 501** The Board is accountable to the Members. The Board is responsible for rules, policy systems, controls and the strategic plan for the Society. The Board shall supervise the management of the activities and affairs of the Society through the Chief Executive Officer, who is responsible for operations.
- 502** The Board may delegate any, but not all, of its responsibilities. The Board shall have the authority to delegate those responsibilities, duties and authority that may be lawfully delegated to the Chief Executive Officer or to a committee, work group or Member, or to any third party to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities.
- 503** The Board may make, or cause to be made, for the Society, in its name, any kind of contract which the Society may lawfully enter into and, save as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, generally may exercise all such other powers and do all such acts and things as the Society, by its charter or otherwise, is authorized to exercise and do.

Composition and Eligibility

- 504** The Board shall consist of up to 10 Directors, two of whom must be female, including:
- nine (9) Directors, including the Chair, elected by the Members; and
 - up to one (1) Director appointed by the elected Directors.
- 505** All Directors, within 30 days of taking office, shall divest themselves of any active executive position with a Member organization including, without limitation, a position on the board of directors of any such Member, or any position as a team official. Any person seeking election as a Director shall declare any conflict of interest in advance of seeking election.
- 506** Paid employees of the Society are not eligible for election or appointment as a Director.
- 507** An individual is not qualified to become, ~~or act, or continue to act~~ as a Director, if an individual is not qualified under the Act.
- ~~under the age of 18 years;~~
 - ~~found by any court, in Canada or elsewhere, to be incapable of managing the individual's own affairs;~~
 - ~~an undischarged bankrupt; or,~~
 - ~~convicted in or outside of British Columbia of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a corporation or unincorporated entity, or of an offence involving fraud; unless:~~
 - ~~the court orders otherwise,~~
 - ~~five (5) years have elapsed since the last to occur of:~~
 - ~~the expiration of the period set for suspension of the passing of sentence without a sentence having been passed,~~
 - ~~full payment of any fine imposed,~~
 - ~~the conclusion of the term of any imprisonment, and~~
 - ~~the conclusion of the term of any probation imposed, or~~
 - ~~a pardon was granted or issued, or a record suspension was ordered under the *Criminal Records Act* (Canada) and the pardon or record suspension, as the case may be, has not been revoked or ceased to have effect.~~

Board Meetings

- 508** A meeting of the Board may be called by the Chair or by any other three (3) Directors.
- 509** Notice and the agenda for any Board meeting shall be provided to each Director at least seven (7) days before such meeting. Notice may be waived or abridged with the consent of every Director who has not received the prescribed seven (7) days' notice.
- 510** At all Board meetings, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Directors.
- 511** A Director may participate in a Board meeting by means of a telephonic, electronic, or other communications facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. A Director participating in this manner shall be taken to be present at the meeting.
- 512** The Chair, at any time, may take a vote of the Board via mail, electronic mail or facsimile with the motion and the results of the vote to be recorded in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- 513** Questions arising by way of a motion at any Board meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of the Directors present, unless a larger proportion of the votes is required under these Bylaws. Each Director is authorized to exercise one vote. The Chair shall vote only in the event of a tie. Proxies are not accepted at any Board meeting.
- 514** Any Member or any individual may attend any Board meeting upon the invitation of the Chair.

Duties and Responsibilities of Directors

- 515** A Director, when exercising the powers and performing the functions of a Director of the Society, must:
- a. act honestly and in good faith and with a view to the best interests of the Society;
 - b. exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent individual would exercise in comparable circumstances;
 - c. act in accordance with the Act and its regulations;
 - d. act in accordance with these Bylaws; and,
 - e. act with a view to the purposes of the Society.
- 516** Directors must adhere to *Disclosure of Director's Interest* as outlined in Division 4, Section 56 of the Act and its regulations and any Society conflict of interest policies.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Chair

- 517** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board and annual and special general meetings. In the absence of the Chair, the Board shall designate a Director to serve as acting Chair for that meeting.
- 518** The Chair shall perform the following duties:
- a. ensure meetings are efficiently managed and decision making is transparent;
 - b. ensure a Board work plan is developed annually that distributes the Board's work amongst the Directors, while providing opportunities for Directors to develop skills, understand the organization's culture and programs, and build relationships with staff and volunteers;
 - c. appoint Standing Committees, the Minor Divisional Committee and work group chairs in consultation with the Board;
 - d. appoint a Credentials Committee Work Group in advance of each annual general meeting or special general meeting;
 - e. ensure Directors do not interfere in Society operations;
 - f. ensure Directors comply with the Bylaws, Regulations and Policies;

- g. ensure communications and accountability to Members, other key stakeholders and the public are adequate;
- h. suspend, fine or take other disciplinary action or delegate to others the ~~power~~authority to suspend;
- i. represent the Society, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, on matters involving all levels of government, Members, Registered Participants, external agencies, the media and Hockey Canada; and,
- j. exercise all duties and powers of the Board when, in the case of emergency, it is impractical for the Chair to obtain a vote of the Board.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

519 The Board shall govern the affairs of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies and any other applicable provincial or federal legislation and/or regulation.

520 In addition to any other powers which are conferred upon the Board by law or these Bylaws, the Board shall have the power to:

- a. establish terms of reference and /or operating procedures for Members, the Board, Standing Committees, divisional committees, task groups, work groups, program committees, ~~;~~ advisory groups, and delivery groups and to review and revise such terms of reference and operating procedures, as warranted;
- b. establish, adopt, review and amend Policies;
- c. make proposals for ~~;~~ new Bylaws and Regulations or to amend, or to repeal existing Bylaws, and Regulations;
- d. settle all questions not provided for in these Bylaws, Regulations, ~~or~~ Policies or Playing Rules;
- e. overrule any decision, of any Member, that is inconsistent with any decision by the Board or the Bylaws, Regulations, Policies and Playing Rules, including any decision by a Member which makes a Society or Hockey Canada ruling less restrictive;
- f. formulate and monitor the implementation of the strategic plan of the Society;
- g. approve the annual operating plan as prepared by the Chief Executive Officer;
- h. appoint and dismiss the chairs of the ~~Nominating and~~ Appeal Committees;
- i. appoint in consultation with the Chair and dismiss members of the Standing Committees;
- j. appoint and dismiss the Chief Executive Officer, approve the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, and conduct an annual performance review;
- k. enter agreements, from time to time, with Hockey Canada, other Hockey Canada members, or any other organization regarding matters of mutual interest that are consistent with the Society's objectives;
- l. set direction for championship competitions of the Society and for exhibition and all-star games for Hockey Leagues and District Hockey Leagues, Senior and Junior Teams and District Associations;
- m. grant or refuse all new membership applications, team relocations, and category reclassification, as presented by a report of the Chief Executive Officer;
- n. approve the geographic boundaries of Districts;
- o. approve the annual budget of the Society and approve adjustments thereto;

- p. present any changes to the annual membership fees and other fees and assessments to the Voting Members for approval;
- q. add to any reserve funds of the Society; and,
- r. recommend to the Members, at the annual general meeting, the appointment the Auditor.

Terms of Office

- 521** An elected Director shall serve a two (2) year term unless required to serve a one (1) year term pursuant to these Bylaws or the Director's term is terminated earlier pursuant to these Bylaws. Terms for elected Directors shall commence upon the close of the annual general meeting at which the Director was elected and expire immediately upon the close of the annual general meeting at the end of the Director's term unless the Director's term is terminated earlier pursuant to these Bylaws. For the term of an appointed Director, see Bylaw 538 unless terminated earlier pursuant to these Bylaws.
- 522** A Director may not run for re-election if that Director is serving in their eighth, or greater, consecutive year on the Board at the time of re-election. Any such Director who has served eight (8) or more consecutive years on the Board, including any term as Chair, shall not be eligible to stand for election to the Board for two (2) consecutive years following expiration of their term. Year includes any part of a year.
- 523** No individual may serve more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms as Chair.

Nominations

- 524** Nominations for the position of Director may only be submitted in accordance with *Regulation 10 – Nominating Procedure* by a Member or the chair of the Nominating Committee. No Member may submit a number of nominations that exceeds the number of Directors' positions available for election.
- 525** Nominations from the floor at the annual general meeting are not permitted.

Election of the Chair

- 526** The Voting Members shall elect the Chair for a two (2) year term at an annual general meeting year using the procedure generally described in these Bylaws.
- 527** The following individuals are eligible to stand for election as Chair, any:
 - a. current elected Director whose term does not expire at the annual general meeting where the election is occurring; or,
 - b. individual nominated for the position of elected Director in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 528** The candidate receiving the most votes, and not less than 50 per cent (50%) of the valid ballots cast, shall be declared elected as Chair. If no candidate receives 50 per cent (50%) or more of the valid ballots cast, or if more than one candidate receives the highest number of votes, then there shall be a further ballot.

On such further ballot, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes and the second highest number of votes shall remain on the ballot, while all other candidates shall be removed from the ballot (except in the event that other candidates are tied with the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes in which case such tied candidates shall remain on the ballot).

Voting will continue until one (1) of the tied candidates has received the most votes and at least 50 per cent (50%) of valid ballots cast. In the event of the candidates remaining tied for the most votes through three (3) consecutive ballots, the Chair shall be selected by a random draw conducted by the chair of the Nominating Committee, from among the tied candidates.

- 529** Following the election of the Chair at the annual general meeting, all of the remaining nominees, including nominees described who unsuccessfully ran for the position of Chair shall be eligible to run for vacant Board positions.
- 530** Any individual who is elected as Chair shall immediately resign from their previous position as a Director, and elections to fill the positions of the elected Directors whose terms have expired, and the Director's position vacated by the new Chair shall proceed.

