

OKANAGAN MAINLINE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SOCIETIES ACT

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CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is the "Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association" hereinafter referred to as "The Society".
2. The purpose of the Society are:
 - a. To foster, improve and encourage amateur hockey, sportsmanship and good citizenship in the Okanagan Mainline District in the Province of British Columbia.
 - b. To assist with the formation of leagues and to organize league competition within the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association District.
 - c. To establish, maintain and assist in the general care, supervision and direction of all minor associations and leagues who are members of this Association; and to assist all others interested in amateur hockey.
 - d. To provide guidance and formulate an effective hockey program.
 - e. To maintain a uniform set of playing rules, as laid down by Hockey Canada, and amendments covered by the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, or covered by the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association.
3. This society is a member funded society. It is funded primarily by its member to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute this money and other property to its members.

BY-LAW ONE ~ INTERPRETATION

SECTION II

BY-LAWS

100. (1) In these by-laws, unless the context otherwise requires,
- a. "directors" means the directors of the Society for the time being;
 - b. "Societies Act" means the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
 - c. "registered address" of a member means the member's address as recorded in the register of members.
 - d. The terms "The Society" and "the OMAHA" are equivalent.
 - e. "BC Hockey" or "BCAHA" refers to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association;
 - f. "HC" refers to Hockey Canada
 - g. "OMAHA" refers to Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association
- (2) The definitions in the Societies Act shall apply to these By-Laws.
101. In these By-Laws, importing singular include plural and vice-versa; words importing a male person include a female person and a corporation, except when specifically referring to female hockey, in which case reference made is to a female person.
102. In these By-laws, wherever submission of a notice, declaration, or other formal communication is required, such notice, declaration, or communication may be transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic mail, unless another method of transmission is specified in the particular clause or section.
103. This Society shall be affiliated with the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association (BC Hockey) and shall observe all laws, rules and regulations by which the Society is governed. (Note: This used to be an unaltered provision).

BY-LAW TWO ~ MEMBERSHIP

200. The members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation of the Society, and those persons, teams, leagues or associations which have subsequently become members in accordance with these By-laws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members.
201. The persons currently serving as Directors of the Society.
202. Any minor hockey association within the Okanagan Mainline District in British Columbia, provided it is approved for registration as a member in good standing under the HC and BCH, may apply to the Society for membership, and on acceptance by the Society, shall be a member.
203. Any hockey team, league, or association other than Minor, within the Okanagan Mainline District, properly registered and in good standing with the HC and BCH may apply for membership, and on acceptance by the Society, shall be a member without voting privileges.
204. Each application for membership shall be made in writing accompanied by an application for membership fee, which fee shall be determined by the directors and approved at the Annual General Meeting. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than twenty one days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
205. Every member shall uphold the constitution and comply with the Society's Constitution, By-laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies.
206. The amount of the first annual membership dues shall be determined by the directors and thereafter the annual membership dues shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
207. A person, team, league or association shall cease to be a member of the Society:
 - a. by giving written notice to the OMAHA Administrator, or
 - b. on his/her death, or in the case of a team, league or association, upon its dissolution, or
 - c. on being expelled, or
 - d. on having been a member not in good standing for 12 consecutive months.

208. A person, team, league or association may be expelled by a special resolution passed by 75 % of the members present at a General Meeting.
 - a. The notice of special resolution for expulsion shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
 - b. The person, team, league or association which is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the General Meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.
209. All members are in good standing except:
 - a. A member who has failed to pay the current annual membership fee by September 30 of the current season, or any other subscription or debt due and owing by the member to the Society; all accounts receivable must be paid within thirty (30) days except annual dues, and
 - b. a member who has violated the Constitution, By-laws or Regulations of the Society, and
 - c. a member who is under suspension.

A member is not in good standing so long as one or more of the above conditions is in effect.

