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Article 1

This organization shall be called the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association.

Article 2

All rules of Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta will be considered the playing rules of the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association except where modified by the Association to suit its own program. Such modified rules will not be in contradiction to Hockey Canada or Hockey Alberta rules and regulations and will be shown as by-laws in the Constitution.

Article 3

The objective of Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association is to provide an orderly competitive organization in which registered hockey players can participate.

BY-LAW 1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The Annual General Meeting of the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association will be held during the months of August or September.

(B) Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association shall be presented and voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association shall be passed by simple majority of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting

(D) Voting "member" at AGM shall be defined as someone who resides within the boundaries of the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association or is the parent/guardian/family member of a player who is registered but resides outside SLMHA boundaries. Must be present in-person to cast a vote.

BY-LAW 2 OFFICERS DUTIES AND POWERS

(A) The executive officers of the association will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee in Chief, 4 Directors, and Past President

(B) The executive officers shall be elected bi-annually at the AGM. The positions of President, Treasurer, Registrar and 2 Directors are to be elected on even years. The positions of Vice President, Secretary, Referee in Chief, and 2 Directors shall be elected on odd years.

(C) The executive officers must reside within the boundaries of Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association

(D) Each minor hockey team within SLMHA shall appoint a general manager.

(E) The president shall preside at all meetings and will have the power to make the final decision in case of a deadlock.

(F) The Vice President shall act on behalf of the President in his/her absence.

(G) The Secretary shall record the meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes must be sent to each executive member and team manager within two weeks after each meeting.

(H) The treasurer shall prepare an annual budget, record all revenue and expenditures, and present a current financial report at each association meeting. Financial statements will be audited annually by an independent source.

BY-LAW 3 VOTING

(A) Executive Officers of the association will have one vote on all issues.

(B) Official votes do not have to take place at a meeting. They may be made by telephone or other means of communication.

BY-LAW 4 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

(A) Registration of players and team officials must abide by Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta appropriate league regulations.

(B) Teams must register a minimum of 8 players.

(C) All teams and team officials must have current and appropriate accreditation based on Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta regulations.

(D) Only properly registered team officials may be on the bench during games.

(E) Only executive approved skill instructors or assistants may be on the ice during practices.

BY-LAW 5 REFEREES

(A) Referees must be properly certified with Hockey Alberta.

(B) All Junior (Minor Hockey Aged) Referees must be more than one level above the game being officiated. (Example: U15 can officiate U11) A one time exception may be made if there are no other officials available.

BY-LAW 6 FUNDRAISING

(A) All minor hockey teams are required to host at least one tournament during the season. The team will be responsible for paying 50% of the ice rental fees for the tournament. If a team fails to host a tournament during the season, the team will pay an amount of \$500 to SLMHA to cover the cost of the forfeited ice rental. If an agreement to erase rental fees can be made between SLMHA and the landlord (Smoky Lake Agricultural Society) then no penalty will be issued.

(B) Each season SLMHA will elect whether to have teams sell 50/50's at home games. If yes, all minor hockey teams will be required to sell 50/50's during exhibition and league scheduled games.

(C) Each team will have the option to pay SLMHA a one-time fee of \$50 per player registered on the team's HCR rather than sell 50/50's at home games. (i.e. 13 registered players would equal a \$650 payout to SLMHA)

(D) If a team agrees to sell 50/50's but fail to sell at each applicable game, the team will be charged a penalty of \$50 for each game of missed sales.

(E) If any additional annual fundraisers exist these will be approved at the AGM.

BY-LAW 7 AFFILIATION

(A) Affiliation of players to the next highest team will be allowed under the following conditions:

- i. Higher team has less than 12 available players. (Subject to league/HA Regulations).
- ii. Affiliated player is deemed capable of playing at higher level.
- iii. Affiliated player must have permission granted by both coaches (registered team and affiliated team coach) prior to playing any game.
- iv. Affiliated player must have talent/capabilities equivalent to top 5 players of said team. Exception to this; only if upper team needs players.

