

**BYLAWS OF  
THE ALBERTA AMATEUR  
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

## **BYLAW I - INTERPRETATION**

### 1.01 INDEX AND HEADINGS

The insertion of headings and the provision of an Index, are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

### 1.02 TERMS

The terms "Bylaws", "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" and similar expressions refer to these Bylaws taken as a whole and not to any particular Bylaw or section and include any document or instrument which amends or is supplementary to these Bylaws. The word "Bylaw" followed by a number shall mean the particular Bylaw being part of these Bylaws.

### 1.03 SINGULAR, PLURAL, GENDER

Words importing the singular number only include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender include all genders.

### 1.04 "PERSON"

"Person", and other references to persons, include any individual, firm, company, corporation, unincorporated body of persons, or association.

### 1.05 "IN WRITING"

"In writing" or "written" include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visibly reproduced at a distant point of reception, including telecopier (fax), telex or telegraph.

### 1.06 NOTICE

Whenever a period of notice is required under these Bylaws, the day on which notice is given shall not be counted as part of the notice period, but the day appointed by the notice for the event to which the notice relates shall be counted as part of the notice period.

1.07 DEFINITIONS

Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the following words and phrases shall, in these Bylaws, have the following meanings:

- (1) "AAHA" shall mean the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association;
- (2) "ACAC" means Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference;
- (3) "Amateur" shall have that meaning as defined by the Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (4) "Annual Meeting" means the general meeting of the Members as provided for in Bylaw 4.01;
- (5) "Appeal" means an appeal pursuant to Bylaws 13.01, 13.02, 13.03 and 13.04;
- (6) "Appeal Fee" means that fee as defined and set out in Bylaw 13.09;
- (7) "Appellant" means the person initiating an Appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal;
- (8) "Association" shall mean the AAHA;
- (9) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the AAHA;
- (10) "Board of Director Zones" shall have that meaning defined in Bylaw 5.01.1;
- (11) "Boundary" shall mean that line, as mutually agreed upon and/or recognized by Hockey Alberta, that separates one member association from another, and defines that area from which each member association may register participants as "resident" players.
- (12) "Branch" means a provincial association which is a member of Hockey Canada and is recognized by Hockey Canada as the association responsible for the administration of hockey in a particular Province of Canada;
- (13) "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the AAHA as amended from time to time;
- (14) "HC" means Hockey Canada;
- (15) "Chief Financial Officer" is a person that is appointed to the Board pursuant to Bylaw 6.05;

- (16) "Category(ies)" means those sub-divisions of the Divisions commonly known as AAA, AA, A, B, C, D, and/or such other sub-divisions as the Board may from time to time decide;
- (17) "Coach" means a person registered with the AAHA as a coach of a Hockey Team;
- (18) "Committee(s)" means those committees as defined and set out in Bylaw IX hereto;
- (19) "Constitution" means the constitution of the AAHA as amended from time to time;
- (20) "Council(s)" means those groups of people as defined and set out in Bylaw X hereto;
- (21) "Council Directors" shall have that meaning defined in Bylaw 6.02(c);
- (22) "Credentials Committee" means that Committee as defined in Bylaw 9.04;
- (23) "Director(s)" means a director of the AAHA;
- (24) "Discipline" means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
- (25) "Divisions" shall have the meaning as defined by Hockey Canada from time to time;
- (26) "General Manager" means that person named or appointed from time to time by the Board as the executive director of the AAHA;
- (27) "Female Hockey Zones" shall have that meaning set out in Bylaw 5.01.3;
- (28) "Financial Statement" means the financial statement of the AAHA;
- (29) "Fiscal Year" shall have that meaning as defined in Bylaw 14.01;
- (30) "Hearing" means that review as set out in Bylaw 13.10(a);
- (31) "Hockey Team" means a group of persons comprised of not less than twelve (12) Players, with at least a Coach, all of whom are registered with the AAHA;
- (32) "Import" shall be defined as a player that resides outside of the geographic limits of the location of a Hockey Team;

- (33) "League" must consist of three or more Hockey Canada member teams from the same category of the same division playing a scheduled amount of home and away games in a regular league schedule, which has adopted Bylaws and Regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta and are approved by the Board (excluding Minor Female).
- (34) "Legal Guardian" shall be defined as a person that is granted guardianship of a Player under the age of eighteen (18) years by the law courts of competent jurisdiction;
- (35) "Linesman" means a person registered with the AAHA as a person qualified to officiate a hockey game as determined from time to time by the AAHA;
- (36) "Local Minor Hockey Association" means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of the AAHA and are approved by the Board and operates a program in Minor Hockey with one or more Hockey Teams in the following Divisions:
- (a) Initiation;
  - (b) Novice;
  - (c) Atom;
  - (d) Pee Wee;
  - (e) Bantam;
  - (f) Midget.

The bylaws and regulations of said association may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than those of the AAHA.

- (37) "Manager" means a person registered with the AAHA as a manager of a Hockey Team;
- (38) "Member" shall mean:
- (a) a Member Team; and
  - (b) Local Minor Hockey Association and for the purpose of clarity does not include a Minor Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official;
- (39) "Member Team" shall have that meaning as set out in Bylaw 2.01.1(a);
- (40) "Member's Representative" shall have that meaning as set out in Bylaw 4.06.3(a);

- (41) "Minor Hockey" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- (42) "Minor Hockey Zones" shall have that meaning set out in Bylaw 5.01.1;
- (43) "Non Resident", player in Minor, shall be defined as a player who resides outside of the boundaries of the member association that the player is registered with in any playing season.
- (44) "Notice of Appeal" means that notice as provided for in Bylaw 13.07;
- (45) "Off-Ice Officials" means those persons that work as time-keepers, goal judges, penalty-box attendants and other persons which may be required off the ice from time to time for the organized conduct of a game of hockey;
- (46) "Officer(s)" means an officer of the AAHA as provided for in Bylaw VIII;
- (47) "Officials" means the president or a person on the board of directors, or other officer of a Local Minor Hockey Association or of a Member;
- (48) "Parties to the Appeal" means the Appellant, Respondent, and such other persons as the President, Appellant and Respondent, acting reasonably, shall direct and name;
- (49) "Past President" means the immediately former President of the AAHA;
- (50) "Player" means a person registered with the AAHA as a player of a Hockey Team;
- (51) "President" means that person elected as the president of the AAHA;
- (52) "Professional" shall have that meaning as defined from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- (53) "Quasi-judicial Hearing" shall have that meaning as defined in Bylaw 13.12;
- (54) "Referee" shall mean a person registered as a referee with the AAHA qualified to officiate a hockey game as determined from time to time by the AAHA;
- (55) "Referee Zone" shall have the meaning as defined in Bylaw 5.01.2;
- (56) "Referee's Director" shall mean the Chairperson of the Referee's Committee;
- (57) "Regulations" means those regulations of the AAHA for the administration and advancement of hockey;

- (58) "Resident Player", in Minor, shall be defined as a player who resides within the boundaries of the member association that the player is registered with in any playing season.
- (59) "Respondent" means that person that has made a decision or ruling that the Appellant has appealed;
- (60) "Rules" means those rules of the game of hockey as made from time to time by Hockey Canada;
- (61) "Special Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of such Members entitled to vote as are present in person at a meeting of Members of which notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution has duly been given;
- (62) "Stick-boy" means a person registered with the AAHA as a stick-boy for a Hockey Team;
- (63) "Suspension" means a temporary debarring of a person from the privileges of playing hockey games or association with a Hockey Team or Member provided that a suspension must stipulate a length of time or number of hockey games, or type of hockey game or any combination thereof;
- (64) "Trainer" means a person registered with the AAHA as a trainer for a Hockey Team;
- (65) "Vice-President" means that person elected as the vice-president of the AAHA;
- (66) "Zone Directors" shall have the meaning set out in Bylaw 6.02(b).

## **BYLAW II - MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.01 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **2.01.1 Regular Membership to the AAHA is open to the following:**

- (a) An Amateur Hockey Team of Junior, Adult or Female Division that is not within or a part of a Local Minor Hockey Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Member Team") that satisfies the requirements of the AAHA and whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta; and
- (b) Any Local Minor Hockey Association whose chief place of operations is located in Alberta. The AAHA will only recognize one Local Minor Hockey Association for each city, town, village or hamlet.

2.01.2 Each prospective Member, as a condition precedent to membership in the AAHA, shall agree that:

- (a) all Members recognize the AAHA as the supreme authority concerning Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, subject only to the right of appeal to Hockey Canada;
- (b) all Members shall unconditionally commit to obey and abide by the Constitution, objectives, Bylaws and Regulations of the AAHA and Hockey Canada and any amendments thereto;
- (c) it is desirable that the AAHA be a fully governing organization and that it is an express agreement that all Members and persons registering with the AAHA agree to be bound by the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules of the AAHA and that the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules are to be interpreted by the Board;
- (d) in order for the AAHA to function efficiently, properly and to the best advantage of all Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen and Officials as well as the sport and game of hockey, the Board shall be the sole and final interpreter of the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules, and the application of the same, subject only to the rights of appeal as provided for by the bylaws of Hockey Canada.