BY-LAW THREE ~ DUES

300. Membership dues for voting and non voting members will be established each year at the Annual General Meeting.

Dues for voting members will be based on Registration numbers from the previous year as issued by the BCH.

BY-LAW FOUR ~ MEETINGS

400. General meetings of the Society shall be held at such time and place, in accordance with the Society Act, as the directors decide.
401. Every general meeting, other than an Annual General Meeting, is an extraordinary general meeting.

402. The directors may, whenever they think fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting.
 - a. Notice of a general meeting shall specify the place, date and time of the meeting, and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business.
 - b. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non receipt of a notice by, any of the members entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.
403. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at an appointed date during the last two weeks of May in each and every year.

BY-LAW FIVE

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

500. Business at any Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - a. Annual reports of the directors
 - b. Financial report
 - c. Appointment of an auditor, if necessary
 - d. Amendments to the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations.
 - e. Election of officers
 - f. Such other business as, under these by-laws, ought to be transacted or brought under consideration at an Annual General Meeting.
501. Business at an extraordinary general meeting of the Society shall be considered to be all business transacted at the Annual General Meeting except that which is listed under By-Law 500.
502.
 - a. No business other than the adjournment or termination of a general meeting shall take place when a quorum is not present.
 - b. If at any time during a general meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.
 - c. A quorum shall be a simple majority of the voting members presently recorded in the register of members, but never less than three members.
503. If insufficient voting members are present to make a quorum within 30 minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting, or if the meeting is adjourned under 502(b), the meeting shall stand adjourned for one week, and shall be held at the same time and place whether a quorum is present or not.

504. The Chair of the Board of the Society shall preside as chairperson of all general meetings. In the Chair of the Board's absence, a Director shall preside.
505. All meetings of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order except that where there is a conflict with the Society's Constitution and By-laws, the latter shall take precedence.

BY-LAW SIX ~ VOTING

600.
 - a. A member in good standing with full voting privileges is entitled to one vote.
 - b. Voting will be by show of hands unless the members present decide on a ballot.
 - c. Proxy votes will not be accepted at any general meeting.
 - d. Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to one vote each, with the exception of the two Okanagan District Coach Coordinator and two Okanagan District Officiating Coordinators who will attend Executive meetings in an advisory capacity and will not have voting privileges.
 - e. The positions of OMAHA Administrator and Treasurer will be appointed positions without voting privileges, and may be the same person
 - f. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chair of the Board shall not have casting or second vote in addition to the vote to which he or she is entitled as a member of the Executive, and the proposed motion shall not pass.

BY LAW SEVEN ~ DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

700. The Officers of the Society shall be:
 - a. Six (6) Directors of which three (3) are elected for a one (1) year term and three (3) are elected for a two (2) year term.
701. The afore said Officers of the Society shall be the Directors.
 - a. The directors may exercise all the powers and do all such acts and activities as the Society may exercise and do, and which are not by these By laws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in general meetings, but subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the Society Act, the Constitution, By Laws, Regulations and Policy of the Society.
 - b. No rule, made by the Society at a General Meeting invalidates a prior act of the Directors that would have been valid if that rule had not been made.
 - c. No officer, director, employee or official of a team, league or association which is a member of this Society shall be a director of this Society with the sole exception of minor hockey association Past Presidents or Life Members.

- d. The directors shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting where their successors will be elected.
 - i. The office of the Chair of the Board shall be filled by a person who has been a member the OMAHA Executive Committee for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months during ten (10) years prior to his/her appointment by the Board
 - e. Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled.
 - f. An election may be by acclamation, otherwise it shall be by ballot.
 - g. If no successor is elected, the Directors shall appoint a replacement to hold office.
 - h. The directors may at any time, and from time to time, appoint a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.
 - i. A director so appointed holds office only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Society, and is eligible for re election at that time.
 - j. The members may by Special Resolution remove a director before the expiration of his/her term of office, and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.
702. The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of:
- a. the Officers of the Society
 - b. the OMAHA Administrator (non voting)
 - c. Okanagan District Coach Coordinators (non voting)
 - d. Okanagan District Officiating Coordinators (non voting)
 - e. OMAHA Regional Manager (non-voting)

