

## **Summary of Changes: 2015 Constitution → 2026 Draft**

### **1. Overall Structural Changes**

- The 2026 draft is **reformatted**, reorganized, and modernized.
  - A new **Article 5: NonProfit Status** is added.
  - Several sections are renamed or consolidated for clarity (e.g., “Registration, Fees, Complaints, Suspension, Appeal Procedures” becomes “Player Registration, Fees, and Disciplinary Policy”).
  - Language is modernized and simplified throughout.
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### **Constitution Changes**

#### **Article 1 – Name**

- 2026 adds formal short forms (“the ‘Association’, or ‘TMHA’”).
- No substantive change.

#### **Article 2 – Purpose**

- 2026 simplifies and modernizes wording.
- Removes the 2015 clause about “competing for championships and promoting fellowship.”
  - 2015: “To compete for championships and promote fellowship amongst its members.”
- 2026 focuses on participation, sportsmanship, and respect.

#### **Article 3 – Operations**

- No major change except clearer wording.

#### **Article 4 – Affiliation**

- 2026 removes repeated “amended 2015” references and cleans wording.
- No substantive change.

#### **NEW Article 5 – NonProfit Status**

- Entirely new section.
  - Defines nonprofit status and dissolution rules.
    - 2026: “No member shall receive financial gain... Upon dissolution, all assets shall be donated...”
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## **Bylaw Changes**

### **1. Membership**

#### **Major Changes**

- **Membership fee for nonparent adults increased from \$50 → \$300.**
    - 2015: “fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00)”
    - 2026: “fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)”
  - **Membership fee deadline moved from Dec 31 → Nov 20.**
    - 2015: “paid no later than December 31”
    - 2026: “paid no later than November 20”
  - **New consequence:** players cannot participate until fees are paid.
    - 2026: “player not participating in any team activities... until payment is received.”
  - Removes “amended 2015” tags.
  - Clarifies goodstanding rules (same intent, cleaner wording).
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### **2. Meetings**

#### **Key Changes**

- **Executive meeting frequency added:**
    - 2026: “minimum once per month in offseason, biweekly during season.”
  - AGM quorum wording clarified.
  - No substantive governance changes.
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### **3. Voting**

- No major changes; wording modernized.
  - Removes “amended 2015” references.
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### **4. Executive**

#### **Structural Changes**

- **Executive positions reduced/streamlined:**
  - Removed from elected list:

- *Equipment Manager*
- *Head Referee*
- *Ice Allocator/Volunteer Block Coordinator (split)*
- *Tournament Chairperson*
- *Added/kept:*
  - *Tournament Director*
  - *Fundraising Coordinator*
- ***Appointed positions list simplified.***

### ***Notable Removal***

- *2015 included many appointed roles (e.g., Bingo Coordinator, Risk Manager).*
- *2026 reduces and modernizes the list.*

## ***5. Duties of Officers***

### ***General***

- *Wording modernized; duties largely unchanged.*
- *Removes references to “job descriptions section of the policies and procedures (amended 2015).”*

### ***Position Specific Changes***

- ***Equipment Manager:***
  - *2026 adds: “may have a budget set by the executive committee.”*
- ***Head Referee:***
  - *2026 removes liaison with Fort St. John MHA; now liaises with “local officials association and TMHA.”*
- ***Ice Allocator:***
  - *Volunteer Block Coordinator removed as a combined role.*
- ***Tournament Coordinator:***
  - *2026 removes raffle licensing duties (now assigned to Fundraising Coordinator).*
- ***Fundraising Coordinator:***
  - *2026 expands responsibilities to include all raffles and licensing.*

## **6. Amendments**

- *2026 clarifies that amendments require majority approval at AGM.*
  - *Removes requirement to post amendments online two weeks prior (this requirement existed in 2015).*
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## **7. Player Registration, Fees, and Disciplinary Policy**

*(Previously “Registration: Fees, Complaints, Suspension, Appeal Procedures”)*

### **A) Registration**

#### **Key Changes**

- *Removes detailed agespecific rules (e.g., 4yearold exceptions, development program rules).*
  - *2015: “If there are not enough five and six-year-old players... four-year-old players may be considered...”*
- *2026 defers entirely to **BC Hockey age division rules**.*
- *Registration windows remain the same.*
- *Removes “radio and newspaper advertising” requirement.*

### **B) Fees**

- *Wording simplified; no substantive change.*

### **C) Complaints**

- *No change.*

### **D) Suspension**

- *Wording modernized; no major change.*

### **E) Appeal Procedure**

- *No change.*
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## **8. Organization and Player Movement**

### **Major Changes**

- **Coaching certification requirements updated** to align with BC Hockey/HCR pathways.
  - *2015 listed outdated “Initiation, Coaches Level, Intermediate Level” certifications.*
- **Halfice clarified for U7 & U9** (previously “beginner level”).

- **Medical forms now carried by Division Director or HCSP, not “their designate.”**
  - Removes “Mutual Aid Cards must be carried” (outdated requirement).
  - Removes “no house league player may play with another team without written approval” → still present but wording modernized.
  - Removes “rep team cannot use uncarded players after Jan 10” → still present but wording modernized.
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## **9. Finances**

- No change except wording cleanup.
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## **10. Dissolution**

- Same intent; wording modernized.
  - Removes “Bingo Gaming account” reference.
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## **11. Scheduling**

- No change.
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## **12. Playoffs**

- Removes 2015 rule:
    - “No Rep Teams or B Teams shall participate in House League Playoffs.”
  - 2026 only states:
    - “All league teams shall be eligible to participate...”
  - This is a **significant policy change**.
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## **13. Referees**

- No change.
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## **14. Equipment**

### **Major Changes**

- **Equipment section completely rewritten.**

- *2026 provides detailed, modernized equipment standards:*
    - *CSA helmet rules*
    - *BNQ neck guard rules*
    - *Proper fit requirements*
    - *Goaliespecific requirements*
  - *Adds rules about **uniform damage, name bars, and cost recovery.***
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***HighImpact Policy Changes (Quick List)***

***Increased membership fee: \$50 → \$300***

***Fee deadline moved: Dec 31 → Nov 20***

***Players barred from participation until fees paid***

***Rep team playoff restriction removed***

***Coaching certification modernized to BC Hockey/HCR***

***Equipment rules significantly expanded***

***Volunteer Block Coordinator removed***

***Tournament raffle licensing moved to Fundraising Coordinator***

***Agespecific registration rules removed (now BC Hockey only)***

***New NonProfit Status article added***