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MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

100TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

66TH ANNUAL MINOR MEETING

MAY 4TH, 2019

1) APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That the Minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting and the 65th Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

2) PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

Claudette Myre read the President’s Report from the Annual Meeting Package.

3) RECEIVING AND READING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

There were 97 present. A simple majority would require 49 votes.

4) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5) REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Included in Annual Meeting Package.



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6) READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Robin Joki of KPMG presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as outlined in the Annual Meeting Package.

Questions: None.

Operation & Budget 2018-2019

Presented by Jason Marchand.

Questions: None.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

"That we approve the Auditor's Report with the year ending June 30th, 2018."

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

"That KPMG LLP be appointed as auditors of the NOHA to hold office until the close of the next Annual General Meeting of the NOHA at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix such remuneration."

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

"To ratify and approve all acts taken by the Directors and Officers."

CARRIED



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7) MOTIONS

Housekeeping Motions

Dick Farrow: As we have done in other years, we have several Housekeeping motions in the package. On the screen are the motion numbers that are Housekeeping only.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That these be approved in a block format: motions #4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 16, 33, 34, 35.”

Dick Farrow: Before we get to the discussion, I just want to let you know that again, take a couple minutes to go through, make sure you're comfortable with that. If there are any of those that you wish to discuss, let us know, we'll have them pulled from the order, and we'll deal with the motion with those pulled. So, just take a couple minutes now to make sure you're comfortable in passing these as a block motion. Any concerns from any of those motions? Do you need more time? I don't think we have any more light. When we get to the next motions, then of course they will come up on the screen, so unfortunately in this block all of the motions are like this. Just let me know if you need more time. Our good friends from the Classic Theatre have flashlights if anybody needs them. Just put your hand up if you have any problems with them.

Del Weber, Sault Ste. Marie: Motion 18, where it says Associations and Leagues may use Certified Coaching Staff to supervise half-ice games, can we have a friendly amendment to say “Associations and Leagues, at their discretion may use Certified Coaching Staff to supervise half-ice games.”

Dick Farrow: We're going to get a response here. We're going to pull 18 out of the block. Any other concerns? Okay, the motions on the screen with the exception of 18 which is going to be pulled, moved by Sue Shepherdson, seconded by Ted Zajac. All those in favour?

CARRIED

Dick Farrow: So 18 is going back in, and we're back to number 1.

1. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 21 – NOHA By-Law 1.1.C

Presently Reads:

“**Age Subdivision**” means the age groups within Divisions such as Major Midget, Minor Midget, Major Bantam, Minor Bantam, Major Peewee, Minor Peewee, Major Atom, Minor Atom, and Major Novice;



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Change to Read:

“Age Subdivision” means the age groups within Divisions such as Major Midget, Minor Midget, Major Bantam, Minor Bantam, Major Pee wee, Minor Pee wee, Major Atom, Minor Atom, and Major Novice, **and Minor Novice;**

Rationale:

Some Associations have rostered their teams with first year players only, but they’ve been registered with the NOHA as Major Novice. Adding Minor Novice allows Associations who wish to do so, to register their teams accordingly, while also allowing their players to benefit from half ice programming for the full season.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Dan Raycroft, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

2. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 22 – NOHA By-Law 1.1.K

Presently Reads:

“Categories” means a Centre’s level of competition, or in instances, teams within a Centre.
Example: D, C, CC, B, BB, A, AA, AAA.

Change to Read:

“Categories” means a Centre’s level of competition, or in instances, teams within a Centre.
Example: D, C, CC, B, BB, A, AA, AAA.

Rationale:

The NOHA has not had a “D” Tournament of Champions in several years; this change would move all “D” Associations to “C”. Regulation 3.1.a) would be updated as well if approved.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive

Shawn Essery, Powassan: How many Associations does this actually affect?



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Kiersten Maitland, NOHA Office Manager: Two or three.

CARRIED

3. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 28 – NOHA By-Law 6.1.b)

Presently Reads:

There shall be an additional and separate AGM meeting for Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams on the Friday night of the AGM weekend. The Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams shall prepare their own Agenda and handle any and all issues as they see fit and otherwise in accordance with the spirit and intent of the provisions of this By-Law.

Change to Read:

Delete.

Rationale:

Due to conflicts between the NOHA Annual General Meeting and the Dudley Hewitt Cup, this meeting has not taken place in recent years. Issues that arise are dealt with between the NOJHL and NOHA on an as-needed basis.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive

Albert Corradini, Great North Midget League: I'm just wondering whether I understand if the spirit of this is removing the AGM in its entirety? Junior Hockey holds a level of responsibility to hold their own AGM, is this the same?

Bryce Kulik, Life Member: The NOJHL right now holds their own AGM, and I have no problem with this motion.

Albert Corradini, Great North Midget League: Except that this removes the responsibility to hold an AGM. I understand it, but this motion means there is no responsibility to put on that AGM. Or am I misreading that?



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Bryce Kulik, Life Member: All this motion means is that we're no longer having it the first weekend.

Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive: It's not the responsibility to have the AGM, just the timing of that AGM.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: There's nothing in there now requiring them to do that.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: So as Sam explained it, in the end this meeting has taken place during the AGM weekend. We don't have in our book that it's a requirement for all the Associations to have an AGM, this was a separate meeting where the last one we held because of those conflicts was 2015, and it was based on items that were issues of the day, so it's not saying the NOJHL isn't having an AGM, it's just that there won't be a League and NOHA meeting at the AGM weekend.

Chris May, Life Member: If I can shed some light on the issue, I'm not sure with all the changes in the book, but there used to be a specific item dealing with Junior hockey in the NOHA Constitution. It used to be in the book, this dealt with Junior Hockey only, for example registration fees.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Yes, that's still in there.

Chris May, Life Member: The Junior AGM was held on the Friday or Saturday with the NOHA Board of Directors, plus the Teams got together to discuss any issues of the NOHA Constitution, so my understanding of what this does, it now removes the Junior part of the book so the Minor Teams can now vote on Junior issues, that's my understanding of what this says. It's got nothing to do with whether the NOJHL is going to have an annual meeting, that's their responsibility, that's their constitution.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Well, certainly it doesn't restrict Junior Teams from coming to this meeting. If it's removed, it just removes the responsibility to have a meeting at this time.

Chris May, Life Member: I haven't studied the book since 2013, but any Junior issue now that's within the Constitution previously was dealt with at the Junior Hockey Meeting. The Board would report at this meeting that a Junior motion passed, so for example, registration fees for Junior hockey went up a few years ago, that issue was dealt with at the Junior meeting. Now all those issues, from my understanding in reading this, if we wanted to increase Junior Hockey registration to \$5,000 a Team, it would be addressed here, at this meeting, not a separate meeting.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Correct.

Bryce Kulik, Life Member: I agree 100% with Chris.



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Albert Corradini, Great North Midget League: So to reiterate, I guess the question becomes when would their changes from their June AGM be brought to this Membership and would we be voting on changes that they've made at their AGM in June? So we would essentially be able to pass motions on our own without their involvement at this meeting? So again, I'm not certain the spirit of the motion matches what we're trying to accomplish for all parties.

DEFEATED

4. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 55 – NOHA Regulation 1.1.d

Presently Reads:

Each Association/Team/League must submit two (2) copies of their current Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations and current list of Board of Directors before membership will be granted.

Change to Read:

Each Association/Team/League must submit two (2) copies a hard copy or PDF of their current Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations, and current list of Board of Directors before membership will be granted.

Rationale:

Housekeeping – current practice. Included PDF as an electronic copy and would only require one copy of Constitution from each Association/Team/League.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

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5. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 56 – NOHA Regulation 1.1.1

Presently Reads:

Where there is only one club for which the player is eligible in the community, a change in management shall not be interpreted to mean that the club has ceased to operate.

Change to Read:

Where there is only one club Team for which the player is eligible in the community, a change in management shall not be interpreted to mean that the club Association/Single Entry Team has ceased to operate.

Rationale:

Housekeeping. To ensure wording consistency throughout the book.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED

6. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Pages 58-59 – NOHA Regulation 3.1.a

Presently Reads:

The NOHA shall have divisions, sub-divisions, and categories classified from high to low in the following order:

Senior A

Junior A and B

Juvenile AAA, AA, A, B, C and D

Juvenile to Novice BB, CC, if applicable

Midget AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D

Bantam AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D

Pewee AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D



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Atom AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D

Novice AA, A, B, C, and D

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Population figures for each series used as thumb rule only, are approximately as follows: "AAA" - Open; "AA" - over 35,000; "A" - 10,000-35,000; "B" - 5000-10,000; "C" - 3000-5000; "D" - under 3000.

The NOHA Board of Directors will revisit classification for all associations every five years.

Where a change of classification is being considered, due notice will be provided to the member association and consultation made by the NOHA Board of Directors.

An Association, or Single Entry team will be allowed to enter a second team into a category of a lower classification than guided by that Association's classification, with the approval of the NOHA Executive.

Requests from Associations to change classifications of teams outside of the five-year time frame must be presented with all pertinent information to the NOHA Board of Directors by September 1 of any given season.

