



NORTH EAST MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

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CONSTITUTION

As of April 30th, 2023

ARTICLE 1 –Name

This organization shall be known as the North East Minor Hockey League, hereinafter referred to as NEMHL or the League.

ARTICLE 2 –Purpose

To conduct, manage and foster minor hockey play in the U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 & U18 divisions in the area it embraces, within the framework of Hockey Sask. Each member minor hockey Association shall circulate to all coaches a copy of this constitution. Each coach should be familiar with the contents of this document.

ARTICLE 3 –Goals & Objectives

The objectives of this League shall be:

- a) To administer the operation of minor hockey in the North East.
- b) To foster a general community spirit, among its members, supporters and teams.
- c) To maintain and increase the interest in the game of hockey.
- d) To have and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over the playing interests of its teams, players and officials.

ARTICLE 4—Membership

There shall be three (3) levels of Membership within the NEMHL.

- 1) Executive members:
President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Referee in Chief and 6 Division Coordinators— U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 & U18.
As according to Appendix A—Executive Rotation.

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- a) The President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary-Treasurer and all Division Coordinators will follow the rotation in Appendix A. The Referee in Chief shall be appointed annually by the newly elected executive and shall be in place by the Fall NEMHL meeting.

 - b) Each Association must appoint and provide the NEMHL President of their representatives' name and contact information to fulfill their Executive obligation by June 30 or Article 4 c) shall prevail. Executive members do not necessarily have to be members from their home Association but could be a member of their community.

 - c) Any Association unable/unwilling to provide an Executive member, according to Appendix A, shall be fined \$1000 by the NEMHL each year. The collected fine will then be paid to the next Association in the rotation that accepts the position.
 - i) Should an Executive member fail to fulfill their NEMHL duties or resign during their term, their Association has 14 days to replace that individual or the above Article 4 c) shall be exercised.

 - d) Failure to pay the fine by Sept 30th will result in the offending Association being excluded from the NEMHL until the fine is paid.

 - e) Efforts should be made to ensure that no community/Association is represented on the executive with more than one member.

 - f) The purpose of the Executive is to make decisions on behalf of the NEMHL operations. At Executive meetings, no member of the NEMHL Executive shall be permitted to make decisions on behalf of their home Association but shall make decisions on behalf of the entire NE for all teams. This member may also be an Association member as per 2 a) below and shall vote accordingly.

 - g) The power and duties of the Executive shall be established via the NEMHL Policies & Procedures.

 - h) At Executive meetings, the Executive members shall have one (1) vote each.

 - i) NEMHL President does not have voting privileges unless to break a tie.

 - j) Executive members may only be removed/replaced by the current Executive members by a special Executive vote with a minimum of 2/3 vote.

 - k) The Executive members shall be the Discipline Committee and deal with any disputes that the President requests assistance with during the year. If an Executive member is in conflict personally or through their association, the President may acquire another neutral NEMHL Association member to fill in.
- 2) Association members:
President, Vice-President or an appointed Board member from their home Association.
- a) Association members must be an appointed Board member from their home Association. This member may also be a current Executive member that will vote accordingly.

 - b) At NEMHL meetings where the Association members are requested to participate, Association members shall be permitted to make decisions and vote on behalf of their home Association only.

 - c) At Association meetings, each NEMHL Association shall have one (1) vote.

- d) Association members are permitted to forward proposed motions or concerns to the NEMHL Executive.
 - e) Any Association not represented at the Fall or Spring AGM meetings will be fined \$500.
- 3) NEMHL members at large:
Any current team official or parent/guardian within the NEMHL
- a) Members at large must have their home Association bring forward proposed motions to the NEMHL Executive.
 - b) Shall be invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) where they will have one (1) vote per family.
- 4) Minor Hockey teams wishing to play within the NEMHL
- a) Must make application and be granted approval by the current membership at the NEMHL fall meeting as well as be willing to comply with and abide by the NEMHL Policies & Procedures and adhere to any conditions and probationary period as laid out by the League.
 - b) Upon admittance to the League, the following shall apply:
 - i. The teams' Association must submit a \$100 performance bond per team to the League Secretary.
 - ii. Attend the Fall Membership meeting and the Spring Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - iii. Submit payment of annual League participation fees; the annual fee per team shall be decided at each Fall meeting; if fees are not submitted by any team/Association to League Secretary by December 15th, the Association shall be fined \$100/team.
 - c) Associations within the NEMHL must have a working Constitution (as per SHA Bylaws) and policies in place that address the minimum rules of their Association, membership, discipline and an appeal process as well as a social media policy by Sept 15th of each season. A current copy must be provided to the NEMHL President. Associations failing to provide their working constitution by Sept 15th of each season will be fined \$500 and be excluded from the NEMHL until the Constitution is provided and the fine is paid.
 - d) Each registered team is empowered to administer and conduct its affairs in accordance with the bylaws and regulations established by the Minor Hockey Association they are a member of and those established for the NEMHL.
 - i. Minor Hockey Associations are permitted to apply additional discipline in accordance to their bylaws and regulations that will be in addition to (not replace) those handed down from Hockey Sask and the NEMHL.
 - e) Each Association shall be expected to uphold and apply their own Constitution, Policies & Procedures to their players, coaches, parents & spectators. The Association must provide the NEMHL President with a copy of any disciplinary letter prior to the individual being able to coach or attend any NEMHL games. Discipline from the NEMHL Discipline Committee may also be applied.
 - i. Should an Association fail to acknowledge and act upon their own Constitution, Policies and Procedures to deal with an issue shall be in breach of their own Constitution, Policies and Procedures. Should that be the case, the NEMHL may review the situation.