2.01.3 Membership may be acquired by an application in writing to the Board expressing compliance with and adherence to the Constitution, objectives, Bylaws and Regulations of the AAHA. Accompanying each application shall be the following:

- (a) Requisite fee for membership as established by the Board from time to time;
- (b) A copy of the applicant's constitution, objectives, boundaries, bylaws and regulations;
- (c) A complete list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the applicant's officers, which shall consist of at least a president and secretary.

2.01.4 The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for membership in the AAHA.



2.01.5 Membership in the AAHA shall take effect upon the acceptance of the application by the Board.

2.01.6 Each Member shall notify the General Manager immediately of any amendments to its bylaws and regulations, boundaries and of any changes of its officers.

- (a) Amendments to a member's boundaries shall only be accepted and recognized by the General Manager in cases where the change, or changes to boundaries, have been mutually agreed upon by all members affected by such change or changes.

2.01.7 Resignation

Any Member may resign from membership in the AAHA by submitting its resignation in writing to the General Manager of the AAHA. Upon such resignation becoming effective, such member shall forfeit its rights and privileges in the AAHA and the Board may consider applications to replace the Member so resigning from the AAHA.

2.01.8 Expulsion

- (a) A Member may be expelled from membership in the AAHA by a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members in a meeting of Members called for that purpose. No Member shall be expelled without being notified of the complaint against it or without having first been given an opportunity to be heard by the Members at the aforesaid meeting.
- (b) The Board may, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, expel or suspend any Member who has failed to pay to the AAHA membership dues.

2.01.9 Loss of Membership

A Member shall cease to become a Member of the AAHA only by resignation, withdrawal or expulsion.

2.02 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

2.02.1 The AAHA shall have the right to approve any person as an Associate Member.

2.02.2 An Associate Membership may be acquired by application in writing to the Board and such membership shall take effect upon the approval by the Board.

- 2.02.3 The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for Associate Membership in the AAHA.
- 2.02.4 Associate Members shall not be voting members, but shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Members.
- 2.02.5 Associate Members shall be entitled to the usual services provided to other Members, including the right to send representatives to clinics and schools conducted by the AAHA.
- 2.03 **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**
- 2.03.1 Life Membership is the highest honour which may be bestowed by the AAHA. It is to be awarded to individuals only for very distinctive services to the AAHA. Nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded to the Board in writing thirty (30) days prior to the 1st day of June in each year, with the endorsement of at least four (4) Members on the nominating papers for each proposed Life Member. Life Members shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board, exercising all of the privileges of Directors (except where otherwise restricted in the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Rules) but shall not be eligible to vote on any issue.
- 2.03.2 The Board shall appoint Life Members by majority vote on any nomination for Life Membership.
- 2.03.3 Expenses of the Life Members attending an Annual Meeting shall be paid by the AAHA.

### **BYLAW III - DUES**

- 3.01 The annual dues for Membership in the AAHA shall be determined annually by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting. The dues so determined shall be subject to ratification by a vote of the Members at the Annual Meeting and upon such ratification, the dues so determined shall become the Annual Membership Dues for Membership until the following Annual Meeting.
- 3.02 In the event that the Members refuse to ratify the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board, the amount of Annual Membership Dues for the year immediately following the Annual Meeting shall be those Membership Dues which were in existence for the previous year.
- 3.03 The Board, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, shall notify the Members of the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board for the forthcoming year.

- 3.04 All Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board pursuant to Bylaw 3.01, shall be due and payable with the Membership registration at the Annual Meeting. In the event that the Members fail to ratify the said Annual Membership Dues, the AAHA will refund to the Members all amounts paid in excess of the previous year's Annual Membership Dues.
- 3.05 A Member shall not be in good standing unless it has paid the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board pursuant to Bylaw 3.01.
- 3.06 Associate Members shall not be required to pay Annual Membership Dues.
- 3.07 Life Members shall not be required to pay Annual Membership Dues.
- 3.08 Upon payment of the Annual Membership Dues, a Member shall not be entitled to a refund except as provided under Bylaw 3.04.

#### **BYLAW IV - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND VOTING**

##### 4.01 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of June in each year at a place within the Province of Alberta and on a day to be fixed by the Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Meeting").

##### 4.02 ORDER OF BUSINESS

At every Annual Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the following shall be the order of business:

- (a) Presentation of Member delegate's credentials;
- (b) Roll call of Member delegates;
- (c) Reading of minutes;
- (d) Business arising from minutes;
- (e) President's report;
- (f) General Manager or Committee or Council Secretary's report;
- (g) Reports of Councils and Committees;
- (h) Notices of Motion;
- (i) Elections;
- (j) Appointments;
- (k) Director's Honorariums;
- (l) New Business;
- (m) Adjournment.

4.03 SPECIAL MEETINGS

Other meetings of the Members (hereinafter called "Special Meetings") shall be convened for any time and place in Alberta by a majority vote of the Directors. The Board, upon receipt of a written request for a Special Meeting signed by twenty (20) Members in good standing, shall convene a Special Meeting within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the request.

4.04 NOTICE

Notice of the time and place of all meetings of Members and the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be communicated to each Member on thirty (30) days prior notice. The notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be good and effective if sent to the last known address of the Member postmarked thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

4.05 QUORUM

Twenty (20) Members in good standing and present in person or by proxy shall form a quorum at the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting. In the event that twenty (20) Members are not present within one (1) hour of the hour given in the Notice of the said meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall adjourn the meeting to a date and time not less than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the original meeting. The Secretary shall give seven (7) days written notice to the Members of the date and place to which the meeting has been adjourned. A quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be five (5) Members.

4.06 RIGHT TO VOTE AT MEMBER'S MEETINGS

4.06.1 At each meeting of the Members (Annual Meeting or Special Meeting) the following have the right to vote:

- (a) Each Member Team shall have one vote provided that it complies with Bylaw 4.06.2;

- (b) Provided that it complies with Bylaw 4.06.2, each Local Minor Hockey Association shall have one vote for each Hockey Team registered with the AAHA in the Midget Division, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) votes; provided that in the event that a Local Minor Hockey Association has not registered a Hockey Team in the Midget Division, but has registered with the AAHA a Hockey Team in any one (1) of the Novice, Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions, the said Local Minor Hockey Association shall have one (1) vote;
- (c) Each Director shall have one (1) vote;
- (d) The Chief Financial Officer shall have one (1) vote;
- (e) Each Referee Zone Chairperson shall have one (1) vote;
- (f) The Past-Chairperson of the Referee's Council shall have one (1) vote;
- (g) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Referee's Council shall have one (1) vote;
- (h) The Chairperson of each Minor Hockey Zone shall have one (1) vote;
- (i) The Senior Provincial Representative of the Female Hockey Council shall have one (1) vote;
- (j) The Minor Provincial Representative of the Female Hockey Council shall have one (1) vote;

#### 4.06.2 Qualifications

In order for a Member to qualify for voting privileges at meetings of Members, the Member must:

- (a) have had a Hockey Team(s) registered with the AAHA in the year immediately preceding the said meeting which were involved in active competition;
- (b) pay the Annual Membership Dues payable for the forthcoming year if the meeting is an Annual Meeting;
- (c) be in good standing with the AAHA;
- (d) have its Member's Representative's credentials signed by the Credentials Committee;

(e) be present in person or have its Representative present at the meeting.

4.06.3 Member's Representative

- (a) A Member of the AAHA that is a body corporate or a Member Team may appoint by instrument in writing a person or persons (the "Member's Representative) to attend and vote on its behalf at meetings of Members and each person so appointed has, on behalf of the said body corporate or Member Team, only one (1) vote.
- (b) Before each meeting of Members, the Member and/or Member Team shall deposit with the General Manager the instrument in writing appointing Member's Representative(s) and obtain from the Credentials Committee certification of that Member's Representative's right to vote.

4.07 VOTING

4.07.1 At all meetings of the Members of the AAHA, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Members present in person unless otherwise required by the Bylaws or by law. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands (having regard to the right of multiple votes of the Local Minor Hockey Association) unless a poll be demanded by a Member. Unless a poll be demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the AAHA shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn, but if a poll be demanded and not withdrawn, the question shall be decided by a majority of votes given by the Members present in person, and such poll shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson shall direct and the result of such poll shall be deemed the decision of the AAHA in a meeting of Members, upon the matter in question.

4.07.2 Casting Vote

In case of an equality of votes at any meeting of the Members, whether upon a show of hands or at a poll, the Chairperson shall be entitled to a casting vote.

## BYLAW V - ZONES

5.01 To assist in the administration of the AAHA and to assist in carrying out the objectives of the AAHA, the Province of Alberta will be divided into Zones, the number and jurisdiction of which shall be determined or revised from time to time by the Board.

