



OSHAWA STORM RINGETTE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I GENERAL

1.1 Purpose – These By-laws relate to the general conduct of the affairs of the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association.

1.2 Definitions – The following terms have these meanings in these By-laws:

- a) *Act* – the Ontario Corporations Act or any successor legislation including the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (upon becoming law).
- b) *Auditor* – an individual, partnership, or corporation appointed by the Members at the Annual Meeting to audit the books, accounts, and records of the Corporation for a report to the Members at the next Annual Meeting in accordance with the Act.
- c) *Board* – the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- d) *Corporation* – the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association.
- e) *Days* – days including weekends and holidays.
- f) *Director* – an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to these By-laws.
- g) *In Writing* – shall include both hard copy and electronic communication in a form determined appropriate by the Board.
- h) *Officer* – an individual elected or appointed to serve as an Officer of the Corporation pursuant to these By-laws.
- i) *Ordinary Resolution* – a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution.
- j) *Special Resolution* – a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast on that resolution or signed by all the voting Members entitled to vote on that resolution.

1.3 Registered Office – The registered office of the Corporation will be located within the Province of Ontario.

1.4 No Gain for Members – The Corporation will be carried on without the purpose of gain for its Members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation will be used in promoting its objects.

1.5 Ruling on By-laws – Except as provided in the Act, the Board will have the authority to interpret any provision of these By-laws that is contradictory, ambiguous, or unclear, provided such interpretation is consistent with the objects of the Corporation.

1.6 Conduct of Meetings – Unless otherwise specified in these By-laws, meetings of the Members and meetings of the Board will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (current edition).

1.7 Interpretation – Words importing the singular will include the plural and vice versa and words importing persons will include bodies corporate. Words importing an organization name, title, or program will include any successor organizational name, title, or program.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Categories – The Corporation has the following categories of Member:

- a) Player Member – Any individual who is a player who is registered with the Corporation.

- b) Non-Player Member – Any individual who is a Director, coach, or bench staff who is registered with the Corporation.

2.2 Registration – Each category of Member must register with the Corporation and agree to abide by the Corporation's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations or, if the Member is under the age of 18, have a parent or guardian agree to abide by the Corporation's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations on behalf of the Member.

Authority of Members

2.3 Membership Authority – The Members of the Corporation will have the following powers:

- a) To appoint the Auditor
- b) To amend the By-laws
- c) To elect Directors; and
- d) As provided in the Act and in these By-laws

Directors as Members

2.4 Directors – All Directors will be considered Non-Player Members as long as they are a Director in good standing with the Corporation.

Admission and Renewal of Members

2.5 Admission and Renewal of Members – Any candidate will be admitted or renewed as a Member if:

- a) The candidate member makes an application for membership in a manner prescribed by the Corporation;
- b) The candidate member was previously a Member, the candidate member was a Member in good standing when the candidate ceased to be a Member;
- c) The candidate member has paid fees as prescribed by the Board;
- d) For Non-Player Members who are Directors, the candidate member is not an employee or contractor receiving \$500 or more in compensation from the Corporation;
- e) The candidate member agrees to uphold and comply with the Corporation's governing documents;
- f) The candidate member meets any other condition of membership determined by the Board;
- g) The candidate member has met the applicable definition listed in Section 2.1; and
- h) The candidate member has been approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board.

Membership Fees and Duration

2.6 Duration – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, membership with the Corporation begins on the date the Board (or designate) accepts the Member's registration and ends on June 30 or when the member resigns or is terminated from membership.

2.7 Fees – Membership fees will be determined by the Board.

2.8 Deadline – Members will be notified in writing of the membership fees at any time payable, and if the membership fees are not paid within thirty (30) days of the membership renewal date or notice of default, the Member in default will automatically cease to be a Member of the Corporation.

Transfer, Suspension, and Termination of Membership

2.9 Transfer – Membership in the Corporation is non-transferable.

2.10 Suspension – A Member may be suspended, pending the outcome of a discipline hearing in accordance with the Corporation’s policies related to discipline, or by Special Resolution of the Board at a meeting of the Board provided the Member has been given notice of and the opportunity to be heard at such meeting.

2.11 Effects of Suspension – A suspended Member is not in good standing, may not vote at meetings of the Members, is not permitted to have any sport-related involvement with the Corporation, and may be subject to a probationary period before being reinstated to good standing.

