

**Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws As Approved
by the IMHA Executive (4-4-2018)**

11.1 Elected/Appointed Directors

c) A Director shall not hold more than one Office.

Replace with:

c) No Director will hold more than one Office with exception of the Vice President that may be filled by a Director appointed to a separate role on the Board.

11.3 Responsibilities of Directors:

d) Treasurer

ii. ensure the submission of the books of account to the Auditor of the Association at the end of the financial year;

Replace with:

ii. responsible for the closeout and submission of the books of account to the Auditor of the Association at the end of the financial year;

15.3 Cheque Signing

The Treasurer and either the President or Secretary will sign all cheques issued by the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association.

Replace with:

The Treasurer and either the President or one other authorized Board Member, will be required to sign all cheques issued by the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association.

Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Operation As Approved by the IMHA Executive (4-4-2018)

2.2 Code of Conduct

Addition of:

- h) All members are expected to review and agree to the terms of the IMHA Code of Conduct through the annual submission of an original signed hard copy or scanned electronic copy of an signed original through the Registrar.**

3.1 Registration

Addition of:

- b) Hard copies of completed registration forms will only be accepted for players choosing to participate in OWHA-sanctioned programs.**
- c) All registrations for players choosing to participate in OMHA-sanctioned programs will be submitted and processed electronically through the Hockey Canada Registry.**

3.3 Registration of Players

- a) Subject to registration numbers, the Association will operate the following player groupings:**

Series	Age as of December 31st
Mite	5 & under years of age
Tyke	6 & under years of age
Novice	8 & under years of age
Atom	10 & under years of age
Pee Wee	12 & under years of age
Bantam	14 & under years of age
Midget	17 & under years of age
Juvenile	Under 20 years of age

Replace with:

- b) Subject to registration numbers, the Association will operate the following player groupings:

Series	Age as of December 31 st
Initiation Program	6 & under years of age
Tyke	7 & under years of age
Novice	8 & under years of age
Atom	10 & under years of age
Pee Wee	12 & under years of age
Bantam	14 & under years of age
Midget	17 & under years of age
Juvenile	Under 20 years of age

- d) Players must be registered and fee paid in full before participating in any game, practice or try-out.

Replace with:

- d) All players must be registered, with tryout and registration fee payments made, and a post-dated cheque for the fundraising contingency fee submitted prior to participating in any game, practice, or tryout.
- g) A written request must be made to the Board and approved by the Board if a girl wishes to play on a boys team.

Replace with:

- g) Players, or parents on their behalf, must decide at the time of registration if they will be registering to play for an OMHA sanctioned team, or OWHA sanctioned team, if a girl.
- h) Requests for the movement of players between OMHA and OWHA must be submitted in writing and approved by the Board.
- i) No written requests for the movement of players between OMHA and OWHA will be accepted following the conclusion of tryouts for representative teams.

3.6 Registration Fees

- e) The registration fee for each player grouping shall be based upon the budget.
- f) Parents will also include a cheque for fundraising in addition to the required registration fee. Amount to be determined by the budget.

Replace with:

- a) **The registration, tryout fee and payment schedule for each player grouping shall be based upon the budget.**
- b) **Registration and tryout fee payments will be accepted online through credit card, e-cheque, bank payment or Interac e-Transfer.**
- c) **Post-dated cheques for fundraising contingency fees must be submitted at the time of registration. The amount of the fee will be based upon the budget.**

4.2 Sweaters

Remove:

- c) **Emblems, player names, etc. may only be sewn on sweaters by hand or sewing machine.**

5.3 Affiliation

- a) In order to protect the Association's best interests, each team is required to initially limit the number of affiliates to a maximum of 10.

Replace:

- a) In order to protect the Association's best interests, each team is required to initially limit the number of affiliates to a maximum of 10. **Whenever possible, players affiliated to representative teams must first be chosen from the group of players that participated in the tryout process for the age division that they are affiliating to.**

5.4 General Rules for all IMHA Teams

Add:

- l) **IMHA will make all efforts to ensure that an equal opportunity is exists for all players to participate in OMHA and OWHA sanctioned programs regardless of their gender or identity. This includes provision of dressing room or change room space that is Gender Neutral when requested.**

5.5 Representative Teams

- a) The Executive will provide to the coaches before tryouts the number of players and goalies the individual teams will be allowed to carry on these teams based on the number of registrants. If in the opinion of a majority of the Executive, a minimum roster must be set for a team so as to not adversely affect the rest of the teams in the grouping, they will do so and inform the affected coach.