### 5.01.1 Board of Director Zones and Minor Hockey Zones

The Board of Director Zones and Minor Hockey Zones shall be as follows:

(a) Zone 1

North Boundary

Commencing at the north west corner of the province, (B.C.-N.W.T. and Alberta), then east along the north boundary of the province to the 5th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 5th meridian, from the north boundary of the province to the south boundary of township 74.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west diagonally from the south boundary of township 74 and the 5th meridian to the north boundary of township 52, range 13, west of the 6th meridian (Alberta-B.C. border).

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border, to the point of commencement.

(b) Zone 2

North Boundary

Commencing at the 5th meridian and the north boundary of the province (Alberta-N.W.T.), then east to the 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the north boundary of township 126 to the south boundary of township 44.

South Boundary

Proceeding diagonally north west from the south boundary of township 44 and the 4th meridian, to the north boundary of the north west corner of township 53, range 20, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west along the north boundary of township 53 until it intersects with the east boundary limits of the City of Edmonton.

West Boundary

Proceeding north from a point of the north boundary of the City of Edmonton and Highway 28 (97 Street) until it intersects with Highway 18 (5 miles east of Clyde) between sections 34 and 35, township 59, range 24, west of the 4th meridian then east along Highway 18 for 13 miles to the road allowance between sections 2 and 1, township 60, range 22, west of the 4th meridian (2 miles west of Thorhild) then north to the south boundary of township 74 between sections 3 and 4, range 21, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding west to the 5th meridian. The remaining west boundary is the same as the east boundary of Zone 1.

- (c) Zone 3

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 1.

East Boundary

Same as the west boundary of Zone 2 until it intersects with Zone 1.

South Boundary

Proceeding south west from the west boundary of the City of Edmonton between sections 13 and 24, township 51, range 26, west of the 4th meridian, to a point on the Alberta-B.C. border and the 6th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west from the 6th meridian along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects the south boundary of Zone 1.

- (d) Zone 4

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 3.

East Boundary

Commencing at the south east corner of the City of Edmonton boundary, south east 1/4 section 17, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian and proceeding east for one mile to the north/south road allowance between the north east 1/4 section 9 and the north west 1/4 section 10, township 51, range 23, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding south to the south boundary of township 34, range 24, west of the 4th meridian.



South Boundary

Proceeding west along the south boundary of township 34, range 19, west of the 5th meridian, then projected in a straight line until it intersects with the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it interests with the south boundary of Zone 3.

- (e) Zone 5

North Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta-B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23 until it intersects with the west boundary of the City of Calgary, section 4, township 23, range 2, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east from the south boundary of the City of Calgary and the west road allowance of section 3, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 9 to the south boundary of township 1 (Alberta-U.S. border).

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the Alberta-U.S. border until it intersects the B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the north boundary.

- (f) Zone 6

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 4, then proceeding east along the south boundary of township 34, until it intersects with 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 9.

South Boundary

Commencing at the Alberta –B.C. border and proceeding east with a straight line that runs on the south boundary of township 23, west of the 5th meridian until it intersects the east road allowance of section 1, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceeding north in a straight line to the south east corner of section 24, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then west in a straight line to the south east corner section 22, township 23, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then north in a straight line until it intersects Highway #1, (TransCanada Highway) between sections 2 and 3, township 25, range 5, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along Highway #1, until it intersects the east road allowance of section 36, township 24, range 4, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed north in a straight line until it intersects the Bow River between section 25, township 25, range 4 and section 30, township 25, range 3, west of the 5th meridian, then proceed east along the Bow River to the west boundary of the City of Calgary, then proceed north along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary, east and south along the corporate boundary of the City of Calgary to the west road allowance of section 12, township 22, range 29, west of the 4th meridian, then proceeding diagonally south east until it intersects the Alberta – Saskatchewan border, south boundary of township 9 and the 4th meridian.

West Boundary

Proceeding north west along the Alberta-B.C. border until it intersects with the south boundary of Zone 4.

(g) Zone 7

North Boundary

Same as the south boundary of Zone 2.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian from the south boundary of township 44 to the south boundary of township 34.

South Boundary

Same as the north boundary of Zone 6 until it intersects the east boundary of Zone 4.

West Boundary

Same as the east boundary of Zone 4.

(h) Zone 8

All of that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Edmonton as of October 1, 1992, which area may be subject to change from time to time.

(i) Zone 9

All that area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Calgary as of October 1, 1992, which are may be subject to change from time to time and including areas outside the boundaries of the City of Calgary as described as follows:

North Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary Corporate limits proceed west along south bank of the Bow River to the East boundary of the SE ¼ Section 25, township 25, Range 4 W5W; then proceed south along Range Road 40 W5M to the point in Section 36, Township 24, Range 4 W5M which intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway); then proceed west along Highway #1 to the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5W.

East Boundary:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 22, Township 23, Range 5 W5M proceed north to the point where the east boundary of Section 3, Township 25, Range 5 W5M intersects Highway #1 (TransCanada Highway).

South Boundary:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M proceed west along the boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145 to the south-east corner of Section 1, Township 24, Range 5 W5M; then south to the southeast corner Section 24, Township 23 Range 5 W5M; then west to the southeast corner Section 22, Township 23, Range 5 W5M.

West Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the Bow River intersects the western edge of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits proceed south along west boundary of the City of Calgary Corporate Limits to the southeast corner Section 5, Township 24, Range 2 W5M (north boundary of Tsuu T'ina Nation Reservation #145).

5.01.2 Referee Zones

The Referee Zones shall be as follows:

- (a) Peace Zone }
- (b) North Zone }
- (c) North-East Zone }- as depicted in the Map
- (d) North-Central Zone } on Page 15
- (e) Central Zone }
- (f) South Zone }

5.01.3 Senior “B” Female Hockey Zones

The Female Hockey Zones shall be as follows:

(a) Peace Zone

North Boundary

Commencing at the north west corner of the province (Alberta-B.C. and N.W.T.), then east along the north boundary of the province to the 4th meridian (Alberta-Saskatchewan border).

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the north boundary of township 65.

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the north boundary of township 65 to the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border to the point of commencement.

(b) North Zone

North Boundary

Commencing in the north west corner and is the same as the south boundary of the Peace Zone.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the north boundary of township 42.

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the north boundary of township 42 to the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border to the point of commencement.

(Note:For purposes of clarity, Hardisty and Ponoka are in the North Zone.)

(c) Central Zone

North Boundary

Commencing in the north west corner and is the same as the south boundary of the North Zone.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the north boundary of township 21.

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the north boundary of township 21 to the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border to the point of commencement.

(d) South Zone

North Boundary

Commencing in the north west corner and is the same as the south boundary of the Central Zone.

East Boundary

Proceeding south along the 4th meridian to the south boundary of township 1 (Alberta-U.S. border).

South Boundary

Proceeding west along the south boundary of township 1 to the Alberta-B.C. border.

West Boundary

Proceeding north along the Alberta-B.C. border to the point of commencement.

5.01.4 Management of Zone Business

The affairs and business of each Zone shall be managed or supervised by a group of individuals (said group being hereafter referred to as the “Zone Team”).

5.01.5 The Zone Team shall consist of the following persons (collectively, the “Zone Team Members”).

- (a) The Zone Director(s), to be elected in accordance with Bylaw 6.03, who will lead the Zone Team;
- (b) A Manager of Operations, to be elected in accordance with Bylaw 10.05.8, who will report to the Zone Director(s).
- (c) A Manager of Development, to be elected in accordance with Bylaw 10.05.8, who will report to the Zone Director(s).
- (d) A Registrar, to be appointed by the Zone Director(s), who will report to the Manager of Operations;
- (e) A Game & Conduct Management Coordinator, to be appointed by the Zone Director(s), who will report to the Manager of Operations;
- (f) A Discipline, Travel & Tournament Coordinator, to be appointed by the Zone Director(s), who will report to the Manager of Operations;
- (g) A Referee Representative, to be appointed by the Referee Council, who will report to the Manager of Operations;
- (h) A Clinic Coordinator, to be appointed by the Zone Director(s), who will report to the Manager of Development.
- (i) An Athlete Development Coordinator, to be appointed by the Zone Director(s), who will report to the Manager of Development; and
- (j) A Female Development Coordinator, to be appointed by the Zone Director(s), who will report to the Manager of Development.
- (k) And such other members as may be determined by the President from time to time.

5.01.6 The Zone Team Shall:

- (a) Assist in the administration of Hockey in the respective Zone as may be required by the Board from time to time;

- (b) Establish a work plan and budget for the respective Zone that meets with the approval of the Board; and
- (c) Perform any tasks or functions for the respective Zone as may be required of it by the Board from time to time.

5.05.8 A Manager of Operations and a Manager of Development shall be elected for each Zone, by those Members that are located within the respective Zone, prior to the Annual Meeting. Each of the Zone Managers of Operations and Zone Managers of Development must have the following qualifications:

- (a) He/she shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
- (b) He/she shall reside in the Zone for which he/she was elected during his/her term of office. In the event that during his/her term, a Zone Manager of Operations or Zone Manager of Development ceases to reside in the Zone which he/she represents, he/she shall be deemed to have resigned the office of Manager of Operations or Manager of Development, effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date on which he/she ceased to reside within the Zone.