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Rationale:

To remove the "D" classification. The NOHA has not had a "D" Tournament of Champions in a few years, so this change would move all "D" Associations to "C" for the purpose of classification.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive

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Pewee AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D

Atom AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D

Novice AA, A, B, C, and D Tier 1 and Tier 2

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Rationale:



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In December, 2018, the NOHA sent out a proposal to Associations in which the terminology and structure of how the Novice division would change for the 2019/2020 season. Based on feedback received, the majority of Associations who have responded are in support of this change and a number of Associations within the NOHA already structured their Novice program in this manner, which is based on limited streaming at the ages of 7 and 8, allowing like-skilled players to play against one another, and minimizing costs to families (time and travel costs) by promoting local and regional play.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive

Shawn Essery, Powassan: Where is the breakdown for Tier 1 and Tier 2, is it population, skill level?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Ultimately we sent out correspondence in December or early January to each Association to explain how things may change. Quite frankly, in your case, you have this structure already in place, so there are no changes there. Most areas are already doing this, and that's why we went for it. I think the NDHL is a model to strive for based on that philosophy. From your end, no changes.

Scott Rienguette, Nickel City: I'm curious for how this will affect us starting our Novice program?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Again, we sent out correspondence back in December to explain it, but within the Greater Sudbury Area or District Two, again, no changes in that way. Essentially for Nickel City, your specific example, I believe you had three Novice A Teams, so those are your Tier 1 Teams.

Jacques Vincent, Rayside Balfour: We still do a Tier 1 and Tier 2 within our Associations, is that correct?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Internally, in the end, yes, because you do want like-skilled players playing against each other, so if you have an internal League, you can essentially call it what you want, which a lot of groups do already, but the idea is that you have the like-skilled players playing against each other.

Jacques Vincent, Rayside Balfour: So if we mix them up we can call them Tier 1 or Tier 1 and Tier 2?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: For internal play, for sure.



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Thom Foster, ALLIANCE: Just a typo, if you scroll back to “Change to Read”, all the “Ds” are left, and the wording, so if you’re going to approve it, that will need to be removed.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: So, an Association like us, we have a Rep program and a House League program, how do we distinguish this? Our Rep is Tier 1 and House League Tier 2?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Exactly, in the case of the City of Sudbury, basically the programming in place, your Rep is Tier 1, and House is Tier 2.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: We operate a AA program and an A program, so now both of these would be Tier 1 calibre? It doesn’t make sense.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: In the end, your AA and A, the idea is instead of having a AA and two other A teams, that they would be split up equally.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: So would they operate Rep Novice Teams of all equal caliber?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: That’s the idea, again it’s providing equal competition and essentially working together to provide that equal competition.

Jamie Costello, Porcupine: So does this mean there will still be the Tournament of Champions at A, B, and C?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: That’s one of the motions later today.

Jamie Costello, Porcupine: So what does that mean?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: In the end, the Hockey Canada information refers to no Championships at the end of the season. There are opportunities for end of season events, but that’s for discussion later.

Jamie Costello, Porcupine: This motion, though, what would it mean? Let’s say you card yourself for just tournaments?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: No, you wouldn’t card yourself for anything, it would be either a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 Team.

Jamie Costello, Porcupine: So we’re just a little confused, where are you in the food chain?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: I don’t know if there’s a disconnect in terms of the documentation that we distributed, but we explained what the impact would be for each Association, and I don’t recall specifically what it would be for Porcupine, but I believe, given the current structure in the City of Timmins, there would be no real change, just Rep is Tier 1, and House is Tier 2.



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Jamie Nelson, Englehart: Primarily we're a House League Association, so my understanding is we would be considered Tier 2 only, is that correct?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: One thing I remiss in mentioning, I know there are areas that do work together, so where there are multiple opportunities for competition, internally there is opportunity when working together with Kirkland Lake and Temiskaming Shores, for example, if Temiskaming Shores has two or three Tier 1 level Teams based on their evaluations, and Englehart feels they have one, they could compete equally with those Teams specifically.

Jamie Nelson, Englehart: I guess part of my question is, if I'm a House League Tier or Tier 2, and I field a Tier 1 team and I go to a tournament, I'm playing Tier 1 against potentially Sudbury Minor Hockey or Sault Minor Hockey, who have a significant increase in the number of players available, so is there a structure that can be in place to accommodate more than just the two levels here?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: I think, seeing what groups did before games went to full-ice this year, it's about working together and figuring out where teams fit. I know, speaking locally and working with John at the start of last year, he worked to try to make things fit so the competition was equal, so in terms of planning an event, there's need for communication and trying to make sure the Teams fit.

Jamie Nelson, Englehart: Just to add to that question, this is primarily focused on January 15th on, or pre-January 15th? Is this tiering system geared toward when full-ice integration happens?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It's for the whole season, again, when we sent out the documentation, it was about working together, equally skilled players playing against one another, and also the travel aspect, so there are a lot of opportunities that currently exist where this is happening, but there are others where they're not and Teams are traveling two hours to play a hockey game, and in the end, we have opportunities from our discussions that IP/Novice is your entry-point, and this is an opportunity to keep costs down so families that may not be too keen on traveling can stay involved.

Sheena Daviau, Kirkland Lake: I just wanted to add to what Jamie was saying. We had started the season off with two tiers, but after the first or second game day we had, we split into three tiers, so Tier 1 was more rep-style players, and the Tier 2 and 3 were House League, where you had your stronger House League in Tier 2 and other players down in Tier 3, so it was easier for Associations but also for House League to have that option.



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Yves Lalonde, Valley East: When you go to card the Teams Tier 1 or Tier 2, we're only a House League Association, so will our Tier 1 Teams be asked to play Copper Cliff or Sudbury Tier 1 Rep system?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Again, within the City of Sudbury, the structure that currently exists wouldn't change, so your House League organizations would be Tier 2, and internally you can tier further to provide that equal competition, which is the end goal.

Yves Lalonde, Valley East: Will it be defined as Tier 1 Rep and Tier 2 House League? Will there be some definition that states at the Rep level and the House League level?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: We distributed that to the Associations back in December to say what you would be based on what you currently do or don't do. We can definitely further clarify, but we did try to explain this when we sent out that information to each of the Associations, and there can be further clarification on internal programming.

Yves Lalonde, Valley East: I think a clarification would probably be best in Sudbury. I read the report sent back to you, but we were clearly defining only what we do internally as Tier 1 and Tier 2, but if Tier 1 has to go up against the Rep system, we would have to eliminate Tier 1 at the House League level.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: We don't specify, we just say House League right now, and you further tier that, so there wouldn't be any changes in how you do this.

Yves Lalonde, Valley East: What's the rest of the Province doing on this? If there is an error made somehow and they go to a tournament, we don't want these Teams to be embarrassed, either, right?

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: So the answer to this question, what the rest of the Province does, so say one of our AA Teams goes to a tournament in Ottawa, they'd put us into a AAA category because they say we play the highest caliber in our area. I want to know what the rest of the Province is doing, and if our AA Team goes to a tournament in Toronto, what are they going to play at?

Phil McKee, OHF Executive Director: We, in terms of the OHF are looking at the language and working with the Members on the new terminology of tiering. I know the Alliance and GTHL currently don't have AAA/AA/A at Novice, they have tiered hockey, different levels of tiered hockey, but they don't use the terminology AAA/AA/A. MD is the highest level. The OMHA does currently have AAA, but that is an issue under discussion for the OHF overall what terminology to use. The key in this from the role perspective is that you're to tier players and get like-minded players playing like-minded players. The concept behind that, though, is that you might have multiple teams at one tier, and you know caliber-wise where you're at, and collaboratively we work within the Member Partners to identify what tiers Teams are in, so when they're in



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tournaments, they can compete. Just as your AA team in one Member of Ontario is different from a team in another Member of Ontario, currently our terminology isn't consistent today, and we see that all the time in tournaments, so the concept put forward is tiering, and that's what the Novice Player Pathway talks about is tiering with like-skilled players with like-skilled players, but that's the basis from behind it, so regardless of what you use for terminology, you'll still have to figure out if that caliber of hockey is going to be able to compete against another Team across the Province of Ontario, because Tier 1/ Tier 2/ Tier 3, A/AA/AAA, A/A/B, they're all different across the Province.

Andrew MacDonald, Nickel Centre: I want to ask in relationship to the letters that were sent out to the Association, how many first responded to it?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: There are, I believe, eleven or twelve who responded, nine of them in writing said they were in support, there are two that said they wanted to continue Rep programming for different reasons, and over conversations with others I've talked to, it's not in writing, so we can't really do much there, but they were in support of the idea given that it's essentially what most places are already doing.

Andrew MacDonald, Nickel Centre: The reason I ask the question is because if you use the Sudbury area as an example, we in that area have three different programs that operate, which is the Rep side, and then we have a working relationship between Sudbury Minor Hockey and Nickel Centre, and then we have Walden, Rayside, Onaping, Espanola, and Massey, and also the Valley East program. So, there alone you have four different thought processes that are going on, and with identifying your Tier 1 and Tier 2, the idea is putting like-minded players working together, the problem is that when most people go outside of their area, and like Phil addressed it, everyone is different, the hard part is for people to understand it based on the old format, which is when we're talking about A, AA, House League, and stuff like that, in relationship to what this new one will be, and I think for people who don't understand it, it's almost like we'd have to have a flow chart to show them, here's what previous was to what this new idea will be. Because for example, in our Association last year, we had a lot of stronger kids that came back into the Novice program whereas for Sudbury and Copper Cliff, they iced a lot more Tier 1 Teams, which took a lot of those kids, because our situation in District 2, because we have the one Association representing all Rep, not necessarily all the parents want to go to that level of hockey, so we're going to end up with a disproportionate amount of kids moving back to Tier 2, and it's identifying how that works, because again for us, because we interact with other Associations that are Tier 1 and Tier 2 with Rep, for us Tier 1 and Tier 2 within House League is not as easy. So that makes it very difficult for people to understand this concept, unless you have kind of a flow chart idea to explain it better.