2.12 Termination – Membership in the Corporation will terminate immediately upon:

- a) The expiration of the Member’s membership, unless renewed in accordance with these By-laws;
- b) For Non-Player Members who are Directors, when the Director’s term has ended or when the Director is removed from or vacates their position;
- c) The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described in Section 2.1 of these By-laws;
- d) Resignation by the Member by giving written notice to the Corporation;
- e) Dissolution of the Corporation;
- f) A decision made by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel in accordance with these By-laws or the Corporation’s policies;
- g) The Member’s death; or
- h) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board or of the Members at a duly called meeting, provided fifteen (15) days’ notice is given and the Member is provided with reasons and the opportunity to be heard. Notice will set out the reasons for termination of membership and the Member receiving the notice will be entitled to submit a written submission opposing the termination.

2.13 May Not Resign – A Member may not resign from the Corporation when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action by the Corporation.

2.14 Arrears – A Member will be expelled from the Corporation for failing to pay membership dues or monies owed to the Corporation by the deadline dates prescribed by the Board. Any dues, subscriptions, or other monies owed to the Corporation by suspended or expelled Members will remain due.

2.15 Discipline – A Member may be disciplined in accordance with the Corporation’s policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members.

Good Standing

2.16 Definition – A Member will be in good standing provided that the Member:

- a) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- b) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Corporation;
- c) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Corporation;
- d) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Corporation, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
- e) Has paid all required membership fees.

2.17 Privileges of Good Standing - Subject to these By-laws and other governing documents of the Corporation, Members in good standing may be entitled to the following privileges:

- a) To attend, participate, and vote at meetings of the Members;
- b) To participate in the Corporation’s activities; and
- c) To participate in other events associated with the Corporation.

2.18 Cease to be in Good Standing – Members that cease to be in good standing, as determined by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.1 Annual Meeting – The Corporation will hold meetings of Members at such date, time and place as determined by the Board within the Province of Ontario. The Annual Meeting will be held within fifteen (15) months of the last Annual Meeting and within six (6) months of the Corporation’s fiscal year end. Any Member, upon request, will be provided, not less than ten (10) days before the annual meeting, with a copy of the approved financial statements, auditor’s report (if any) or review engagement report (if any).

3.2 Special Meeting – A Special Meeting of the Members may be called at any time by Ordinary Resolution of the Board or upon the written requisition of ten percent (10%) or more of the voting Members for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Corporation that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the Act or is otherwise inconsistent with the Act, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

3.3 Participation/Holding by Electronic Means – Any person entitled to attend a meeting of Members may participate in the meeting by telephonic or electronic means that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting if the Corporation makes such means available. A person so participating in a meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting. The Board or Members, as the case may be, may determine that the meeting be held entirely by telephonic or electronic means that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

3.4 Notice – Written or electronic notice of the date of the Annual Meeting of the Members will be given to all Members in good standing, Directors, and the Auditor (if appointed) at least fifteen (15) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting. A further notice will be provided ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting containing a reminder of the right to vote by proxy or by absentee ballot, a proposed agenda, and reasonable information to permit Members to make informed decisions.

3.5 Waiver of Notice – Any person who is entitled to notice of a meeting of the Members may waive notice, and attendance of the person at the meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, unless the person attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting was not lawfully called in accordance with these By-laws.

3.6 Error or Omission in Giving Notice – No error or omission in giving notice of any meeting of the Members shall invalidate the meeting or make void any proceedings taken at the meeting.

3.7 New Business – No other item of business will be included in the notice of the meeting of the Members unless notice in writing of such other item of business, or a Member’s proposal, has been submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Members in accordance with procedures as approved by the Board. Copies of all such proposals together with copies of any amendments thereto then proposed by the Board and copies of all resolutions put forward by the Board shall be sent to all Members with the agenda and the notice calling an Annual Meeting.

3.8 Quorum – Ten percent (10%) of voting Members present or by proxy will constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present at the opening of a meeting of the Members, the Members present may proceed with the business of the meeting, even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting.