## **BYLAW VI - DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

### **6.01 AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS**

6.01.1 The affairs and business of the AAHA shall be managed or supervised by a board of twenty-two (22) Directors who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the AAHA and are not by the Bylaws or by statute expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the AAHA at meetings of the Members.

6.01.2 All Directors have the duty and responsibility to, at all times, act in the best overall interest of the AAHA

### **6.02 BOARD**

The Board of Directors (herein referred to as the "Board") shall be made up of twenty-two (22) people as follows:

- 1) President;
- 2) Vice-President Development;
- 3) Vice President Operations;

- 4) Past President;
- 5) Eleven (11) Directors which are elected as provided for in Bylaw 6.03 (hereinafter referred to as the "Zone Directors");
- 6) The Chief Financial Officer;
- 7) The Chairpersons of the following Councils:
  - (i) Adult;
  - (ii) Junior "A";
  - (iii) Junior "B";
  - (iv) Minor Hockey;
  - (v) Female Hockey;
  - (vi) Referee;(hereinafter referred to as the "Council Directors");

The President and each Vice-President, upon being elected as Officers of the AAHA, shall relinquish their duties as Zone Directors and represent the AAHA.

6.03 ZONE DIRECTORS

- 6.03.1 The eleven (11) Zone Directors shall be elected as follows:
  - (a) from Director Zones One (1) to Seven (7) inclusive, one person per Zone; and
  - (b) from Director Zones Eight (8) and Nine (9), two persons per Zone.
- 6.03.2 The Zone Directors for Director Zones Two (2), Four (4) and Six (6) shall be elected in the even numbered years for two (2) year terms.
- 6.03.3 The Zone Directors for Director Zones One (1), Three (3), Five (5) and Seven (7) shall be elected in the odd numbered years for two (2) year terms.
- 6.03.4 The Zone Directors for Director Zones Eight (8) and Nine (9) shall be elected as follows: one zone Director elected in each year for a term of two (2) years.



6.03.5 Qualifications for Zone Directors

Each of the Zone Directors shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall reside in the Directors Zone for which he/she was elected during his/her term of office. In the event that during his/her term, a Zone Director ceases to reside in the Director Zone which he/she represents, the said Zone Director shall be deemed to have resigned the office of Director, effective on the 30th day following the date on which he/she ceased to reside within the Director Zone.

6.03.6 Each Zone Director shall be elected by those Members that are located within the respective Director Zone and are present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

6.04 COUNCIL DIRECTORS

The Council Directors who have become Directors by virtue of their being the chairpersons of the Councils shall be elected by those persons entitled to attend and vote at Council meetings as hereinafter provided.

6.05 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Chief Financial Officer shall be appointed by the Board at the meeting provided for in Bylaw 6.15.

6.06 QUALIFICATIONS

Each of the Directors shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over and shall reside in the Province of Alberta. A person that belongs to a Member or a Hockey Team under the jurisdiction of the AAHA shall be disqualified for the office of Director unless otherwise approved by the Board.

6.07 RESIGNATION

A Director may resign from office upon giving notice thereof in writing to the AAHA and such resignation becomes effective in accordance with its terms or upon acceptance by the Board, whichever may be the earlier date.

6.08 REMOVAL

6.08.1 The Members may, by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a general meeting of Members duly called for that purpose, remove any Director before the expiration of his term of office and may, by a majority of votes cast at the meeting, elect any person in his stead for the remainder of the term of the Director so removed.

6.08.2 The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, remove a Director who, in the opinion of the Board has been or is being remiss or neglectful of duty or by conduct tending to impair his usefulness and/or discretion as a Director.

6.08.3 Any Director who fails to attend Board Meetings on two (2) consecutive occasions, without just cause, which shall be determined by the Board, on motion passed by a majority of the Directors, may be removed as a Director.

6.09 VACATION OF OFFICE

The office of a Director is vacated if he resigns his office, if he is removed from office by the Members or Directors, as herein provided, or if he ceases to have the necessary qualifications.

6.10 VACANCIES

Where a vacancy occurs in the Board, or in the event that the Members fail to elect a Zone Director, and a quorum of Directors then exists, the Directors then in office may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If there is not then a quorum of Directors in office, the Director or Directors then in office shall forthwith call a meeting of the Members to fill the vacancies, and, in default or if there are no Directors then in office, the meeting may be called by any Member.

6.11 PLACE OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board may be held at the head office of the Association or at any other place within Alberta.

6.12 MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE

Where all the Directors have consented thereto, any Director may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and a Director participating in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed for the purposes of these Bylaws to be present in person at the meeting.

6.13 CALLING OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board shall be held from time to time at such place, at such time and on such day as the President or any four (4) Directors may determine, and the President shall call meetings when directed or authorized by any four (4) Directors, who shall state the business which is to be conducted at the said meeting. Notice of every meeting so called shall be given to each Director not less than forty eight (48) hours (excluding any part of a Sunday and of a holiday as defined by the Interpretation Act) before the time when the meeting is to be held, except that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all the Directors are present or if those absent have waived notice of or otherwise signified their consent.

6.14 REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board may appoint a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings at a place and hour to be named. A copy of any resolution of the Board fixing the place and time of regular meetings of the Board shall be sent to each Director forthwith after being passed, but no other notice shall be required for any such regular meetings.

6.15 FIRST MEETING OF NEW BOARD

Provided that a quorum of Directors is present, each newly elected Board shall, without notice, hold its first meeting for the purpose of organization and the election and appointment of officers immediately following the Annual Meeting. In the event that there is not a quorum present, the first meeting shall be held at a place, date and time to be specified by those Directors present at the Annual Meeting which in any event shall be within seven (7) days from the date of the Annual Meeting.

6.16 QUORUM

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

6.17 VOTES TO GOVERN

Excepting out the Chairperson, each Director present shall have one (1) vote. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question; and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting has a casting vote.

6.18 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

Every Director who has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract or transaction to which the AAHA is or is to be a party, other than a contract or transaction limited solely to his remuneration as a Director, officer or employee, shall declare his interest in such contract or transaction at a

meeting of the Directors and shall at that time disclose the nature and extent of such interest.

6.19 REMUNERATION

6.19.1 Directors shall be paid such sums in respect of their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board, Committee or meetings of Members, or otherwise in respect of the performance by them of their duties, as the Board may from time to time determine.

6.19.2 The Members shall at the Annual Meeting determine the honorarium that the AAHA shall pay to the Directors.

6.20 INDEMNITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Except in respect of an action on behalf of the AAHA to procure a judgment in its favour, the AAHA shall indemnify a Director or Officer, and his heirs and legal representatives against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him in respect of being or having been a Director or Officer of the AAHA, if

- (a) he acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the AAHA, and
- (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful.

**BYLAW VII - POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

7.01 POWERS OF BOARD

For the purpose of carrying out the objects of the AAHA, the Board shall manage the affairs of the AAHA, and shall implement all of the resolutions, exercise all of the powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the AAHA and are not by these Bylaws expressly directed or required to be done at a meeting of the Members or otherwise. The powers and duties of the Board includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) supervision of the collection of fees and funds of the AAHA;
- (b) supervision of the expenditure of funds of the AAHA;
- (c) to establish and define the Rules and Regulations of Amateur hockey in Alberta, solely, finally, absolutely and exclusively, to the exclusion of any interference from any other body, subject always to the constitution, bylaws and rules and regulations of the CHA;

- (d) to borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems fit, and in particular by the issue of bonds, debentures, security agreements, mortgage, charge or other security on the whole or any part of the present and future property (both real and personal) of the AAHA, provided, however, that none of these powers shall be exercised except in accordance with the sanction of a resolution passed by a Special Resolution of the Members;
- (e) to approve all playoff schedules as submitted by the Councils;
- (f) to interpret and enforce the Rules and Regulations of the AAHA and Hockey Canada for the betterment of hockey in the Province of Alberta;
- (g) to recommend, draft and prepare changes to the Bylaws, for approval of the Members at the Annual Meeting;
- (h) to impose and enforce appropriate penalties upon the Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Officials or other persons for violations or breaches of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the AAHA and/or the Hockey Canada, or for any violation or breach of a decision or ruling of the Board;
- (i) to appoint those officers which are not elected pursuant to the Bylaws, and from time to time, define the duties of Officers, and the Agents and employees of the AAHA;
- (j) to classify Teams, in its sole discretion, in all Categories of the Divisions;
- (k) to approve or disapprove, in its sole discretion, applications for Membership.
- (l) to develop policies and practices for the management and operations of the AAHA;
- (m) to ensure that individuals, committees, and Members are informed of the policies of the Board and conduct their respective activities within the policies and practices which the Board has established;
- (n) at all times to use their best efforts to conduct their powers for the best interest of the AAHA.