Election of Directors

- 531** At each annual general meeting, elections shall be held to fill the positions of the elected Directors whose terms have expired and to fill any vacancies. The election of Directors shall be conducted by secret written ballot. The names of all nominees for Directors' positions shall appear on the ballot.
- 532** Any time both two (2) year and one (1) year terms are open the elections shall have the four (4) nominees receiving the greatest number of votes serve a two (2) year term, and the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes serve the one (1) year term(s).
- 533** Each delegate or Director in attendance at the annual general meeting shall receive a number of ballots equal to the number of votes that the delegate or Director is entitled to cast. Any ballot containing votes for a number of nominees greater than the number of available Directors' positions shall be considered spoiled and shall not count as a vote cast when calculating the number of votes necessary to constitute a majority. The available Director positions shall be filled by the nominees receiving the most votes.
- 534** If there is a tie for the final Director's position or positions, the names of the tied nominees shall appear on a new ballot, and the voting procedure shall continue until all of the Director positions have been filled. In the event of the candidates remaining tied for the final position or positions through three (3) consecutive ballots, the final Director position or positions shall be filled by a random draw conducted by the chair of the Nominating Committee, from among the tied nominees.
- 535** Upon the completion of the elections, only the names of the elected Directors shall be announced at the annual general meeting by the chair of the Nominating Committee. All election ballots will be destroyed after those names are announced.

Appointed Director

- 536** The chair of the Nominating Committee may, upon request from the elected Directors or upon recommendation from the Nominating Committee, forward to the Board the names of individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee to fill the position of appointed Director.
- 537** The elected Directors by Special Resolution may appoint a recommended candidate to serve as the appointed Director.
- 538** The term of appointed Director shall commence at the date of such appointment and expire immediately upon the close of the next annual general meeting.

Board Vacancies

- 539** Any Board position shall be automatically vacated if a Director:
- a. resigns from office by delivering a written resignation to the Chair or the Chief Executive Officer;
 - b. is found by a court to be incapable of managing their own affairs;
 - c. becomes bankrupt;
 - d. dies;
 - e. is removed by the Members in accordance with these Bylaws; or,
 - f. otherwise ceases to be qualified to act as a Director under the Act.

Removal of a Director

- 540** A Director may be removed from office by the Members in accordance with Section 50 of the Act.

Suspension of a Director

- 541** The Board shall provide that Director with a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed suspension, at least 30 days prior to the Board meeting at which the proposed suspension is to be voted on. The statement shall include a notice of the place and time when the Board will be meeting to vote on the suspension. The Director shall be given an opportunity to be heard and the matter will be considered by the Board at the time cited in the notice. The motion by the Board to suspend a Director requires a Special Resolution to pass. The Director whose suspension is proposed shall not be entitled to vote on the motion. In exceptional circumstances, a Director may be indefinitely suspended by the Chair pending a Board hearing.

Filling a Board Vacancy

- 542** Where a vacancy occurs on the Board, the following procedure shall apply, the:
- a. Board shall notify the chair of the Nominating Committee, who shall then solicit nominations from the Members for candidates to fill the vacancy;
 - b. Board shall elect from the list provided by the Nominating Committee a Director to act on an interim basis until the next annual general meeting; and,
 - c. Members shall fill the vacancy at the next annual general meeting, using the election procedure generally described in these Bylaws.
- 543** A vacancy in the Chair shall be filled using the following procedure, the Board shall:
- a. elect from within their numbers an individual to act as interim Chair until the Members elect a new Chair; and,
 - b. notify the chair of the Nominating Committee, who shall then solicit nominations from Members and shall fill the vacancy at the next annual general meeting, using the election procedure generally described in these Bylaws.

Bylaw Six – Chief Executive Officer

Duties and Responsibilities

- 601** The Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by the Board, shall be answerable to the Board and shall report to the Board through the Chair.
- 602** The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Society with authority as provided in these Bylaws or as delegated by the Board through the Chair. ~~Chair.~~
- 603** The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for:
- a. implementing decisions and policies approved by the Board and by the Members at annual general meetings;
 - b. all matters involving the staffing of the Society, and coordinating and overseeing the work of the Society's staff;
 - c. preparing an annual operating plan;
 - d. reporting operational outcomes to the Board;
 - e. recording minutes of all meetings of the Society and the Board;
 - f. the financial records of the Society;
 - g. receiving all applications for new membership and changes in membership and presenting to the Board for approval;
 - h. accepting and validating Hockey Canada player registrations subject to Society and Hockey Canada regulations;
 - i. disclosing, in the manner outlined in the Act, any personal interest in a contract or matter that may be considered by the Directors;
 - j. interpreting the Bylaws, Regulations and Policies of the Society; and,
 - k. representing the Society, in conjunction with the Chair, on matters involving the government, Members, Registered Participants, external agencies, the media, and Hockey Canada.
- 604** The Chief Executive Officer shall attend and shall have speaking privileges at all meetings designated by the Chair, including all Board meetings and annual and special general meetings. The Chief Executive Officer shall not have a vote at any of these meetings.

Bylaw Seven – Committees, Work Groups and Task Groups

Standing Committees

- 701** The Standing Committees of the Society are as follows, the:
- a. Conduct Committee.
 - b. Finance Committee;
 - c. Governance Committee;
 - d. Human Resources Committee;
 - e. Nominating Committee; and,
 - f. Risk Management Committee;
- 702** With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the chair of each Standing Committee, shall be a Director, and shall be appointed by the Chair.
- 703** The composition of each Standing Committee except the Nominating Committee shall be determined by the Board. Each Standing Committee shall be composed of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) individuals, including the committee chair.
- 704** The terms of reference of the Standing Committees shall be set out in policies established by the Board and shall be available to the Members. Each Standing Committee may propose changes to its terms of reference to the Board.
- 705** At all Standing Committee meetings, a majority of the individuals who serve on that committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 706** Attendance at Standing Committee meetings shall be limited to the individuals serving on that committee, any Director approved by the Chair to attend and such other persons as may be invited by the committee chair.
- 707** Any individual serving on a Standing Committee shall hold office at the pleasure of the Chair and may be removed from office at any time at the absolute discretion of the Chair.

Conduct Committee

- 708** The Conduct Committee is responsible for establishing and monitoring standards of behaviour, identifying inappropriate behaviours, promoting proactive strategies, establishing and monitoring disciplinary policy and establishing and monitoring dispute resolution processes.

Finance Committee

- 709** The Finance Committee is responsible for oversight related to the Society's auditing and reporting, financial policies and strategies, and financial risk management.

Governance Committee

- 710** The Governance Committee is responsible for advising the Board on matters relating to the Society's governance processes and policies, structure, evaluation of the Board effectiveness, education and evaluation of Directors, and for establishing policies for the hiring and evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer.

Human Resources Committee

- 711** The Human Resources Committee is responsible for overseeing the establishment of employment policies for the Society's staff and for policies related to volunteers and for monitoring compliance with those policies.

Nominating Committee

- 712** The Nominating Committee is responsible for:
- a. ensuring, on a continuing basis, that the Board is composed of qualified and skilled persons capable of, and committed to, providing effective governance leadership to the Society; and,
 - b. striving to attract candidates who, among other things, represent diversity of gender, diversity of ethnicity, a diversity of geographical location, a diversity of hockey experience and have specific skills and attributes beneficial to serving as a Director while meeting the eligibility requirements for being a Director.
- 713** The chair of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board and other committee members shall be individuals who are at arms' length from the Board as determined by the chair of the Nominating Committee.
- 714** The chair of the Nominating Committee shall oversee any election conducted under these Bylaws, including ensuring that the names of all candidates running for the Chair position or any other elected position on the Board appear on the official ballots, distributing and collecting the ballots, counting the votes, announcing the results and destroying the ballots immediately thereafter.

Risk Management Committee

- 715** The Risk Management Committee is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a comprehensive risk management program and for monitoring compliance with program standards and objectives.

Work Groups and Task Groups

- 716** The Chair, in consultation with the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, may establish Work Groups to undertake a specific issue or project that is to be completed within a defined period of time and provide a report to the Board. The Chair shall have the authority to appoint the individuals who will serve on any such Work Group. A Work Group shall be dissolved after it has completed its assigned mandate.
- 717** The Chief Executive Officer may establish Task Groups to assist the Society in completing specific operational plan tasks and to appoint, in consultations with the Chair or the program coordinators, as appropriate, the individuals who will serve on any such Task Group.

Divisional Committees

- 718** The Divisional Committees are recommending bodies responsible for making recommendations related to athlete development, providing opportunities for discussion and communication between divisional or regional representatives and for providing recommendations to the Board regarding key issues.
- 719** The Divisional Committees of the Society are as follows:
- a. Adult Male Divisional Committee;
 - b. Female Divisional Committee;
 - c. Junior Divisional Committee; and,
 - d. Minor Divisional Committee.

- 720** The chair of Adult Male Divisional Committee, Female Divisional Committee and Junior Divisional Committees shall be the Adult Male Coordinator, Female Coordinator and Junior Coordinator respectively. The Minor Divisional Committee chair and Minor Divisional Committee vice-chair shall be appointed by the Chair.
- 721** The composition of each Divisional Committee shall be determined by the Board.
- 722** The terms of reference of the Divisional Committees shall be set out in policies established by the Board and shall be available to the Members. Each Divisional Committee may propose changes to its terms of reference to the Board.
- 723** At all Divisional Committee meetings, a majority of the individuals who serve on that committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 724** Attendance at Divisional Committee meetings shall be limited to the individuals serving on that committee, any Director approved by the Chair to attend and such other persons as may be invited by the committee chair.
- 725** Any individual serving on a Divisional Committee may be removed from office at any time at the absolute discretion of the Chair.

Adult Male Divisional Committee

- 726** The Adult Male Divisional Committee is responsible for making recommendations for athlete development within Senior recreational and competitive hockey, for sharing best practices and for providing the Board with advice on key issues affecting adult male hockey.

Female Divisional Committee

- 727** The Female Divisional Committee is responsible for making recommendations for athlete development related to Junior and Senior recreational and competitive hockey, for sharing best practices, and for providing the Board with advice on key issues affecting female hockey.

Junior Divisional Committee

- 728** The Junior Divisional Committee is responsible for making recommendations for the business and operational relationships of Junior A and Junior B teams and Hockey Leagues, for making recommendations for athlete development within male Junior hockey, for sharing best practices in these areas, and for providing the Board with advice on key issues affecting junior hockey.