BY LAW EIGHT ~ PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

800. The directors may meet at times and places as they see fit, for the dispatch of business and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings.
801. The directors may from time to time fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of business, and unless so fixed, the quorum shall be a majority of the directors then in office.
802. The Chair of the Board shall be chairperson of all meetings of the directors. In the Chairperson absence, a Director chosen by the Executive Committee shall preside.
- a. The Chair of the Board may, at any time, take a mail, telephone, or facsimile vote of the Executive Committee on any urgent matter.
 - b. The Chair of the Board may call a meeting of the Directors or the Executive Committee at any time providing reasonable notice has been given.

803. The directors may delegate, as they deem appropriate, any but not all of their powers to committees consisting of directors.
- a. A committee so formed in the exercise of the powers so delegated shall conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed on it by the directors, and shall report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers to the earliest meeting of the directors to be held next after it has been done.
 - b. A chairperson of a committee may be appointed by the Chair of the Board.
 - c. Where the Chair of the Board elects not to appoint a chairperson, a committee shall elect a chairperson of its meetings. If the chairperson is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the holding of a meeting, the members of the committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
 - d. Members of a committee may meet and adjourn as they think proper.
804. Questions arising at any meeting of the directors and committee of directors shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- a. In case of an equality of votes, the chairperson does not have a second or casting vote.
805. No resolution proposed at a meeting of directors or committee of directors needs to be seconded and the chairperson of a meeting may move or propose a resolution.
806. A resolution in writing, signed by all the directors and placed with the minutes of the directors is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of directors.
807. The Society's standing committees shall be as listed below and chaired by the person named by the Chair of the Board:
- a. the Appeals Committee
 - b. the Finance Committee

**BY LAW NINE ~ DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

900. Chair of the Board:
- a. The Chair of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the directors and shall be the Societies official delegate to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association Annual Congress.
 - i. The Chair of the Board may select, as he deems necessary, any or all directors to attend the BCH Annual Congress as delegates.

- b. The Chair of the Board is the chief executive officer of the Society and shall supervise the other officers and members of the Executive Committee in the execution of their duties.
- c. The Chair of the Board shall have the power to suspend, fine and/or take other disciplinary action against a player, team official, team, league, association, or official of a team, league or association found to have: displayed unsportsmanlike conduct, behaviour which could bring harm to others, bring discredit to the Society or to the game of hockey both on and off the ice; failed to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association, BCH and HC.

901. Directors.

- a. A Director duly appointed by the Executive Committee shall perform the duties of the Chair of the Board during his absence.
- b. The Directors shall, following the Annual General Meeting, be assigned as Division Directors. These Division Directors will be responsible for the overall supervision of conduct of all players and teams Officials within their division, and shall take whatever disciplinary action is deemed necessary to maintain safe, sportsmanlike competition and uniformity in following the rules, regulations and policies of play within the Okanagan Mainline District. District responsibilities for District events may also be assigned by the Chair of the Board.

902. The OMAHA Administrator shall:

- a. perform all general secretarial duties including the recording of all minutes for all meetings of the Society and its Executive Committee.
- b. issue notices of all meetings
- c. have custody of all records and documents of the Society
- d. have custody of the common seal of the Society
- e. maintain the register of members
- f. keep such financial records, including books of accounts, as are necessary to comply with the Societies Act
- g. render financial statements to the directors, members and others when required.
- h. pay all accounts by cheques, which have been signed by the OMAHA Administrator and the Chair of the Board or one other Officer. Accounts may also be paid electronically.
- i. carry out the noted duties either by manual or electronic mean, wherever possible
- j. carry out duties as assigned by the Chair of the Board or designate.