7.02 BOARD'S AUTHORITY - FINAL AND BINDING

Subject only to those rights of appeal as provided for herein and in the constitution and bylaws of the Hockey Canada, all decisions, rulings and interpretations of the Board are final and binding upon the Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Officers, and Officials.

**BYLAW VIII - OFFICERS, GENERAL MANAGER AND APPEALS OFFICER**

8.01 OFFICERS

The Officers of the AAHA shall be and consist of the following:

- 1) President;
- 2) Vice-President Development;
- 3) Vice-President Operations;
- 4) Past President; and
- 5) Chief Financial Officer

8.02 ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

8.02.1 The members at the Annual Meeting shall elect the following;

- a) President;
- b) Vice President Development;
- c) Vice President Operations.

8.02.2 The Board, at the initial meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting shall appoint by resolution the Chief Financial Officer.

8.03 PRESIDENT

8.03.1 The President, subject to the overall management and supervision of the Board, shall be charged with the general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the AAHA including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) shall preside and chair all meetings of the Members of the AAHA, of the Board, and Registration Committee;
- (b) shall represent the AAHA at all Hockey Canada meetings;
- (c) shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees;
- (d) shall call all meetings of the Board at such time and place as may be required from time to time to transact the business of the AAHA;

- (e) shall have the power to discipline any Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, or Hockey Team for unseemly conduct on or off the ice or for a breach of the Rules and Regulations, subject always to the right of Appeal as hereinafter provided;
  - (f) shall have the power to discipline a Member for any reason which, in the sole discretion of the President, is sufficient, subject always to the right of Appeal as hereinafter provided.
- 8.03.2 The President shall have a vote at meetings of Members, the Board or Committees, and in the case of an equality of votes on any question, the President shall have the casting vote.
- 8.03.3 No person may be elected President unless that person:
- (a) is currently serving as a Director or is currently serving as President; or Vice President
- 8.03.4 A person may be elected President for a maximum of two (2) consecutive – one (1) year terms.
- 8.04 VICE-PRESIDENTS
- 8.04.1 In the absence of the President or should the President be unable to carry out his duties, the Vice President Development shall, in the absence or inability of the President, assume the duties of the President and shall, in that event, have all the powers, authority and restrictions of the President. In the absence or inability of both the President and the Vice President Development to carry out the duties of the President, the Vice President Operations shall assume the duties of the President as aforesaid.
- 8.04.2 The Vice President Development shall be the second AAHA voting delegate at Hockey Canada Meetings (as set out in the Hockey Canada Bylaws) and in the absence or inability of the Vice President Development to attend at the Hockey Canada Meetings, the Vice President Operations shall be the aforesaid voting delegate
- 8.04.3 The expenses of a Vice President attending at all Hockey Canada Meetings which are not paid by the Hockey Canada, shall be paid by the AAHA.
- 8.04.4 No person may be elected as a Vice-President, unless that person:
- a) is currently serving as a Director or is currently serving as a Vice-President;



8.05 PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President shall act in any capacity as may be required by the President from time to time.

8.06 GENERAL MANAGER

The Board delegates to the General Manager, subject always to the overriding authority of the Board, the authority to manage, and direct the business and affairs of the AAHA including, without limitation, the following:

- (a) perform such duties as directed by the Board from time to time;
- (b) attend all meetings of the Members and the Board, and prepare and be the custodian of all:
  - (i) minutes of meetings of the Members and the Board;
  - (ii) records of the AAHA;
  - (iii) books of the AAHA;
- (c) give notice of all meetings of the Members and the Board as required from time to time;
- (d) keep a complete record of all events held under the auspices of the AAHA;
- (e) receive, deposit and make disbursements of all monies of the AAHA provided that no disbursements shall be made except upon the authorization of the Board or the President;
- (f) deliver up all books, minutes, accounts, papers, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the AAHA upon the direction of the Board or the President and to such person or persons as may be named by the Board or the President;
- (g) in the manner approved by the Board, register applications of Members, and index same;
- (h) in the manner approved by the Board and pursuant to the Rules and Regulations, register, and keep and maintain a register of all Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Stick-boys, Referees and Linesmen;
- (i) immediately advise by wire, registered mail or telecopier, any Member or potential Member whose application for Membership has been refused;

- (j) immediately advise, by wire, registered mail or telecopier, any Member whose application to register a Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer or Stick-boy has been refused;
- (k) act as Chairperson of the Credentials Committee.

8.07 APPEALS OFFICER

The Board shall, at the meeting provided for in Bylaw 6.15, appoint a person as the Appeals Officer who shall act as such for a term of one (1) year. A person shall be eligible for reappointment as Appeals Officer from year to year. In the event that the person so appointed is, following the appointment, unable to carry out the duties of the appointment or shall resign during the term of appointment, the President shall appoint another person to act as Appeals Officer (either on an interim basis or as replacement) for a specified period not to exceed the term of the original appointment."

## **BYLAW IX - COMMITTEES**

9.01 COMMITTEES

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the following Committees shall be formed:

- (a) Nominating Committee;
- (b) Hockey Development Committee;
- (c) Credentials Committee;
- (d) Appeals Committee;
- (e) Executive Committee;
- (f) Investigations Committee;
- (g) Awards Committee;
- (h) Bylaws and Regulations Committee;
- (i) Game and Conduct Management Committee.

9.02 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the Board meeting in the fall of each year, a Nominating Committee will be formed consisting of three (3) people, two (2) of whom will be selected by the Board and the third being the Past President. If the Past President is not available, the Board shall appoint a third member from the Directors representing the Zones. The Committee will select a Chairperson. The Committee will abide by the following:

- (a) Members of the Committee may not seek election for any of the positions before the Committee.

- (b) The function of the Nominating Committee is to present a report with at least one (1) nomination for election to each of the Zone Directors positions, the positions of President, Vice-President, and each of the Council Chairperson positions.
- (c) The nominations of the Nominating Committee shall be filed by the Chairperson on or before the 15th day of April of each year.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Bylaw 9.02(b) and 9.02(c) above, there may be further nominations for the aforesaid positions by a Member, said nominations being made in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

9.03 HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 9.03.1 The purpose of the Hockey Development Committee will be to administer the Programs identified as Hockey Alberta Development Programs
- 9.03.2 It shall be the responsibility of the Hockey Development Committee to formulate and recommend Hockey Development Programs to the Board of Directors.
- 9.03.3 Working with the Hockey Alberta Staff members, the Hockey Development Committee will be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget setting policies and procedures for the Hockey Development Programs.
- 9.03.4 The Hockey Development Committee will report directly to the Board of Directors and seek Board of Director's approval for all of its recommendations. Upon the Board of Directors making a decision regarding the recommendations, the Hockey Development Committee shall have the responsibility to supervise and carry out the decision.
- 9.03.5 The Hockey Development Committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) persons, at least two (2) of which are appointed by the incoming Board of Directors at the meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting. The Chairperson of this Committee shall be from amongst the elected Board of Directors. This Hockey Development Committee shall be assigned the responsibility of administering funds allocated by the Hockey Alberta for the Hockey Development Programs. The Hockey Development Committee's business shall be consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of Hockey Alberta.
- 9.03.6 Meetings of the Hockey Development Committee shall be at the call of the Chairperson or the President.

9.04 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

9.04.1 The General Manager shall be the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee and shall have power to appoint members of the Committee from any source as the General Manager shall deem necessary.

9.04.2 The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of all delegates representing Members of the AAHA and issue proper authority for voting at both Council Meetings and Meetings of the Members of the AAHA.

9.05 APPEALS COMMITTEE

9.05.1 The Appeals Committee shall consist of two (2) Sub-Committees as follows:

- (a) South Sub-Committee; and
- (b) North Sub-Committee.

9.05.2 Each Sub-Committee shall be made up of three (3) Directors appointed by the President from time to time.

9.05.3 It is the intention of the AAHA that the South Sub-Committee shall deal with Appeals, as provided for in Bylaw XIII, of those matters originating in the southern areas of the Province of Alberta, and the North Sub-Committee shall deal with Appeals, as provided for in Bylaw XIII, of those matters originating in the northern areas of the Province of Alberta, provided that should any Party to an Appeal request in writing, the Appeal shall be heard by the Sub-Committee for that area of the said Province in which the matter under Appeal did not take place.

9.06 INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

The Investigations Committee shall consist of those persons appointed by the President from time to time, not to exceed three (3) people.

9.07 AWARDS COMMITTEE

9.07.1.1 The Board establishes awards to honour Members or individuals who, by their high level of discipline, skill and training, bring some measure of fame or high regard to the AAHA, or who have contributed to the development of the game of hockey. The Awards Committee shall examine, investigate and recommend people to receive these awards.

9.07.2 (a) The Awards Committee shall consist of two (2) Directors and one (1) individual at large, who shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Chairperson of the Awards Committee shall be elected by the Board.

(c) Meetings of the Committee shall be held every time the Board meets.

