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RURAL AND EDMONTON MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

Article 1

The name of the league shall be known as the Rural and Edmonton Midget Hockey League (REMHL) herein after referred to as the REMHL or the League.

Article 2

The League shall abide by all the regulations, bylaws and rules of Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada.

Article 3

The Objectives of the League shall be:

- a. To foster and promote a high level of hockey for Alberta Midget players under its jurisdiction.
 - b. To control and administer the playing of the game of hockey in accordance with the rules and regulations and etiquette of the game.
 - c. To ensure keen competition within the League.
 - d. To promote the development of players and coaches.
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25 101 - Operation and Control

- 26 a. Teams will be controlled and operated only by Local Minor Hockey Associations (LMHA) and
27 will not enter into any player contracts or agreements of any kind and with anyone except
28 Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada.
- 29 b. Only the team members of the REMHL shall be eligible for playoffs as provided in the
30 Hockey Alberta regulations.

31 102 - Membership

32 Members are those teams that are full time participants in League play. Each such full time participant shall
33 have one vote at all league meetings. Member does not include probationary teams or teams that have
34 limited participation in League play. New members must post a performance bond immediately payable
35 upon acceptance into the League (AGM). This bond will be renewed annually and held in Trust; any interest
36 gained will be transferred to the General Account

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38 103 - Team Registration

- 39 a. It will be the responsibility of each host Association to ensure that their team is properly
40 registered with Hockey Alberta.
- 41 b. It is the League`s responsibility to ensure that all teams are registered with Hockey Alberta
42 as per League regulations.

43 104 – Violations

- 44 a. Any violation of the constitution, bylaws, policies, procedures, rules or regulations of the
45 League, Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada by any member of this League may render such
46 member liable to disciplinary action and or suspension.

47 105 – Meetings – Representation and Voting

- 48 a. The Annual General Meeting of the League will be held on the third Saturday of June.
- 49 b. The League will hold its organizational meeting (face-to-face or telephone conference) in
50 September/October annually.
- 51 c. No member will be entitled to be either represented at or have voting privileges at the
52 Annual General Meeting or any meeting of this League unless its financial commitments to
53 the League are fully paid and they are deemed to be in good standing by the League.
- 54 d. A quorum shall be a majority of the membership (which includes the President solely for
55 purposes of establishing the quorum).
- 56 e. Each member represented will have one vote each. The Officers of the League shall not
57 have voting powers on motions except for the President who shall have one vote as per
58 section 110 below.
- 59 f. A simple majority of votes shall carry all questions.
- 60 g. Only voting members may attend meetings unless otherwise invited by the President.

- 61 h. Special meetings may be requested by the President or by a member and must be called by
62 the President within 30 days upon receipt of a request for the Special Meeting. The request
63 must be signed by at least two thirds of the members and must include the reasons for the
64 request. Fourteen days' notice of the Special Meeting must be given to each member.

65 106 – Membership Fees

- 66 a. The annual membership administration fee will be set at each Annual General Meeting
67 payable to the League on or before the first League game of the season.
- 68 b. All members' privileges are automatically lost upon default of any moneys due to the League
69 without just cause. These privileges may include loss of points earned in games played.

70 107 – Declaration of Teams

- 71 a. All members shall declare to the League whether their team will operate in the League for
72 the next season on or before March 1. Any team cancelling after March 1 will forfeit their
73 bond.
- 74 b. All players must be registered with Hockey Alberta prior to their first League game. A copy
75 of the team's current Hockey Canada Registry (HCR-generated) official team roster must be
76 emailed to the League's VP Discipline prior to each team's first League game. Any
77 subsequent changes to the HCR Team Roster must be emailed to the League's VP Discipline
78 as they occur.

79 108 – Officers of the League

- 80 a. The Officers of the League are:
- 81 i) President
- 82 ii) Vice President Discipline
- 83 iii) Vice President Administration
- 84 iv) Secretary Treasurer
- 85 b. The President and Vice President of Discipline will be elected in even years and the Secretary
86 Treasurer and Vice President Administration will be elected in odd years, unless otherwise
87 determined at the League's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 88 c. The League shall carry liability insurance for its Officers if not provided by Hockey Canada or
89 Hockey Alberta.

90 109 – Election of Officers

- 91 a. The election of Officers will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the League by
92 secret ballot.
- 93 b. Officers will assume two-year terms upon acceptance.
- 94 c. Only under unusual circumstances will the President and Secretary Treasurer be replaced in
95 the same year.

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- 97 d. At each Annual General Meeting, the President will act or appoint a non-voting,
98 independent person to act in the capacity of the Returning Officer, who will chair the
99 elections only.
- 100 e. Should a vacancy occur during the year of any Officer position of the League, the President
101 may appoint a replacement until the next League meeting.
- 102 f. Where possible, the President shall have already served a term as Vice President.

103 110 – Duties and Powers of the President

- 104 a. Arrange for major League sponsors and Division sponsors.
- 105 b. Ensure the League is promoted within its regions.
- 106 c. Be the first contact for teams within his/her jurisdiction and first contact for all League
107 matters other than discipline.
- 108 d. To conduct the business of the League in its entirety between and during meetings and shall
109 have one vote at meetings.
- 110 e. The President may represent any or all of the members of the League on any occasion and
111 will be responsible to the League for the same.
- 112 f. Shall have one vote at all meetings and elections and cast a deciding vote in case of a tie on
113 motions and protests.
- 114 g. Annually, chair a meeting with all Coaches and Managers before the start of League play.
- 115 h. Arrange for and distribute blank League game sheets.
- 116 i. Liaise with Hockey Alberta.
- 117 j. Attend AA Council meetings on behalf of the League.
- 118 k. In the absence of a Vice President, shall assume all duties.