903. Okanagan District Officiating Coordinator (s) and Okanagan District Coach Coordinator (s) will act in an advisory capacity to the Society and attend meetings at the Chair of the Board's request.

- a. The Referee Committee members may, at the request of the Chair of the Board, assign neutral referees for play offs above U11.

904. The OMAHA Regional Manager shall:
- a. Oversee minor hockey operations in the District
 - b. Coordinate with the minor hockey associations on hockey programming
 - c. Coordinate with the minor hockey associations on coach mentoring

BY LAW TEN ~ CUSTODY AND USE OF SOCIETY SEAL

1000. The common seal of the Society shall be affixed only when authorized by a resolution of the directors and then only in the presence of the persons prescribed in the resolution or if no persons are prescribed, in the presence of the Chair of the Board and OMAHA Administrator and any one Director.

BY LAW ELEVEN ~ BORROWING

1100. In order to carry out the purposes of the Society, the directors may, on behalf of and in the name of the Society, raise and secure the payment or repayment of money in such a manner as they decide and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, by issue of debentures.
- a. No debenture shall be issued without the sanction of a Special Resolution.
1101. The members may, by Special Resolution, restrict the borrowing powers of the Directors but a restriction so imposed expires at the next Annual General Meeting.

BY LAW TWELVE ~ AUDITOR

1200. At each Annual General Meeting the Society may appoint an auditor to hold office until he/she is re elected or his/her successor is elected at the next Annual General Meeting.
1201. An auditor may be removed by ordinary resolution.
1202. An auditor shall be informed forthwith in writing of appointment or removal.
1203. No director and no employee of the Society shall be an auditor.
1204. The auditor may attend general meetings.

BY LAW THIRTEEN ~ NOTICES TO MEMBERS

1300. A notice may be given to a member, either personally or by mail to him at his registered address, or by facsimile machine or email.
- a. A notice sent by mail shall be deemed to have been given on the second day following that on which the notice is posted, and in proving that the notice has been given it is sufficient to prove that the notice was properly addressed and put in a Canadian post office receptacle.
 - b. Notice of a general meeting shall be given to every member shown on the register of members on the day the notice is given.

BY LAW FOURTEEN ~ AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS, REGULATIONS, POLICY

1400. The Constitution and/or By-Laws shall not be altered or added to except by Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
1401. The Regulations shall not be altered or added to except by Resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

BY LAW FIFTEEN ~ APPEALS

1500. Appeals Committee
- a. Shall consist of A chairperson and three others appointed by the Chair of the board. In the case of a conflict of interest, the Chair of the Board has the right to alter this committee.
 - b. Duties shall be to hear appeals from decisions made by the Chair of the Board or his delegates on any matter over which this Society has jurisdiction.
 - c. The Appeals Committee may dismiss, uphold or modify any suspension or ruling that is being appealed.
 - d. Any appeal to the Appeals Committee by the aggrieved party must be in writing outlining all particulars pertaining to the case, must be accompanied by either a cash payment, certified cheque or money order for \$250.00 payable to the Society, and be delivered to the Society's Administrator within seven (7) days from the date of the notice advising of the suspension or ruling.
 - e. The appeal shall be dealt with by the Appeals Committee within seven (7) days. If the appeal is dismissed or modified the \$250.00 is retained by the Society. If the appeal is upheld, the \$250.00 is returned.
 - f. It shall be the duty of the aggrieved party to notify any other members of the Society who may be involved in the appeal.

- g. When an appeal is filed, there shall be no stay of suspension imposed which is the subject of the appeal.
- h. An appellant has the right to access of all pertinent information on which the ruling was made.
- i. Any decision made from a protest during play offs is final and cannot be appealed to the Appeals Committee.