Minor Divisional Committee

- 729** The Minor Divisional Committee is a consulting body advising on proposed changes to policy which directly affect the minor hockey membership, by way of consultation during the development of and prior to the implementation of such adjustments, is responsible for making recommendations for athlete development within the recreational and competitive streams of minor hockey, for sharing best practices and for providing the Board with advice on key issues affecting minor hockey.

Program Advisory Groups and Delivery Groups

- 730** The Program Advisory and Delivery Groups are as follows:
- a. Coaching Advisory and Delivery Group;
 - b. Female Program of Excellence Advisory and Delivery Group;
 - c. Female U18 AAA Advisory and Delivery Group;

- d. Male Program of Excellence Advisory and Delivery Group;
 - e. Male U18 AAA Advisory and Delivery Group;
 - f. Officiating Advisory and Delivery Group; and,
 - g. Player Development Advisory and Delivery Group.
- 731** The Program Advisory Groups are chaired by the program coordinator and a Director assigned as a liaison to the Board, between four (4) and eight (8) subject matter specialists appointed in any given year and a Society staff resource person.
- 732** The Program Delivery Groups are co-led by the program coordinator and the Society staff resource person with the additional members being the regional coordinators.
- 733** The terms of reference of the Program Advisory Groups and Delivery Groups shall be set out in policies established by the Board and shall be available to the Members. Each Program Advisory Committee may propose changes to its and its corresponding Delivery Group's terms of reference to the Board.

Coaching Advisory Group and Delivery Group

- 734** The Coaching Advisory Group provides technical information, general oversight and monitoring of the delivery of the *Hockey Canada National Coach Certification Program* and the *National Coach Mentorship Program* and is responsible for the development of new technical components of the program as well as administrative and operational standards of the program.
- 735** The Coaching Delivery Group is responsible to monitor the program and to deliver the program components at the expected level.

Female Program of Excellence Advisory Group and Delivery Group

- 736** The Female Program of Excellence Advisory Group provides general oversight and monitoring of the delivery of the Program of Excellence for female players, in cooperation with Hockey Canada's *Program of Excellence* and is responsible for the development of new technical components of the program as well as administrative and operational standards of the program.
- 737** The Female Program of Excellence Delivery Group is responsible to monitor the program and to deliver the program components at the expected level.

Female U18 AAA Advisory Group and Delivery Group

- 738** The Female U18 AAA Advisory Group provides general oversight and monitoring with respect to the delivery of the Female U18 AAA program. The committee is responsible for the development of the administrative and operational standards of the program.
- 739** The Female U18 AAA Program Delivery Group is responsible for the operation of the Female U18 AAA program.

Male Program of Excellence Advisory Group and Delivery Group

- 740** The Male Program of Excellence Advisory Group provides general oversight and monitoring of the delivery of the Program of Excellence for male players, in cooperation with Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence, and is responsible for the development of new technical components of the program as well as administrative and operational standards of the program.
- 741** The Male Program of Excellence Delivery Group is responsible to monitor the program and to deliver the program components at the expected level.

Male U18 AAA Program Advisory Group and Delivery Group

- 742** The Male U18 AAA Program Advisory Group provides general oversight and monitoring with respect to the delivery of the male U18 AAA program. The Committee is responsible for the development of the administrative and operational standards of the program.
- 743** The Male U18 AAA Program Delivery Group is responsible for the operation of the male U18 AAA Program.

Officiating Advisory Group and Delivery Groups

- 744** The Officiating Advisory Group provides technical information, general oversight and monitoring of the delivery of the *Hockey Canada Officiating Program* and is responsible for the development of new technical components of the program as well as administrative and operational standards of the program.
- 745** The Minor Officiating Program Delivery Group is responsible to oversee the delivery of the Hockey Canada Officiating Program components at the expected level for officials involved in minor hockey. As well, the Minor Officiating Program Delivery Group members discipline officials where required and assist Minor Hockey Associations with officiating enhancements.
- 746** The Above Minor Officiating Delivery Group is responsible to oversee the delivery of the Hockey Canada Officiating Program components at the expected level for officials involved in ~~aAbove-~~ Above mMinor-Minor hockey. As well, the Above Minor Officiating Program Delivery Group assists with officiating enhancements and recommends officials' discipline to the Officiating Coordinator where required.

Player Development Advisory Group and Delivery Group

- 747** The Player Development Advisory Group, in conjunction with Hockey Canada, provides technical information, oversight, and monitors the delivery of programs in accordance with the *Long Term Athlete Development Model*. The Player Development Advisory Group is also responsible for the development of new hockey technical components as well as administrative and operational standards for player development.
- 748** The Player Development Delivery Group is also responsible to deliver the program components at the expected level.

Program Advisory Groups

- 749** The Program Advisory Groups are as follows:
- a. Hockey Development Program Advisory Group;
 - b. Safety Program Advisory Group; and,
 - c. School Programming Advisory Group.

Hockey Development Program Advisory Group

- 750** The Hockey Development Program Advisory Group is responsible for the general oversight of the Society's development of programs by ensuring the establishment of practice standards, monitoring compliance with such standards, monitoring performance of programs against approved objectives and providing regulation and budget recommendations.

Safety Program Advisory Group

751 The Safety Program Advisory Group, in cooperation with Hockey Canada, provides technical information, oversight and monitoring of the delivery of the *Hockey Canada Safety Program and Respect in Sport Program* and is responsible for the development of new technical components of the program as well as administrative and operational standards of the program.

School Programming Advisory Group

752 The School Programming Advisory Group supports and monitors programs of the Society in public and independent schools, encourages the development of new school programming, and is responsible for the development of new technical components of the program as well as administrative and operational standards of the program.

Participant Disclosure

753 A member of a Standing Committee, Program Advisory Group, Delivery Group, Divisional Committee, Work Group or Task Group is subject to the same *Disclosure of Director's Interest* as outlined in Division 4, Section 56 of the Act.

Bylaw Eight – Dispute Resolution

Negotiation and Mediation

- 801** In the event that a dispute arises between Members, Standing Committee participants, Program Advisory Group participants, Delivery Group participants, Divisional Committee participants, Work Group participants and Task Group participants in connection with their involvement in the Society's activities, then the parties thereto shall:
- a. make all reasonable efforts to resolve their dispute by amicable negotiations; and, if unable to do so, shall,
 - b. submit to mediation with a single mediator who shall assist the parties to reach agreement to the extent possible.

Appeal Committee

- 802** The Appeal Committee shall consist of a committee chair and a minimum of four (4) other members, who shall be appointed by the Chair following the annual general meeting to serve for the following year, subject to confirmation by the Board. No Director is eligible to serve as a member of the Appeal Committee.
- 803** Any Member or Registered Participant may appeal to the Appeal Committee, any:
- a. suspension or other decision of the Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Board, any Director, or any person to whom decision-making authority has been delegated; or,
 - b. decision of a team, league, association, Hockey Canada Accredited School, or other Member that is contrary to the Bylaws or Regulations of the Society; however, a decision made upon a game protest is final and cannot be appealed to the Appeal Committee.
- 804** An appeal to the Appeal Committee from the decision of a team, league, association Hockey Canada Accredited School, or other Member may only be taken after all levels of appeal provided within the bylaws and regulations of the team, league, association, Hockey Canada Accredited School, or other Member in question have been exhausted.
- 805** The Appeal Committee can only hear an appeal under one (1) of the following grounds:
- a. the decision of the original hearing was made without authority or jurisdiction;
 - b. irregularities in procedure of the original hearing that may have caused an unjust decision;
 - c. the decision of the original hearing was reached in an unjust manner;
 - d. the decision of the original hearing was too severe; or,
 - e. new evidence not used in the original hearing can be presented which may have an effect on the decision – provided that there is a reasonable explanation for the failure to present that evidence at the original hearing.
- 806** The Appeal Committee may, upon the hearing of an appeal, re-admit any Member or Registered Participant of any team, league, association or, Hockey Canada Accredited School and may uphold or modify any decision under appeal.
- 807** The Appeal Committee may provide for special dispensation from the Society's Regulations and Policies where a decision made by the Board for special dispensation has been appealed as being an unjust or unfair result. Any decision as to what qualifies for special dispensation shall rest solely with the Appeal Committee in its absolute and unfettered discretion, and the decision of the Appeal Committee on special dispensation shall be final and binding upon all parties. Each decision of special dispensation shall be made on its individual merits.

Court Proceedings

- 808** No Member or Registered Participant may pursue any recourse in the courts of any jurisdiction prior to exhausting all rights, remedies and rights of appeal under the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules or Policies of the Society, its Members, or Hockey Canada, if applicable.
- 809** Any Member or Registered Participant who proceeds with court action against the Society shall be liable for all legal costs and disbursements, on a solicitor-client basis, should the court rule in favour of the Society.

Bylaw Nine – Financial

Fiscal Year

901 The fiscal year of the Society begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 the following year, unless otherwise determined by Special Resolution.

Signing Officers

902 The Signing Officers of the Society shall be the Chief Executive Officer, the Chair and a Director appointed by the Board.

Auditor

903 The Members shall appoint an Auditor by Ordinary Resolution at each annual general meeting to audit the accounts of the Society.

904 The remuneration of the Auditor shall be set by the Board.

905 The Auditor has the right to attend the annual general meeting or any special general meetings of the Society and address the Members on the Society's financial statements and Auditor's report, and answer questions, if any.

Budget and Financial Documents

906 On or before February 1 of each year, the Board shall approve the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Such budget shall be provided to the Members within 21 days of such approval.

907 The Society may establish annual fees and assessments with respect to its Members and Registered Participants. The Voting Members shall approve at the annual general meeting, by Ordinary Resolution, any change in the annual membership fees, annual Registered Participant assessments, reserve fund assessments, ~~A~~above ~~m~~minor game assessments, sanctioning fees and appeal fees. All applicable fees and assessments shall be published by the Society by way of a *Schedule of Fees and Assessments*. (see Appendix A).