9.07.3 The Awards Committee shall:

(a) examine and investigate all applications submitted for the awards;

(b) recommend the Hall of Fame candidates to the Board prior to the Annual Meeting for approval;

(c) in each year prior to the 1st day of May, submit to the Board a budget covering the total estimated cost of the awards;

(d) Award winners shall be announced and published at the Annual Meeting.

9.07.4 Nominations for the Awards:

(a) may originate with the Awards Committee;

(b) may originate with any individual or any Member;

(c) shall be addressed to the Awards Committee Chairperson, AAHA Office;

(d) must be accompanied by material covering, in as great detail as possible, accomplishments or a record of service;

(e) must be made prior to January 10 of each year.

9.08 **BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

9.08.1 The Bylaws and Regulations Committee shall consist of those persons appointed by the President from time to time.

9.08.2 The Bylaws and Regulations Committee shall review the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations from time to time with a view to improving the same for the better administration of the AAHA and hockey.

9.09 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 9.09.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
- (a) President;
  - (b) Vice-President Development;
  - (c) Vice-President Operations;
  - (d) Past-President
  - (e) One (1) Zone Director appointed by the Board; and
  - (f) Chief Financial Officer.
- 9.09.2 The Board shall appoint to the Executive Committee only those Zone Directors that have a minimum of two (2) years experience as a director.
- 9.09.3 The General Manager, unless specifically excused by the President, shall, whenever possible be in attendance at Executive Committee meetings.
- 9.09.4 The Executive Committee shall generally assist in the general operations of the Association, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:
- (a) perform specific operations and duties as directed by the Board from time to time;
  - (b) act as a steering committee for the Board making recommendations to the Board regarding policies and direction of the Association;
  - (c) ensure that the Association makes every reasonable effort to obtain three (3) quotes for all intended capital purchases prior to submission to the Board for approval;
  - (d) assist in the preparation of the Association's annual budgets and have the proposed budget delivered to the Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Board meeting convened to approve the budget.
- 9.09.5 The Executive Committee shall meet once a month or more as may be required to conduct its business. A meeting may be held by conference telephone call.
- 9.09.6 A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three (3) persons.
- 9.09.7 The Executive Committee may invite to its meetings such persons as the Executive Committee believes is necessary to properly conduct its business.

9.10 GAME AND CONDUCT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

9.10.1 The Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President, from the Zone Directors, and include:

- no more than four (4) other members as appointed by the President.

9.10.2 Meetings

The Committee shall meet as required.

9.10.3 Reporting

The Chair of the Committee reports to the Board of Directors on any matters of the Committee.

9.10.4 Terms of Reference

- (a) To recommend policy and direction to the Board of Directors on matters of Game Management and Game Conduct Management within the administration area known as “Game and Conduct Management”. (GCM).
- (b) To develop a strategy to promote Game Conduct Management practices by all participants and to integrate such strategy within the administration and strategic planning of Hockey Alberta.
- (c) To develop and produce resource materials that will be utilized in the promotion of GCM in all programming.
- (d) To assist in the development of initiatives that will assist in the delivery and implementation of strategies to our membership.
- (e) To co-ordinate the delivery of information and implementation of Hockey Canada programs, including the Hockey Canada insurance program, matters of risk management and abuse and harassment.

9.10.5 Financial Practices and Budget

The budget development must follow the Budget Procedures as outlined in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

## **BYLAW X - COUNCILS**

### 10.01 COUNCILS

The AAHA shall have the following Councils:

- (a) Senior Council;
- (b) Junior "A" Council;
- (c) Junior "B" Council;
- (d) Minor Hockey Council;
- (e) Female Hockey Council;
- (f) Referee Council.

### 10.02 SENIOR COUNCIL

10.02.1 The Senior Council shall consist of all persons interested in the Division of Senior hockey and in attendance at the Senior Council meeting as hereinafter provided.

10.02.2 The Senior Council shall meet annually at the Annual Meeting at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:

- (a) Reading of the Minutes;
- (b) Business arising from the Minutes;
- (c) Chairperson's Report;
- (d) Notices of Motion;
- (e) Election of Chairperson;
- (f) New Business;
- (g) Adjournment.

10.02.3 The Chairperson of the Senior Council shall be a Director of the AAHA, as hereinbefore provided, with the responsibility of communicating matters between the Board and Senior Council, including, without limitation, recommendations of Senior Council.

10.02.4 Subject to compliance with these Bylaws and directives from the Board, Senior Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of the Senior Council as it deems appropriate, provided however, that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the General Manager and shall be subject to review and amendment from time to time by the Board.



- 10.02.5 The Senior Council shall meet as aforesaid and at the call of the Chairperson at such intervals as the Chairperson shall deem necessary, provided that the Senior Council shall meet as directed from time to time by the President or the Board.
- 10.02.6 The Senior Council Chairperson shall report to and be responsible to the Board.
- 10.02.7 Neither the Senior Council nor the Senior Council Chairperson shall make contractual or financial commitments on behalf of the Senior Council or the AAHA except to the extent previously authorized by the Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the President, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the Board at its meeting next following the said approval.
- 10.02.8 At least one (1) month prior to the end of each Fiscal Year, the Senior Council Chairperson shall prepare and submit to the Board a budget for the forthcoming Fiscal Year for review and approval by the Board. The said budget shall relate to and forecast the anticipated amount of expenditure and revenue for the Senior Council in the forthcoming Fiscal Year.
- 10.02.9 All monies received by the Senior Council Chairperson or any person on behalf of the said Council shall be received in trust for the AAHA, and immediately paid to the AAHA.
- 10.02.10 Minutes of all Senior Council meetings shall be kept and the Chairperson shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the General Manager.
- 10.03 JUNIOR "A" COUNCIL
- 10.03.1 Junior "A" Council shall consist of all persons interested in Junior "A" hockey and in attendance at the annual meeting of the Junior "A" Council as hereinafter provided.
- 10.03.2 The provisions set out in Bylaws 10.02.2 to 10.02.10 inclusive shall apply to the business and operation of the Junior "A" Council with the necessary changes in points of detail, including, without limitation, changing the word "Adult" to the word "Junior "A"".
- 10.04 JUNIOR "B" COUNCIL
- 10.04.1 Junior "B" Council shall consist of all persons interested in Junior "B" and "C" hockey and in attendance at the annual meeting of the Junior "B" Council as hereinafter provided.
- 10.04.2 The provisions set out in Bylaws 10.02.2 to 10.02.10 inclusive shall apply to the business and operation of the Junior "B" Council with the necessary changes in points of detail, including, without limitation, changing the word "Adult" to the word "Junior "B"".

10.05 MINOR HOCKEY COUNCIL

10.05.1 The Minor Hockey Council shall consist of all persons interested in the Divisions of Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom and Novice and who are in attendance at the annual meeting of the Minor Hockey Council as hereinafter provided.

10.05.2 The Minor Hockey Council shall meet annually at the Annual Meeting, at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:

- (a) Reading of the Minutes;
- (b) Business arising from the Minutes;
- (c) Chairperson's Report;
- (d) Notices of Motion;
- (e) Elections of Chairperson;
- (f) New Business;
- (g) Adjournment.

10.05.3 The Chairperson of Minor Hockey Council shall be a Director of the AAHA as hereinbefore provided, with the responsibility of communicating matters between Minor Hockey Council and the Board, including, without limitation, recommendations of Minor Hockey Council.

10.05.4 The Minor Hockey Zone Managers of Operations shall be responsible for the administration of Minor Hockey in their respective Minor Hockey Zones as the Board may from time to time determine and direct.

10.05.5 The provisions set out in Bylaws 10.02.2 to 10.02.10 inclusive shall apply to the business and operation of the Minor Hockey Council with the necessary changes in points of detail, including, without limitation, changing the word "Adult" to the words "Minor Hockey".

10.05.6 The Chairperson of the Minor Hockey Council shall not be directly involved with a Member or a Hockey Team. The Chairperson shall not referee any hockey game under the jurisdiction of the AAHA. The Chairperson must have served at least one (1) year as a Minor Hockey Zone Manager of Operations

10.05.7 Minor Hockey Zone Representatives shall be elected within the Zones prior to Annual Meeting.

10.06 FEMALE HOCKEY COUNCIL

10.06.1 The Female Hockey Council shall consist of all persons interested in hockey played by females and in attendance at the Female Hockey Council annual meeting as hereinafter provided.

