



VICTORIA DURHAM MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

REVISED APRIL 2025

Article I: Organization

- i. The Association will be known as the 'Victoria Durham Minor Hockey League'.
- ii. The league shall operate under the auspices of the OMHA and agrees to accept and enforce all OMHA rulings.
- iii. The Association shall function as an independent organization under the control of the following members in good standing: Brock, Durham, Highland, Kawartha, Lindsay, Mariposa, Millbrook, Newcastle, Orono, Sturgeon Lake, Woodville, and any other centre that the OMHA may assign to the league.
- iv. The quorum to have an official meeting will be 50% plus 1 of eligible members in good standing.
- v. The mailing address of the Association will be that of the Convenor.

Article II: Objective

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

Article III: Membership

- i. Membership shall be composed of Minor Hockey Associations who are in good standing with the league and shall agree to comply with the rules of the league.
- ii. To be a member in good standing the member Associations must have all financial obligations, including registration fees, bonds and fines paid and current.
- iii. Registration fees and bonds must be paid by the October meeting of the current season.
- iv. All member Associations will be requested to submit a contact for their league representative ('OMHA Rep'), plus an alternate representative, with all their contact information, plus the contact information of the President of their Association at the September meeting.

Article V: Meetings

- i. 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.
- ii. Each member centre is entitled to one vote on any matter. Centres may not vote by proxy.
- iii. 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.

- iv. Upon the written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the member centres, either the Chair, Vice-Chair, OMHA Convenor, or the OMHA RD 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 RD.
- v. 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 this Article

Article VI: Annual Meeting

- i. Amendments to the Constitution will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, which will be held in April.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Each member Association and every Executive Officer shall have one full voting right at the Annual Meeting. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- iv. All Associations must have a Representative attend league meetings. If an Association misses two meetings without just cause they become a member in poor standing. The penalty will be \$50 and the offending Association will be notified.

Article VII: Nominations and Elections

- i. The election of the League Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the membership. No election or appointment of League Officers is effective without consent given prior to the election or appointment.
- ii. The following League Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. In odd years, the Chair and Secretary will be elected. In even years, the Vice-Chair and Treasurer will be elected.
- iii. All Officer positions shall be for a term of two years.
- iv. The elected Officers shall hold Office starting May 1st following their election at the Annual Meeting, and the term shall expire after approximately two (2) years, ending April 30th.
- v. The League Officers shall make up the Executive Committee. No Association shall be allowed more than two (2) League Officers holding current office unless approved by a two-thirds majority of the member Associations.

Article VIII: Duties of Officers and League Contacts

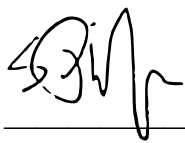
- i. Executive Committee: The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of up to four people, including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. They will be voting

members of the Association if required at an OMHA meeting. The Executive Committee members will have signing authority on the bank account(s). All Executive Committee members shall serve the Association without remuneration for his/her services to the Association.

- ii. Chair: Responsible for chairing all meetings. Will exercise general supervision of the league and see that all orders and resolutions of the Association are carried out. Will be a signing officer and carry out the responsibility of Treasurer in the event the position is not filled.
- iii. Vice-Chair: Shall assume the duties of the Chair in their absence or for any reason should the position of Chair become vacant during the Chair's term. In such case, the Vice-Chair shall fill the position of Chair for the remainder of the Chair's term. In such case, the Board shall appoint a new Vice-Chair from amongst its remaining elected Executive members.
- iv. Secretary: He/She will keep the minutes of all meetings and send copies to all member partners.
- v. Treasurer: 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 any time by requesting the financial information from the Treasurer in writing.
- vi. Convenor: Will review game sheets for regular season, exhibition, and tournament games for all teams in the league for the purposes of logging and tracking suspensions. They will be the liaison with the area OMHA Regional Director. The Convener is a position appointed by the area OMHA Regional Director.
- vii. League Contacts: The league contact for each Association shall be the primary contact person between the league and the member Associations. They shall ensure their Association is in good standing with the league at all times. They shall attend each league meeting, or ensure that a representative from their Association attends the meeting in their place, in the event they cannot attend.

Article IX: Banking Arrangements

- i. Each member partner including all outside entries, will have paid the Association \$200 at the time of registration. If any centre's bond is less than \$200, then that centre shall be deemed to be a centre that is not in good standing.
- ii. 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, ie: fines due to the Association. The monies will be used for the Association when needed.
- iii. An annual fee per Centre for administration costs will be set each year at the September meeting.

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Chair

Stephen Phillips