- f) Each Association within the NEMHL must have a Referee in Chief (RIC) in place that will be responsible for assigning officials of all games for their association (this may be delegated). This person must be familiar with the officials within their association and area and shall promote development by provide a rotating fashion of officials as best as they can.
 - i) The RIC does not necessarily have to be from the home association. Associations that do not have a RIC may share one from another association—those arrangements and any fees involved are the responsibility of the association requiring one.
 - ii) The name and contact information of the designated person must be provided to the NEMHL President by Oct 15th of each season or a \$500 fine shall be imposed to the Association and shall be excluded from the NEMHL until the information is provided and the fine is paid.
- g) When a team wishes to leave the NEMHL, the team or its Association may apply for a refund of their \$100 performance bond. No bond will be returned unless written application is received and all fees and penalties have been paid. After a 3-year period of unwritten request and unparticipating, the bond shall be forfeited and transferred to the general operating account of the NEMHL.
- h) All membership application votes must receive a seventy-five (75) percent majority vote of the Association members present and eligible to vote.

ARTICLE 5—Meetings

- a) The League will hold a minimum of two (2) meeting per year
 - 1) Fall meeting once per year that must be held no later than Sept 30th of the current year.
 - 2) Spring Annual General Meeting (AGM) once per year that must be held no later than April 30th of the current year.
- b) The date and location of the League meetings will be determined by the NEMHL President. The date and location of all League meetings will be held in a central location to all Associations; that being Tisdale. NEMHL will cover the expenses of these meetings.
- c) The President shall provide the six (6) Division Coordinators, who are then responsible to provide the members within their division, notification of all up-coming meeting information. This must be done well in advance--with a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice.
- d) All League meeting votes must receive a seventy-five (75) percent majority vote of those members present and eligible, as defined in Article 4.
- e) The President shall call the Executive to be the Discipline Committee and deal with any disputes that the President requests assistance with during the year. If an Executive member is in conflict personally or through their association, the President may acquire another NEMHL member to fill in.
- f) At the request of three (3) Executive members, one of which must be the President, Vice President or Secretary, a Special Meeting may be called. No subject shall be discussed or considered at any Special Meeting, except that specified in the notice.

ARTICLE 6—Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the NEMHL, its property and assets, after payment of all liabilities and refunded bonds, shall be held in trust or to be distributed to a “like” organization.

ARTICLE 7—Amendments

- a) Proposed amendments to the NEMHL Constitution shall be voted on only at the Spring Annual General Meeting.

Proposed amendments to the NEMHL Policies & Procedures shall be voted on only at the Spring & Fall Meeting.

- b) All notices of motion to amend the NEMHL Constitution must be submitted to the President in writing, two (2) weeks (14 days) prior to the Spring Annual General Meeting.

All notices of motion to amend the NEMHL Policies & Procedures must be submitted to the President in writing, two (2) weeks (14 days) prior to the Fall or Spring Annual General Meeting.

- c) The President shall provide the Association Members within the NEMHL notice of these proposed amendments within seven (7) days of the Spring Annual General Meeting date.

- d) Amendments to the NEMHL Constitution must receive a seventy-five (75) percent majority vote of those members present and eligible, as defined in Article 4, to vote at the Spring Annual General Meeting.

Amendments to the NEMHL Policies & Procedures must receive a seventy-five (75) percent majority vote of those members present and eligible, as defined in Article 4, to vote at the Fall or Spring Annual General Meeting.