- 3.9 Agenda – The business transacted at the Annual Meeting may include:
- a) Call to order
 - b) Establishment of quorum
 - c) Approval of the agenda
 - d) Approval of minutes of the previous Annual Meeting
 - e) Presentation of reports
 - f) Report of Auditors (if any) or the individual who conducted a review engagement (if any) or the presentation of the financial statements
 - g) Appointment of Auditors (if any) or an individual to conduct a review engagement (if any)
 - h) Business as specified in the meeting notice
 - i) Election of new Directors
 - j) Adjournment

3.10 Scrutineers – At the beginning of each meeting, the Board may appoint one or more scrutineers who will be responsible for ensuring that votes are properly cast and counted.

3.11 Adjournments – With the majority consent of the Members present and after quorum is ascertained, the Members may adjourn a meeting of Members and no notice is required for continuation of the meeting if the meeting is held within thirty (30) days. Any business may be brought before or dealt with at any adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same.

3.12 Attendance – The only persons entitled to attend a meeting of the Members are the Members, the parents or guardians of a Member if the Member is younger than 18 years old, the Directors, the auditors of the Corporation (or the person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement, if any), individuals possessing a proxy on behalf of a Member, and others who are entitled or required under any provision of the Act to be present at the meeting. Any other person may be admitted only if invited by the Chair or with the majority consent of the Members present.

3.13 Chair – The President will be the Chair of all meetings of Members unless another individual is designated by the President or appointed by the Board and approved by an Ordinary Resolution of the voting Members in attendance in person or by proxy.

Voting at Meetings of Members

3.14 Voting Rights – Subject to Article XII (when applicable), Members in good standing at the time of the meeting of the Members at which a vote is to be taken have the following voting rights at all meetings of the Members:

- a) Player Members have one (1) vote each.
- b) Non-Player Members have one (1) vote each.

3.15 Voting Powers – Each voting Member votes on every issue. Members who are 18 years old or older at the time of the meeting of the Members may exercise their own vote. Members who are younger than 18 years old at the time of the meeting may have their vote exercised at meetings of Members by a parent or guardian. For clarity, a parent or guardian with multiple children registered with the Corporation who are younger than 18 years old may exercise one vote per child. Also, two parents/guardians of the same child who is registered with the Corporation and who is younger than 18 years old may both attend a meeting of the Members but may only exercise one vote. For further clarity, Non-Player Members who are Directors vote during elections (which includes a sitting Non-Player Member who is a Director voting on the issue of their re-election, if applicable).

3.16 Record Date for Voting – The Board may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining Members entitled to vote at any meeting of Members. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than ten (10) days. If no record date is set, the record date is 5:00pm on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

3.17 Voting on Fundamental Changes – Under the jurisdiction of the *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, each class of Member is permitted to vote separately on fundamental changes affecting the Corporation.

3.18 Proxy Voting – Every voting Member may appoint a proxy holder to attend and vote on behalf of the Member. The proxy holder need not be a Member. A proxy must:

- a) Be signed by the Member (or, if the Member is younger than 18 years old, by the Member’s parent or guardian);
- b) Be in a form that complies with the Act;
- c) Comply with the format stipulated by the Corporation; and
- d) Be submitted to the Registered Office of the Corporation at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting of the Members.

3.19 Proxy Holder – A proxy holder will only hold a maximum of two (2) proxies.

3.20 Voting by Mail or Electronic Means – A Member may vote by mail, or by telephonic or electronic means if:

- a) The Corporation has made available a procedure that permits voting by mail, telephonic, or electronic means;
- b) The votes may be verified as having been made by the Member entitled to vote; and
- c) The Corporation is not able to identify how each Member voted.

3.21 Determination of Votes – Votes will be determined by a show of hands, orally, or electronic ballot, except in the case of elections which require a secret ballot, unless a secret or recorded ballot is requested by a Member.

3.22 Majority of Votes – Except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, the majority of votes will decide each issue. In the case of a tie, the issue is defeated.

ARTICLE IV GOVERNANCE

Composition of the Board

4.1 Directors – The Board will consist of nine (9) Directors.

4.2 Composition of the Board – The Board will consist of the following:

- a) President
- b) 1st Vice President
- c) 2nd Vice President
- d) Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Director of Operations
- g) Director of Development
- h) Director of Marketing
- i) Director-at-Large

Eligibility of Directors

- 4.3 Eligibility – To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:
- a) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
 - b) Not be a paid employee of the Corporation;
 - c) Not have been found under the *Substitute Decisions Act*, 1992 or under the *Mental Health Act* to be incapable of managing property;
 - d) Have the power under law to contract;
 - e) Have not been declared incapable by a court in Canada or in another country; and
 - f) Not have the status of bankrupt.

