

## MEADOW LAKE MINOR HOCKEY MEETING

WEDNESDAY JAN 18, 2023

LOCATION: LIONS DEN

TIME: 7:00

1. Jace called meeting to order at 7:05. Those in attendance were Jace Andersen, Amanda Gutek, Jeannie Kwasniuk, Jennilee Spencer, Shalyn Gorst, Gord Whittle, Jill Cheze, Lisa Lavallee, Karla Hansen and Regan Beck
2. Minutes of the last meetings for Nov 16/2022 – copy emailed and made available at the meeting, were reviewed. *Motion to accept minutes was made by Karla and seconded by Jill. All in favor, carried*
3. Treasurer Report
  - a. Raffle update – Amanda had received contact from Sask Lotto re raffle ticket procedures, she was told she would be contacted in six months to discuss possible future procedure options
4. Old Business
  - a. Policy Review Revised Drafts:
    - i. Cell phone policy draft received by email was reviewed, discussed and edited. *Motion was made by Regan, seconded by Lisa and all were in favor to adopt the following cell phone policy:*

### Policy #11 – Cell Phone Policy

#### 1. Overview

**a) Cellphones and other electronic devices with recording capabilities (audio or video), have increased the risk of bullying, abuse and misconduct. The ability to take and share photos and videos without others' knowledge has raised concerns from Meadow Lake Minor Hockey and its members.**

**b) This policy refers to the use of "Electronic Devices", which can include, but is not limited to:**

- i. Cell phone**
- ii. Mobile device**
- iii. Camera**
- iv. Voice Recorder**
- v. Tablet**

**c) This policy must be reviewed by coaches and team officials with their respective teams prior to beginning on-ice activities.**

#### 2. Usage Prohibited

**a) The use of any Electronic Device by Meadow Lake Minor Hockey members is prohibited in any recreational facility dressing room, washroom, or shower, during any practice, game, or event that is sanctioned by meadow lake minor hockey unless otherwise stated herein.**

#### 3. Exceptions

a) Although the use of Electronic Devices is prohibited as stated above, Meadow Lake Minor Hockey recognizes that there are special circumstances where the use of an Electronic Device may be practical:

- i. It may be acceptable to take photographs or recordings in a locker room in such unique circumstances as a victory celebration, team party, etc., where all persons in the dressing room are appropriately dressed, have been advised that photographs or recordings are being taken, and consent.
- ii. It may be acceptable for a team to have a designated coach or player to operate an Electronic Device for music playing purposes in the dressing room. The Electronic Device must be on airplane mode, if applicable, and only used for this purpose.
- iii. In the event of an emergency.

#### 4. Discipline

a) The privacy and dignity of our players is first priority. Any incident involving the violation of another's personal privacy (e.g. the taking of unauthorized photos or videos) through the use of such device will result in immediate discipline to any persons involved at the discretion of the Coach and/or Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Board and may result in suspension of practice, games and other sanctioned events of Meadow Lake Minor Hockey.

b) For successive violations discipline may include lengthy suspensions from team activities such as regular season games, tournament and exhibition play at the discretion of the Coach and/or Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Board which would include the player not being in the dressing room or on the bench until all suspensions are served.

c) All major violations as considered by the Coach will result in a meeting by the player, their parents and coach with their respective Minor Hockey Board or ethics committee of the boards choosing to discuss further repercussions.

#### d) Coaches/Parents/ "Adult(s)"

i. Considering the vulnerability of minors and the seriousness of an adult (parent, volunteer, etc.) using an Electronic Device which has the ability to take photos and recordings inside a dressing room, any violation of this Policy by an adult shall result in an indefinite suspension pending a hearing with the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey Discipline and Ethics Committee to determine disciplinary action.

e) In all circumstances where this policy has been violated and/or a complaint has been received a team representative must notify the board of any disciplinary action taken for review.