(B) Approval is to be provided by Hockey Alberta.

(C) If conflict arises between affiliate players and team scheduling, the affiliate player must first fulfill his/her commitment to their regular team.

BY-LAW 8 FAIR PLAY POLICY

(A) The Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association requires all coaches to practice fair play policy during all league and tournament games.

(B) Coaches, players, and parents, prior to the start of the season, must discuss Fair Play Policy to ensure a clear understanding of coaching philosophy.

(C) Fair Play Policy requires coaches to ensure equitable and fair ice time to all registered hockey players. All players will be given the chance to experience the game of hockey within the previously communicated and discussed team rules or expectations.

(D) The Fair Play Policy shall be reviewed annually by SLMHA executive and passed on to team managers and coaches prior to the start of league play.

BY-LAW 9 FEES

(A) Player registration fees will be set at the AGM prior to the start of the hockey season.

(B) Player fees will be based on the hourly rate set by the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society and financial status of the SLMHA.

(C) Player ice fees must be sufficient to cover anticipated annual cost of ice rental.

(D) Under special resolution of the SLMHA executive, an additional player levy may be deemed necessary and appropriate for the unforeseen event of additional expenses.

(E) Unpaid Fees- If a player has outstanding or unscheduled fees after January 1st of the current hockey season, the player shall be suspended until a plan to pay the fees is agreed to between the parent/guardian and SLMHA. In this case fees shall be completely paid prior to February 15th of the current hockey season. Failure to have a payment plan in place or outstanding fees by this date could result in immediate suspension of playing privileges.

(F) Long Term Injury- If a player loses no less than approximately 2 months of a hockey season, a one time credit could be issued, proportionate to the time missed based on. (Example 1/3 season missed, 1/3 fees credited) This credit will be applied to the following season registration fees. Does not apply until player qualifies as a long term injury (no less than 60 days), with doctor's note.

(G) Use of Casino Credits- The use of casino credits can only be used if the casino dates worked are prior to November 1st of the current hockey season. This supersedes any payment plans and refers only to payment in full being made by November 1st. For mid-season casinos, should payment plans be in place, the casino credit will be carried over and applied to the following hockey season and the payment plan already in place, will be honoured.

BY-LAW 10 REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

(A) Executive officers, team coaches and team managers are volunteer positions without remuneration.

(B) Travel to league and Hockey Alberta meetings will be reimbursed at set rate of 38 cents per km.

(C) Any personal expenses for the purpose of conducting affairs for SLMHA will be reimbursed by motion at a regular association meeting with submission of expense receipt.

(D) Team officials can request remuneration for all required courses to ensure team eligibility.

BY-LAW 11 PLAYER MOVEMENT

(A) Player movements will be issued if Smoky Lake Minor Hockey does not have a team at the player's age level, or if there are no further cards available on the team. In cases where a PMF has been requested but a team exists, the request will be reviewed, and movement approved or denied after executive vote.

(B) All Hockey Alberta Regulations on player movement will be followed regarding notice of tryout, and subsequent movement of players into elite streams of AA and AAA.

(C) There will be no permanent player movement issued for Junior B unless a U18 team does not exist within SLMHA. In the case that a U18 team does exist, a Hockey Alberta Affiliation agreement can be issued with a majority vote by the SLMHA executive.

BY-LAW 12 CODE OF CONDUCT

(A) Code of Conduct will be discussed by all team officials and parents. All players and team officials will conduct themselves in an acceptable manor including respect for other players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Sportsmanship on and off the ice is to be emphasized. Compliance with all rules and regulations of the league, association, and facility will be enforced. All players, coaches, parents, and spectators must represent Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association in a manor that does not bring disrepute to the Association.

(B) Annually, all players and parents will read and sign the Registration Package. The package includes Fair Play Policy, Bullying Policy, Social Media Policy, Parent Code of Conduct, Coach Code of Conduct, Athlete's Grievance Procedure.

(C) Annually, team officials will read and sign the Coach Registration package. This must be completed in order to coach a team within SLMHA.