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Greg Robinson, Iroquois Falls: In our Association we usually host two Teams who want to be “Rep B”, then there would be a House League. Would it be up to the Associations to decide that Tier 1 and Tier 2, or would it be decided by population?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It wouldn’t be decided by population, necessarily, but it would be decided on a number of factors, such as opportunities to play against other organizations or other teams, and number of players within the Association, so I believe based on the correspondence we sent to Iroquois Falls and Cochrane, the idea was to work together there, and in the past you’ve had the Rep and House League, but the idea is to broaden the base of the players and split them equally, essentially, as opposed to identifying at the ages of seven and eight your top fifteen players, and splitting those fifteen players among two Teams and split them up equally instead of identifying your top players and putting them all on one Team.

Greg Robinson, Iroquois Falls: What issue you might see is we have players who want to play and excel, and you have players that are there just for fun, so if we’ve got half the players who are there to work hard, and half the players there just for fun, I don’t know if that’s really beneficial toward smaller Associations.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: In the end, the idea is that those players who want to excel, as you mentioned, are playing just those two Teams together against one another, and then the kids who may not be in that position are playing against one another, so that’s the idea of the whole thing, keeping in mind, that’s the purpose of the program.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: Maybe this is something we should push off until it’s uniform across the Province so we can make a decision ourselves on Tier 1 or Tier 2. The OHF should have a decision and a flow chart. If one Association has Tier 1 and wants to play Sudbury, is that going to be fair for Tier 1 Teams? It makes no sense at all.

Shawn Essery, Powassan: Just as a clarification, all we’re doing with Tier 1 and Tier 2 is essentially putting onus onto the Associations to determine what level they’re going to play at?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: In most cases, that is the case, and in most cases there is no change to the structure, quite honestly, and there’s no change to the philosophy that started last year, so I would say, yeah, in that case, it is the onus on the Association and the Coach to ensure it all works.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive

CARRIED



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Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: Point of Order, please? You said there were how many delegates?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: There are 97 possible voting delegates. We've had this discussion before and what we have said is it is the majority of those voting delegates that vote.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: Is that what Robert's Rules of Order States? Isn't it 50% plus one?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: This is not the first time we've gone through this. We have 46 in favour, and we have 37 opposed.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: Okay, so Point of Order again, so I could bring my whole Board here, which is 23 people, and I could register them all to vote? So then, I have 23 votes that would count against anything?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: If there are 100 Voting Delegates, and you have 51 in favour, then it's going to carry.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: So I just send them all home, and then they're recorded for no reason.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: I understand, I think everyone does understand, so my ruling is that the Motion is Carried. That's my ruling. If you wish to Challenge the Chair, I'm okay with that, too.

Michael Creasey, Copper Cliff: I'll Challenge the Chair.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, so we're going to have a vote on the ruling of the Chair, and so the two options will be do you support the Chair, or do you not support the Chair? If you support the Chair, we will continue on with the ruling the way it is, if you don't support the Chair, I'm okay with that because I can have an early lunch.

Motion to Support the Chair

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8. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 3.1.h

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

Applications for new Representative Teams (excluding AAA) must be submitted to the NOHA by May 1st to be eligible for competition for the following season.

Rationale:

All new teams must be approved by the NOHA Board of Directors. This will allow the Board to approve all new Teams earlier. With all Rep Teams known by May, the NOHA will also be able to provide clarification on which releases a player requires to play outside of their home Association.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Gayle Payette, NOHA Executive

Matt Duquette, West Ferris: So it's saying by May 1st. If we put in applications to this prior to that, will we get answers, or is this going to be the deadline and all Teams will be known after May 1st?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: There wouldn't be any changes to how we currently operate, so the May 1st date ties in well with this meeting, so it gives us the opportunity to deal with them very quickly.

Tammy Simpson, Sudbury: I just have a question with regard to this date. If we start going to Fall tryouts, and we don't know which Teams we're going to Host May 1st, do we have the ability to then apply later, or do we have to apply for every Team at the Rep level and then ask for a Leave of Absence after we know for sure which Teams we're going to run?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: There are two options. In the past, the Board has granted exceptions from dates, so there is that opportunity, the other opportunity is to apply for those Teams, and if you don't have the interest by that date, then you can request a Leave of Absence which is currently in our book.



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Tammy Simpson, Sudbury: To apply and pay for a Team takes quite a bit of time, and if we're applying for a bunch of Teams, and then end up asking for Leave of Absences for another chunk of Teams, that's a large amount of the Association's money that's going to take a while to get back.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: I guess it can, Tammy, but in the end you're going to have an idea based on what you currently have as your participation base, mostly at the Rep level because they're typically players who have played before, so you're going to have an idea of whether or not you're going to be able to form that Team, at least an educated guess, and subsequently if we're talking about Fall tryouts, by September you'll know, so there are obviously administration timeframes that might take a little bit longer, but in the end if you know you're not going to have a Team, then we can deal with that.

Greg Robinson, Iroquois Falls: How is this going to affect as far as Atom Teams go, we want to have tryouts in September. For Associations to know how many Teams they're going to have at a Rep level versus a House level, how are we going to be able to decide that before we have tryouts, and as I was seeing this morning at the presentation, it's going to be changing all the way up to Pee wee and Bantam in the coming years as well.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It would be the same process I previously explained, you're going to have an idea of where players are at from the previous season, so in the end, this allows us and, talk about the participant, it allows us to tell someone that a player needs a release from, example Iroquois Falls to go to Porcupine or whatever the case may be, as opposed to saying they're okay to go and then you decide to form a Team and then they have to come back. Based on our rules, they have to come back.

Greg Robinson, Iroquois Falls: So it'll be, we'll apply for a Rep Team, and if we can't host it, apply for Leave of Absence?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Correct.

Jeff Edwards, Blind River: How does moving the deadline to May provide clarification on which releases a player is required? Releases are releases, regardless of the date, aren't they?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It's to allow us to be able to tell individuals. It's usually around this time we start getting those kinds of questions, perhaps a little bit earlier, but in the end it also ties in as I mentioned before to Matt's question, it ties in to being able to make that decision in a timely fashion if it is submitted on May 1st.

Kiersten Maitland, NOHA Staff: The idea behind this was that we were getting applications for new Teams in August or July and Teams were having tryouts in April, and we have no clarification



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on which releases a player may require, so some Associations don't offer Rep programming, so those players have to first go to the closest Rep Centre in order to play Rep hockey, and if they want to go elsewhere, they have to get a release from there, so if we don't have clarification on which Associations are planning on running Teams, we can't give a correct answer on where a parent would need a release from or where to play, so by moving up the date just for new Teams, it just allows us to better give information to parents, so the information is clear and there is consistency for where releases would be required for play. As far as the question about fees goes, there is no motion to change the fees schedule, so the fees would still be due September 1st for Rep Teams, this application only applies to the actual submission of the application for a new Team. It doesn't affect any existing Teams; if you had a Team in the previous season, we assume you will have it in the next season unless we get a Leave of Absence request or you tell us otherwise.

Scott Rienguette, Nickel City: So Jason, for us, it would be no different? Okay.

CARRIED

9. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 61 – NOHA Regulation 4.1.a

Presently Reads:

An Association/Single Entry Team may operate a team in one or more of the divisions or categories conducted by the Association. An Association/Single Entry Team may consist and have teams in no more than the following divisions or categories:
Senior, Junior "A", Junior "B" or Junior "C", Juvenile, Midget, Minor Midget, Bantam, Minor Bantam, Peewee, Minor Peewee, Atom, Minor Atom, Novice and Initiation.

Change to Read:

An Association/Single Entry Team may operate a team in one or more of the divisions or categories conducted by the Association. An Association/Single Entry Team may consist and have teams in no more than the following divisions or categories:
Senior, Junior "A", Junior "B" or Junior "C", Juvenile, **Major** Midget, Minor Midget, **Major** Bantam, Minor Bantam, **Major** Peewee, Minor Peewee, **Major** Atom, Minor Atom, **Major** Novice, **Minor Novice**, and Initiation.

Rationale:

Some Associations have rostered their teams with first year players only, but they've been registered with the NOHA as Major Novice. Adding Minor Novice allows Associations who wish



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to do so, to register their teams accordingly, while also allowing their players to benefit from half ice programming for the full season. A housekeeping change is proposed as well to be consistent with the NOHA By-Laws.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Derek Byrnes, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

10. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 69 – NOHA Regulation 5.1.3.a

Presently Reads:

Each Player registering with the NOHA shall have to option to wear an intra-oral mouth guard during all on-ice activities as long as a full face mask is worn. Should the player elect to wear an intro-oral mouth guard, it must conform to the specifications set out by the NOHA and is approved as suitable for use by the Team's Trainer.

Specifications:

- Be of any colour
- Not be clear or translucent in colour
- Be of one-piece construction
- Be easily sized by the participant or the participant's parents
- Be of an even thickness from the front to the back of the device
- Engage the biting surface of all of the teeth of the upper jaw and the lower jaw
- Maintain alignment of the upper and lower jaw in a neutral position
- Be able to be attached externally to the face mask or shield, or be form fitted or custom fitted to the teeth
- In the case of non-contact play will provide not less than one (1) millimeter of shock absorbent thickness
- In the case of contact play will provide not less than two (2) millimeters of shock absorbent thickness between the teeth of the upper and lower jaw of a Player.