908 At least 10 days prior to the annual general meeting, the Society shall provide the Members with its financial statements for the immediately preceding year and the report of the Auditor. Voting Members, by way of Ordinary Resolution at the annual general meeting, may approve those financial statements.

Borrowing

909 The Board may, from time to time:

- a. borrow funds upon the credit of the Society in such amounts and on such terms as may be deemed expedient;
- b. issue, reissue, sell, pledge or hypothecate debt obligations of the Society;
- c. give a guarantee on behalf of the Society to secure performance of an obligation of any individual; or,
- d. mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the Society, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any obligation of the Society.

910 The Board may, by Ordinary Resolution, delegate any or all of the borrowing powers to a Director, a committee of Directors, or the Chief Executive Officer, as it deems appropriate.

Electronic Fund Transfers

- 911** All electronic fund transfer agreements and requests are to be coordinated and submitted through the Chief Executive Officer.
- 912** All electronic fund transfer requests are to be authorized by the Society's Signing Officers.

Directors' Remuneration

- 913** Directors may receive remuneration for their service as a Director of the Society.
- 914** A Director may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 915** A Director shall not be prohibited from receiving compensation for services provided to the Society in another capacity.

Bylaw Ten – General

Application

- 1001** The Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of the Society and the decisions of the Board shall apply to all divisions and categories of hockey governed by the Society unless they have been specifically exempted.
- 1002** All provisions terms of the Bylaws or Regulations shall be deemed to be severable one from the other, and if any such provision is ever found or declared by a competent authority to be void or invalid, it shall be stricken from these Bylaws or Regulations as the case may be, without affecting the validity of any other provision.

Indemnity

- 1003** Every Director, Standing Committee participant, Program Committee participant, Divisional Committee participant, Work Group participant, Task Group participant employee or voluntary staff member of the Society shall be indemnified by the Society against such claims and for such conduct as may be specified within the Society’s general liability and directors and officers insurance policies, as amended from time-to-time.

Rights

- 1004** The Society is the owner of all rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights, incorporeal rights and intellectual property rights.
- 1005** The Board shall decide how and to what extent the rights described above in Regulation 1004 are utilized. The Board may decide whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

Unforeseen Circumstances

- 1006** The Board shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in these Bylaws.

Liquidation and Dissolution

- 1007** The Society may be dissolved, or liquidated and dissolved, by, a:
- a. dissolution initiated by the Voting Members of the Society;
 - b. liquidation and dissolution initiated by the Voting Members of the Society; or,
 - c. court-ordered liquidation and dissolution initiated by an application to the court.
- 1008** In the event that the Society should, at any time be wound up or dissolved, the remaining assets after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be turned over to a recognized charitable organization with the same objectives in the province of British Columbia or Yukon Territory as directed by the Members. Should the Society, which received charitable gaming funds from licensed charitable gaming and/or direct charitable access, at any time, dissolve or cease to exist, have any and all gaming monies or assets purchased with gaming funds held at the date of dissolution or cessation of existence these/they shall be distributed by the Society to a recognized charitable organization or organizations in British Columbia having a similar charitable purposes.

- 1009** The Society is the self-governing body of amateur hockey in British Columbia and Yukon Territory.
- 1010** The Society represents British Columbia and the Yukon Territory nationally and the Society shall be affiliated with Hockey Canada. This provision was previously unalterable.
- 1011** The purpose of this Society shall be not for profit. This provision was previously unalterable.

REGULATIONS

Definitions Section

1.0 The following terms have these meanings in these Regulations:

- a. Above Minor – Junior hockey and Senior hockey"
- b. Affiliate Player" – refers to a player who is eligible to participate with a higher division/category team through the affiliation process described in Hockey Canada Regulation F;
- a-c. "BC Hockey" – the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, also known as "BC Hockey" and the "Society";
- b-d. "Board" – the Board of Directors of BC Hockey;
- e-e. "Bylaws" – these Bylaws as altered from time-to-time;
- d-f. "Chair" – the Chair of the Board of BC Hockey;
- e-g. "Director" – an individual elected to serve on the Board pursuant to these Bylaws;
- f-h. "District" – the (8) geographic regions as set out in section 101 of the Bylaws;
- g-i. "District Associations" – shall be those eight (8) associations as set out in section 101 of the Bylaws;
- h-j. "HCR" – means the registry system maintained by Hockey Canada;
- i-k. "Jamboree" – a Jamboree shall be defined as an event consisting only of those activities including games in which registered or rostered players on teams of a Minor Hockey Association gather together under the jurisdiction of a local Minor Hockey Association to participate on randomly selected teams for the sole purpose of competing for fun or in which registered or rostered players on teams in the same division of Minor Hockey Associations within BC Hockey gather together under the jurisdiction of a Minor Hockey Association within BC Hockey to participate on randomly selected teams for the sole purpose of competing for fun;
- l. "Member" – shall be those individuals, associations, leagues, teams, directors and schools as set out in *Bylaw 2 – Membership*;
- j-m. "Minor" – means Minor Hockey as defined by Hockey Canada Regulation;
- k-n. "Playing Rules" – the rules that govern the game of hockey in Canada, as set out in the *Official Playing Rules Book of Hockey Canada* and any additional rules approved by BC Hockey, as amended from time-to-time;
- l-o. "Policies – the policy or policies of BC Hockey, as amended from time-to-time;
- m-p. "Registered Participants" – are those persons or entities as described in *Bylaw 3 – Registered Participants*;
- n-q. "Regulations" – the regulations of BC Hockey, as amended from time-to-time;
- o-r. "Tournament" – A tournament shall be defined as an event consisting of games between teams from more than two (2) Minor Hockey Associations in which registered players of a team in one (1) division of a local Minor Hockey Association compete against registered players of a team in the same division of the same or other local Minor Hockey Association for the purpose of determining an overall winner from within BC Hockey or from other Hockey Canada members or from outside Canada; and,
- p-s. "Voting Members" – Members falling within the classes of members identified as "voting" in *Bylaw 2 – Membership*.

Regulation One – Membership

Membership Requirements

- 1.1 Each Senior and Junior team shall be required to ~~affiliate within~~ join a Hockey League, except in areas where no Hockey League exists.
- 1.2 In order to qualify as a Member, the minimum size for a Senior or Junior team shall be:
 - a. 12 players, one (1) of which must be a goaltender; and,
 - b. a group of team officials, at least one (1) of which must be a coach.
- 1.3 In order to qualify as a Member, the minimum size and schedule requirements for a Hockey League shall be three (3) or more teams from the same category of the same division playing a minimum of six (6) home and six (6) away games in a regular league schedule.

Registration

- 1.4 A Senior or Junior team, Hockey League, Minor Hockey Association, District Association, Hockey Canada Accredited School or Associate Member whose application for membership has been approved by the Society, or who having been a Member of BC Hockey in the previous membership year, is entitled to return as a Member, shall acquire membership for each membership year by registering with the Chief Executive Officer no later than May 31.
- 1.5 A Minor Hockey team, meeting the membership requirements of the Bylaws, shall acquire membership for each membership year in accordance with *Regulation Two – Registration*.
- 1.6 A District Hockey League, meeting the membership requirements of the Bylaws, shall acquire membership for each membership year through submission of a District Hockey League registration form not later than October 31 of each year.

New Applications for Membership, Relocation or Reclassification

- 1.7 All applications for new membership, relocation or reclassification from all teams, Hockey Leagues, Minor Hockey Associations, District Associations and Hockey Canada Accredited Schools shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 1.8 The Chief Executive Officer shall present all completed applications to the Board for consideration. A decision of the Board to accept or reject an application is entirely a matter at the discretion of the Board.
- 1.9 A Hockey League receiving an application for a new franchise shall supply that application to the Chief Executive Officer forthwith upon request.
- 1.10 All applications for new team membership, team relocation or reclassification in the Senior or Junior divisions must contain the following to be considered:
 - a. ~~\$200.00~~-certified cheque payable to BC Hockey, which shall be a non-refundable application fee per team as per Appendix A – Schedule of Fees and Assessments;
 - b. name of the municipality where teams are to be located;
 - c. written proof of arena availability;
 - d. written report from the District Association and from any other of the Hockey Leagues operating in the District where the applicant proposes to locate in regard to the perspectives of the other Members of BC Hockey in that District;
 - e. complete list of owners, directors, manager and coaches;

- f. current Certificate of Good Standing as provided by BC Registry Services;
 - g. an outline of the numbers and the areas from which the players would be drawn;
 - h. specific details of any proposed affiliation; and,
 - i. written documentation as to acceptance into a Hockey League in good standing.
- 1.11** In the Junior Division:
- a. all new team membership applications are to be received by the Chief Executive Officer not later than April 1 prior to the season in which the applicant wishes to commence operations;
 - b. all team relocation applications are to be received by the Chief Executive Officer not later than May 1 prior to the season in which the applicant wishes to operate from the new location; and,
 - c. the decision of the Board with respect to the application shall be made on or before June 15.
- 1.12** Junior Division teams shall annually make declaration of their ownership structure (including any changes to the control of the shares or assets of the team). This declaration shall be included in the team membership application requirements prior to each season. A current Certificate of Good Standing as provided by BC Registry Services must also accompany the membership application.
- 1.13** All new applications from a Hockey League for membership must contain the following to be considered:
- a. letters confirming participation in that Hockey League by teams sufficient to comply with Regulation 1.3;
 - b. details of any municipalities within which teams affiliated members with the Hockey League are to be located;
 - c. current Certificate of Good Standing as provided by BC Registry Services;
 - d. a copy of its constitution, bylaws and operational rules;
 - e. list of Hockey League directors and/or executive;
 - f. if the Hockey League proposes to operate within only one (1) or two (2) Districts, a written report from the District Association(s) in question and from any other of the District Hockey Leagues and/or Hockey Leagues operating in those Districts in regard to the perspectives of other Members in that District; and,
 - g. specific details of any proposed affiliation with other Members or of any other members of Hockey Canada.
- 1.14** All new applications from a Minor Hockey Association must contain the following to be considered:
- a. a copy of the proposed boundaries of the Minor Hockey Association;
 - b. written proof of arena availability;
 - c. list of Minor Hockey Association directors and/or executive;
 - d. written documentation confirming its membership in the local District Association;
 - e. a current Certificate of Good Standing as provided by BC Registry Services; and,
 - f. a copy of its constitution and bylaws.
- 1.15** All new applications for membership from District Associations must contain the following to be considered:
- a. copy of the proposed boundaries of the District Association;
 - b. list of District Association directors and/or executive;

- c. written documentation confirming the Minor Hockey Associations or Hockey Leagues or District Hockey League that will be members of the District Association;
 - d. current Certificate of Good Standing as provided by BC Registry Services; and,
 - e. a copy of its constitution and bylaws.
- 1.16** Admission of a new District Association shall be subject to approval of the Voting Members by way of an amendment to *Bylaw One – Overview*.

