

**VICTORIA DURHAM MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE  
CONSTITUTION**

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## Article I

The Association will be known as Victoria Durham.

The Association shall function as an independent organization under the control of the following members in good standing: Brock, Durham, Highland, Kawartha, Lindsay, Manvers, Mariposa, Millbrook, Newcastle, Orono, Sturgeon Lake, Woodville, and any other centre that the OMHA may assign to the league.

The quorum to have an official meeting will be 50% plus 1 of eligible members in good standing.

The mailing address of the Association will be that of the Convenor.

## Article II: Objectives

1. To develop, organize and set up team competition to the maximum of playing accommodation and financial resources.
2. To develop community spirit and encourage sportsmanship amongst all participants to the betterment of their physical and mental well-being.

## Article III: OMHA Approval

The league shall operate under the auspices of the OMHA and agrees to accept and enforce all OMHA rulings.

## Article IV: Membership

1. Membership shall be composed of Minor Hockey Centres who are in good standing with the League and shall agree to comply with the rules of the league.
2. To be a member in good standing the centre must have all financial obligations, including registration fees, bonds and fines paid and current.
3. Registration fees and bonds must be paid by the October meeting of the current season.
4. All member partners will be requested to submit a contact for the OMHA Rep., plus an Alternate Rep., with all their contact information, plus the name and address of the President of their Association at the September meeting.

## Article V: League Meetings

1. The schedule for League Meetings will be determined at the beginning of each season at a location to be determined by the membership or via Conference call.
2. Each member centre is entitled to one vote on any matter. Centres may not vote by proxy.
3. All general and normal business transaction questions arising at any meeting of the membership shall be decided by 50% plus 1 of the voting members present at the meeting.

#### Article VI: Annual Meeting

1. Amendments to the Constitution will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, which will be held in April.
2. No article of this constitution shall be added, altered, amended or rescinded, except at the Annual meeting and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the eligible voting members present.
3. Each member Centre and every Executive Officer shall have one full voting right at the annual meeting. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
4. All Centres must have a Representative attend League meetings. If a Centre misses two meetings without just cause they become a member in poor standing. The penalty will be \$50 and the offending Centre will be notified.

#### Article VII: Special Meeting

Upon the written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the member centres, either the Chairperson, the OMHA Convenor or the OMHA REM shall be empowered to call a Special General Meeting to deal with specific situation. The request shall be submitted to the OMHA Convenor or the OMHA Regional Director. A Special General Meeting shall be called on no less than 14 days notice and may include Constitutional business or amendments provided that voting requirements are in accordance with Article V 2 & 3

#### Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Board of Directors: The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of up to three people. They will be voting members of the Association if required at an OMHA meeting. Three of the members will have signing authority on the bank accounts. One person will be the Chairperson, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Convenor. All board of directors shall serve the Association without remuneration for his/her services to the Association.

Chairperson: Responsible for chairing all meetings. He/She will see that all orders and resolutions of the Association are carried out. Will be a signing officer and carry out the responsibility of Secretary/Treasurer in the event the position is not filled.

Secretary/Treasurer: He/She will keep the minutes of all meetings and send copies to all member partners. Shall record and update the Association with all bank statements at each meeting. Will be a signing officer. The financial statements can be challenged at anytime by requesting the financial information from the Secretary/Treasurer in writing.

Convenor: He/She will keep the standings updated and have them available for the monthly meetings. They will be the liaison with the Regional Director for Region Five, Area N. Will be a signing officer. The Convenor is a position appointed by the Region Five, Area N Regional Director.

Article IX: Banking Arrangements

Banking arrangements: Each member partner including all outside entries, will have paid the Association \$200.00 at the time of registration. If any centre's bond is less than \$200.00, then that centre shall be deemed to be a centre that is not in good standing.

The daily chequing account will be used for any expenses that the Association has. Any money owed to the Association will be deposited into this account, i.e.: fines due to the Association. The monies will be used for the Association when needed.

An annual fee per Centre for administration costs will be set each year at the September meeting.



Chairperson  
Stephen Phillips



Secretary/Treasurer  
Lisa Leszkowicz-Reid