BY LAW SIXTEEN ~ FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1600. The initiation fee for new members shall be \$100.00. (For Dues, refer to By-Law Three)
- 1601. The expenses of the Society's Executive members on District business as approved by the Chair of the Board shall be borne by the Society on the following basis:
 - a. if travelling by car, mileage will be \$.61 per kilometre.
 - b. if travelling by air is necessary, the most economical air fare plus transportation. to and from the airport will be paid.
 - c. when staying in hotels, payment will be paid for the actual room costs plus \$60.00 per day for meals, or by receipt, whichever is the lesser.
 - d. depending on meal periods outside the home while travelling, reimbursement for meals will be on the basis of breakfast \$15.00, lunch \$20.00, and dinner \$25.00. Exceptions may be made at the Chair of the Board's discretion.

BY LAW SEVENTEEN ~ GENERAL

- 1700. The definition of "amateur" shall be that as adopted by Hockey Canada.
- 1701. The Executive Committee shall annually determine the compensation and payment of expenses for on ice officials for the play offs.

SECTION III
REGULATIONS

Any errors or omissions in this book referring to HC, BCH or OMAHA By-Laws, Rules or Regulations shall be superseded by the By Laws, Rules and Regulations of those bodies. **Unless otherwise indicated, Regulations and Policy refer to all levels of hockey.**

REGULATION ONE ~ COMPETITION

1000. Open to players of the following ages or younger on December 31 of the current playing season:
- U21** - 20 years
 - U18** - 17 years
 - U15** - 14 years
 - U13** - 12 years
 - U11** - 10 years
1001. Teams wishing to compete in BCH Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, Female A and Recreation Leagues must fulfil the following conditions.
- a. Be affiliated with an association which is in good standing with the HC, BCH and OMAHA
 - b. All players, coaches, managers, and other team and association officials must be registered in the BCH office. Failure to do so may jeopardize insurance coverage. Referees receive HC Insurance coverage only by attending a recognized clinic.
 - c. All associations must register with BCH prior to the BCH Annual General Meeting.
 - d. Declare their intentions to participate by forwarding their declarations to OMAHA Central Office by the Final Declaration date. Changes to the Final Declarations shall be made to OMAHA Central Office who will forward to the **OMAHA Chair and Operations Manager** for review and whose decision shall be final and not subject to Appeal.
 - e. Minor Hockey Categories as per BCH Regulations.
 - f. Team Officials of all HC carded teams and recreational teams must have qualifications as per BCH Regulations.

1002. PLEASE REFER TO BC HOCKEY AND OMAHA LEAGUE & PLAYOFF GUIDELINES ISSUED FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

Associations registering HC carded 1, 2, 3 & 4 teams may compete for a higher category championship or league play during any one season by declaring its intention to do so in accordance with OMAHA League structures. OMAHA League competition shall be as approved by OMAHA. The Branch, must be advised by December 1st (BCH Regulations) of a team's intention to compete for a higher category championship.

REGULATION TWO ~ TEAM REGISTRATION

2000. BCH TIER 1, 2, 3, & 4 and Female A HC player Certificates and Recreation :
- a. Notification of completed HCR Official Team Roster must be submitted to the OMAHA Registrar via electronic mail.
 - b. All players and team officials shall be registered (activated) and assigned to HC Carded teams or Recreation teams prior to the commencement of OMAHA League or Recreation League play and sanctioned Tournaments. All Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 and Female A teams must meet the BCH minimum player number requirement prior to League or Tournament participation. BCH Regulation 2 and Regulation 3.
 - c. All HC teams shall have properly qualified/certified Coaches and qualified Safety People..
 - d. Player Affiliation is as per HC Regulation E as interpreted by the BCH.

NOTE: An association has no obligation to accept player transfers from outside its boundaries.