- ii. Team Evaluation/ Selection policy revised draft received by email was reviewed and discussed. *Motion was made by Regan and seconded by Jennilee to remove current policy 3D(2) will all appendixes and replace with:*  
**MLMH recognizes that team formation takes numerous factors into consideration. When sorting players for untiered teams, commissioners will meet with one coach from each team to co-construct the rosters to form equal teams in each division. An impartial board member may be present to oversee the process and all parties will agree to the proposed teams prior to leaving the team formation meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

b. Other

#### 5. New Business

a. Policy Review/Update

- i. Provincial Teams Policy 9.3 which reads as follows: “MLMHA will only have one representative team per Provincial classification” was reviewed. *Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Jennilee to remove it in its entirety. All in favor, carried*
- ii. AP Policy was discussed. *Jace made the motion, seconded by Regan, and all were in favor to update current policy as follows:*

**K. Affiliations (All Divisions)**

- 1. MLMHA shall follow all HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN, attached as Appendix A Hockey Saskatchewan regulations and handbook items relating specifically to affiliated players, and league rules regarding player affiliations.**
- 2. Affiliate players are not to practice or remain as permanent players with their respect affiliated team and should be based on a team's needs in supplementing a temporary incomplete roster. In an effort to help support the development of affiliated players MLMH understands a time when an affiliate player may be required to practice and accordingly deems it fit to practice with the affiliated team when such team has individual ice allocated.**
- 3. All player affiliations MUST be approved by the division commissioner before filing the form with HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN. Any conflict between the team manager and Commissioner shall be dealt with by the Board.**
- 4. Any affiliated player MUST fulfill his/her responsibilities to his/her team before playing for the affiliated team.**
- 5. Any team using an affiliate player must ensure that game rosters do not exceed the below noted amount of skaters, not including goalies:  
U9 – 9 skaters, U11 – 11 skaters, U13 -13 skaters, U15 – 15 skaters, U18 – 18 skaters**
- 6. Any team using affiliate players shall never exceed the original team roster size.**

b. Jace will apply for U15 AA and U18AA teams

6. Next meeting set for Feb 15/23 at the Lions Den
7. Jace adjourned meeting at 9:05

## APPENDIX A

### HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN – PLAYER AFFILIATION POLICY

#### Affiliation

The use of affiliates should be based on a team's needs in supplementing a temporary incomplete roster. Affiliate players should come from the same age division and a lower category whenever possible.

### HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN HANDBOOK – MINOR AFFILIATION

#### DEFINITIONS

"**Affiliation**" - Shall refer to the registration process which provides the opportunity for higher Division, Category or Level Teams to ensure they have enough players to guarantee a game can be played.

"**Affiliate Player**" (AP) - Shall mean a player, referred to and approved by Hockey Saskatchewan, as eligible to play for a team in a higher Category, Division or Level than the Team in the Category, Division or Level with whom the player is registered with. However, they cannot play on a permanent basis with their affiliate team. As per Regulation 3.01.01, affiliate players may play to guarantee a game can be played.

#### 6.05.01 - General

- a) Hockey Saskatchewan recommends the use of age-appropriate affiliates at all times.
- b) For all purposes of affiliation regulations, Female teams may only affiliate players registered on female teams and Male teams may only affiliate players registered on male teams.
- c) For a player to be affiliated they must be registered on a team.
- d) A team may have affiliated with it one team or nineteen (19) players from a lower tier or age classification of hockey. If nineteen (19) players are affiliated, two (2) must be goaltenders.
- e) At all times a player may only be affiliated with one team.
- f) A team cannot affiliate a team, or players from a team, that are registered in the same age classification within a league that they compete against.
- g) For teams categorized as A, B, C or D, the players must be registered in the sponsoring center of the team to be affiliated with or reside in one of the centers that make up the team and are registered in a lower classification.
- h) A, B, C and D centers who have two or more U7 or U9 teams registered, may affiliate players from one another for tournament and exhibition games only. The affiliate players may only be used if a team is unable to ice a team of eleven (11) players. When affiliate players are used, the total on the team cannot exceed eleven (11) players.
- i) In all categories of hockey, players must be notified of the intent to affiliate them. In Minor Hockey, the player's parents and the player's coach must be notified of the intent to affiliate them and the player must have the approval of his/her registered team in order to play.
- j) The names of affiliated teams and/or players must be filed with the General Manager prior to using an affiliate player(s). Additions and deletions can be made to the affiliation list up to January 10th once the affiliation form is filed.
- k) The official scorer shall request that all affiliated players who are dressed for the game be designated on the game sheet by the use of the symbol "A.P." after their name.
- l) For players not registered on U18 AAA categorized teams, or not affiliated to teams categorized as U18 AAA, the number of games an affiliate can play shall be unlimited.

m) All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current playing season.