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- Be able to be attached externally to the face mask or shield, or be form fitted or custom fitted to the teeth

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President: I think we all understand the premise is to ensure player safety at all times. So, the mouth guard will impact that by insuring the reduction of gaining a concussion is reduced, and of course for obvious reasons, let's protect their teeth, let's protect their oral health, and so that's why we're supportive of this for player safety benefits.

Adam Speck, Sudbury: Where did you guys get the evidence in that?

Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President: We can find research to support anything we want to support in a positive way. I think that being a mother that has had a child go through hockey, it was very beneficial for him to wear a mouth guard all through and just to be as proactive as possible, because we're here for kids' safety on the ice, and making sure they're safe. Do we have specific stats with us here? No, we don't, but like I said, we can find research to support anything we want to go in our favour. What we're focused on today is player safety.



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Adam Speck, Sudbury: I understand that, but when we approach Atom hockey or Initiation hockey, it's tough when you have to approach a five, six, seven-year-old kid with a mouth guard. So how are you supposed to communicate properly with those younger levels?

Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President: So you're talking about your communication with them, or them communicating back?

Adam Speck, Sudbury: Them communicating back.

Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President: Well, if you're stopping and you're talking to them, hopefully they can find that time during practice. You're not going to stop them during game play.

Adam Speck, Sudbury: Okay, so if a five or six-year-old kid takes a mouth guard out, they have to take their mask off and gloves off in order to put it back in.

Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President: So we could probably spin this many ways here today, but again, safety is what we're concerned about.

Matt Lind, Temiskaming Shores: In regard to safety, I had a situation in Initiation years ago with young girls, where they mouth guard fell out and was lodged in her throat. We were lucky to get it out in time, as she was choking, but in the younger groups, I see it as a safety hazard, not a safety benefit.

Yves Beaudry, Valley East: I guess two years ago when I was removed, there was actually a doctor who said there was stats that showed concussions were related to it. Now it seems the spin has been put on dental injuries. Are there actual numbers from the NOHA you guys have over the past two years as to how many forms were filled?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Jason says there's no stats available.

Jacques Vincent, Rayside Balfour: Just a comment. In our Association, we have had no reports of any concussion or teeth problems due to not having mouth guards. Actually, our parents were really pleased that mouth guards were taken away. There's a lot of cost involved, and I know there's a bit of safety, but there's nothing at all in our Association of resulting injuries.

Kassi Irvine, Iroquois Falls: I do agree sometimes with mouth guards, especially with the older kids, but with the younger kids, I work with them often, I have three boys in hockey, it's like he said, more choking hazard, the kids are chewing on them, I've had to pull pieces out of kids' mouths. I've seen over the last eight years or more, for me, more choking hazards with mouth guards, especially with the younger kids, not so much the older kids, I just don't agree with mouth guards, and was happy when we said it was an option. I've had kids that were crying because it's more of a hassle for most kids.



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Diane Langdon, Coniston: Is it possible to put in a friendly amendment? Because we have witnessed children choking at the Tyke level on these, we have witnessed not being able to communicate with the children at that level, however, Pee wee and up, I think we would be remiss to not recognize there are some benefits to it. There are stats that prove that certain instances, if they're monitored, will be effective against concussions.

DEFEATED

11. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 5.1.4.f

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

Notwithstanding the above, the President of the NOHA or their designate may consider other requests for a replacement goaltender at their discretion.

Rationale:

The NOHA has received a number of request for the permission to use a replacement goaltender for reasons other than described in Regulation 5.1.4. Adding this to the regulation will allow the NOHA President to consider these requests.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Derek Byrnes, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

12. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 71 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.i

Presently Reads:

Initiation and Novice teams must have at least one (1) Coach with Intro to Coach Qualification for every eight (8) registered players. Teams with a minimum of two (2) qualified Coaches may register on-ice volunteers, who will have Respect in Sport Activity Leader or Speak Out and meet the Criminal Record Check requirements of the NOHA.



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Change to Read:

Initiation and Novice teams must have at least one (1) Coach with Coach 1 – Intro to Coach Qualification for every eight (8) registered players. The Hockey University – Online Coach 1/Coach 2 must be taken as a prerequisite to the Coach 1-Intro Coach Clinic.

Teams with a minimum of two (2) qualified Coaches may register on-ice volunteers, who will have Respect in Sport Activity Leader or Speak Out and meet the Criminal Record Check requirements of the NOHA.

Rationale:

Housekeeping. Consistent wording with the eHockey portal and Hockey Canada Registry; intended to make it less confusing for volunteers.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED

13. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 71 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.iv

Presently Reads:

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who Coach Atom Representative Teams, and Atom to Midget House League Teams must be Coach Level "Trained". All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who are Development 1 "Trained" as of May, 2015 will be grandfathered to Coach Level "Trained".

Change to Read:

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who Coach Atom Representative Teams, and Atom to Midget House League Teams must be **have Coach 2** – Coach Level "Trained".

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who are Development 1 "Trained" as of May, 2015 will be grandfathered to Coach Level "Trained".

Rationale:

Housekeeping. Consistent wording with the eHockey portal and Hockey Canada Registry; intended to make it less confusing for volunteers.



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Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED

14. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 72 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.vi

Presently Reads:

All Coaches that are required to be Development 1 “Certified” for their Team to be approved must complete the Development 1 Workbook and the Make Ethical Decisions – Online Evaluation by December 1 of the current season. The Development 1 Workbook is to be submitted to the NOHA Office. Upon completion of the Development 1 Workbook and the Make Ethical Decisions – Online Evaluation, the NOHA, in conjunction with will organize a Development 1 Field Evaluation for the Coach.

Change to Read:

All Head Coaches that are required to be Development 1 “Certified” for their Team to be approved must complete the Development 1 Workbook and the Make Ethical Decisions – Online Evaluation by December 1 of the current season. The Development 1 Workbook is to be submitted to the NOHA Office. Upon completion of the Development 1 Workbook and the Make Ethical Decisions – Online Evaluation, the NOHA, in conjunction with the Head Coach, the Minor Hockey Association and the Field Evaluator, will organize a Development 1 Field Evaluation for the Head Coach.

Rationale:

Housekeeping. Fixed a broken sentence in the book.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED



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15. –SUBMITTED BY SUDBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Pages 73-77 – NOHA Regulation 6

Presently Reads:

6.0 RESIDENCE/RELEASE

6.1 Residence

- a) In all divisions and categories above Minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.
- b) A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team entered for which he/she is qualified to play.
- c) Players must be a bona-fide resident of the city, town, municipality, police village, rural area, or zone by November 1st in any playing season.
- d) Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, and Peewee AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone divisions will be the districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a zone may request an NOHA permission to skate/release form from the signing officers of the Association or Single-Entry team holding his/her playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the Zone. The NOHA permission to skate/release form carries an automatic release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA club. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA club outside his/her zone.
- e) The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association or Single-Entry Team shall submit verifiable proof of residency, in writing, to the NOHA Executive Director. In the case of disputed residency, the ruling of the President shall be final.
- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Where a Team has been registering Players from a neighbouring municipality and the acceptance of a new entry from a third municipality prevents such Players from qualifying by residence, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to declare which Players qualify under the residence rule (minor hockey only).
- h) A Player resident in a community which is not represented by an Association/Single Entry Team having a Team entered in a division in which he/she is eligible to play, may, if there is more than one Team or more than one community with Teams for which he/she is eligible, near his/her residence, choose which Team he/she wishes to join. However, this choice is only available if the



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difference in distance between his/her residence, over a well-maintained road/highway to the two or more communities does not exceed eight (8) kilometres and is only applicable to cities, towns, municipalities and police villages that are not listed in the NOHA Definitions. Such Players shall continue to belong to the Association/Single Entry Team chosen until properly released.

6.2 Releases

6.2.1 General

- a) The final date for releasing all Players shall be January 10th in any playing season. All releases must be entered in the HCR by Midnight on January 10th. Players who have been released as of this date are able to register with another Team until February 10th, per R.5.1.1.j.
- b) A Player wishing to register to play for a Team in another Association within the NOHA may do so with a release from his or her home Association.
- c) A Player may play for a Team other than R.6.2.1.b) if the Player receives a signed NOHA permission to skate/release form, in which case the Player may play for the Team named on the form. The permission to skate/release form must be attached in the HCR to the Player's record. A Player who is released is only released to the Team named on the form.
- d) If the Team is a Minor-aged Team and the Player is of Minor-age, then the Player returns to his Association after the season is completed. If the Team is a Major-aged Team and the Player is of Minor-age, then the Player returns to his Association after he has completed his Major season. To return to his habitual residence after his Minor year a Player requires a release from the current Team. It must not be construed as having altered the original residence of the Player and it shall be filed with the Executive Director of the NOHA.
- e) The NOHA permission to skate/release form will only be an automatic release when the Player receives the signature of either one of the signing officers for the Association/Single Entry Team for which the Player is a member. Forms must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR.
- f) A Player shall cease to be a member of an Association/Single Entry Team under the following circumstances:
 - i. When a Player is released by the Association/Single Entry Team, such release being in writing by the President and Secretary of the Association/Single Entry Team.
 - ii. When the Player is not over 18 years of age and resides with his parents or legal guardian, and the parents or legal guardian change their place of residence and Player then continues to reside with his parents or legal guardian.
 - iii. When a Player is a member of any branch of the permanent military forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



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iv. When the Player is a full-time employee since May 1st of the current year or has entered employment at the end of the scholastic year and is moved by his/her employer and continues in their employ.