Election of Directors

4.4 Nominations Committee – The Board may appoint a Nominations Committee. If appointed, The Nominations Committee will be responsible to solicit and receive nominations for the election of the Directors.

- 4.5 Nomination – Any nomination of an individual for election as a Director will:
- a) Include the written consent of the nominee by signed or electronic signature;
 - b) Comply with the procedures established by the Nominations Committee (if appointed); and
 - c) Be submitted to the Registered Office of the Corporation ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This timeline may be extended by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

4.6 Incumbents – Current Directors wishing to be re-elected are not subject to nomination but must notify the Board of their interest in re-election ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

4.7 Nominations from the Floor – An individual will be permitted to be nominated from the floor for elections as a Director at a meeting of the Members. Such nomination will require a nominator and seconder from the voting Members present and will also require the attendance at the meeting and verbal or written acceptance of the nomination by the individual.

4.8 Circulation of Nominations – Valid nominations will be circulated to Members at the Annual Meeting prior to the elections.

4.9 Election – At each meeting of the Members at which elections are held, elections will be held for any Director position for which the incumbent Director's term is expiring and/or any Director position that is vacant.

4.10 Elections – Elections for each position will be decided by Ordinary Resolution of the Members in accordance with the following:

- a) One Valid Nomination – Winner elected by Ordinary Resolution.
- b) Two or More Valid Nominations – The nominee(s) receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected. In the case of a tie, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees and a second vote will be conducted. If there continues to be a tie and more nominees than positions, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees until there remains the appropriate number of nominees for the position(s) or until a winner is declared. If there continues to be a tie then the winner(s) will be declared by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

4.11 Post-Election Eligibility – An elected Director who does not meet the eligibility requirements for election as Director will have fourteen (14) days to become eligible for the position or will be removed as a Director of the Corporation.

4.12 Terms – Directors will serve the following terms until they or their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these By-laws, unless they resign, or are removed from or vacate their office:

- a) President – Two year term

- b) 1st Vice President – Two year term
- c) 2nd Vice President – One year term
- d) Secretary – One year term
- e) Treasurer – Two year term
- f) Director of Operations – One year term
- g) Director of Development – One year term
- h) Director of Marketing – One year term
- i) Director-at-Large – One year term

Resignation and Removal of Directors

4.13 Resignation – A Director may resign from the Board at any time by presenting their notice of resignation to the Board. This resignation will become effective the date on which the notice is received by the Secretary or at the time specified in the notice, whichever is later. When a Director who is subject to a disciplinary investigation or action of the Corporation resigns, that Director will nonetheless be subject to any sanctions or consequences resulting from the disciplinary investigation or action.

4.14 Vacate Office – The office of any Director will be vacated automatically if:

- a) The Director resigns;
- b) The Director is found to be incapable of managing property by a court or under Ontario law;
- c) The Director is found by a court to be incapable;
- d) The Director is charged and/or convicted of any criminal offence, unless decided otherwise by the Board by Ordinary Resolution;
- e) The Director becomes bankrupt; or
- f) The Director dies.

4.15 Removal – An elected Director may be removed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at a Special Meeting of the Members provided the Director has been given reasonable written notice of, and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at, such a meeting.

Filling a Vacancy on the Board

4.16 Vacancy – When the position of a Director becomes vacant for whatever reason other than a failure to elect a Director into a position and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill the position for the remainder of the term. Alternatively, and if an individual was not elected into a position, the Board may decide, by Ordinary Resolution, that one or more Directors will execute the duties of the vacant Director position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Meetings of the Board

4.17 Call of Meeting – A meeting of the Board will be held at any time and place as determined by the President or by written requisition of at least three (3) Directors.

4.18 Chair – The President will be the Chair of all meetings of the Board unless another individual is designated to be the Chair by the President. In the absence of the President, or if the meeting of the Board was not called by the President, the Vice President (or designate) will be the Chair of the meeting.