#### **6.05.02 Affiliation**

##### **a) U18 AAA**

i) Teams based in Saskatoon, Regina and Notre Dame may only affiliate players from within their Minor Association.

ii) For other U18 AAA teams, they may affiliate players registered on U18 AA and U18 A teams from the sponsoring center along with six (6) U18 AA and U18 A players whose parents reside within a 160 km radius of the sponsoring center except for any from a sponsoring center of another U18 AAA team.

**iii) U18 AAA teams may also affiliate a maximum of four (4) 2nd year U15 players registered in the sponsoring center, or whose parents reside within a 160 km radius of the sponsoring center except for any from the sponsoring center of another U18 AAA team. All 2nd year U15 players affiliated to a U18 AAA team are restricted to playing five (5) games as an affiliate all season.**

iv) Players registered on, or affiliated to, U18 AAA teams are restricted to playing ten (10) games as an affiliate all season until the team they are registered with has completed their season, upon which time they may play the remainder of the season with their affiliate team. The ten (10) game limit does not include tournament or exhibition games.

v) Goaltenders are only charged with a game when they actually participate in the game.

##### **b) U18 AA**

i) Teams based in Saskatoon, Regina and Notre Dame may only affiliate players from within their Minor Association.

ii) For other U18 AA teams, they may affiliate players registered on U18 A teams from the sponsoring center along with six (6) U18 A players whose parents reside nearest to the sponsoring center and within a 160 km radius of the sponsoring center. If a player wishes to be affiliated to an AA team that is not their nearest AA center, they must obtain a release from all of the AA centers that are closer to their residence than the center they wish to AP to.

**iii) U18 AA teams may also affiliate a maximum of four (4) 2nd year U15 players registered in the sponsoring center, or whose parents reside within a 160 km radius of the sponsoring center except for any from the sponsoring center of another U18 AA team. All 2nd year U15 players affiliated to a U18 AA team are restricted to playing five (5) games as an affiliate all season.**

iv) Goaltenders are only charged with a game when they actually participate in the game.

##### **c) U15 AA**

i) Teams based in Saskatoon and Regina may only affiliate players from within their Minor Association.

ii) For other U15 AA teams, they may affiliate players registered on U15 A teams from the sponsoring center along with six (6) U15 A players whose parents reside nearest to the sponsoring center and also within a 120 km radius of the sponsoring center. If a player wishes to be affiliated to an AA team that is not their nearest AA center, they must obtain a release from all of the AA centers that are closer to their residence than the center they wish to AP to.

**U15 AA teams can affiliate a maximum of four (4) players to their team who are registered on a U13 team in the sponsoring center of the U15 AA team. All U13 players affiliated to a U15 AA team are restricted to playing five (5) games as an affiliate all season.**

iii) Goaltenders are only charged with a game when they actually participate in the game.

**d) U13 AA**

Teams may affiliate players who reside in the sponsoring center of the team to be affiliated with or are registered in the sponsoring center of the team to be affiliated with.

**HOCKEY SASKATCHEWAN HANDBOOK – PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF AFFILIATION**

j) Associations with more than one team registered in an age group may combine players from their teams registered in their Association to form a Provincial Playoff team. This team is not eligible to add any players who are registered on teams outside of the association and shall not be allowed to register any affiliate players.

NOTE: For Example - Town A has two U13 teams registered with twelve (12) players on each team. They will be able to combine the teams for Provincials and register twenty-one (21) players from the two teams. They are not eligible to card any players from outside the Association registered anywhere else.