Players referred to in the above Regulation (6.2.1.f) shall not be required to comply with the residence date of November 1st but must establish residence before being allowed to register and shall maintain such residence to remain eligible.

g) In Minor hockey, where a Player has signed with an Association's affiliated higher division or category Team and the higher Team wishes to transfer the said Player to the lower division or category Team, provided that the Player is of age for that division or category, that this be allowed provided the Player has not played after January 10th in the same season and was released on January 10.

h) A Player living in a municipality not represented by a Team in a division for which the Player is eligible, is automatically released from the Team for which the Player played the previous season when a new entry is received closer to the Player's residence.

i) Any Players whose name appears in the Referee's report shall be deemed to be a member of the Team and shall be ineligible to register on any other Team during the current season, unless properly released.

j) A Player who has been released to play in a higher age division outside of their home Association/Single Entry Team, must return to his home Association/Single Entry Team upon reaching the required age. He may request a release from his home Association/Single Entry Team at that time.

k) No Association shall charge an administration fee for releases. Any Association that does so will be suspended by the NOHA Board.

Change to Read:

6.0 RESIDENCE/RELEASE

6.1 Residence

a) In all divisions and categories above Minor hockey, and all levels of rep minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.

~~b) A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team entered for which he/she is qualified to play.~~

c) Players must be a bona-fide resident of the city, town, municipality, police village, rural area, or zone by November 1st in any playing season.



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~~d) Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, and Pee wee AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone divisions will be the districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.~~

~~A Player from within a zone may request an NOHA permission to skate/release form from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry team holding his/her playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the Zone. The NOHA permission to skate/release form carries an automatic release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA club. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA club outside his/her zone.~~

e) The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association or Single-Entry Team shall submit verifiable proof of residency, in writing, to the NOHA Executive Director. In the case of disputed residency, the ruling of the President shall be final.

f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).

~~g) Where a Team has been registering Players from a neighbouring municipality and the acceptance of a new entry from a third municipality prevents such Players from qualifying by residence, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to declare which Players qualify under the residence rule (minor hockey only).~~

h) A Player resident in a community which is not represented by an Association/Single Entry Team having a Team entered in a division in which he/she is eligible to play, may, if there is more than one Team or more than one community with Teams for which he/she is eligible, near his/her residence, choose which Team he/she wishes to join. However, this choice is only available if the difference in distance between his/her residence, over a well-maintained road/highway to the two or more communities does not exceed eight (8) kilometres and is only applicable to cities, towns, municipalities and police villages that are not listed in the NOHA Definitions. Such Players shall continue to belong to the Association/Single Entry Team chosen until properly released.

6.2 Releases

6.2.1 General

a) The final date for releasing all Players shall be January 10th in any playing season. All releases must be entered in the HCR by Midnight on January 10th. Players who have been released as of this date are able to register with another Team until February 10th, per R.5.1.1.j.

~~b) A Player wishing to register to play for a Team in another Association within the NOHA may do so with a release from his or her home Association~~



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c) A Player may play for a Team other than R.6.2.1.b) if the Player receives a signed NOHA permission to skate/release form, in which case the Player may play for the Team named on the form. The permission to skate/release form must be attached in the HCR to the Player's record. A Player who is released is only released to the Team named on the form.

~~d) If the Team is a Minor aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to his Association after the season is completed. If the Team is a Major aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to his Association after he has completed his Major season. To return to his habitual residence after his Minor year a Player requires a release from the current Team. It must not be construed as having altered the original residence of the Player and it shall be filed with the Executive Director of the NOHA.~~

e) The NOHA permission to skate/release form will only be an automatic release when the Player receives the signature of either one of the signing officers for the Association/Single Entry Team for which the Player is a member. Forms must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR.

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ii. When the Player is not over 18 years of age and resides with his parents or legal guardian, and the parents or legal guardian change their place of residence and Player then continues to reside with his parents or legal guardian.

iii. When a Player is a member of any branch of the permanent military forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

iv. When the Player is a full-time employee since May 1st of the current year or has entered employment at the end of the scholastic year and is moved by his/her employer and continues in their employ.

Players referred to in the above Regulation (6.2.1.f) shall not be required to comply with the residence date of November 1st but must establish residence before being allowed to register and shall maintain such residence to remain eligible.

g) In Minor hockey, where a Player has signed with an Association's affiliated higher division or category Team and the higher Team wishes to transfer the said Player to the lower division or category Team, provided that the Player is of age for that division or category, that this be allowed provided the Player has not played after January 10th in the same season and was released on January 10.



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- h) A Player living in a municipality not represented by a Team in a division for which the Player is eligible, is automatically released from the Team for which the Player played the previous season when a new entry is received closer to the Player's residence.
- i) Any Players whose name appears in the Referee's report shall be deemed to be a member of the Team and shall be ineligible to register on any other Team during the current season, unless properly released.
- j) A Player who has been released to play in a higher age division outside of their home Association/Single Entry Team, must return to his home Association/Single Entry Team upon reaching the required age. He may request a release from his home Association/Single Entry Team at that time.
- k) No Association shall charge an administration fee for releases. Any Association that does so will be suspended by the NOHA Board.

Rationale:

We live in a society where freedom of choice is prevalent. During discussions with our members there is an increasing desire to allow for participants to choose what program they wish to participate in. These changes would allow players at the Rep level to participate in any minor hockey association within the NOHA without the need for a release.

Withdrawn

16. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 78 – NOHA Regulation 7.2.a

Presently Reads:

No Player or Team shall be permitted to play exhibition games without the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game or 7 days in the case where an NOHA Team is playing a Team from outside the NOHA. It will be the responsibility of the home Team to make the request to their Council Director.

Change to Read:

No Player or Team shall be permitted to play exhibition games without the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game or 7 days in the case where an NOHA Team is playing a Team from outside the NOHA. It will be the responsibility of the home Team to make the request to their Council Director **using the permit portal.**



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Rationale:

Housekeeping. Clarified how the request is to be submitted by including “permit portal”.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED

17. –SUBMITTED BY SUDBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 78 – NOHA Regulation 7.2.a

Presently Reads:

No Player or Team shall be permitted to play exhibition games without the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game or 7 days in the case where an NOHA Team is playing a Team from outside the NOHA. It will be the responsibility of the home Team to make the request to their Council Director.

Change to Read:

No Player or Team shall be permitted to play exhibition games without the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game or 7 days in the case where an NOHA Team is playing a Team from outside the NOHA. ~~It will be the responsibility of the home Team to make the request to their Council Director.~~

Rationale:

Prior to the 2015 AGM, the rule was that both teams were required to ask for permission. Only requiring permission from the home team puts Associations at risk of not knowing when their teams are playing. With the above rule, a Sudbury team could arrange 3 Exhibition games in Timmins and Sudbury Minor would never know they left town with the current rule.

Moved by Tammy Simpson, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association

Seconded by Neil McLean, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association

Tammy Simpson, Sudbury: The reason we were wanting to put this back in was exactly the rationale, when only the Home Team must apply for permission, if a Sudbury Team is going to



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the Sault to play an exhibition game, unless the Team came to the Association to notify us, the Association would never know they had a Team on the road somewhere, so I felt it was better that both Teams need to put applications in, that way both Associations know the game is happening.

CARRIED

18. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 78 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.b

Presently Reads:

Representative Games	House League Games
Novice– Two Officials	Novice– Two Officials
Atom – Two Officials	Atom – Two Officials
Peewee – Three Officials	Peewee – Two Officials
Bantam AAA – Four Officials Bantam (below AAA) – Three Officials	Bantam – Three Officials
Midget AAA – Four Officials Midget (below AAA) – Three Officials	Midget – Three Officials

Associations and Leagues may use more with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors.

Change to Read:

Games in each division shall use, whenever possible, the following officiating systems:

Representative Games	House League Games
Novice Half Ice– One Official per Game Novice Full Ice — Two Officials	
Atom – Two Officials	
Peewee – Three Officials	Peewee – Two Officials
Bantam AAA – Four Officials Bantam (below AAA) – Three Officials	Bantam – Three Officials



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Midget AAA – Four Officials Midget (below AAA) – Three Officials	Midget – Three Officials
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Associations and Leagues may use more with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors.

Rationale:

Included the number of Officials required for half ice games at Novice.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President

Del Weber, Sault Ste. Marie: Regarding the half-ice games, it says they shall use one Official per game. I would like to see the Associations or Leagues have the discretion to use Coaching Staff as the supervisors on the ice during half-ice Novice games, and I need a seconder for this amendment.

Ted Zajac, NOHA 2nd Vice President: The rationale for some of this is that it's recommended by the OHF to have one Official, and I think most Associations know we're in a crisis situation with Officials, and it gives a chance to newer Officials to get some ice time, and with the one-person system, they can have someone else monitoring them and helping them. Consistency is also important, this way you're guaranteed one Official. I don't think a game would be cancelled if there were no Officials in this situation, but we feel that for consistency across the board, improving our Officiating system is better.