Associate Members

- 1.17** All new applications for Associate Membership shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall present all completed applications to the Board for consideration. A decision of the Board to accept or reject an application is entirely a matter at the discretion of the Board.

Regulation Two – Registration

- 2.1 The Regulations covering eligibility, transfer and registration of players shall be those adopted by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.

Residential Qualifications

- 2.2 The residence rule shall be that adopted by Hockey Canada.
- 2.3 The residence of a player's parent or guardian shall be used to determine eligibility for minor hockey aged players (~~i.e.e.g.~~ such residence must be within the boundary of the Minor Hockey Association). The Board shall determine a geographic subdivision for each Minor Hockey Association.
- 2.4 It shall be the responsibility of all Voting Members to enforce and abide by the *Hockey Canada Residential Qualifications*.

Residential Waiver

- 2.5 A residential waiver may be issued by a Minor Hockey Association. A player who has been issued a residential waiver may register with a Minor Hockey Association adjacent to their home Minor Hockey Association in accordance with the *BC Hockey Residential Waiver Policy*. All residential waivers expire at the end of the season in which the waiver was issued.

Player Age Restrictions

- 2.6 The age limits for ~~Senior, Junior, U21, U18, U15, and U13, U11, U9 and U7~~ hockey players shall be those adopted by Hockey Canada.
- 2.7 Junior B teams registering a player 16-years-old or under (as of December 31 of the current season) at any time during the season shall only be permitted to release such player on or before October 31. Thereafter, any such player carded on a Junior B team shall remain carded with that team for the remainder of current season and shall only be released under one (1) or more of the following criteria:
- a season ending injury;
 - educational problems;
 - criminal problems;
 - drug and alcohol offence; or,
 - at the mutual agreement between the player and the team.

Affiliation of Minor Hockey Players

- 2.8 Minor hockey A category teams shall register ~~affiliate players~~ Affiliate Player(s) in accordance with the Hockey Canada Regulations. ~~regarding "specially affiliated players"~~.
- 2.82.9 The use of the team-to-team and Minor Hockey Association affiliation is not permitted for minor hockey A category teams.

Variations for the Female Player Development Model

- 2.92.10 Female players in their first year of U18 eligibility (15-years-old or younger) shall not roster, card or affiliate with any BC Hockey Junior (any category) or Senior AAA, AA or A team. Affiliation of first year eligible U18 players (15-years-old) to Junior teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:

- a. a team may affiliate no more than five (5) players for up to a maximum of five (5) games (league, Tournament, exhibition) during the season;
- b. the player must sign a special affiliation form with the permission of their regular team;
- c. a player shall not be called up, except under emergency conditions, when the player's regular team is playing or when the player has exams at school;
- d. when the player's regular team is finished its season,
- e. the player may join the Junior team for the balance of its season; and,
- f. in the Junior Division, the team would be restricted to calling up one (1) 15-year-old per game.

2.102.11 _____ Players registered on a female U18 AAA team may affiliate to one (1) Junior or Senior team.

2.112.12 _____ Female U18 AAA teams may affiliate female players registered on integrated teams.

2.122.13 _____ The variations for the *Female Development Model* shall be examined three (3) years after the inaugural year of operation to determine the needs of the players, teams and leagues.

2.132.14 _____ Players registered ~~as on the a~~Affiliate ~~p~~Players-list of a female Junior/Senior team must have participated in at least five (5) games (league, Tournament or exhibition) with that Junior/Senior female team to be eligible to participate in a BC Hockey Female Senior Championship.

Registration of Teams

2.142.15 _____ Carded teams must register all players and team officials on their respective teams via the HCR. Such registrations must be duly validated by the Chief Executive Officer for the current season prior to competing in any league or championship game.

2.152.16 _____ Notwithstanding ~~the preceding paragraph~~Regulation 2.15, all carded teams at Minor, Junior and Senior Female must, in order to be eligible for BC Hockey Championships, register a minimum of 12 players, on or before December 1 of the current season, including at least one (1) goaltender.

[NOTE]: integrated U13 teams are not required to designate a goaltender.

2.162.17 _____ In accordance with *Hockey Canada Regulation E*, Senior, Junior and Minor teams eligible to compete in regional and national playoffs, shall be required to register not less than 15 players on HCR Certificates (at least two (2) of whom must be goaltenders) on or before February 10 of the current season.

2.172.18 _____ Each team intending to participate in BC Hockey Championships must include at least one (1) official qualified in the *Hockey Canada Safety Program* and at least one (1) coach qualified in accordance with *BC Hockey Regulation 3 – Team Officials*. These individuals must be signed to a *Hockey Canada Officials Certificate* and must register with the Chief Executive Officer on or before December 1 of the current season.

2.182.19 _____ Recreational, male Senior AA, A and C teams will not register on HCR Certificates but will be entitled to all the privileges of BC Hockey. (Participation on a Senior C team will not affect minor hockey eligibility).

[NOTE: A recreational team is defined as a team ~~a~~Above ~~m~~Minor hockey that does not compete for a BC Hockey championship].

2.192.20 The Chief Executive Officer, upon verification of a registration discrepancy, on or about December 1, shall allow that team 10 days to correct said discrepancy upon notice to the registrar of the team.

2.202.21 District Associations may make application to register an all-star team as follows:

- a. all players are residentially eligible for a Minor Hockey Association tiered at tier 4 and are registered on a team participating in a District Hockey League or Hockey League governed by the District Association;
- b. ~~such all-star team would be permitted to apply for participation in a Tournament in a tier 1, tier 2, or tier 3 category;~~
- c. the formation of the all-star team may not conflict with regular season or playoff competition;
- d. players must be selected by way of an open tryout organized in conjunction with the District Association; and,
- e. application for such all-star teams;
 - i. must be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer prior to December 15;
 - ii. must include the name and date of the Tournament the team wishes to make application to. This Tournament will be contacted by BC Hockey to notify of the status of the all-star team application; and,
 - iii. will only be considered in the U13, U15 and U18 divisions.

2.212.22 ~~such All-star teams registered in accordance with Regulation 2.21 would shall be permitted to apply for participation in a Tournament in a tier 1, tier 2, or tier 3 category;~~

Amateur Hockey

2.222.23 At the request of any team in BC Hockey, or on the initiative of BC Hockey, the Chief Executive Officer may require any team to satisfy, by evidence under statutory declaration, that such team is being conducted in accordance with the definition of an amateur as set out by Hockey Canada.

Regulation Three – Team Officials

Team Official Qualifications

3.1 All BC Hockey/Hockey Canada coaches registered to carded teams ~~above the recreational level (excluding those teams eligible for regional/national championships and all registered Hockey Canada Accredited School teams)~~ must be trained or certified at the Development 1 or High Performance 1 level by December 1 of the current season.

3.2 The head coach of a team eligible for regional/national championships must be trained or certified at the High Performance 1 level by December 1 of the current season

3.23.3 All ~~recreational~~ (non-carded team) coaches are required to meet the following minimum standards:

Divisions Below U11:

Attend a *Coach 1 – Coach Level* clinic by December 15 of the current season or have achieved previous trained status at the Coach 2 – Coach Level (or equivalent)

Divisions U11 and Above:

Attend a *Coach 2 – Coach Level* clinic by December 15 of the current season or have achieved previous trained status at the Coach 2 – Coach Level (or equivalent).

3.33.4 All head coaches of U11, U13 or U15 teams must complete the *BC Hockey/Hockey Canada Instructional Stream Checking Clinic*. Coaches will have until December 15 of the current season to complete the program.

3.43.5 All head coaches registered to teams ~~leading to~~ eligible to competition in regional or national championships (including all Hockey Canada Accredited School teams) as determined by Hockey Canada must either be trained or certified at the *High Performance 1* level by December 1 of the current season. All assistant coaches must be trained or certified at the *Development 1* level by December 1 of the current season.

3.53.6 Minor hockey teams shall register a maximum of one manager who, once registered on the HCR, may not be removed from the team and replaced by any team official who is registered with the same team and lacks appropriate coaching qualification as of December 1 of the current playing season.

Risk Management Requirements

3.63.7 All team officials (excluding those on Senior male teams) must obtain *Respect in Sport* certification.

3.73.8 All team officials must submit a Criminal Record Check (CRC) and a Vulnerable Persons Check (VPC) prior to any team participation in practices and games. A satisfactory CRC and VPC is valid for three (3) playing seasons and then must be renewed thereafter.

3.83.9 All team officials must be qualified in the *Concussion Awareness Training Tool* prior to their participation in any practice or game.

Regulation Four – Competition

Games

4.1 All games played under the jurisdiction of BC Hockey and the qualifications of all persons participating in such games shall be in conformity with the Bylaws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of BC Hockey.

Player Participation

4.2 No player who has been approved on an HCR ~~C~~ertificate by BC Hockey shall play in any game unless as a member of the team with which the player is registered or is an Affiliated Player-affiliated.

Schedules

4.3 Each Hockey League and District Hockey League shall forward to the Chief Executive Officer a copy of its season’s scheduled games prior to the commencement of league play. All schedules of leagues intending to compete in BC Hockey championships must terminate in sufficient time to compete in respective BC Hockey championships.