4.19 Notice – Written notice, served other than by mail, of meetings of the Board will be given to all Directors at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Notice served by mail will be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. No notice of a meeting of the Board is required if all Directors waive notice, or if those absent consent to the meeting being held in their absence. If a quorum of Directors is present, each newly elected or appointed Board may, without notice, hold its first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

4.20 Board Meeting With New Directors – For a first meeting of the Board held immediately following the election of Directors at a meeting of the Members, or for a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly elected or appointed Director(s).

4.21 Number of Meetings – The Board will hold at least six (6) meetings per year.

4.22 Quorum – At any meeting of the Board, quorum will be a majority of Directors.

4.23 Voting – Each Director is entitled to one vote. Voting will be by a show of hands, written, or orally unless at least one (1) Director present requests a secret ballot. Resolutions will be passed by Ordinary Resolution. In the case of a tie, the resolution is defeated.

4.24 No Alternate Directors – No person shall act for an absent director at a meeting of the Board.

4.25 Written Resolutions – A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board.

4.26 Attendance at Meetings – Meetings of the Board will be closed to Members and the public except by invitation of the Board.

4.27 Meetings by Telecommunications – A meeting of the Board may be held by telephone conference call or by means of other telecommunications technology. Directors who participate in a meeting by telecommunications technology are considered to have attended the meeting.

Duties of Directors

4.28 Standard of Care – Every Director will:

- a) Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation; and
- b) Exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

Powers of the Board

4.29 Powers of the Corporation – Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, the Board has the powers of the Corporation and may delegate any of its powers, duties, and functions.

4.30 Empowered – The Board is empowered, including but not limited to:

- a) Make policies and procedures or manage the affairs of the Corporation for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation in accordance with the Act and these By-laws;
- b) Make policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members, and have the authority to discipline Members in accordance with such policies and procedures;
- c) Make policies and procedures relating to the management of disputes within the Corporation and deal with disputes in accordance with such policies and procedures;
- d) Employ or engage under contract such persons as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Corporation;
- e) Determine registration procedures, determine membership fees, and determine other registration requirements;
- f) Enable the Corporation to receive donations, benefits, bequests, distribution of investment capital and income for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
- g) Make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;

- h) Invest funds for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
- i) Manage the Corporation's assets and resources expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
- j) Borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation as it deems necessary in accordance with these By-laws; and
- k) Perform any other duties from time to time as may be in the best interests of the Corporation.

4.31 Key Volunteers – The Board may appoint individuals for a one-year term to perform any of its powers, duties, and functions. These individuals, who have duties and roles prescribed by the Board, are not Directors but may serve on committees. Key Volunteers may include and are not necessarily limited to:

- a) Registrar
- b) Ice Schedule
- c) Referee-in-Chief
- d) Equipment
- e) Adult Convenor
- f) Player Advocate
- g) Coaching Development
- h) Player Development
- i) Recruitment / Come Try Ringette
- j) Website
- k) Social Media
- l) Fundraising & Sponsorship
- m) Bingo Chair

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

5.1 Composition – The Officers will be the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

5.2 Duties – The duties of Officers are described in **Schedules – Officer Descriptions**.

5.3 Delegation of Duties – At the discretion of the Officer and with approval by Ordinary Resolution of the Board, any Officer may delegate any duties of that office to appropriate staff or committee of the Corporation, or to another Officer or Director.

5.4 Removal – An Officer may be removed by Ordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Board or of the Members, provided the Officer has been given notice of and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at the meeting where such Ordinary Resolution is put to a vote. If the Officer is removed by the Members, their position as a Director (if applicable) will automatically and simultaneously be terminated.

5.5 Vacancy – Where the position of any Officer becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may, by Ordinary Resolution, appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant position's term of office.

5.6 Other Officers – The Board may determine other Officer positions and appoint individuals to fill those positions. Other Officers need not be Directors.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Committees

6.1 Executive Committee – The Executive Committee will be composed of the Officers. The Board may delegate any of its powers and functions to the Executive Committee, which will have the authority to oversee

the implementation of the Corporation's policies and procedures during intervals between meetings of the Board. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board at the next meeting of the Board to continue to take effect.

6.2 Appointment of Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees – The Board may appoint such standing and ad-hoc committees as it deems necessary for managing the affairs of the Corporation. The Board may appoint members of these committees or provide for the election of members of these committees, may prescribe the duties and terms of reference of these committees, and may delegate to any of these committees any of its powers, duties, and functions.