119 111 – Duties and Powers of the Vice President of Discipline

- 120 a. Be the first contact for the teams regarding discipline.
- 121 b. Assist the President in performing his/her duties.
- 122 c. Shall have one vote in all elections and when reviewing protests.
- 123 d. Keep a record of all game sheets.
- 124 e. Annually provide minimum suspension guidelines for the League.
- 125 f. The discipline of any player or team official who violates the Hockey Canada playing rules as
126 reported by the Referee of each game or through the violation of Hockey Canada player or
127 team official eligibility.
- 128 g. Together with the President, the discipline of any Coach, Manager, player, team official,
129 LMHA representative or member for refusing to accept and obey the rulings of the League
130 or its Officers and for any proven misconduct, unfair or unsportsmanlike conduct,
131 individually or collectively at any place where hockey is being played or at any meeting.
- 132 h. Keep a record of all suspensions.

- 133 i. Shall have access to and update the league web site.
- 134 j. Renumber Summarize at the Annual General Meeting all suspensions, gross misconducts,
135 and match penalties for League information and trending purposes for the previous season.
- 136 k. Communicate with and provide reports to the Hockey Alberta Zone Discipline persons
137 regarding any suspension of clubs, Managers, Coaches, players or team officials when
138 required.
- 139 l. Chair any disciplinary review committees struck from time to time.
- 140 m. In the absence of the President, shall assume the President's duties.

141 112 – Duties and Powers of the Vice President of Administration

- 142 a. Shall have one vote in all elections.
- 143 b. Ensure the league schedule is developed and distributed to all teams.
- 144 c. Ensure an accurate record of the contact information of all Coaches, Team Officials, LMHA
145 Officers, and League Officers is up-to-date on the League website
- 146 d. The first contact for teams applying for schedule change.
- 147 e. Ensure full communication of approved schedule changes to the members and Officers of
148 the League.
- 149 f. Ensure web access to team managers for entry of game sheet data.
- 150 g. Update the League website weekly with scores, player and team statistics and ensure the
151 collection, publication, and distribution of League and player statistics to all members of the
152 League.

153 113 – Duties and Powers of the Secretary Treasurer

- 154 a. League minutes shall be recorded and distributed to all League members within 14 days
155 following any meeting.
- 156 b. Ensure each Member in the League who attends the June and September meetings receive a
157 copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy / Procedures.
- 158 c. Ensure the update of this Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy / Procedures manual occurs.
- 159 d. Record all revenues and expenditures, deposit all moneys received, pay all accounts of the
160 League and prepare appropriate annual financial statements as of May 31 for the Annual
161 General Meeting.
- 162 e. Prepare and present annually a financial report and budget to the membership at the
163 Annual General Meeting for ratification.
- 164 f. Ensure a notice of 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting is made to all League
165 members along with a copy of the minutes and financial statements of the previous Annual
166 General Meeting.
- 167 g. Have an annual review done of the books by a member team. (See Appendix 1.)
- 168 h. Shall have one vote for elections.

- 169 i. Shall remit expense money required. Will have dual signing authority for League expenses
170 with the President or the Vice President of Discipline or the Vice President of Administration.

171 114 – Honorariums

172 Honorariums will be set at the AGM and paid annually to:

- 173 a. League President.
174 b. Vice President of Discipline.
175 c. Vice President of Administration.
176 d. Secretary Treasurer.

177 115 – Expenses

- 178 a. Within the annual League budget, any expenses for meals, travel and accommodations by
179 any individual will be reimbursed as per the Hockey Alberta fee guidelines, and paid monthly
180 after expenses are submitted to the Secretary Treasurer.
181 b. No one directly involved with coaching, management, or administration of the League may
182 profit from any matters pertaining to the League unless approved by the League officers.

183 116 – Amendments

- 184 a. The Constitution and Bylaws may be rescinded, amended, or added to only at the League's
185 Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting.
186 b. Policies and Procedures may be rescinded, amended, or added to at a League Meeting with
187 a 30-day notice and approval of five members.
188 c. A notice for intended amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary Treasurer
189 at least 45 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
190 d. The Secretary Treasurer or President must provide a notice of intended amendments to
191 each team at least 14 days prior to the League's Annual General Meeting.
192 e. Amendments to this document require a simple majority vote at the Annual General
193 Meeting for adoption.
194 f. A review of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies / Procedures must occur at the Annual
195 General Meeting as a regular agenda item.
196 g. In order for the REMHL to have Hockey Alberta recognition, it shall submit its League Bylaws
197 and Regulations and a list of the names and addresses of the officer not later than July 1st of
198 the current Hockey Season to the Hockey Alberta office. Any amendments to the Bylaws
199 and Regulations must be registered with Hockey Alberta and approved prior to
200 implementation.

201 117 – Legal Action

- 202 a. Any recourse to the Courts of Law by any Member, Hockey Team, Player, Coach, Manager,
203 Trainer, Stick-boy, Referee, Linesman or Official regarding the interpretation and
204 administration of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations before all rights and remedies of the
205 Bylaws and the Bylaws of Hockey Canada have been availed of and exhausted, shall be

206 deemed as ungentlemanly and unsportsmanlike conduct within the meaning of the Rules
207 and Regulations. Said conduct will be considered a violation of the same thereby entitling
208 the President or Vice President Discipline to suspend and disqualify the said Member of
209 individual(s).

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