Minor Hockey A Category

4.4 Minor Hockey Associations shall be categorized as A, and designated by the following tiers: tier 1, tier 2, tier 3 and tier 4. For the purposes of affiliation regulations, each tier designation will be considered a category.

Determination of Minor Hockey A Category Tiers

4.5 Guidelines for determining the tiers for Minor Hockey Associations are as follows: ~~BC Hockey~~ registrations of male U18, U15 and U13 players from the ~~previous~~preceding three (3) ~~years~~seasons ~~with the Minor Hockey Associations~~ will determine the tier designated according to the following schedule:

Average Registration of Male U18, U15 & U13 Players	Designation
300 and greater	Tier 1
Less than 300, greater than or equal to 175	Tier 2
Less than 175, greater than or equal to 80	Tier 3
Less than 80	Tier 4

The above chart shall be utilized to determine the tier of the “initial entry” team at each division (e.g. the Minor Hockey Association’s top U18, U15 and U13 team). Minor Hockey Associations may register additional teams in any division in accordance with the following chart:

Registration of Additional Minor Hockey Association Teams			
Association Designation	Second Entry Team	Third Entry Team	Fourth Entry Team
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 4

Registration of Additional Minor Hockey Association Teams			
Association Designation	Second Entry Team	Third Entry Team	Fourth Entry Team
Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4
Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4

Any Minor Hockey Association registering more than 250 players in any age division of U13, U15, U18 and U21 shall be required to register teams in that division in accordance with the following chart:

Registration of Teams for Minor Hockey Associations (250+ players)				
First Entry Team	Second Entry Team	Third Entry Team	Fourth Entry Team	Fifth Entry Team
Must register two Tier 1 teams		Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4

- 4.6** All Winter Clubs are designated tier 1. This designation is to be reviewed annually by the Chief Executive Officer following consultation with the District Association.
- 4.7** Minor Hockey Associations that register players from more than one (1) Minor Hockey Association:
- a. will have the division(s) in which player(s) from other Minor Hockey Associations are registered be automatically re-categorized by the combined U18, U15 and U13 registrations of all Minor Hockey Associations from which they register players;
 - b. will be permitted to affiliate players from all Minor Hockey Associations from which they have registered players; unless a categorization exemption has been granted under this *Regulation 4 – Competition*; and,
 - c. exemptions to this *Regulation 4 – Competition* are subject to the following:
 - i. a Minor Hockey Association re-categorized in this manner may apply to the Chief Executive Officer to have a division exempted from the re-categorization. All exemption requests must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer prior to January 10;
 - ii. where players from another Minor Hockey Association register due to the inability of that other Minor Hockey Association to form a team because of insufficient registration, then the re-categorization in accordance with the preceding will be at the discretion of BC Hockey. Such request will be addressed by BC Hockey with input from the appropriate District Association(s);
 - iii. Minor Hockey Associations that share a common geographic subdivision may apply to the Chief Executive Officer for exemption from this revision; and,
 - iv. in all situations where an exemption has been granted, the Minor Hockey Association granted the exemption may not affiliate players from the adjacent Minor Hockey Association for those age divisions for which exemptions have been granted.

Male U18 AAA

- 4.8** Male U18 AAA teams may be formed where players are drawn from more than one (1) Minor Hockey Association:
- a. these teams shall be classified U18 AAA;
 - b. residential draw zones for Midget U18 AAA shall be determined by BC Hockey; and,

- c. BC Hockey U18 AAA teams shall be recognized as the highest level of minor hockey and the U18 AAA champion shall represent BC Hockey at all regional and national U18 championships.

Female U18 AAA

- 4.9** Female U18 AAA teams may be formed where players are drawn from more than one (1) Minor Hockey Association:
- a. teams shall be classified as female U18 AAA;
 - b. residential draw zones for the female U18 AAA teams shall be determined by BC Hockey;
 - c. the formation of the female U18 AAA teams shall not affect the present classification at U18 female;
 - d. female U18AAA teams shall be recognized as the highest level of female minor hockey and the female U18 AAA champion shall represent BC Hockey at all regional and national female U18 championships.

Male Senior AA

- 4.10** Where an established male Senior AA league operates within a radius of 150 kilometres from the home ice of a duly registered male Senior AA team, such team shall be compelled to associate themselves with such a male Senior AA league, participating in all their male Senior AA league schedules and subsequent playoffs to determine representation in Coy Cup play downs.

Playoffs – Senior and Junior Leagues

- 4.11** All Senior and Junior leagues shall utilize a league playoff to determine a representative to BC Hockey championships.

Regulation Five – Tournaments, Jamborees, Exhibition and All-Star Games

Tournaments

- 5.1 Players or teams registered with BC Hockey shall not compete in any Tournament unless the Tournament has been granted a sanction permit by BC Hockey.
- 5.2 Any BC Hockey team, player, coach, manager or trainer participating in unsanctioned Tournaments shall be subject to disciplinary action by BC Hockey.
- 5.3 All players playing for any team in any sanctioned Tournament must be properly registered with that team in accordance with the regulations of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, District Associations and local team, District Hockey League, Hockey League, or Minor Hockey Association as applicable.
- 5.4 All Tournaments must be sanctioned by the Chief Executive Officer. Such sanction is granted subject to payment of the appropriate sanctioning fee and compliance with this *Regulation Five – Tournaments, Jamborees, Exhibition and All-Star Games* and Hockey Canada Regulation J.
- 5.5 Any permit sanction granted for a Tournament by the Chief Executive Officer may be withdrawn if it is found that Hockey Canada or BC Hockey regulations pertaining to such Tournament are not followed. Subsequent permits may be refused for any Minor Hockey Association or Tournament sponsor who has been found to have conducted a sanctioned Tournament which has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or BC Hockey regulations which apply, and disciplinary action may be taken.
- 5.6 Any Minor Hockey Association hosting a Tournament without BC Hockey sanction will exclude all ~~players, teams~~registered participants and Minor Hockey Association officials from liability insurance and any other insurance coverage as provided by BC Hockey and/or Hockey Canada and ~~are liable to suspension~~may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 5.7 All games shall be played under Hockey Canada Playing Rules ~~rules~~ and any other Playing Rules adopted by BC Hockey.

Jamborees

- 5.8 Any permit sanction granted for a Jamboree by the Chief Executive Officer may be withdrawn if it is found that the intent of a Jamboree, or Hockey Canada or BC Hockey Regulations are not followed. Subsequent permits may be refused for any Minor Hockey Association that has been found to have conducted a sanctioned Jamboree that has not conformed to those Hockey Canada or BC Hockey Regulations that apply or violated the intent of a Jamboree.
- 5.9 Any Minor Hockey Association hosting a Jamboree without a BC Hockey sanction will exclude all ~~players, team officials~~registered participants and Minor Hockey Association officials from liability insurance and any other insurance coverage as provided by BC Hockey and/or Hockey Canada and ~~may be subject to disciplinary action~~are liable to suspension.

Exhibition Games

- 5.10 A team that is a ~~m~~Member or ~~r~~Registered ~~p~~Participant may play exhibition games against a team that is a member of USA Hockey providing the BC Hockey registered team obtains prior approval from the Chief Executive Officer.

- 5.11 Games with teams not registered with Hockey Canada, USA Hockey or any other International Ice Hockey Federation are not permitted.
- 5.12 Exhibition games with teams from other members of Hockey Canada or professional teams require the prior written permission of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.13 Exhibition games involving Mminor division teams shall be subject to the following:
- a. A Mminor division team may play exhibition games with another BC Hockey ~~Member's~~ mMinor division team. Games involving two (2) BC Hockey registered Mminor division teams are to be reported to BC Hockey; and,
 - b. games involving a Mminor division team and either a Senior or Junior division team require the permission of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.14 If an exhibition game is played without first notifying the Chief Executive Officer for games with registered teams of USA Hockey or the BC Hockey team does not have written permission from the Chief Executive Officer for games with a professional team or teams from other members of Hockey Canada, that BC Hockey team concerned and may ~~be subject to disciplinary action~~face a fine and/or suspension, or both.
- 5.15 If an exhibition game in the Senior Men's AAA, male Senior AA and Junior Division is played without the home team first receiving written permission from the Chief Executive Officer, the home team shall be assessed a minimum of two (2) times the regular game assessment in accordance with Appendix A - Schedule of Fees and Assessment.

All-Star Games

- 5.16 BC Hockey may sanction exhibition all-star games for leagues and District Associations involving players registered with the various teams participating in that respective e-league or District Association.

Regulation Six – Playing Rules

Playing Rules

6.1 The Playing Rules of BC Hockey shall be those adopted by Hockey Canada with the exception of changes adopted by BC Hockey for Junior B, U21, U18, U15 and U13 and female divisions.

Body Checking

6.2 Body checking shall be allowed to the extent permitted by Hockey Canada Playing Rules.

Time-Out Rule

6.3 In all divisions of hockey, during games that consist of three (3) periods that are each 20 minutes in length, the time-out rule is permitted in accordance with the Hockey Canada Playing Rules.

6.4 For female hockey in the Senior division, as permitted by Hockey Canada Playing Rules, the time-out rule is permitted for all exhibition, league, Tournament and playoff games.

6.5 In accordance with the Hockey Canada Playing Rules, in all Minor, Junior, Senior and female games the center red line rule will not be utilized for offside pass purposes. This *Regulation Six – Playing Rules* will be optional for the Senior Male division.

Regulation Seven – Championships

Championship Competitions

7.1 BC Hockey may include a Senior, Junior, U21, U18, U15 or U13 series ~~if deemed advisable~~.

BC Hockey Championship Venues

7.2 BC Hockey Championship venues in all divisions shall be decided by the championship committee based in part upon recommendations made by the committee representing the various divisions in which BC Hockey conducts championship series. The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to change the venue of a series ~~if deemed advisable~~. Such changes will be immediately reported to the Board.

7.3 When financially possible, the male Senior AAA/AA, female Senior AAA/AA and male Junior championship finals shall alternate between leagues involved.

Championship Declarations

7.4 All teams intending to enter competition leading to a BC Hockey championship must do so by declaring their team as “carded” via the HCR.