6.3 Composition – The Board may appoint and remove any member of a standing or ad-hoc committee at any time and for any reason.

6.4 President Ex-officio – With the exception of the Executive Committee, on which the President is a voting member, the President will be an ex-officio and non-voting member of all committees of the Corporation.

6.5 Debts – No committee will have the authority to incur debts in the name of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

7.1 Fiscal Year – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the fiscal year of the Corporation will be May 1st to April 30th.

7.2 Bank – The banking business of the Corporation will be conducted at such financial institution as the Board may determine.

7.3 Auditors – At each Annual Meeting the Members may appoint an auditor to audit or conduct a review engagement of the books, accounts and records of the Corporation in accordance with the Act. The auditor will hold office until the next Annual Meeting. The auditor will not be an employee, Officer, or Director of the Corporation and must be permitted to conduct an audit or review engagement of the Corporation under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004*, as amended. When the Corporation's revenue for the previous fiscal year was less than \$100,000, the Members may decline, by 80% resolution, to appoint an auditor.

7.4 Annual Financial Statements – The Directors will approve financial statements (evidenced by the signature of one or more Directors) of the Corporation of the last fiscal year of the Corporation but not more than six (6) months before the Annual Meeting and present the approved financial statements before the Members at every Annual Meeting. A copy of the Annual Financial Statements will be provided to any Member requesting a copy of the Financial Statements not less than ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting. The Financial Statements will include:

- a) The financial statements;
- b) The auditor's report or review engagement (if any); and
- c) Any further information respecting the financial position of the Corporation.

7.5 Books and Records – The necessary books and records of the Corporation required by these By-laws or by applicable law will be necessarily and properly kept. The books and records include, but are not limited to:

- a) The Corporation's articles and By-laws;
- b) The minutes of meetings of the Members and of any committee of Members;
- c) The resolutions of the Members and of any committee of Members;
- d) The minutes of meetings of the Directors or any committee of Directors;
- e) The resolutions of the Directors and of any committee of Directors;
- f) A register of Directors;

- g) A register of Officers;
- h) A register of Members; and
- i) Account records adequate to enable the Directors to ascertain the financial position of the Corporation on a quarterly basis.

7.6 Minutes of meetings of the Board and Board Resolutions – Minutes of meetings of the Board and Board Resolutions are confidential and may only be open for inspection by Members in good standing by request to the Board.

7.7 Signing Authority – The signing authority of the Corporation shall be vested in the President and Treasurer of the Corporation and such other persons as the Board, by Ordinary Resolution, may authorize in specific instances (such as the Ice Convenor for all ice-related contracts). The signatures or electronic authorization of two individuals with signing authority shall be required on any financial instrument of the Corporation.

7.8 Property – The Corporation may acquire, lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of securities, lands, buildings, or other property, or any right or interest therein, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine. Authorization of the acquisition, lease, sale, or otherwise dealing with real property transactions shall require the approval of a Special Resolution by the Members. Authorization of any financial transaction acquisition, lease, sale of property in an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall require the approval of an Ordinary Resolution by the Members.

7.9 Other Expenditures – Any single expenditure over thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) will be approved by Ordinary Resolution of the voting Members at a meeting of Members.

7.10 Borrowing – The Corporation may borrow funds under such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, as permitted by the Act and subject to authorization by an Ordinary Resolution of the Members if the amount of the financial transaction exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

7.11 Borrowing Restriction – The Members may, by Special Resolution, restrict the borrowing powers of the Board but a restriction so imposed expires at the next Annual Meeting.

Remuneration

7.12 No Remuneration – All Directors, Officers and members of committees will serve their term of office without remuneration (unless approved at a meeting of the Members) except for reimbursement of expenses as approved by the Board. This section does not preclude a Director or member of a committee from providing goods or services to the Corporation under contract or for purchase. Any Director or member of a committee will disclose the conflict/potential conflict in accordance with these By-laws.