REGULATION THREE ~ PLAYING REGULATIONS

3000. All HC and BCH rules and regulations shall apply wherever applicable unless specifically varied by OMAHA.
3001. Any ineligible team official or ineligible player who participates in any sanctioned game will cause their team to forfeit the game regardless of the score of the game. The team official verifying the game report will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation (**BCH Reg 8**). Information will be forwarded to the **OMAHA Chairperson for review.**

3002. Game Reports

- a. The home team shall be responsible for administration of the Electronic Game Sheet.
- b. All OMAHA league games shall be identified by a game number which is provided on the OMAHA website once all schedules have been input. **Exhibition games and Tournament games also require game numbers which must be so indicated.**
- c. Team officials' and game officials' names shall be clearly indicated on the **Electronic Game Sheet.**
- d. Only the team official verifying the eligibility of each player **and bench staff** shall be required to sign the **Electronic Game Sheet**. All team members on the players bench (**to a max of 5**) must be listed on the game report. **Head Coach is held responsible to ensure that players and bench staff are accurate on the Electronic Game Sheet. Players in full uniform and on the Electronic Game Sheet are permitted in the bench.** Players not in uniform are not permitted on the players' bench.

The home Association is responsible to ensure that all **game data is uploaded should there be an issue with the Electronic Game sheet. All game data must be uploaded within 24 hours of the completion of the game or a minimum twenty-five (\$25) fine will be assessed for each occurrence**

3003. Ice times.

- a. Associations are to allocate ice times for scheduled games which are reasonable in relation to ages of players involved, and also the distance visiting teams must travel. **U18, U15 and U13**-Division teams having a maximum **60** minute travelling time may book mid week games with the stipulation they begin no later than 7:00 P.M. for **U15 and U18** and 6:00 P.M. for **U13**. **The OMAHA Chairperson and the OMAHA Operations Manager** shall have the final decision on what is an acceptable mid week game and reasonable time for all league games.
- b. All Rep league and play off games shall be regulation three (3) twenty (20) minute stop time periods. However, in league games where available ice makes this impossible, the last ten (10) minutes of the third period must be stop time. If a flood is to occur half way through the second period, it shall be at the first stoppage of play after the ten minutes. Play will resume where the stoppage of play occurred. There is no overtime in league games.
- c. **Carded** Teams requesting changes to schedules after League Scheduling of the current playing season will be required to pay OMAHA **\$50.00** per game change. **Recreation teams requesting a change to the League Scheduling of the current playing season will be required to pay OMAHA \$25.00 per game change.**

- d. In the event a game may not resume before the allocated ice time permits, due to circumstances beyond the control of the participating teams, the OMAHA **Chair** and **Regional Manager** shall:
 - i) Consider the game completed and award the points accordingly, or
 - ii) Consider the game completed, change the status to exhibition game with no points being awarded, or
 - iii) Play the remaining time on the clock to complete the game (must use only the players, team officials, scores and penalties listed on that game sheet when the game was suspended), or
 - iv) Replay the game in its entirety.
 - v) **In exceptional circumstances, the game will be considered complete after 40 minutes of play**

Decision of the OMAHA Chairperson and Operations Manager is final and not appealable.

REGULATION FOUR - PROTESTS

4000. League Game Protests

- a. League game protests shall be transmitted in writing to the Society's **Chairperson** within seventy two (72) hours of completion of the game in question.
This protest must be on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President (**or delegate**) and accompanied by a payment of **\$100**.
Payment must be sent via e-transfer and received prior to the review taking place.
- b. The protested team or association shall be notified of the protest by the Society's President and given seventy two (72) hours to file a defence. This defence must be in writing on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President and accompanied by payment of **one hundred (\$100) dollars**.
- c. The **Operations Manager** and the Society's **Chairperson** will rule on the protest within seventy two hours and inform the parties involved. A refund of the **\$100 dollar** deposit may be forthcoming to one or other party involved.
- d. Either party has the right to appeal the ruling to the OMAHA Appeals Committee. (refer to OMAHA By Law Fifteen)

4001. Play off Game Protests

- a. Play off game protests shall be transmitted in writing to the Society's **Chairperson** within 24 hours of completion of the game in question.
This protest must be on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President (or designate), and accompanied by payment of **one hundred (\$100) dollars**.