[NOTE]: All reference to “carded teams” in these Regulations denotes teams registered.

League Representatives to BC Hockey Championships

7.5 The winners of each District Hockey League may enter the BC Hockey championship in their respective division and/or category, and the winner of the final series shall be declared BC Hockey champion.

Withdrawal from BC Hockey Championships (General)

7.6 Notice to withdraw from BC Hockey championships shall be declared via the HCR by midnight on December 31 of the current season.

7.7 Any team in any division registered on the HCR as a carded team that subsequently withdraws from BC Hockey championships after the December 31 deadline may be subject to a fine and/or suspension by the Chair. A portion of the fine may be used to compensate ~~the affected team, league or Minor Hockey Association for~~ those parties negatively impacted by the withdrawal costs incurred.

Championships – Minor Hockey

7.8 BC Hockey minor hockey championships shall be a playoff Tournament composed of 10 teams (one (1) from each of the eight (8) Districts, an additional team (1) from the Lower Mainland District, and the host team).

7.9 ~~The~~ host team shall participate in addition to the District representatives outlined in these Regulations;

7.10 ~~In~~ the tier 4 category, the playoff Tournament (male only) shall be composed of nine (9) teams as the Lower Mainland District shall be limited to one (1) team; and,

7.11 Yukon Territory will be considered a District and will be allowed to send a representative team directly to the BC Hockey championship. In the event that the number of participating teams in the BC Hockey championship Tournament (including the host team) is fewer than six (6), additional “wild card” teams shall be included to bring the number of participating teams to six

(6). The format for determining “wild card” teams shall be determined annually by the Minor Divisional Committee.

Competing at a Different Tier

7.12 Tier 2 and lower tiered teams may compete in higher tier championships as follows:

- a. a Tier 2 team may compete for the tier 1 championship during any one (1) season. Such declarations must be submitted by the Minor Hockey Association to the Chief Executive Officer by December 1 of the current season. By exercising this option, the team becomes ineligible for the tier 2 championship;
- b. a tier 3 team may compete for the tier 2 championship or the tier 1 championship during the current season. By exercising this option, the team becomes ineligible for the tier 3 championship; and,
- c. a tier 4 team may compete for the tier 3, tier 2 or tier 1 championship during any one (1) season. Such declarations must be submitted by a Minor Hockey Association to the Chief Executive Officer by December 1 of the current season. By exercising this option, the team becomes ineligible for the tier 4 championship.

Host Rotations

7.13 Host Districts for minor hockey championships shall be as follows:

Minor Hockey Championships Host Districts				
2015-2016	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
U18	Vancouver Island	Northwest	West Kootenay	Northeast/Yukon
U15	Lower Mainland	Okanagan	North Central	East Kootenay
U13	Okanagan	Northeast/Yukon	Lower Mainland	Okanagan
2016-2017	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
U18	North Central	Lower Mainland	Northwest	West Kootenay
U15	Okanagan	Vancouver Island	East Kootenay	Okanagan
U13	Vancouver Island	West Kootenay	Northeast/Yukon	Vancouver Island
2017-2018	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
U18	Northeast/Yukon	East Kootenay	Lower Mainland	Northwest
U15	Vancouver Island	Northwest	West Kootenay	Vancouver Island
U13	North Central	Lower Mainland	Okanagan	North Central
2018-2019	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
U18	Okanagan	Okanagan	East Kootenay	Lower Mainland
U15	North Central	Northeast/Yukon	Vancouver Island	Northeast/Yukon
U13	Lower Mainland	East Kootenay	Vancouver Island	Northeast/Yukon
2019-2020	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
U18	Vancouver Island	Vancouver Island	Okanagan	East Kootenay
U15	Lower Mainland	West Kootenay	Lower Mainland	Northwest
U13	Okanagan	Okanagan	North Central	Northeast/Yukon
2020-2021	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4

Minor Hockey Championships Host Districts				
U18	North Central	North Central	Vancouver Island	East Kootenay
U15	Okanagan	Northwest	Vancouver Island	East Kootenay
U13	Vancouver Island	Vancouver Island	East Kootenay	West Kootenay
2021-2022	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
U18	Lower Mainland	Northeast/Yukon	North Central	Vancouver Island
U13	Vancouver Island	Lower Mainland	Okanagan	Northwest
U13	North Central	North Central	West Kootenay	Lower Mainland

[NOTE]: Following the 2021-2022 season this schedule will repeat.

7.14 U21 championship host Districts shall be as follows:

U21 Hockey Championships Host Districts	
Year	District
2016-2017	East Kootenay
2017-2018	West Kootenay
2018-2019	Northwest
2019-2020	Lower Mainland
2020-2021	Northeast/Yukon
2021-2022	Okanagan
2022-2023	Vancouver Island
2023-2024	North Central

[NOTE]: Following the 2023-2024 season this schedule will repeat.

7.15 Female minor championship host Districts shall be as follows:

Female Minor Championship Host Districts			
	U18	U15	U13
2016-2017	Vancouver Island	Northwest	North Central
2017-2018	North Central	Lower Mainland	Northeast/Yukon
2018-2019	Northeast/Yukon	East Kootenay	West Kootenay
2019-2020	West Kootenay	Okanagan	Northwest
2020-2021	Northwest	Vancouver Island	Lower Mainland
2021-2022	Lower Mainland	North Central	Okanagan
2022-2023	East Kootenay	Northeast/Yukon	East Kootenay
2023-2024	Okanagan	West Kootenay	Vancouver Island

[NOTE]: Following the 2023-2024 season this schedule will repeat.

7.16 The host District will designate its intent to hold the above noted championship and this designation is to take place no later than January 1 of the year prior.

Championship Format – Minor Hockey

7.17 The minor hockey championship Tournament, if eight (8) or more teams are involved, shall be composed of a preliminary round robin series and a championship series.

- a. the preliminary series shall have the teams divided into two (2) divisions (A and B). A round robin series will be played with each division. It is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer to seed divisions prior to the Tournament.
- b. in the championship series, the:
 - i. first-place finisher in division A will play the second-place finisher in division B;
 - ii. first-place finisher in division B will play second-place finisher in division A;
 - iii. winning teams will play to determine first and second overall; and,
 - iv. losing teams will play to determine third and fourth overall.

7.18 The championship Tournament, if seven (7) or fewer teams are involved, shall be a single round robin series with the first and second-place teams qualifying for a championship game. The winner of this game shall be declared the BC Hockey champion.

7.19 The championship Tournament, if three (3) teams are involved, shall be a double round robin series with the first and second-place teams qualifying for a championship game. The winner of this game shall be declared the BC Hockey champion.

7.20 The championship, if two (2) teams are involved, shall be a best two (2) out of three (3) series.

Female Senior Championships

7.21 Senior female championships shall consist of a Tournament as approved by the Female Divisional Committee.

7.22 ~~Female-Senior~~ female teams will be eligible for championships as follows; ~~Female Senior~~:

- a. AAA teams will be eligible for BC Hockey, regional and national competition;
- b. AA teams will be eligible for BC Hockey and regional competition only; and,
- c. A teams be eligible for BC Hockey and regional competition only.

7.23 In order for a Senior female team to participate in BC Hockey championship competition, said team must have played six (6) games in a recognized registered league of properly registered senior teams on or before December 1 of the current playing season, or if said team is not a participant in such a league, proof of participation in six (6) exhibition games against BC Hockey and/or Hockey Canada registered female teams must be submitted in the form of six (6) original signed game reports, on or before January 10 of the current playing season.

7.24 Applications to host the BC Hockey Senior female championships shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by October 1 of the given season. BC Hockey championship venues in all divisions shall be decided from recommendations made by the Female Divisional Committee and designations shall take place no later than November 15 of the playing season.

7.25 In the event all registered Senior female AAA teams are members of a common league; that league's playoff champion shall be declared the BC Hockey champion, and there shall be no BC Hockey championship final Tournament.

Male Junior B

- 7.26** A Junior B team competing for BC Hockey championships must play in a Junior B league with a minimum 20 game schedule.
- 7.27** American-based Junior B teams, ~~presently operating,~~ must apply by July 1 of the current season to the Chief Executive Officer stating their intentions for the coming season in regard to competing as a member of BC Hockey and competing in league play downs.
- 7.28** A Tournament format shall be used to determine the BC Hockey champion. Four (4) teams shall participate in the Tournament (the three (3) league champions plus a host team).
- 7.29** In the BC Hockey Junior B championships, the host league shall be determined as follows:

Junior B Championship Host League	
Year	Host League
2020 – 2021	Pacific Junior Hockey League
2021 – 2022	Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League
2022 – 2023	Kootenay International Junior Hockey League

[NOTE:] Following the 2022-2023 season the above schedule will repeat

Male Senior AAA (Savage Cup)

- 7.30** In the BC Hockey Senior Men’s AAA Championship (Savage Cup), the competitions format will consist of either:
- a. two (2) team best of five (5) series; or,
 - b. three (3) team Tournament; or,
 - c. four (4) team Tournament (maximum).
- 7.31** Teams shall dress a minimum of 15 players in championship games.

Male Senior AA (Coy Cup)

- 7.32** In order for a male Senior AA team to participate in Coy Cup competition, said team must:
- a. have played six (6) games in a recognized registered league of properly registered male Senior AA or higher division and category teams on or before December 1 of the current playing season; or,
 - b. if said team is not a participant in such a league, proof of participation in six (6) exhibition games against Junior B or higher category teams must be submitted in the form of six (6) original signed game reports, on or before January 10 of the current playing season.
- 7.33** In BC Hockey male Senior AA championships (Coy Cup) the competitions format will consist of either:
- a. two (2) team best of five (5) series; or,
 - b. three (3) team Tournament; or,
 - c. four (4) team Tournament (maximum).

