

ALL PEACE HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

- 1) This organization shall be known as the All Peace Hockey League (APHL).
- 2) The objectives of the APHL are:
 - a) To promote, govern and improve organized Minor hockey;
 - b) To foster among its members, supporters and teams, a general community spirit;
 - 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 and players;
 - e) To allow the children to play and enjoy hockey.
- 3) The Constitution shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting. (May 2018) Proposed constitutional changes or issues needing group discussion/decision (Oct 2013) shall be submitted to the President in writing no later than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The President then to provide this information to the Associations no later than 15 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 4) The APHL shall consist of two (2) voting members from each APHL Association within its jurisdiction. Members shall represent all their divisions participating in the APHL. It is expected that these members shall represent their association for the entire season and be responsible for reporting back to their respective associations.
- 5) Each APHL Association shall have two (2) votes only.
- 6) There shall be a minimum of three (3) (Oct 2012) meetings held during the season. These meetings will be held as decided at the Annual General Meeting. (All meetings are at MST Mountain Standard Time (Apr 2016). Meetings to include:
 - a. Kickoff Meeting; in September. (May 2018)
 - b. Tiering Meeting; held prior to regular season play to finalize the tiering format, etc. This meeting will be held after the exhibition tiering season,. (May 2018) date to be determined, at 12:00 PM (Apr 2016). The Saturday following the Tiering Meeting is reserved for the All Peace Scheduling Meeting - attendance by each association is mandatory.
 - c. Annual General Meeting; this meeting is held in April/May. (May 2017)
- 7) The APHL Executive shall be comprised of the following:
 - a) President
 - b) Past President
 - c) Vice-President – Atom, Midget, Female
 - d) Vice-President – Bantam, Pee Wee
 - e) Secretary/Treasurer

The APHL executive shall have a two-year term. On an even year, the President and Vice President – Atom, Midget, Female, shall be up for election. On an odd year, Vice President – Bantam, Pee Wee and Secretary/Treasurer, shall be up for election. The President will send out notification for nomination prior to February 1 of the current year. By April 1 of each calendar year, nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary of the APHL, who will inform the President of all nominations. Elections are to be held at the APHL AGM. (May 2017)

There will be five (5) Commissioners chosen from the APHL, one at each level. (i.e.: Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget, and Female) (Oct, 2000).

8) DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENTconsti

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

- a) Sign as a signing authority of the APHL;
- b) Preside at all meetings;
- c) Exercise the power of the Executive in case of an emergency;
- d) Sit on all committees as an ex-officio voting member;
- e) Oversee / organize the preparation and issuance of the league schedule along with the Scheduling Meeting Director. (Oct, 2010) This is a very big task that requires volunteers and considerable effort. The President should document any procedures or recommendations that would make scheduling easier for the host team the following year and present his/her ideas at the next meeting;
- f) Assist the Secretary and Treasurer in carrying out the many administrative functions;
- g) Notify Hockey Alberta and Hockey BC on address and executive changes each season;
- h) Act on behalf of the league in resolving any issues with any member Association which were formally raised in writing;
- i) Administer the forfeiture of performance bonds and notification in accordance to the Rules and motions passed by the majority of the membership;
- j) Provide guidance and ensure a smooth turnover of the Leagues workings and finances to the next host community.
- k) President to appoint the Statistician/Website Coordinator for the current season (Oct, 2002)
- l) Assist Commissioners when requested by them and the Vice President is not available.
- m) Assess fines to APHL associations as per league Constitution.
- n) Attend Hockey Alberta Annual General Meeting as a representative of the APHL. Expenses are to be paid for travel, accommodations and meals.
- o) Attend APHL games as requested by associations to be present at games with concerns due to refereeing, safety of players/visiting teams and any other reason that may cause concern of the integrity of the league. Mileage is to be paid by the APHL.
- p) Appoint a committee to review and decide on any upward team movement for playoffs, without a request from any association.
- q) Ensure that each association is providing a safe and fun environment for all visiting teams. If an association is not providing a safe and fun environment, the association is at risk of expulsion from the APHL by the APHL Executive, (i.e. fans abusing players and coaches on or off the ice etc.) Furthermore, the APHL Executive can fine the offending LMHA up to \$1,000.00. (May 2017)
- r) The President has the power to suspend any APHL member, including players, coaches and LMHA executives that are conducting themselves unprofessionally towards opponents, team officials, on and off ice game officials, fans, facilities and APHL executives, including Commissioners. Unprofessional conduct includes and is not limited to physical or verbal abuse of any person or facility, inappropriate gestures or language and may include any guidelines set forth by Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta. Any member of the APHL causing damages to another LMHA facility, transportation vehicles or equipment will be financially responsible for the replacement or repairs of the damages. Furthermore, the APHL President can fine the offending LMHA up to \$1,000.00. (May 2017)