Replace with:

- a) The Executive will provide to the coaches before tryouts the number of players and goalies the individual teams will be allowed to carry on these teams based on the number of registrants. If in the opinion of a majority of the Executive, a minimum roster must be set for a team so as to not adversely affect the rest of the teams in the grouping, they will do so and inform the affected coach. **Wherever possible, the minimum roster size for all competitive teams will be set at 13 skaters with a maximum of two goalies. The goal should always be to provide more players with an opportunity to play and compete at highest level possible on behalf of the organization.**
- f) A Committee consisting of the Coaches in that division shall select teams from individual registrations for each division. The Executive, when requested by the coaching staff may assist in this selection or recommend an outside source to assist with the process.

Replace with:

- f) A Tryout and Player Evaluation Committee comprised of 2 Board members and up to 3 additional members or individuals outside of the organization with no conflict of interest will be formed to finalize the roster of all representative teams in consultation with the coaching candidates or appointed Head Coach. Any costs incurred with involvement of an external evaluator, at the request of the coaching candidates or appointed Head Coach, will be an additional cost to be paid by the members of players participating in the tryout or evaluation for the relevant age category or division. A finalized roster will be submitted to the Board for approval prior to publication.**

5.7 Women's Team Regulations

- a) Women's teams play in the WOGHL during the regular season and playoff tournaments.

Replace with:

- a) Women's teams will be registered to play in either the WOGHL or LLFHL during the regular season and playoffs.**

- b) All Women's teams classified as "C" or higher may register for OWHA Provincial Playdowns in order to qualify for Provincial Championships. If an individual team decides to enter it will be the responsibility of the OWHA Director, in consultation with the coach to register with the OWHA as per the OWHA regulations.

Replace with:

- b) Division and classification of teams at all age levels will be decided by the Board in consultation with the Coaching Director, OWHA Director of Girls Hockey and appointed representative team coaches. The classification of the highest level representative team will be determined first. Registration numbers will be the primary determinant of the division or classification of teams. All girls interested in participating on a representative team must register and fully participate in the tryouts and evaluations. Division and classification of all OWHA teams will be decided after completion of the tryout/evaluation process. Classification of teams will be finalized prior to the deadline set forth by OWHA of October 1st.**

- c) **At a minimum, an effort will be made to classify at least one team at the “C” level so the team may register and qualify to participate in the OWHA Provincial Playdowns and Championships. It will be the responsibility of the OWHA Director, in consultation with the coach, to register all representative teams as per the OWHA regulations.**

Add:

- j) **Any request for reclassification of representative teams to higher or lower levels must be approved by the Board. Requests for Reclassification of a team within OWHA can be done before the season begins but no later than October 1st. After October 1st of the current season, teams will remain in their division/category as circulated unless a Request for Re-Categorization Form or a Request OWHA Team Category Review Form is received by the OWHA as an official position of a Team or Association. All requests for re-categorization of your own team and all requests for a review of another team must be submitted on the applicable OWHA Form and be submitted to the OWHA office no later than a date to be set annually by the OWHA. Refer to Regulation One – Categorization of the OWHA Handbook. No team will be allowed to re-categorize to a lower level if a team already exists at that lower level in IMHA.**
- k) **The Board will make all final decisions regarding the number of registrations for “import players” that will be accepted for our regular and representative girls hockey programs. “Import players” are girls that do not reside in the Ilderton area or that have not been previously rostered to one of our regular or representative teams in the past two (2) consecutive seasons. IMHA will make every effort to identify the number (if any) import players that will be accepted to any age group prior to the commencement of tryouts.**
- l) **Unless all registrants reside in the Ilderton area or have played the previous season with IMHA, the maximum roster size for all representative OWHA teams will be 15 skaters and 2 goalies. OWHA limits the approved roster size of all representative teams to a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goalies. House League Team are limited to 19 players, goalies do not need to be clarified for OWHA House League teams.**
- m) **New registrations to IMHA will be reviewed upon receipt and accepted pending that positions become available within the given age group regardless of geographical location.**