Del Weber, Sault Ste. Marie: As far as Officiating goes, I know it's far from perfect, but after watching the Officials this year on the ice and talking to them in Sault Ste. Marie, they are bored to tears. I've read the Officiating justification from Hockey Canada and the OHF, that says you can practice for example, and all you do is drop the puck, blow the whistle if there is an injury, and then the kids play by themselves. I didn't say parents should do it, but Certified Coaching Staff. These people are quite capable of doing a half-ice Novice game. They all have Criminal Record Checks, have their qualifications, and know the rules. I would strongly suggest if you want to make it consistent, make it so the Coaching Staff does it, not Referees. In Sault Ste. Marie from talking to the Officials, they don't want to do these games, they don't care. They don't get to practice their offsides and icings, it just isn't there. The Officials don't want to do this, and I would support having the Certified Coaching Staff do half-ice games.

Brian Getty, Schumacher: This is the system we used for Novice this year. Speaking with our Coaches, they were never looking for another Official to be on the ice, they were fine running it with the Coaching Staff, they said it worked better with the kids. Part of the whole transition in Novice half-ice is to bring kids into the game. Adding a Referee is just another cost. In our area



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trying to get one Referee to come out to an arena would be just about impossible. It's usually two of them, and if they don't have a block of games, it's very difficult, so basically all our guys ever really wanted was a Timekeeper, that's the request we got from our Novice Coaches. I would fully support this amendment.

Shawn Essery, Powassan: Further to add to the gentlemen's comments, I do believe the one-Official system is not a Hockey Canada official system. I've gone through the Official training over the last couple years, and I believe the Hockey Canada procedure manual starts at a two-man system.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: If I can clarify, the documentation on Novice half-ice does refer to one Official per game, so that is there. The procedure manual from Hockey Canada hasn't been updated since probably 2005 or 2006, but the Novice documentation does refer to basically one Official per game, and as we know, some Associations are having two games on the same ice surface at the same time, however there are other Leagues that have one game going on and a skills zone, so in the end, this is saying one Official per game if you are using that structure.

Valerie Villeneuve, Coniston: The only point I have to add to this, is that initially, the idea was the Referees would still be calling penalties, and the players would still be going to the bench to serve, so eliminating the Referees in that sense would prevent that from happening, and put the onus on Coaches to have to call penalties, and second to that, the younger Referees will have the chance to learn to call these penalties.

Andrew MacDonald, Nickel Centre: Part of the challenges that we have in hockey, because of some of the things Hockey Canada has implemented, we have to remember that we still need to include all participants. If we keep making reasons to take Officials out of participating, we're going to make it that much harder to get them involved. The biggest challenge that we have, and I've watched our Novice Program this year, and when watching the Officials on the ice, the sad part for them is they had no supervision. They were thrown out there and just said go do. And I've said this for many years, the sad part about our Officiating Program is that you can go to a clinic, write the exam, get every question wrong and the next day we'll put you on the ice. This is a challenge that we have as a group to work together, to help, and we've got to find a way that we can get these young kids get the coaching that they need from the experienced Officials. We've got to find a way to get those people out there, because everyone else in the game has that support, but for some reason our Officials don't get that. When they go to National Championships, there's a lot of people around watching them, when they go to Provincial Championships there's lots of people watching them, but at the Grassroots level, there's not a lot of people watching them, and that's where they need the help. They need people to go out there and say "Don't lean on the boards. Skate down to the net, skate up to the other net, make a call, be concise with your call, explain it to the Coach that they will be sitting out the next shift," so they learn to communicate with the adults as we all know are so co-operative with Officials. So we need to find ways to help,



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but we're not going to help them if we take it away from them. If we turn around and make the Coaches do it, I guarantee the Coaches aren't going to do their job, because they're not going to turn around and penalize one of their players, that's one of the things that Coaches seem to forget about, because if they were doing that, we wouldn't have some of the things that happen during the game. So I think we should support this, because we don't have luxury for the development at younger ages, but if we do have the opportunity, we should continue to use it.

Scott Riengnette, Nickel City: I also support what Andrew is saying. We need to keep Officials, and those six and seven-year-olds playing, they want Refs, they have their Coaches twice a week at practice, they want Refs on the ice.

Jeff Edwards, Blind River: Just as a Point of Clarification, the gentleman from the Sault who brought this up didn't say you must go with a Coach, he's just saying give the Association the option of using the Referee or the Coach. In Blind River, we have only three Referees, for a Novice game, we have to bring in a Referee from Manitoulin Island. \$193 for that one Novice game. Give us the option if we want to spend that money on Referees, or spend that money on better options. He's just saying give us the option.

Amendment: "That Associations, at their discretion, may use a Certified Team Staff during half-ice Novice games."

Moved by Del Weber, Sault Ste. Marie

Seconded by Shawn Essery, Powassan

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19-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 79 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.c

Presently Reads:

The fees for officials for each game including overtime, shall be:

2017-2018	REGULAR		PLAY-OFF	
CATEGORY	REFEREE	LINESMEN	REFEREE	LINESMEN
Midget AAA	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
Bantam AAA	\$47.00	\$32.00	\$52.00	\$34.00
Pewee AAA	\$41.00	\$26.00	\$46.00	\$28.00

The maximum total fees for officials under the two Referee system, for each game, including overtime, shall not exceed the total game fees paid if one Referee and two Linesmen had officiated the game.

Playoff rates apply only to playoff games within the following: Northern Ontario Junior A Hockey League, Juvenile AAA, Great North Midget Hockey League, Northern Ontario AAA Bantam Hockey League, Northern Ontario Pee wee Hockey League.

Playoff rates will be in effect for all games of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (House League and Representative), OHF Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championship.

Playoff rates are not to be in effect for local League playoffs.

Playoff rates will be in effect for the Round Robin, Semi-Final and Final games of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (House League and Representative), OHF Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championship.

Change to Read:

The fees for officials for each game including overtime, shall be:

2019-2020 NOHA Game Rates		
CATEGORY	REFEREE	LINESMEN
Midget AAA	\$70.00	\$50.00



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Bantam AAA	\$52.00	\$36.00
Pewee AAA	\$46.00	\$30.00

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Rationale:

The proposed rates reflect an increase in the AAA game fees, and are based on a review of game lengths across the various leagues for the NOHA. The proposed rates are in line with the other OHF Members. The AAA Leagues have confirmed their acceptance of the above recommendation.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

Tammy Simpson, Sudbury: Can I just add to maybe put in a Friendly Amendment, the Northern Ontario AAA Bantam Hockey League, and the Northern Ontario AAA Pee wee Hockey League don't exist anymore, it's called the Northern Ontario AAA Hockey League. So it's just to put proper language in.

CARRIED



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20. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 79 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.c

Presently Reads:

The fees for officials for each game including overtime, shall be:

2017-2018	REGULAR		PLAY-OFF	
CATEGORY	REFEREE	LINESMEN	REFEREE	LINESMEN
Juvenile H/L	\$49.00	\$33.00	\$59.00	\$38.00
Midget Rep	\$39.00	\$28.00	\$41.00	\$30.00
Midget H/L	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$37.00	\$27.00
Bantam Rep	\$34.00	\$25.00	\$36.00	\$27.00
Bantam H/L	\$30.00	\$22.00	\$32.00	\$24.00
Pewee Rep	\$29.00	\$22.00	\$31.00	\$24.00
Pewee H/L	\$25.00	\$19.00	\$27.00	\$21.00
Atom Rep	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$26.00	\$20.00
Atom H/L	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$17.00
Novice Rep	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$26.00	\$20.00
Novice H/L	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$17.00

The maximum total fees for officials under the two Referee system, for each game, including overtime, shall not exceed the total game fees paid if one Referee and two Linesmen had officiated the game.

Playoff rates apply only to playoff games within the following: Northern Ontario Junior A Hockey League, Juvenile AAA, Great North Midget Hockey League, Northern Ontario AAA Bantam Hockey League, Northern Ontario Pee wee Hockey League.

Playoff rates will be in effect for all games of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (House League and Representative), OHF Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championship.

Playoff rates are not to be in effect for local League playoffs.

Playoff rates will be in effect for the Round Robin, Semi-Final and Final games of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (House League and Representative), OHF Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championship.

Change to Read:

The fees for officials for each game including overtime, shall be:



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2019-2020 NOHA Game Rates			
Category	Game Length	Referee	Linesman
Novice Half-Ice	40 to 50 minutes(run time)	\$24.00	
Novice	30 to 36 minutes	\$24.00	
	37 to 45 minutes	\$26.00	
	46 to 60 minutes	\$32.00	
Atom	30 to 36 minutes	\$24.00	
	37 to 45 minutes	\$26.00	
	46 to 60 minutes	\$32.00	
Pee wee	30 to 36 minutes	\$29.00	\$22.00
	37 to 45 minutes	\$31.00	\$24.00
	46 to 60 minutes	\$37.00	\$30.00
Bantam	30 to 36 minutes	\$34.00	\$25.00
	37 to 45 minutes	\$36.00	\$27.00
	46 to 60 minutes	\$42.00	\$33.00
Midget	30 to 36 minutes	\$39.00	\$28.00
	37 to 45 minutes	\$41.00	\$30.00
	46 to 60 minutes	\$47.00	\$36.00

Fees, excluding Midget AAA and Junior A, shall increase by \$1.00 per Official for the 2020/2021 season and for the 2021/2022 seasons.



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The above rates will be in effect until the conclusion of the 2021/2022 season, after which a review of the Officials' fees will be completed by the NOHA.

Note: If a game is officiated in the two-official system, each Official shall receive the Referee rate.