Conflict of Interest

7.13 Conflict of Interest – A Director, Officer or member of a committee who has an interest, or who may be perceived as having an interest, in a proposed contract or transaction with the Corporation will disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of such interest to the Board or Committee, as the case may be, will refrain from voting or speaking in debate on such contract or transaction, will refrain from influencing the decision on such contract or transaction, and will otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act regarding conflict of interest.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

8.1 Voting – These By-laws may only be amended, revised, repealed or added to by:

- a) Under the jurisdiction of the *Ontario Corporations Act*:

- i. Ordinary Resolution of the Board. The new, amended, or revised By-law is effective until the next meeting of the Members, at which the Members may ratify the new, amended, or revised By-law by Ordinary Resolution. A new, amended, or revised By-law that is not ratified by the Members ceases to have effect and no new By-law of the same or like substance has any effect until ratified at a meeting of the Members; or
 - ii. Ordinary Resolution of the voting Members present at a Special Meeting duly called to amend, revise or repeal these By-laws. Any amendments, revisions, addition or deletions will be effective immediately.
- b) Under the jurisdiction of the *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, and subject to Article XII (when applicable):
 - i. By Ordinary Resolution of the Board. The new, amended, or revised By-law is effective until the next meeting of the Members and, except for those amendments that are considered fundamental changes, the voting Members may confirm, reject or amend the By-laws by Ordinary Resolution. A new, amended, or revised By-law that is not ratified by the Members ceases to have effect and no new By-law of the same or like substance has any effect until ratified at a meeting of the Members; or
 - ii. By a Member entitled to vote who may make a proposal to make, amend, or repeal a By-law in accordance with the Act which requires at least sixty (60) days' notice. The new, amended, or repealed By-law will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members and, except for those amendments that are considered fundamental changes, the voting Members may confirm, reject or amend the By-laws by Ordinary Resolution.

ARTICLE IX NOTICE

9.1 Written Notice – In these By-laws, written notice will mean notice which is hand-delivered or provided by mail, electronic mail or courier to the address of record of the individual, Director, Officer, or Member, as applicable. It is the obligation of the Director, Officer or Member (as applicable) to provide a current address for notification under this provision to the Board.

9.2 Date of Notice – Date of notice will be the date on which receipt of the notice is confirmed verbally where the notice is hand-delivered, electronically where the notice is faxed or emailed, or in writing where the notice is couriered, or in the case of notice that is provided by mail, five (5) days after the date the mail is post-marked.

9.3 Error in Notice – The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting of the Board or of the Members, the failure of any Director or Member to receive notice, or an error in any notice which does not affect its substance will not invalidate any action taken at the meeting.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

10.1 Dissolution – Upon dissolution of the Corporation and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed to charitable organizations which carry on their work solely in the province of Ontario.

ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 Will Indemnify – The Corporation will indemnify and hold harmless out of the funds of the Corporation each Director and any individual who acts at the Corporation's request in a similar capacity, their heirs, executors and administrators from and against any and all claims, charges, expenses, demands, actions or costs, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, which may arise or be incurred as a result of occupying the position or performing the duties of a Director or and any individual who acts at the Corporation's request in a similar capacity.

11.2 Will Not Indemnify – The Corporation will not indemnify a Director or any individual who acts at the Corporation’s request in a similar capacity for acts of fraud, dishonesty, bad faith, breach of any statutory duty or responsibility imposed upon them under the Act. For further clarity, the Corporation will not indemnify an individual unless:

- a) The individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation; and
- b) If the matter is a criminal or administrative proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that their conduct was lawful.

11.3 Insurance – The Corporation will maintain in force Directors and Officers liability insurance at all times.

ARTICLE XII FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES

12.1 Fundamental Changes – Under the jurisdiction of the *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, a Special Resolution of all Members (whether voting or non-voting) is required to make the following fundamental changes to the By-laws or articles of the Corporation. Fundamental Changes are defined as follows:

- a) Change the Corporation’s name;
- b) Add, change or remove any restriction on the activities that the Corporation may carry on;
- c) Create a new category of Members;
- d) Change a condition required for being a Member;
- e) Change the designation of any category of Members or add, change or remove any rights and conditions of any such category;
- f) Divide any category of Members into two or more categories and fix the rights and conditions of each category;
- g) Add, change or remove a provision respecting the transfer of a membership;
- h) Increase or decrease the number of, or the minimum or maximum number of, Directors;
- i) Change the purposes of the Corporation;
- j) Change to whom the property remaining on liquidation after the discharge of any liabilities of the Corporation is to be distributed;
- k) Change the manner of giving notice to Members entitled to vote at a meeting of Members;
- l) Change the method of voting by Members not in attendance at a meeting of the Members; or
- m) Add, change or remove any other provision that is permitted by the Act.