6 Coaches Selection

6.2 Coaches Committee

Add:

- d) **In instances where clear recommendations cannot be made by the Coaching Committee, the IMHA Executive may defer appointment of the coach until after completion of the team selection.**
- e) **If appointment of the coach is deferred, members of the Coaching Committee will assume responsibility for the completion of any time sensitive tournament registrations brought forward and agreed upon by all coaching applicants under consideration.**

6.3 Qualifications and Eligibility

- a) Coaches must be, or willing to become, certified in accordance with OMHA Manual of Operations and or the OWHA Regulations, Applicants selected will also be required to have a recommendatory Police Record Check completed before the Executive approves the coach's selection. The PRC must be completed every other year, with an Offence Declaration signed in the opposite year.

Replace with:

- a) Coaches must be, or willing to become, certified in accordance with OMHA Manual of Operations and or the OWHA Regulations, Applicants selected will also be required to have a recommendatory Police Record Check completed before the Executive approves the coach's selection. **The PRC must be completed every three years with an Offence Declaration signed in the years in between.**

7 Team Officials

7.1 Accountability

Add:

- l) All on-ice helpers must meet the following requirements: be registered and listed on an OMHA roster to play minor hockey in Ilderton, be used to demonstrate/assist but may not participate as a player in activities such as drills, game or scrimmages, be at least 2 yrs older than the oldest player on the team that they are volunteering to assist, if older than 14, completion of the online Respect in Sport (RIS) training program, if younger than 14, full equipment must be worn. Be a minimum age of 9 yrs old.**

9. Ice Scheduling

9.3 Cancelling Ice

- a) If a team cannot use its allocated ice, it is the responsibility of the team's coach/manager to inform the Ice Convenor as soon as possible who will offer it to other teams.

Replace with:

- a) If a team cannot use its allocated ice, it is the responsibility of the team's coach/manager to cancel the team's/player's practice in its entirety and to inform the Ice Convenor as soon as possible who will offer it up for use by other entire teams.**

13.3 Exhibition Games and Tournaments

Replace a) - c):

- a) All teams participating in exhibition games and tournaments inside and outside of OMHA or OWHA jurisdiction must request and obtain a travel permit for insurance purposes.**
- b) Team officials will be responsible for contacting the OMHA or OWHA Director to obtain this permit.**
- c) Teams are responsible for the payment of any costs incurred with obtaining travel permits for exhibition games or tournaments outside the jurisdiction of OMHA or OWHA.**

15 Fundraising

15.1 Purpose

Add:

- d) Fundraising Contingency Fees must be paid upfront or a post-dated cheque provided to the IMHA prior to a player stepping on the ice for tryouts, practices, or games.**
- e) Volunteers will be recruited at the beginning of the season to form a committee chaired by the co-directors of fundraising and sponsorship for IMHA.**
- f) Opportunities to earn back fundraising credits will be communicated to the membership through the website and with the assistance of volunteers on the committee.**

15.2 Parents Responsibility

Replace b):

- b) All coaches will be provided with a role-based team fundraising credit allocation table at the beginning of the season for allocation of fundraising credits to individuals that have volunteered to assist with operation of his/her team (e.g., assistant coaches, trainers, jerseys, etc).**

New c) – d):

- c) Opportunities will be provided for fundraising credits to be earned back throughout the season through volunteering your time or coordination of donations in support of planned fundraising activities and events. Individuals may not transfer their extra credits to others.**
- d) Any discrepancies in fundraising must be resolved before a parent is permitted to register their children the following season.**

17. Sponsorship

Replace:

17 Donation and Sponsorship Programs

17.1 Co-ordination

- a) The Executive shall coordinate and approve all donations and sponsorship opportunities for IMHA.**

17.2 Donations & Sponsorships

- a) Co-Directors of Sponsorship and Fundraising will be responsible for facilitating the submission of all requests for donations and sponsorships from local businesses, service clubs and foundations in consultation with President and Treasurer.**

17.3 Jersey Sponsorship Program

- a) Co-Directors of Sponsorship and Fundraising will be responsible for attracting and maintaining annual commitments for the jersey sponsorship program in consultation with the Director of Equipment and Treasurer of the association.**