- b. The protested team or association shall be notified by the Society's **Chairperson** and given twelve(12) hours to file a defence. This defence must be in writing on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President (or designate) and accompanied by a **one hundred dollar (\$100)** payment.
- c. The **Operations Manager** and the Society's **Chairperson** will rule on the protest within twelve(12) hours and inform the parties involved of the ruling. A refund of **\$100 dollar** payment may be forthcoming to one or other party involved.
- d. For protests of play off games, the decision of the **Chairperson and Operations Manager** is final, and is not appealable.

4002.. Arrangements may be made with the OMAHA **Chairperson** for an alternate method of payment for protests.

4003. If a team or association has serious concerns or complaints regarding game officials, they are to submit these concerns in writing, on Association letterhead, signed by the Association President (**or delegate**), to the BCH Referee Committee member for the area that the referee is assigned from. A copy of the **Electronic** game sheet(s) should accompany this letter.

REGULATION FIVE OMAHA BOUNDARIES

5000 .The OKANAGAN MAINLINE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT boundaries are as follows:

NORTH

- Where the North Thompson River dissects Highway 5 approximately 40 Km north of Blue River.
- West along the Azure Mt. across Wells Gray Park to the eastern end of Lac Des Roche.
- South west to Chasm along the Bonaparte River. West south west to Jesmond and Big Bear Creek. Continue south west to include Gold Bridge and Bralorne.

WEST

- From Bralorne to the eastern end of Anderson Lake including Shalalth and Seton Portage. South along Skihist Mt. following the height of land to Keefers.
- South east from Keefers, staying north of Boston Bar and North Bend, to Highway 5 at the Toll Plaza south of Merritt.
- South east to the eastern boundary of Manning Park. From there to the 49th Parallel.

SOUTH

- The 49th Parallel from Manning Park's eastern boundary to a point on the American border where the western boundary of the Kootenay Regional District and Okanagan Similkameen Regional District boundaries meet.

EAST

- Starting at a point on the American border where the western boundary of the Kootenay Regional District and Okanagan Similkameen Regional District boundaries meet, following that boundary between the Kootenay, Boundary, and Okanagan Similkameen Regional Districts north to a point directly west of where Saunier Creek joins Wilkins Creek and continuing east to Trapping Creek, north east following Trapping Creek to the height of land at the headwater and directly north to the boundary between the Kootenay, Boundary, and North Okanagan Regional District boundaries just south of Jubilee Mt.

- North east following the height of land west of the Christian Valley Road to the junction of the Christian Valley Road and Highway 6.

- North east to the Upper Arrow Lake and following the Upper Arrow Lake to the northern tip of the northeast arm at Shelter Bay, not to include Galena Bay.

- From Shelter Bay north east to the village of Camborne, but not including Camborne. Following the highest point of land to Highway 1 at the Northlander Hotel in Glacier National Park, but not to include the Northlander.

- From the Northlander go north west to the junction of the North Thompson River and Highway 5, paralleling the Columbia Reach and Canoe Reach, to include Mica Creek.

All Minor Hockey Association changes shall be recorded and forwarded to OMAHA and **BC Hockey** for registry. Submissions shall include signed letters of agreement by all Associations affected.

OMAHA HISTORY

The Okanagan Valley Minor Hockey Association was formed in November, 1952, with acceptance of a Constitution and the election of an Executive. The Okanagan Valley was a separate District within the confines of the BCAHA and was composed of Penticton, Vernon and Kelowna.

The first Executive consisted of:
President - John Krassman, Kelowna
1st Vice - Ed Sherwood, Vernon
2nd Vice - Art Fisher, Penticton
Secretary - George Jochim, Vernon

The initiation fees were set at ten dollars (\$10.00) and remain so today. The annual dues were set at sixteen (\$16.00) and remained that until 1967.