ARTICLE XIII ADOPTION OF THESE BY-LAWS

13.1 Ratification – These By-laws were ratified by the Members of the Corporation at a meeting of Members duly called and held on **March 28, 2022**.

13.2 Repeal of Prior By-laws – In ratifying these By-laws, the Members of the Corporation repeal all prior By-laws of the Corporation provided that such repeal does not impair the validity of any action done pursuant to the repealed By-laws.

SCHEDULES – OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

Schedule A - Position Description of the President

Role Statement

The president provides leadership to the Board, ensures the integrity of the Board's process and represents the Board to outside parties. The President coordinates Board activities in fulfilling its governance responsibilities and facilitates cooperative relationships among Directors and Key Volunteers. The President ensures the Board discusses all matters relating to the Board's mandate.

Term Two year term, elected in even numbered years

Responsibilities

Agendas. Establish agendas aligned with annual Board goals and preside over meetings of the Board and meetings of the Members. Ensure meetings are effective and efficient for the performance of governance work. Ensure that a schedule of Board meetings is prepared annually.

Central Region Meetings. Shall represent the Corporation at all Central Region Meetings and report back to the Board and vote at all meetings on behalf of the Corporation.

Ontario Ringette Annual General Meeting. Shall represent the Corporation at the Ontario Ringette Association Annual General Meeting and all Ontario Ringette Association Membership meetings and report back to the Board and vote at all meetings on behalf of the Corporation.

Representation. Serve as the Board's primary contact with the public.

Reporting. Report regularly to the Board on issues relevant to its governance responsibilities.

Board Conduct. Set a high standard for Board conduct and enforce policies and By-laws concerning Directors' conduct.

Mentorship. Serve as a mentor to other Directors. Ensure that all Directors contribute fully. Address issues associated with underperformance of individual Directors.

Succession Planning. Ensure succession planning occurs.

Committee Membership. Serve as a member on all Board committees.

Schedule B Position Description of the 1st Vice President

Role Statement The 1st Vice President shall assist the President and in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. Should the position of President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President until such a time as the Board can elect a new President.

Term - Two Year Term elected in odd numbered years

Responsibilities

League Meetings. Shall represent the Association at all Great Lakes Ringette League (GLRL), and report back to the Board and vote at all meetings on behalf of the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association.

Board Conduct. Support the President in maintaining a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and the By-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities.

Coordinate. Shall collaborate with and provide support to Provincial team coaches and bench staff, and the other Directors.

Schedule C - Position Description of the 2nd Vice President

Role Statement The 2nd Vice President shall assist the President and in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

Term - One year term

Responsibilities

League Meetings. Shall represent the Corporation at all Ontario Central Region Ringette League and report back to the Board and vote at all meetings on behalf of the Corporation.

Board Conduct. Support the president in maintaining a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and the By-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities

Coordinate. Shall collaborate with and provide support to Regional team coaches and bench staff, Children's Ringette, Adult programs and other Directors.

Schedule D - Position Description of the Treasurer

Term Two Year Term elected in odd numbered years.

Responsibilities

Custody of Funds. The treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the Corporation in the books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all monies, securities and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such chartered bank or trust company, or, in the case of securities, in such registered dealer in securities as may be designated by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be directed by proper authority taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the Chair and directors at the regular meeting of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an accounting of all the transactions and a statement of the financial position, of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Board.

Board Conduct. Maintain a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and By-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities.

Financial Statement. Present to the Members at the annual meeting as part of the annual report, the financial statement of the Corporation approved by the Board together with the report of the auditor or of the person who has conducted the review engagement, as the case may be.

Coordinate. Shall collaborate with and provide support to other Directors.

Schedule E - Position Description of the Secretary

Term - One Year Term

Responsibilities

Board Conduct. Support the President in maintaining a high standard for Board conduct and uphold policies and the By-laws regarding Directors' conduct, with particular emphasis on fiduciary responsibilities.

Document Management. Ensure the proper recording and maintenance of minutes of all meetings of the Board Have custody of all minute books, documents, registers and the seal of the Corporation and ensure that they are maintained as required by law.

Meetings. Give such notice as required by the By-Laws of all meetings of the Corporation, the Board and Board committees. Attend all meetings of the Corporation, the Board and Board committee.