- 10.06.2 The Female Hockey Council shall meet annually at the Annual Meeting, at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:
- (a) Reading of the Minutes;
  - (b) Business arising from the Meeting;
  - (c) Chairperson's Report;
  - (d) Notices of Motion;
  - (e) Elections of:
    - (i) Chairperson;
    - (ii) Senior North Provincial Representative;
    - (iii) Senior South Provincial Representative;
    - (iv) Minor North Provincial Representative;
    - (v) Minor South Provincial Representative;
  - (f) New Business;
  - (g) Adjournment.
- 10.06.3 The Chairperson of Female Hockey Council shall be a Director of the AAHA as hereinbefore provided, with the responsibility of communicating matters between Female Hockey Council and the Board, including, without limitation, recommendations of Female Hockey Council.
- 10.06.4 The Senior Provincial Representatives and the Minor Provincial Representatives shall be responsible for the following:
- (a) administration of the Rules and Regulations as they pertain to Female Hockey in the Female Hockey Zones for which they are responsible;
  - (a) such other duties as the Board may from time to time determine and direct.
- 10.06.5 The provisions set out in Bylaws 10.02.2 to 10.02.10 inclusive shall apply to the business and operations of the Female Hockey Council with the necessary changes in points of detail, including, without limitation, changing the word "Adult" to the words "Female Hockey".
- 10.07 REFEREES' COUNCIL
- 10.07.1 The Referees' Council shall consist of all Referees and Linesmen.
- 10.07.2 The Referees' Council shall meet every year, prior to or at the Annual Meeting (hereinafter referred to as the "Referees' Council Meeting"), at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:
- (a) Reading of the Minutes;
  - (b) Business arising from the Minutes;
  - (c) Chairperson's Report;
  - (d) Financial Report and approval of same;
  - (e) Notices of Motion;
  - (f) Election of a Chairperson for a term of two (2) years;
  - (g) Appoint a Secretary-Treasurer annually.

10.07.3 The business and affairs of the Referees' Council shall be managed and controlled by the Referees' Council Executive.

10.07.4 The Referees' Council Executive shall consist of the following:

- (a) Council Chairperson;
- (b) Secretary-Treasurer;
- (c) Two (2) people appointed by the President to represent the Board ("Board's Representatives");
- (d) Referee Zone Chairperson for each Referee Zone;
- (e) Immediate past Council Chairperson;
  
- (f) Referee Zone Representatives, the number of which will vary depending upon the number of Referees and Linesmen registered in each Referee Zone as follows:
  - (i) 100 to 649 Referees and Linesmen in a Referee Zone shall entitle that Referee Zone to two (2) Representatives;
  - (ii) 650 to 799 Referees and Linesmen in a Referee Zone shall entitle that Referee Zone to three (3) Representatives;
  - (iii) 800 to 999 Referees and Linesmen in a Referee Zone shall entitle that Referee Zone to four (4) Representatives;
  - (iv) for each 200 Referees and Linesmen in excess of 800 in a Referee Zone, the Referee Zone shall be entitled to one (1) additional Representative.

10.07.5 The people forming the Referees' Council Executive shall be elected or appointed for terms as follows:

- (a) Council Chairperson shall be elected by Referees' Council for a term of two (2) years;
- (b) Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the other people forming the Referees' Council Executive for a term of one (1) year;
- (c) The President shall appoint the Board's Representatives for a term of one (1) year;
- (d) Each Referee Zone Representative shall be appointed in May by the Zone Committee Executive in each Referee Zone for a term of one (1) year.

10.07.6 Each Referee and Linesman in attendance at a meeting of the Referees' Council shall have the right to one (1) vote on each question.

- 10.07.7 Subject to compliance with these Bylaws and directives from the Board, Referees' Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of Referees' Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided however that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the General Manager and shall be subject to review and amendment from time to time by the Board.
- 10.07.8 The Referee Council Chairperson shall report to and be responsible to the Board.
- 10.07.9 Neither the Referees' Council or the Referees' Council Chairperson shall make Contractual or financial commitments on behalf of the Referees' Council or the AAHA except to the extent previously authorized by the Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the President, which approval shall be subject to review and notification by the Board at its meeting next following the said approval.
- 10.07.10 At least one (1) month prior to the end of each Fiscal Year, the Referees' Council Chairperson shall prepare and submit to the Board a budget for the forthcoming Fiscal Year for review and approval by the Board. The said budget shall relate to and forecast the anticipated amount of expenditure and revenue for the Referee Council in the forthcoming Fiscal Year.
- 10.07.11 Minutes of all meetings of the Referees' Council and Referees' Council Executive shall be kept and the Referees' Council Chairperson shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the General Manager.
- 10.07.12 The Referees' Council shall be responsible for the following:
- (a) recruiting and training people to qualify as Referees;
  - (b) selection and appointment of Referees and Linesmen for hockey games in consultation with the authority(ies) scheduling hockey games;
  - (c) classifying Referees and Linesmen;
  - (d) develop, maintain and enforce a set of rules for the conduct of the business of the Referees' Council, subject to approval of the Board and consistent with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the AAHA and Hockey Canada. No rule or change in rule for the conduct of the Council's business shall come into use until approved by the Board;
  - (e) supply Referees for all AAHA championship games.

#### 10.07.13 Rates and Fees for Referees

- (a) Rates and Fees to be charged by Referees and Linesmen to Members and Hockey Teams for officiating at hockey games in each subsequent hockey season, including mileage rates, shall be determined by the Board in June of each year prior to the Annual Meeting. Prior to determining the said Rates and Fees, the Board and the Referees' Council shall form a Sub-Committee, consisting of equal representation from the Board and Referees' Council for the purpose of discussing the Rates and Fees for the following hockey season and forming a recommendation of the same for the Board's consideration and approval.
- (b) Notwithstanding the Rates and Fees determined by the Board in Bylaw 10.07.14(a) above, Members and Leagues shall have the right to negotiate with the Referees' Council the aforesaid Rates and Fees, provided that the Rates and Fees determined by the Board shall be the maximum. Disputes arising between the Referees' Council and Members and Leagues may be referred to the President for decision.

#### 10.07.14 Bank Accounts

- (a) The Referees' Council in each Zone shall maintain a bank account for dispersal of Rates and Fees paid by Members and Leagues provided that the name of the AAHA shall not appear on these accounts.
- (b) The Referees' Council may maintain a general bank account for all Zones with the signing officers of said account being the Council Chairperson or a Zone Representative and the Secretary-Treasurer. This account shall be designated as the account of the AAHA Referees' Council.

#### 10.07.15 Financial Statement

The Referees' Council shall have prepared an audited financial statement for the year ended April 30 in each year and present the same to the Board prior to the 1st day of June in each year.

#### 10.07.16 Appeal to President

An individual or Member directly affected by a decision made by the Referees' Council pursuant to the rules maintained for the conduct of business of the Referees' Council shall be entitled to appeal to the president provided that all rights and remedies of the said rules have been exhausted. The Referees' Council may direct that an appeal may be made to the President without exhausting the rights and remedies provided by the said rules. An appeal as provided for in this Bylaw X must be filed in writing with the General Manager on or before the seventh day following the decision being rendered by the Referees' Council.

## **BYLAW XI - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### 11.01 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 11.01.1 The Board may from time to time pass rules and regulations for the betterment of Amateur hockey in the Province of Alberta, including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Amateur hockey, as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion may consider desirable.
- 11.01.2 Each Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Referee and Linesman shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the AAHA as published by the AAHA from time to time.
- 11.01.3 Upon the Board approving and adopting a Rule and/or Regulation, the General Manager shall forthwith give notice in writing of the said rule and/or regulation to the Members and the Hockey Teams.
- 11.01.4 All Members, Players, Coaches, Managers, Stick-boys, Referees and Linesmen, as a condition precedent to registration with the AAHA, unconditionally agree to obey and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AAHA and Hockey Canada as the same may be amended or added to from time to time.

## **BYLAW XII - VIOLATIONS OF BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### 12.01 VIOLATION AND DISCIPLINE

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that violates or breaches a Bylaw, Rule and/or a Regulation is subject to discipline as set out herein.

### 12.02 REPORT AND INVESTIGATION

Upon learning of an alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations, the General Manager shall forthwith:

- (a) report the same to the President; or
- (b) investigate the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations as to the particulars thereof and report the findings to the President.

### 12.03 PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY

The President, upon receiving the report of the General Manager made pursuant to Bylaw 12.02 above, shall:

- (a) refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to the Investigations Committee, or
- (b) without further investigation, determine whether there was a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose such disciplinary measures and sanctions as the President may deem appropriate.

12.04 **FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION**

In the event that the President should refer the violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations to the Investigations Committee as contemplated by Bylaw 12.03(a), the Investigations Committee shall, within ten (10) days of receiving the President's direction, investigate the circumstances of the alleged violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and report its findings in writing to the President, at which time the President shall determine whether there has been a violation or breach of the Rules and Regulations and impose or levy such discipline measures and sanctions as the President may deem appropriate.

12.05 **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

The decisions of the President pursuant to Bylaws 12.03(b) and 12.04 shall be subject to appeal only as provided for in Bylaw XIII.

**BYLAW XIII - APPEALS**

13.01 **APPEALS OFFICER**

The Appeals Officer shall hear appeals as provided for in this Bylaw XIII and adjudicate on the issues arising from the appeals, which are heard by him.

13.02 **APPEALS FROM GENERAL MANAGER'S DECISIONS**

Any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official that is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling, in whole or in part, of the General Manager made pursuant to the Rules and Regulations, or a decision of the General Manager regarding registration of a Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, Official or Branch to Branch transfer, has the right of appeal to the Appeals Officer.