~~The maximum total fees for officials under the two Referee system, for each game, including overtime, shall not exceed the total game fees paid if one Referee and two Linesmen had officiated the game.~~

~~Playoff rates apply only to playoff games within the following: Northern Ontario Junior A Hockey League, Juvenile AAA, Great North Midget Hockey League, Northern Ontario AAA Bantam Hockey League, Northern Ontario Pee wee Hockey League.~~

~~Playoff rates will be in effect for all games of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (House League and Representative), OHF Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championship.~~

~~Playoff rates are not to be in effect for local League playoffs.~~

~~Playoff rates will be in effect for the Round Robin, Semi-Final and Final games of the NOHA Tournament of Champions (House League and Representative), OHF Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championship.~~

Rationale:

The proposed rates are based on a review of game lengths across the various leagues of the NOHA. The proposed rates are in line with the other OHF Members and are comparable to the House League and AAA rates with respect to the time commitment required from the Officials.

With the increase in rates, we have proposed that the playoff rates be eliminated, and have also clarified the rates for the two-official system.

Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Derek Byrnes, NOHA Executive

Del Weber, Sault Ste. Marie: Just a question, I'm not concerned about the rates and fees, it's quite fair, I think, everything looks good, but this is a little different, does this mean that Novice and Atom are no longer the three-man system? Because it says rates for Referees only, where on the previous one it said Referee, Line, and Line.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Del, I think in the current wording, it's an omission that wasn't corrected, because the previous regulation did say that Novice and Atom were two Officials, so I think that was just an error not updating that regulation prior, however that's why in Novice and Atom under the proposed structure just shows the fee is \$24.



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Tammy Simpson, Sudbury: My question is just in relation to the minutes. So the minutes, I'm assuming that's how many minutes are in each period or in each game, but does that account for overtime once you get to playoffs? I guess my question is once playoffs come, if they're going into overtime, is the Officials' rate going to change after the game goes into overtime?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: No, it would be based on the three period per game.

Greg Robinson, Iroquois Falls: Just looking at the Atom Division, if there's lots of penalties, and it's a long game...?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: If the game is 3 12 minutes, that's 36 minutes, that's your game length.

CARRIED

21. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.d

Presently Reads:

Car travel rate shall be 40 cents per kilometre. Local Referees will receive game fee only. Per diem allowance for travel within the District: travel over 100 km one way - \$10.00; travel over 200km one way - \$25.00; overnight stay (full day) - \$50.00. Per diem allowance for travel outside of the District: Breakfast - \$10.00; Lunch - \$15.00; Dinner - \$25.00; overnight stay (full day) - \$50.00. Requests for meals must be approved by the NOHA Office, who will advise the District Referee-in-Chief.

Change to Read:

Car travel rate shall be 40 cents **\$0.42** per kilometre, **rounded to the nearest dollar**. Local Referees will receive game fee only. Per diem allowance for travel within the District: travel over 100 km one way - \$10.00; travel over 200km one way - \$25.00; overnight stay (full day) - \$50.00. Per diem allowance for travel outside of the District: Breakfast - \$10.00; Lunch - \$15.00; Dinner - \$25.00; overnight stay (full day) - \$50.00. Requests for meals must be approved by the NOHA Office, who will advise the District Referee-in-Chief.

Rationale:

Car travel has not increased since 2009.



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Moved by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Gayle Payette, NOHA 3rd Vice President

Shawn Essery, Powassan: Where did we come up with the \$0.42? With the price of fuel lately, it's jumped maybe 30% in the last six months? Is a \$0.02 increase enough?

Ted Zajac, NOHA 2nd Vice President: I agree with you, the prices of gas have fluctuated a lot, we went across a lot of Associations to determine what would be fair, we just knew \$0.40 was too low.

CARRIED

22. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.d

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Change to Read:

Car travel rate shall be 40 cents per kilometre. Local Referees will receive game fee only. Per diem allowance for travel within the District: travel over 100 km one way - \$10.00; travel over 200km one way - \$25.00; **travel over 300km one way - \$40.00**; overnight stay (full day) - \$50.00. Per diem allowance for travel outside of the District: Breakfast - \$10.00; Lunch - \$15.00; Dinner - \$25.00; overnight stay (full day) - \$50.00.

Requests for meals must be approved by the NOHA Office **Officiating Program Coordinator**, who will advise the District Referee-in-Chief.

Rationale:

Added travel over 300km one way to account for additional travel. Combined travel within and outside the District to simplify the process.



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Moved by Dan Raycroft, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Derek Byrnes, NOHA Executive

Ted Zajac, NOHA 2nd Vice President: Just a little Friendly Amendment, because we passed the last Motion at \$0.42, and this one reads \$0.40, so since it passed we need to amend that.

CARRIED

23. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 8.0.b

Presently Reads:

The standings in the group shall be decided on the point system, two points for a win and one point to each Team for a tie game. In the event of a tie for any position at the conclusion of the schedule, the Team with the greater number of wins will be given the higher position.

Change to Read:

The standings in the group shall be decided on the point system, two points for a win and one point to each Team for a tie game **or overtime/shootout loss**. In the event of a tie for any position at the conclusion of the schedule, the Team with the greater number of wins will be given the higher position.

Rationale:

Housekeeping. Included overtime/shootout loss as some leagues have these as possible scenarios.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED



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24. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 8.0.c

Presently Reads:

If wins and losses are the same, preference should then be determined by deciding the highest goal average. If still tied, then the Team which scored the first goal in the game between the two Teams takes the higher position.

If still tied, then the Team which received the least minutes in penalties through the series will take the higher position.

However, with unanimous consent of all Teams in a League, other means may be established for breaking the tie for any position in the group standing. Such other means must be established at the start of the season and filed with the Executive Director.

Change to Read:

Delete.

Rationale:

Most Leagues decide their own tie-breaking format.

WITHDRAWN

25. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 8.0.d

Presently Reads:

All Teams or groups within the NOHA must play overtime when necessary. However, with the unanimous consent of the group members, other overtime arrangements can be requested of the NOHA Board of Directors.

Change to Read:

Delete.

Rationale:

Most Leagues have outlined in their policies and procedures their tie-breaking/overtime format.

WITHDRAWN



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26. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 81 – NOHA Regulation 9.1.e

Presently Reads:

Minor-aged players registered on teams with both minor/major Players will be allowed to affiliate with minor rep Teams in their age category (i.e. a Minor Peewee A player on a Major Peewee A Team can affiliate with a Minor Peewee AA Teams in a higher category). This would not apply to AAA Teams.

Change to Read:

Minor-aged players registered on teams with both minor/major Players will be allowed to affiliate with minor rep Teams in their age category (i.e. a Minor Peewee A player on a Major Peewee A Team can affiliate with a Minor Peewee AA Teams in a higher category). This would not apply to **Major** AAA Teams.

Rationale:

To include and allow Minor AAA teams to affiliate under this rule. Minor AAA teams are not eligible for a Regional/National Championship.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Gayle Payette, NOHA Third Vice President

CARRIED



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27. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 11.1.b

Presently Reads:

Playoff times are set as follows:

Junior – three periods of 20 minutes, stop time

Juvenile – three periods of 20 minutes, stop time

Midget AAA only – three periods of 20 minutes, stop time

Midget AA-D – three periods of 15 minutes, stop time

Bantam AAA – three periods of 17 minutes, stop time

Bantam – three periods of 15 minutes, stop time

Peewee AAA – three periods of 17 minutes, stop time

Peewee – three periods of 14 minutes, stop time

Atom – three periods of 13 minutes, stop time

Novice – three periods of 10 minutes, stop time

All House League Divisions – three periods of 13 minutes, stop time

Change to Read:

Playoff times are set as follows:

Junior – three periods of 20 minutes, stop time

Juvenile – three periods of 20 minutes, stop time

Midget AAA only – three periods of 20 minutes, stop time

Midget AA-D – three periods of 15 minutes, stop time

Bantam AAA – three periods of 17 minutes, stop time

Bantam – three periods of 15 minutes, stop time

Peewee AAA – three periods of 17 minutes, stop time

Peewee – three periods of 14 minutes, stop time



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Atom – three periods of 13 minutes, stop time

Novice – three periods of 10 minutes, stop time

All House League Divisions – three periods of 13 minutes, stop time

Rationale:

To remove the Novice Tournament of Champions in its current structure. The timing of the Championship contradicts the Hockey Canada Seasonal Structure. Removing from our Regulations will allow the NOHA Board of Directors to determine how to best move forward with an end of season event for Novice.

Moved by Dan Raycroft, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Julio Navarro, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

28. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 89 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.a

Presently Reads:

The Tournament of Champions in all categories will be held in the month of March. The schedule will be Novice and Pee wee on the first weekend, Atom and Bantam on the second weekend and Midget on the third weekend. The Minor Midget AA & A Tournament of Champions be held on the first weekend of March. With the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors and support from the eligible teams, consideration may be made to host on a different weekend.

Change to Read:

The Tournament of Champions in all categories will be held in the month of March. The schedule will be Novice and Pee wee on the first weekend, Atom and Bantam on the second weekend and Midget on the third weekend. The Minor Midget AA & A Tournament of Champions be held on the first weekend of March. With the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors and support from the eligible teams, consideration may be made to host on a different weekend.

Rationale:

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Regulations will allow the NOHA Board of Directors to determine how to best move forward with an end of season event for Novice.

