

WEST COUNTRY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

OBJECTS

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

- A. This organization shall be known as the WEST COUNTRY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (WCMHA).

ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide an opportunity for every child in the West Central Alberta area to play hockey regardless of social standing, race, color or creed.
- B. To minimize travel in all divisions.
- C. To organize, supervise and govern minor hockey leagues and playoffs in accordance with the aims and objectives of the WCMHA, Hockey Alberta and the Canadian Hockey Association.
- D. To improve the calibre of minor hockey in the West Central area by upgrading the standards of coaches, players and referees.
- E. To provide a united, recognized voice to H.A. representatives in this area.
- F. To promote and encourage goodwill and sportsmanlike conduct and attitudes among players, coaches and teams in the WCMHA.
- G. To co-operate with other minor hockey associations to provide suitable skill levels for all teams in the West Central area.

WCMHA BYLAWS
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BYLAW 1: MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

- A. The WCMHA shall be a member of H.A. and the C.H.A.
- B. All minor hockey associations with teams registered in the WCMHA shall be members of the WCMHA.
- C. The WCMHA boundaries shall be East to Highway 2; North to Highway 53, including Winfield; West to Highway 22; and South to Highway 27. Teams outside these boundaries may be considered on a yearly basis.
- D. Registration fees shall be set at the annual meeting.
- E. Associations that fail to pay fees, provide directors and executive or league governors, or follow WCMHA rules shall be suspended.

BYLAW 2: MEETINGS

- A. WCMHA shall hold an annual meeting in early April each year at a place designated by the executive committee.
- B. The executive committee shall hold general meetings in mid-September, October, late November, January, and any time that it is requested by two-thirds of the executive committee or one-half of the members.
- C. The executive committee shall meet as needed to run the WCMHA according to the constitution, bylaws and regulations.
- D. The order of business for meetings shall be:
 - 1. Minutes
 - 2. Treasurer's report
 - 3. President's report
 - 4. Governors' reports
 - 5. Correspondence
 - 6. Business from the minutes
 - 7. New business
 - 8. Elections at an annual meeting
 - 9. Adjournment

BYLAW 3: QUORUM AND VOTING

- A. A quorum shall be present before a vote is valid.
- B. A quorum shall consist of one more than half of the executive and directors.
- C. Each minor hockey association with teams registered in the WCMHA the previous season shall have one vote.
- D. Each executive officer shall have one vote except the chairman, who shall vote only in the event of a tie.
- E. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot.

BYLAW 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- A. The WCMHA Board of Directors shall consist of the executive committee and one director from each member association.
- B. Each member association shall appoint one person annually from their executive to the WCMHA Board of Directors, to be named at the September meeting.
- C. All positions in the WCMHA shall be without salary.

BYLAW 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' DUTIES

- A. The Board of Directors shall operate the WCMHA according to the constitution, bylaws and regulations.
- B. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds majority vote, suspend any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the WCMHA.

BYLAW 6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and past-president, elected at the annual meeting for two-year terms.
- B. The president and treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years and the vice-president and secretary in odd-numbered years.

BYLAW 7: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S DUTIES

- A. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the board of directors.
- B. Each member association shall provide an executive member or league governor annually or in rotation as required.
- C. The Executive Committee may appoint members to fill any vacancies until the next annual meeting.

BYLAW 8: EXECUTIVE DUTIES

- A. President
 - 1. Preside at all WCMHA general and executive meetings.
 - 2. Act for the executive committee (between meetings) in an emergency when it is impossible to obtain a committee vote.
 - 3. Be responsible for the proper and efficient operation of the WCMHA.
 - 4. Have signing authority on WCMHA cheques.
- B. Vice President
 - 1. Perform the duties of the president in his absence.
 - 2. Perform such duties as requested by the president.
 - 3. Have signing authority on WCMHA cheques.
- C. Secretary
 - 1. Keep minutes of each general and executive meeting.
 - 2. Send minutes and meeting notices to directors.
 - 3. Be responsible for all WCMHA correspondence.
 - 4. Record the location of all WCMHA trophies.
- D. Treasurer
 - 1. Deposit funds and record receipts and expenses.
 - 2. Present a financial report at the annual meeting.
 - 3. Prepare the financial records for an account review.
 - 4. Have signing authority on WCMHA cheques.
 - 5. Any two signatures of the president, vice-president and treasurer shall be valid on cheques.

E. Past President

1. Provide continuity and offer guidance in policy.
2. Conduct elections at the annual meeting.

BYLAW 9: DIRECTORS' DUTIES

- A. Directors shall be responsible to the WCMHA for their minor hockey association.
- B. Directors shall represent and vote for their minor hockey association.
- C. Directors shall ensure that their coaches and managers know the Bylaws and Regulations of WCMHA.

BYLAW 10: BORROWING POWERS

- A. The WCMHA shall not borrow any money without a special resolution of the association.

BYLAW 11: FISCAL YEAR AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

- A. The WCMHA fiscal year shall be from May 1 to the following April 30.
- B. The accounts and financial statements of the WCMHA shall be reviewed once a year after the fiscal year end.
- C. Two members of the WCMHA or an accountant shall be appointed to review the financial statements and records for the following year.

BYLAW 12: THE ASSOCIATION SEAL

- A. If the WCMHA adopts a seal, it shall be kept and used by the executive.

BYLAW 13: CUSTODY AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS

- A. The WCMHA minute books and financial records shall be kept by the secretary and treasurer.
- B. These records may be inspected by WCMHA members at any time, with sufficient notice to the secretary and/or treasurer.

BYLAW 14: AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments of alterations to the constitution and bylaws of the WCMHA shall be made at an annual meeting by a simple majority. Notice to amend must be made in writing to the secretary 21 days prior to the meeting and the secretary shall send the proposed amendment to each member with the notice of meeting.
- B. Amendments may also be made at any general meeting but require a two-thirds majority of those members present.
- C. A copy of any amended constitution shall be sent to H.A.