



Wainfleet Minor Hockey Association Constitution

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1. Name

Article I

This organization shall be known as Wainfleet Minor Hockey Association – W.M.H.A.

2. Purpose and Objectives

Article II

- a) To encourage, promote, develop and govern hockey among boys and girls, 20 years of age and younger in the Wainfleet Arena. (Only 5 20 year olds may be used on one Juvenile team.)
- b) To protect the mutual interest of its members.
- c) To install, develop and encourage in the members of our association, the ideals of good fellowship, honesty, and integrity and good sportsmanship.
- d) To work towards uplifting the name of our association and communicating in all our meetings.

3. Membership

Article III

The membership shall be comprised of the following:

- 1. ACTIVE MEMBER: A person who:
 - a) holds a position as an elected officer on the Executive Committee of Wainfleet Minor Hockey; or
 - b) is registered on a WMHA roster as a team official; or
 - c) has registered with Wainfleet Minor Hockey but is currently playing in AAA, AA, or A centers, or are temporarily playing out of center under OMHA rule 3.5; or
 - d) is a registered player who has fully paid annual registration fees for the current hockey season; and:
 - a. is a Wainfleet resident; or
 - b. has registered and played hockey in Wainfleet for 3 consecutive hockey seasons including the current season;

Any person under 18 years of age shall exercise their vote by proxy, which proxy shall be deemed to be one of that Member's parents.

Article IV

Committee

a) Shall include:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Sponsorship

Registration

Fundraising

Referee-in-Chief

Prevention Services

Tournaments

Ice Scheduler

Timekeeper Scheduler

Development Program Co-Ordinator Parent/Team Liaison League Convenors

- b) Period of Office – Each member of the committee shall serve for a period of one year.
- c) The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on or before April 30. The date, time and place of the AGM to be posted in the Wainfleet Arena 4 weeks prior to the meeting.
- d) An elected officer may have a direct connection with any team in the association, only with the sanction of the remainder of the Committee.
- e) All appointed personnel shall be responsible to the elected Committee as a whole.
- f) Should a Committee member or personnel vacancy occur during the term of office, the Committee shall have the power to appoint another person or member to that position for a period terminating on April 29 of that season.
- g) The Committee shall have full control of the affairs of the club. A majority of Committee members at a Committee meeting will be necessary to constitute a quorum.
- h) Dismissal of any Committee member shall be by majority vote by secret ballot.

Article V

Meetings

- a) The Committee shall meet at least once every month during the playing season.
- b) A quorum at Committee meetings shall consist of no less than a majority of the Committee members holding office at the date of the meeting.
- c) All Committee meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to bring an issue to the Executive must first contact the Secretary at least one week before a scheduled meeting. Sensitive issues will be discussed in camera.

- d) Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where same conflict with the constitution or by-laws of the Association.

Operating Personnel

Article VI

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to select, through Coaching Applications, coaches for all teams. Coaches may choose their own coaching staff, including Trainer, manager and on-ice help, subject to Executive approval. Niagara District Rep coaching applications must be received prior to the AGM.

Niagara District Rep coaches will be chosen at the first meeting of the new Executive. Local League coaches will be chosen at the beginning of the new hockey season.

Disciplinary Committee

Article VII

- a) The Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President and all Convenors. The committee may act in the presence of three members.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to suspend any player, coach, assistant coach, manager or trainer whose conduct is detrimental to the best interest of the Association.
- c) Upon evidence of misconduct, a Committee member recommending suspension shall have the authority to notify the offending party or parties that suspension will be recommended.
- d) The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to bar or restrict any parent from the operating personnel.
- e) The ruling of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed, in writing, to the President within seven days after the date of the suspension. An emergency Executive Meeting will then be called to discuss the issue.

Financial Policy

Article VIII

- a) The Committee shall decide, with the recommendations of the Treasurer, all matters pertaining to the finances of the Association. All income shall be placed in the Association treasury. The Executive shall direct all expenditures in such a manner that no league team or individual will have an advantage over the other leagues, teams or individuals in the Association.
- b) The Committee shall discourage the contributions of funds to individuals or teams and shall solicit same only for the common treasury of the Association.

- c) Books will be audited annually after April 29th of each year. The Committee will approve the auditor.

Rules

Article IX

The official playing rules of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association shall be in effect. Whenever possible, the President and Vice President shall attend the AGM of the OMHA at the expense of the Association if affordable.

Constitution and By-laws

Article X

The Constitution, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Committee at any meeting. It must be as a Notice of Motion in writing and be included in the minutes of one meeting. At the following meeting the second and third reading will take place, followed by the vote