Regulation Eight – Conduct

Ineligible Player or Team Official

- 8.1** Any ineligible player or team official who signs the game sheet and/or participates in any BC Hockey sanctioned game will cause their team to forfeit the game regardless of the score of the game. The team official(s) responsible will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation and may upon completion of the investigation be subject to a suspension for a definite period.
- 8.2** If an ineligible player or team official is used in any BC Hockey championship game, the team will automatically be disqualified. All games involving the disqualified team will be forfeited and the disqualified team will forfeit their performance bond (where applicable).
- 8.3** Every team shall be responsible for the representations made to BC Hockey regarding the age of Junior, U21, U18, U15 and U13 players:
- a. in the event of a team being successfully protested for playing a player over age in any playoff games, the:
 - i. team shall be dropped from the year's competition; and,
 - ii. playoff games of the round protested only shall be disregarded.
 - b. in the event of a team being successfully protested for playing a player over age in games preceding the playoffs:
 - i. the player shall be dropped; and;
 - ii. at the discretion of the Board, the team itself may be allowed to continue in competition, all games won while playing the over age player shall be awarded to the team or teams which have competed against it. In the case a team is not allowed to continue in competition, all games against it shall be cancelled.

Suspensions

- 8.4** A suspended player, referee, linesman, official scorer, game timekeeper or any official of any team, league or association shall not participate in any capacity whatsoever in exhibition, Jamborees, Tournaments, league or playoff games, nor shall they act in any official capacity within the ~~confines-jurisdiction~~ of BC Hockey or affiliated organizations during the term of their suspension.
- 8.5** For suspensions in effect prior to the Christmas break, the days between the last scheduled league game or Tournament prior to the Christmas break, and the first scheduled league game or Tournament shall not be included in determining the number of days served.
- 8.6** Match and gross misconduct penalties that result in a suspension to be served after the conclusion of league and/or playoff game(s) shall be served starting September 1 of the next season.

Falsification of Registration

- 8.7** Any player proven guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or of having had knowledge that same has been falsified, or of playing using a birth certificate other than that player's own, shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team under the jurisdiction of affiliated- ~~with~~ BC Hockey for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of that player's suspension.

8.8 Any officer, or executive member, of a team or association, proven guilty of having been a party to, or having had such knowledge of such falsification, shall be automatically suspended for not less than 20 years from playing or holding office, with any team, league or association affiliated with BC Hockey.

Damaging Property

8.9 Any player, team official or club found guilty of damaging property ~~shall~~ may be subject to ~~such~~ disciplinary action. ~~that may be deemed necessary.~~

Regulation Nine – Appeal Procedure

Notice of Appeal

- 9.1** Notice of any appeal to the Appeal Committee shall be:
- delivered to the Chief Executive Officer within 21 days from the date of notice of the decision-
~~of the appeal was appealed from~~;
 - in writing, and outline all particulars of the case as well as the grounds on which the appeal is made; and,
 - accompanied by payment of a fee in the amount indicated in the *Schedule of Fees and Assessment* (see Appendix A). The fee shall be paid either by cash, a credit card payment or certified cheque payable to BC Hockey. If the appeal is dismissed or the suspension modified, the fee shall be retained by BC Hockey. If the appeal is upheld, the fee shall be returned to the appellant.
- 9.2** The filing of an appeal does not result in a stay of any suspension imposed or other decision made.
- 9.3** The chair of the Appeal Committee shall review each notice of appeal and determine whether it raises a ground of appeal permitted under these Bylaws. If the chair of the Appeal Committee decides that the grounds of appeal do not fall within these Bylaws, then notice of that decision shall be given to the appellant by the Chief Executive Officer. Otherwise, the appeal shall be set for hearing.
- 9.4** For each appeal to be considered by the Appeal Committee, the chair shall designate an appeal panel consisting of the chair and at least two (2) and not more than four (4) other members of the Appeal Committee.
- 9.5** Prior to the hearing of an appeal, all pertinent documents supplied by any referee, linesman or other game official or other decision-maker shall, upon request, be made available to the party appealing.
- 9.6** Prior to the hearing of an appeal of a Member's decision, BC Hockey shall forward a copy of the request to the appropriate Member who will have seven (7) days to respond with their position and rationale regarding the decision. Failure to respond within the timeline may be regarded by the Appeal Committee as evidence the non-responding party is in agreement with the appeal. After the Member response has been received, the submission of further materials by either party shall only be permitted at the discretion of the Appeal Committee. All parties to the appeal may be requested to respond to any material provided by any party to an appeal within timelines as established by the Appeal Committee.
- 9.7** Each party shall supply copies of all documents the parties wish to have considered by the Appeal Committee within 48 hours of the decision to grant a hearing of the appeal. All pertinent information supplied to the Appeal Committee by either party shall upon request be made available to both parties, in writing, in advance of the hearing. A party may, with leave of the Appeal Committee, submit additional information at the time of the hearing providing it has a reasonable explanation for the late submission of information.
- 9.8** Any party to an appeal shall be given not less than 48 hours' notice of an appeal hearing.
- 9.9** The appeal shall be dealt with by the Appeal Committee within 14 days from the date notice of the appeal is received by the Chief Executive Officer, unless a mutual agreement is reached by both parties to extend this time.

9.10 In the event the chair of the Appeal Committee is in a conflict of interest or otherwise unable to deal with a specific matter, then the chair of the Appeal Committee shall ask another member of the Appeal Committee to take their place with respect to that matter.

Exemption Appeals

9.11 The Appeal Committee has the authority to review appeals for exemptions and to provide special dispensation from BC Hockey's Regulations and Policies utilizing the following procedures:

- a. the appeal for an exemption must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer along with the appeal fee;
- b. any exemption appeal granted shall be in effect for the current season only;
- c. any exemption appeal granted shall be reported to the appellant, the District Association/league and the Board; and,
- d. the decision by the Appeal Committee on the appeal for exemption will be final except as provided for in the Bylaws and Hockey Canada regulations.

Regulation Ten – Nominating Procedures

Nomination Procedures

- 10.1** Nominations for Director can be made by either a Member or the chair of the Nominating Committee.
- 10.2** A nomination form signed by a duly authorized signatory of a Voting Member and by the candidate shall constitute the nomination.
- 10.3** A resume of the candidate's credentials and a written statement by the candidate ~~expressing a willingness~~consenting to serve as a Director must accompany the nomination form.
- 10.4** The resume of the candidate's credentials should include education background, employment background and hockey experience, including experience with BC Hockey or other hockey organizations. The resume should also highlight any additional skills or competencies that will contribute to the effective leadership and governance of BC Hockey.
- 10.5** The Nominating Committee shall verify the eligibility of the candidates to hold office.
- 10.6** All nominations for the position of Director must be submitted to the chair of the Nominating Committee at least 90 days prior to the commencement of the annual general meeting.
- 10.7** Candidates wishing to run for the Chair must first be nominated as a candidate for a Director~~Board~~ position.
- 10.8** The Nominating Committee shall circulate, 75 days prior to the annual general meeting, a list of recommended eligible candidates and a brief summary of their qualifications.
- 10.9** Members will have until 60 days prior to the annual general meeting to submit further nominations.
- 10.10** All candidates shall have until 50 days prior to the annual general meeting to further indicate their desire to run for the Chair position.
- 10.11** The Nomination Committee shall circulate 45 days prior to the annual general meeting a final list of candidates for the available positions along with the resumes of the candidates' credentials.
- 10.12** Each candidate may have up to two (2) minutes at the annual general meeting to make an address, prior to voting.

Appendix A – Schedule of Fees and Assessments

Annual team, league and Minor Hockey Association Assessments:

- Associate Members
 - Associate Member \$50.00
 - Major Junior Team \$2,500.00
- District Associations \$50.00
- District Hockey Leagues \$50.00
- Hockey Leagues
 - Junior \$50.00
 - Minor (other than District Hockey Leagues) \$50.00
 - Senior \$50.00
- Minor Hockey Associations \$50.00
- Minor Hockey Teams
 - U21 A \$85.00
 - U18 A \$85.00
 - U15 A \$85.00
 - U13 A \$85.00
 - Minor Recreational \$5.00
 - Hockey Canada Accredited School \$1,000.00
- Senior and Junior Teams
 - Junior A \$30.00
 - Junior B \$30.00
 - Junior Female \$30.00
 - Senior AA Male \$30.00
 - Senior A Male \$30.00
 - Senior C Male \$30.00
 - Senior AAA Female \$30.00
 - Senior AA Female \$30.00
 - Senior A Female \$30.00

New Applications for Membership, Relocation or Reclassification Fee

- \$200.00 payable as per Regulation 1.10.

These dues are payable at the time of registration each year. No team, league or Minor Hockey Association shall be entitled to enter competition or be represented at the annual general meeting until its fees, assessments and fines, if any, have been paid.

1. Annual Registered Participant Assessments

- All Participants
(except Hockey Canada Adult Recreational)

\$13.00 in 2019-2020
\$13.50 in 2020-2021
\$14.00 in 2021-2022
\$14.50 in 2022-2023

- Hockey Canada Adult Recreational Player \$2.00

This participant assessment fee is in addition to the membership assessments charged for Hockey Canada Certificates and Hockey Canada Insurance. It shall be valid for a playing season, which shall be considered to begin on August 15 and end on August 14 of the following year.

2. Annual Reserve Fund Assessments

- Junior B Teams

3. Above Minor Game Assessments

- Junior A \$25.00/home game
- Junior B \$12.00/home game
- Male Senior AAA \$25.00/home game
- Male Senior AA \$15.00/home game
- Male Senior A \$5.00/home game

4. Sanctioning Fees

- Jamborees \$75.00 (plus taxes)
- Tournaments
 - a) Branch \$75.00 (plus taxes)
 - b) Inter-Branch \$125.00 (plus taxes)
 - Each non-BC Hockey resident team \$10.00 (plus taxes)
 - c) International \$175.00 (plus taxes)
 - Each non-BC Hockey resident team \$10.00 (plus taxes)
 - Each non-Canadian resident team \$50.00 (plus taxes)

5. Appeal Fees

- Filing fees for appeal \$500.00 [plus costs associated with the appeal process](#)

Appeal fees are to be paid either by cash payment, credit card payment or a certified cheque.