



WEST OXFORD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

- Article I** **Name of operation:** This organization will be known as West Oxford Girls Hockey Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association or WOGHA in this article.
- Article II** **Statement of purpose:** The purpose of WOGHA shall be to foster, promote and supervise pre-novice to senior girls hockey in Oxford County and the surrounding area, in the Province of Ontario, as of the current hockey season. To promote good sportsmanship, team play, good citizenship and equal opportunity towards all players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians and the executive membership. To provide a healthy and competitive environment in which the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty and fair play are at the forefront.
- Article III** **Membership:** WOGHA membership shall include all players, parents/guardians, coaching staff and executive board members. Membership will be granted to any female that registers with WOGHA whose age falls into one of the following levels of play, or those set out by OWHA, dependent upon team roster availability: under-7 through under-21.
- Article IV** **Organization**
- Section I* WOGHA will follow the rules and regulations put forth by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) and the leagues in that we have teams participating in, such as Lower Lakes Female Hockey League (LLFHL), Western Ontario Girls Hockey League (WOGHL) and/or Southwestern Ontario Women's Hockey League (SOWHL).
- Section II* West Oxford Girls Hockey board of directors shall consist of the following positions: President, Past President, Vice President, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Ice Scheduler, Webmaster, Coaching Convenor, Sponsorship, Fundraising, WOGHL Representative, OWHA Representative, Equipment Manager, Director at Large. Board of director positions shall be held by current WOGHA members that are not holding a position on another girls hockey association executive.
- Section III* There shall be a maximum of 20 persons serving on the WOGHA at any time including Directors at Large. All officers other than the President shall be retired at each Annual

General Meeting and eligible for reappointment or re election at this time. The President shall hold a two year term and be eligible for reappointment or re election at this time. A new President must have prior Executive knowledge and/or experience. Each member of the Executive shall be entitled to one individual vote, except for the President who will only vote if his/her vote is required to break a tie. 60% of the Executive shall be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business for monthly or special meetings.

Section IV The Executive shall have the power to discipline, suspend or reprimand any player, coach or any other member of the Association who does not abide by the terms of the Constitution pending a hearing before the Ethics Committee. The Board of Directors shall have control of the affairs of the Association. No monetary decisions or transactions shall be made without approval of the Executive membership.

Section V All Executive members will be required to submit a current Police Clearance Check, which shall be valid for a period of three years. A Declaration of no change in status must be signed every year until the three years have passed.

Article V **Meetings:** Shall take place monthly (if necessary) to effectively control the affairs of the Association. Meeting time and place will be determined by Directors. In the event a member of the board is absent from 3 consecutive meetings (excluding work commitments or illness), that member shall cease to be a member and is automatically replaced at the discretion of the board. Special meetings may be called by the President on the advice of any two Directors. Meetings shall only be attended by Executive Members unless an individual has asked for time on the agenda, and it has been granted. All Executive meetings shall include but are not limited to include; call to order, approval of last meeting minutes, action items, round table, unfinished business, new business, adjournment.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Spring of each year. It must be advertised two weeks prior to the date. All members are welcome and each current player will have a vote.

Article VI **Quorum:** There must be a quorum present at board of director meetings In order to transact business at board of director meetings, 60% of the executive members must be present.

Article VII **Bylaw and constitution amendment:** Bylaws will be open for review during the operating season by Executive members. Changes to the constitution and Bylaws must be approved with 60% approval at the AGM.

Article VIII **Constitution and Bylaws:** The Association, its Executive Board, and any other members or representatives shall recognize, observe and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of West Oxford Girls Hockey Association. The policies adopted shall conform to the constitution and bylaws of the association and shall be recognized as providing the basic rules governing the association.

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