Moved by Julio Navarro, NOHA Executive

Seconded by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

29. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 89 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.d

Presently Reads:

All NOHA Novice, Atom, Pee wee, Bantam and Midget AA-D category playoffs will be in a Tournament of Champions format where sufficient entries permit. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of three games in the tournament format. AAA Teams that are to continue on to the Provincial Championship will be required to play a complete round-robin series against all Teams entered in the playoffs to determine a winner.

The Minor AA and A Teams shall be grouped in one category for NOHA Tournament of Champions: Example Minor Atom, Minor Pee wee, Minor Bantam, and Minor Midget.

Change to Read:

All NOHA Novice, Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget AA-D category playoffs will be in a Tournament of Champions format where sufficient entries permit. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of three games in the tournament format. AAA Teams that are to continue on to the Provincial Championship will be required to play a complete round-robin series against all Teams entered in the playoffs to determine a winner.

The Minor AA and A Teams shall be grouped in one category for NOHA Tournament of Champions: Example Minor Atom, Minor Pee wee, Minor Bantam, and Minor Midget.

Rationale:

To remove the Novice Tournament of Champions in its current structure. The timing of the Championship contradicts the Hockey Canada Seasonal Structure. Removing from our Regulations will allow the NOHA Board of Directors to determine how to best move forward with an end of season event for Novice.

Remove reference to “D” classification, which is considered Housekeeping if Motions #2 and #6 are approved.



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Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

30. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 89 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.d

Presently Reads:

All NOHA Novice, Atom, Pee wee, Bantam and Midget AA-D category playoffs will be in a Tournament of Champions format where sufficient entries permit. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of three games in the tournament format. AAA Teams that are to continue on to the Provincial Championship will be required to play a complete round-robin series against all Teams entered in the playoffs to determine a winner.

The Minor AA and A Teams shall be grouped in one category for NOHA Tournament of Champions: Example Minor Atom, Minor Pee wee, Minor Bantam, and Minor Midget.

Change to Read:

All NOHA ~~Novice~~, Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget AA-~~D~~ C category playoffs will be in a Tournament of Champions format where sufficient entries permit. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of three games in the tournament format. ~~AAA Teams that are to continue on to the Provincial Championship will be required to play a complete round-robin series against all Teams entered in the playoffs to determine a winner.~~

The Minor AA and A Teams shall be grouped in one category for NOHA Tournament of Champions: Example Minor Atom, Minor Pee wee, Minor Bantam, and Minor Midget.

Rationale:

Removed playoff format for AAA teams as they currently have rounds.

Removed “D” Category. If Motions #2, #6 are passed, this is Housekeeping.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Julio Navarro, NOHA Executive

Friendly Amendment: Leave AA.



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Jamie Nelson, Englehart: Just a clarification, Novice is removed?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It has to, yes.

CARRIED

31. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 92 – NOHA Regulation 11.4.2.b

Presently Reads:

Participation in the House League Tournament of Champions is open to teams indicating their interest by December 1st. Intent is indicated by submitting the entry form to the NOHA office by December 1st.

Change to Read:

Participation in the House League Tournament of Champions is open to teams indicating their interest by December 1st. Intent is indicated by submitting the entry form **and payment** to the NOHA office by December 1st.

Rationale:

Hold teams accountable if they decide to withdraw after committing to participate.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

32. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 92 – NOHA Regulation 11.4.2.c

Presently Reads:

Selected teams must submit to the NOHA Office their roster and fees no later than January 31st. If a team withdraws from the Tournament of Champions after notification of acceptance the NOHA will randomly draw another team to participate from the same pool as the withdrawing team was originally chosen from.



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Change to Read:

Selected teams must submit to the NOHA Office their roster and fees no later than January 31st. If a team withdraws from the Tournament of Champions after notification of acceptance, the NOHA will randomly draw another team to participate from the same pool as the withdrawing team was originally chosen from.

Rationale:

If Motion #30 is passed, this Regulation will need to be updated to reflect that the fees are addressed in the previous regulation (11.4.2.b).

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Rick Barron, NOHA Executive

CARRIED

33. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 111 – NOHA Regulation 15.2.a

Presently Reads:

Anyone letting their name stand for Officer or Council Director may do so for a maximum of two positions only. Nominated person are to be advised by the Executive Director so that they can advise which positions they are interested in prior to publication of the AGM meeting material. A council Director who is midterm can accept nomination for one Officer position.

Change to Read:

Anyone letting their name stand for Officer or Council Director may do so for a maximum of two positions only. Nominated person **Individuals who are nominated** are to be advised by the Executive Director so that they can advise which positions they are interested in prior to publication of the AGM meeting material. A Council Director who is midterm can accept a nomination for one Officer position.

Rationale:

Housekeeping.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED



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34. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 112 – NOHA Regulation 15.2.d

Presently Reads:

Only delegates with a certificate signed by two Association or Single Entry Teams' signing officers of the Team he represents shall be admitted to the Annual General Meeting or any other Special General Meeting. These delegates may represent only one Team or Association and may only cast their own ballot.

Change to Read:

Only delegates with a certificate signed by two Association or Single Entry Teams' signing officers of the Team he **they** represents shall be admitted to the Annual General Meeting or any other Special General Meeting. These delegates may represent only one Team or Association and may only cast their own ballot.

Rationale:

Housekeeping.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED

35. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 112 – NOHA Regulation 15.3.d

Presently Reads:

Upon a point of order being raised while a delegate is speaking, or when called to order by the presiding officer, they shall at once take their seat, when the point of order shall then be stated by the delegate objecting. The presiding officer shall thereupon without debate and the delegate may then proceed. Enforced by the Chair. Any ruling of the Chair may be appealed, once, by any voting delegate. This delegate will explain to all present the reason(s) for the appeal. The Chair will then have an opportunity to respond. A vote on the appeal will then be taken, and the result adhered to immediately.



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Change to Read:

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Rationale:

Housekeeping. Changed presiding officer to delegate.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

CARRIED

Albert Corradini, Sudbury: If we could circle back to 18 for one second, I apologize, I was in the washroom, so I kind of missed a big part of it. I'm sympathetic to Blind River's plight in the cost of hockey, but I'm suspect that I don't think a lot of Associations, if they have the option of not putting an Official on the ice for those cross-ice games, and we constantly talk about Sudbury and getting young Officials in the game, well we can start in Novice hockey and cross-ice. So, it passed, that's fine, but can we possibly track over the course of the year how many Officials are actually used in those cross-ice games? Because at the end of the day, if nobody ends up using them, that's not really the intent of the Motion, is that fair to say? We are trying to get more Officials into the game, so I'd like to see if we could track that across the year, and if next year nobody used them, then maybe we should re-introduce the Motion.

Dick Farrow: Thank you Albert, I think that's fair, and we can ask the Board to complete that task.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

None.



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9) ELECTIONS

Dick Farrow, Moderator: In District One, Derek Byrnes is acclaimed, Derek do you accept that position?

Derek Byrnes, South Porcupine: I do.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: In District Three, Steve Lawrence is acclaimed. Steve, will you accept that position?

Steve Lawrence, Sault Ste. Marie: I do.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: In District Five, there is a blank, so the Board will deal with that with those Associations. District Seven, Kevin Eshkawkogan is acclaimed. Kevin, will you accept that position?

Kevin Eshkawkogan, Little Current: To honour my previous District Seven Director, I'll say yeah, baby.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: District Nine, Sam Gaulin is acclaimed. Sam, will you accept this position?

Sam Gaulin, Kapuskasing: Yes.

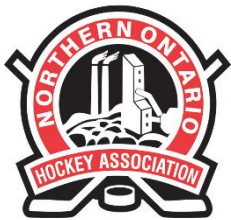
10) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11) NEW BUSINESS

Adam Speck, Sudbury: I just have a quick question about affiliation with Novice in the new tiered system. If you're Tier 1 and a kid gets better over the year, could you affiliate him before January 15th?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: We'll update the documentation that we provided last year, but in the end we'll follow the OHF Playing Up Policy, so we'll update the documentation to ensure it's clear in terms of the changes that were passed today.



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Del Weber, Sault Ste. Marie: If we are keeping track of all the Novice games, if we could also keep track of how many Officials could have gotten games if Atom had three Officials instead of two?

Yves Beaudry, Valley East: I'd just like to take an opportunity to congratulate all the kids who got drafted this year, I think it's due to all the volunteering being done, so there are a lot of congratulatory to a lot of younger kids as well. There's a lot of great hockey in the NOHA systems, so if we can just keep it up, keep doing whatever we're doing, that would be fantastic. It was a great year for a lot of these kids, there was another commitment for one of the North Bay Trappers to a Division 1 School, those are huge, huge accomplishments for a lot of us. I think it's a great thing so I'd like to congratulate you all.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: The only thing I have to say for the 100th Anniversary in reference to our Founder, Angus Campbell, I'm not sure whether he'd be disappointed or happy to know that there were no questions about Senior hockey today, because, of course, when the NOHA started, it was only Senior hockey. It made me sad that we don't have Senior hockey again, and if you're up at the arena in New Liskeard this afternoon or this evening, have a look at the Senior A trophy, it came into existence in 1920, a year after the NOHA started. For my money, it's still one of the nicest trophies anywhere in hockey or any other sport, so have a look at it, I think you'll be impressed with it. And for those people who—also on display you'll see the Lorne Miller Trophy, and Lorne was from Noranda and the NOHA, and sadly it was found at a yard sale, and on a good note, the NOHA got it back and restored the trophy, so spread that around so we can retain that history that is really important to us.

12) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Ken Creasey, Copper Cliff

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA 2nd Vice President

CARRIED