13.03 APPEAL FROM DECISION OF  
LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

In the event that a Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling made by a Local Minor Hockey Association or League, and provided that:

- (a) the decision or ruling arises from the Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) all Appeals as provided or allowed by the Local Minor Hockey Association and/or League have been exhausted;

the said Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman, or Official may appeal the aforesaid decision or ruling to the Appeals Officer.

13.04 APPEAL FROM DECISION OF APPEALS OFFICER – APPEALS  
COMMITTEE

An Appeal lies to the Appeals Committee from the whole or any part of any decision or ruling made by the Appeals Officer pursuant to Bylaws 8.03.1(e), 8.03.1(f), 12.03(b), 12.04, 13.02, and 13.03.

13.05 APPEAL TO BOARD

An Appeal lies to the Board from the whole or any part of a decision or ruling made by the Appeals Committee pursuant to Bylaw 13.04.

13.06 EFFECT OF APPEAL

An Appeal to the Appeals Officer, Appeals Committee and the Board does not operate as a stay of the decision or ruling appealed from, except so far as the authority appealed from may direct.

13.07 NOTICE OF APPEAL

All Appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing ("Notice of Appeal") addressed to the General Manager and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision or ruling being appealed. The Notice of Appeal may be filed by ordinary mail, courier or telecopier.

13.08 CONTENTS OF NOTICE

The Notice of Appeal shall include and contain the following:

- (a) a statement of the decision which is being appealed, including a copy of the written decision, if any;
- (b) concise statements of the grounds for appeal in numbered paragraphs;
- (c) concise statements of the facts, in numbered paragraphs, alleged by the Appellant;
- (d) if an Appeal Hearing is provided for in these Bylaws, a summary of the evidence which the Appellant intends to produce at the Appeal Hearing, whether by document or viva voce (with the living voice) evidence.

13.09 APPEAL DUTIES OF GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager, upon receiving a Notice of Appeal, shall:

- (a) if the Appeal is made pursuant to Bylaws 13.02 and 13.03, forthwith notify in writing the Appeals Officer and serve a copy of the same on the party whose decision is being appealed (the "Respondent"). Further, the General Manager shall serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on such persons as the Appeals Officer shall reasonably direct;
- (b) if the Appeal is made pursuant to Bylaws 13.04 and 13.05, forthwith notify in writing the Appeals Officer and such other parties as either the Appellant, Respondent or the Appeals Officer shall reasonably direct.

13.10 APPEAL FEES

Appellants shall be required to pay to the AAHA a fee of an Appeal, which fee shall be payable with the filing of the Notice of Appeal as contemplated in Bylaw 13.07, in the following amounts:

- (a) Appeals Fee pursuant to Bylaws 13.02 and 13.03 shall be One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars;
- (b) Appeals Fee pursuant to Bylaw 13.04 shall be Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars;
- (c) Appeals to decisions made pursuant to Rule 71 of the Rules, the Appeal Fee shall be One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars;
- (d) Appeals Fee pursuant to Bylaw 13.05 shall be One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars.

13.11 APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS UNDER BYLAWS 13.02, 13.03 AND 13.04

Appeals made pursuant to Bylaws 13.02, 13.03 and 13.04, at the sole discretion of the Appeals Officer, shall be conducted with one of the following procedures:

- (a) an informal meeting of parties to the Appeals Officer or Appeals Committee, as the case may be, and with the evidence and arguments produced as the Appeals Officer or Appeals Committee, as the case may be, may reasonably determine necessary; or
- (b) a Quasi-judicial Hearing.

13.12 APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS UNDER BYLAW 13.05

Appeals made pursuant to Bylaw 13.05 shall be conducted as a Quasi-judicial Hearing.

13.13 QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

At Quasi-judicial Hearings, the procedures shall be conducted according to the laws of the Province of Alberta for such hearings, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) the Appellant and other parties to the Appeal may be represented by a barrister and solicitor or an agent;
- (b) Witnesses shall be called to give evidence under oath;
- (c) Witnesses may be examined and cross examined by the parties to the Appeal, the Appeals Committee and by other parties to the Appeal;
- (d) at the sole discretion of the Chairperson of the Appeal, have all proceedings recorded by an official court reporter or have the proceedings recorded by the General Manager or his appointee.

13.14 DATE FOR APPEAL HEARING - BYLAWS 13.02 AND 13.03

Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Bylaws 13.02 and 13.03, the General Manager, in consultation with the Appeals Officer, shall set a date for the Hearing which date shall be no later than the 10th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.

13.15 DATE FOR APPEAL HEARING - BYLAWS 13.04 AND 13.05

Upon receiving a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Bylaws 13.04 and 13.05, the General Manager shall set a date for the Hearing of the Appeal, which date shall be no later than the 30th day following the date of receiving the Notice of Appeal.

13.16 NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE

Notice of the date for the Hearing of the Appeal shall be given by the General Manager to Parties to the Appeal either in writing (letter or telecopier) or by telephone.

13.17 DISQUALIFICATIONS OF ADJUDICATORS

Those persons disqualified from adjudicating an Appeal pursuant to Bylaws 13.04 and 13.05 are as follows:

- (a) in the event of an Appeal under Bylaw 13.04, the Appeals Officer;
- (b) in the event of an Appeal under Bylaw 13.05, the Appeals Officer and those persons that made up the Appeals Committee.

13.18 DECISION OF ADJUDICATOR(S)

The adjudicator(s) of the Appeals provided for in this Bylaw XIII shall give the decision in writing within ten (10) days from the date the Hearing or Quasi-judicial Hearing concluded and may:

- (a) allow the Appeal;
- (b) dismiss the Appeal;
- (c) give any decision or ruling which ought to have been made and make such further or other decision and/or ruling as the circumstances require;
- (d) make such order as to costs as it seems just, and unless otherwise specified, the costs shall follow the event of the Appeal.

### 13.19 BOARD DECISIONS - FINAL AND BINDING

All Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, shall accept as final and binding the decisions of the Board, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board's interpretation or construction of the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws subject only to a right of Appeal to Hockey Canada as provided for in the Bylaws of the Hockey Canada.

### 13.20 COURT ACTIONS

All Members, Hockey Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Stick-boys, Referees, Linesmen, and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, agree that any recourse to the law courts of any jurisdiction before all rights and remedies as provided by these Bylaws and the Bylaws of Hockey Canada have been availed and utilized, shall be prohibited. Further, any such recourse to the law courts as aforesaid shall be deemed by the AAHA to be unsportsmanlike conduct enabling the President to suspend and/or disqualify the said persons.

## **BYLAW XIV - GENERAL**

### 14.01 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the AAHA shall commence the 1st day of May of every year to and including the 30th day of April of the following year.

### 14.02 AUDIT AND AUDITORS

14.02.1 The book and financial records of the AAHA shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Members (the "Auditor").

14.02.2 The Auditor shall make such examination of the books, records and affairs of the AAHA as will enable him to report to the Members as required in Bylaw 14.02.3.

14.02.3 The Auditor shall report to the Members at the Annual Meeting regarding the Financial Statement of the AAHA and shall state in his report whether in his opinion the Financial Statement presents fairly the financial position of the AAHA and the results of its operations for the period under review, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

14.02.4 The Auditor, in his report, shall also make appropriate statements in any instance that:

- (a) the financial statement of the AAHA is not in agreement with the accounting records, or

- (b) he has not received all the information and explanations that he had required, or
- (c) proper accounting records have not been kept, so far as appears from his examinations.

14.02.5 The Auditor shall have access at all times to all records, documents, books, accounts and vouchers of the AAHA and is entitled to require from the Directors and Officers such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as the Auditor.

14.03 CUSTODY AND USE OF THE SEAL

14.03.1 The Board shall adopt a seal which shall be the common seal of the AAHA

14.03.2 The common seal of the AAHA shall be under the control of the Board and the person(s) responsible for its custody and use from time to time shall be determined by the Board.

14.04 COURT ACTIONS

Any recourse to the Courts of Law by any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official regarding the interpretation and administration of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations before all rights and remedies of the Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Hockey Canada have been availed of and exhausted, shall be deemed ungentlemanly and unsportsmanlike conduct within the meaning of the Rules and Regulations and a violation of the same thereby entitling the President to suspend and disqualify the said Member or individual(s).

14.05 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

14.05.1 Subject to compliance with the requirements of the laws of the Province of Alberta, the Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution provided that notice of such resolution has been given at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is intended to present such resolution to the Members and such Special Resolution, if passed by the Members, shall not take effect until it has been registered in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta.

14.05.2 Any amendment in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations which may have been adopted in the manner provided for in the Bylaws, shall not be negated by reason of any error or omission which may occur in the periodic printing of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

14.06 HOCKEY CANADA MEMBERSHIP

The AAHA is a member of Hockey Canada and subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Hockey Canada.