9) **DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS**

Four Vice Presidents shall be signing authorities of the APHL. (Oct 2013)

One Vice President each for Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget/Female. (August 2019)

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability to act, a designated Vice-President, shall have and exercise all the powers of the President and shall at all times be an ex-officio voting member of all committees. This Vice President will provide guidance to the Commissioners as required in fulfilling their duties. (Oct, 2010)

In the absence of the President and the designate Vice President, or in the event of his/her inability to act, the next designate Vice President shall have and exercise all the powers of the President and shall at all times be an ex-officio voting member of all committees. This Vice President will provide guidance to the Commissioners as required in fulfilling their duties. (Oct, 2010)

10.) **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER** (May 2017)

- a) Keep an accurate record of the time and place of the meetings;
- b) Notify all members of the time and place of the meetings;
- c) Enter onto the website the latest Constitution, Rules, and a current list of all coaches and contacts;
- d) Enter onto the website minutes of each meeting as well as email to all association representatives, APHL Commissioners, and the Hockey Alberta Zone 1 Minor Regulation Committee Chair within two (2) weeks of the meeting date. (Oct, 2010)
- e) Keep a record of all monies received and distributed;
- f) Shall present at each Annual Meeting a report of the year's operations and duly audited statement of the APHL;
- h) Shall be one of the signing authorities of the APHL;
- i) Order and supply score sheets and incident reports to each association as required. (Oct, 2010)
- j) Order and distribute APHL banners for playoffs. (Apr 2016)

11) **DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER**

They shall include:

- a) Review and rule on all game sheets;
- b) Abide by the rules of the APHL, Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta and Hockey BC (in special circumstances);
- c) Inform their Vice President (Oct, 2010) details of any suspensions handed out at his/her level;
- d) Act as a first line arbitrator in resolving conflicts between teams on possible game forfeitures.
- e) Review game sheets to ensure game scores and statistics have been correctly entered onto the website as per APHL Rules. (May 2017)
- f) Enter in any game changes onto the website as required. (Oct, 2010)
- g) Inform the President of any APHL protocol violations from associations. (Apr 2016)
- h) Submit a year-end report, an overview of the season regarding penalties and suspensions, average length of games and any other information beneficial to the APHL members. (Apr 2016)

- 12) DUTIES OF THE STATISTICIAN / WEB SITE CORDINATOR (Apr 2016)
 - a) Forward statistic summaries to local news media on at least a biweekly basis.
 - b) Team statistics will be kept for two years to provide back ground information for the tiering of teams for the upcoming season. (Oct, 2002)
 - c) Update website as required by the Secretary and/or the President of the APHL.(Apr 2016)
 - d) Work with the website developer on any updates and or better use of the website.(Apr 2016)
 - e) Work in conjunction with the Treasurer on ordering and distributing APHL banners for playoffs. (Apr 2016)
- 13) A yearly fee will be charged for each team participating in the APHL to cover operating costs such as communications, banners, meeting room expenses, etc. These rates are to be established at the Annual General Meeting. ~~For 2017-2018 season, the fee will be \$100 per participating team and \$250 per LMHA participating in the APHL.~~ (May 2017)
- 14) Performance bonds will be required each year for each team participating in the APHL to provide some leverage to deal with specific problem areas including poor sportsmanship, inadequate officiating, cancellations/forfeitures, etc. These rates are to be established at the Annual General Meeting. The performance bonds will now accrue interest, paid out upon return of the bond, to commence November 8, 2007. (Oct, 2007)
- 15) The Rules are separate from the APHL Constitution. (Oct 17, 1997)
- 17) RULES COMMITTEE: Rule's Committee will be struck annually, consisting of the Past President, or in the absence of the Past President, a designate appointed by the current President, and the President, and one Vice-President. (Oct, 2010). This committee will act as an appeals board for all APHL rulings (Apr 26, 2015), in fulfilling their responsibilities as described in the APHL Constitution. If a member of the Rule's Committee is unable to assist because of absence or conflict of interest, add the corresponding number of Commissioners, which were not part of the original ruling, to this committee. (Oct, 2008)
- 18) All appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing addressed to the President through the Secretary and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision or ruling being appealed. (Oct, 2012)
- 19) The appellant shall be required to pay to the APHL a fee of \$ 300.00 which must accompany the written appeal. Said fee will be refunded if appeal is successful. (Oct, 2012)