In 1957, Summerland became the first addition to the Okanagan Valley Minor Hockey Association. In 1961, the Northern district was split with the Mainline being added to the Okanagan Valley, forming the Okanagan Mainline District. This added Merritt, Kamloops, North Kamloops, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke.

Lumby and Enderby joined the O.M.M.H.A. in 1968, followed by Oliver in 1969, Armstrong in 1971, and Brocklehurst in 1973. There were major changes in the Kamloops area in 1974 which saw the three associations in that area amalgamate to form what is now known as Kamloops Minor Hockey Association.

Osoyoos and Rutland became members of the O.M.M.H.A. in 1974 and in 1975 the Okanagan Mainline was extended to include the Clearwater area of the North Thompson which allowed Clearwater Minor Hockey to join, along with Winfield and Westside all in the same year. In 1977 Princeton Minor Hockey became a member, bringing the number to an eighteen member Association.

Logan Lake and Thompson Cariboo applied for and were granted membership in 1979 and in 1981. The last association to gain membership in the O.M.M.H.A. was Sicamous, bringing the number to twenty one associations. After that, the number of associations started to decline due to amalgamation. In 1982, Kelowna and Rutland joined together to form the Kelowna Minor Hockey Association, and the following year, 1983, Osoyoos and Oliver amalgamated to form the South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association.

In 1982, the O.M.M.H.A. registered with the Registrar of Companies under the Society Act and in 1984, the Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey Association changed its name to the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association so as to differentiate itself from its member associations.

In 1985, Vernon Minor Hockey Association disbanded and a new association was formed, to be known as Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association.

The final association to join was Lillooet which was granted membership in 1988.

In 1991, Armstrong Minor Hockey and Enderby Minor Hockey amalgamated to form one new association under the name of North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association.

In 2000, Chase Minor Hockey Association became a member of OMAHA.

LIFE MEMBERS

ART FISHER* 1982
DUNC JAMIESON* 1987
AL BERG 1999
DONNA HENDERSON 2003
NONIE MIYAZAKI - 2019

GORDON STRACHAN 1990
JOHN MICHIE *1993-2007
ELINOR ADOLPHE 2002
WILF LIEFKE 2010
MARGIE MOSS - 2019

PAST PRESIDENTS

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| JOHN KRASSMAN | 1952 1954 | KELOWNA |
| ED SHERWOOD | 1954 1956 | VERNON |
| ART FISHER | 1956 1959 | PENTICTON |
| EMIL BOUCHARD | 1959 1960 | KELOWNA |
| JACK MERTZ | 1960 1961 | PENTICTON |
| DON WHITE | 1961 1962 | KELOWNA |
| BILL BROWN | 1962 1963 | VERNON |
| DOUG DAWES | 1963 1966 | KAMLOOPS |
| ART FISHER | 1966 1981 | KELOWNA |
| GORDON STRACHAN | 1981 1984 | KELOWNA |
| JOHN MICHIE | 1984 1990 | WESTSIDE |
| AL BERG | 1990 1993 | ARMSTRONG |
| BILL TOMIAK | 1993 1995 | VERNON |
| ELINOR ADOLPHE | 1995 1999 | PENTICTON |
| DONNA HENDERSON | 1999 2000 | KAMLOOPS |
| GREG HOWARD | 2000 2000 | ASHCROFT |
| WILF LIEFKE | 2001 2004 | VERNON |
| JACK KOTELES | 2004-2007 | SOUTH OKANAGAN |
| PAT SULLIVAN | 2007-2009 | LILLOOET |
| GORDON MATTHEWS | 2009-2010 | ASHCROFT |
| LARRY JEEVES | 2010-2013 | PENTICTON |
| CHUCK GALLACHER | 2013-2021 | LAKE COUNTRY |

