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### MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

#### 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MINOR MEETING

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

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#### 1) APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Seconded by Oscar Clouthier, NOHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

“That the Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

#### **CARRIED**

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#### 2) PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

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

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

There were 90 present. A simple majority would require 46 votes.

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#### 4) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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#### 5) REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Included in Annual Meeting Package.

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### 6) READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Derek D'Angelo of KPMG presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as outlined in the Annual Meeting Package.

**Questions:** None.

### Operation & Budget 2017-2018

Presented by Jason Marchand.

**Questions:**

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Who is going to become the PSO, will it be the OHF?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes, so essentially it would be the three branches that would work together on that side with the government.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey:** Will there be continued funding at their level?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** That's what they're working on, so yeah, hopefully.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** And you said you're working with KPMG on the disbursement of those funds? Will those remain through communities?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes, so we've talked to John D'agostino from the legal side, and there is community foundations, essentially we tell what the purpose is, and they assist in the distribution of those funds.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Will they remain hockey-centric, though?



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**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes. In the end the overall purpose of the program from the very beginning was to provide opportunities to players who may not be able to participate, similar to the Dreams Come True program that took place in Sudbury last weekend, so that would be the end goal, and we'll work with those groups once the red tape is dealt with.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Sorry, what are the dollars, and over what period of time do you anticipate?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So we haven't made it that far, we've been focused on the red-tape side of things, but there is just over \$15,000 available to distribute. We haven't finalized that, yet.

**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** On the disbursement financial report, Elite Hockey Meetings, twenty-six thousand dollars. What is that exactly?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So it's essentially a flow-through, so, as I'm sure most of you know, we've done on and off-ice testing in the last couple years, so that's where the funds for that would go into and come out of, and we did host a meeting in November for the AAA groups as well, so that would be that.

**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** So that's the total?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes. Any other questions?

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Sorry, Jason, one last question. What is the cost, do you have a handle on the cost of what Team NOHA is to the participant?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So, it's all dependent on, I guess the OHL Cup is the one that's variable, the first event, I believe, was \$300, not including hotels and whatnot. The OHL Cup, I believe, best-case scenario where the team advances to the championship game is what we always



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budget for, I believe that was around \$850 or so, and worst-case scenario when you're out after the four games I think was \$600. But what we did as well for that event is we created a program to allow for families to go out and obtain sponsorships and produce the program at no cost to them. If they're able to get \$600 or whatever, by all means, we've looked at ways to try to lower the cost, understanding as a Midget AAA player, your costs to play are already pretty high.

**Moved by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

“To approve the auditor’s report for the year ended June 30, 2017.”

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

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

**CARRIED**

**Barry McCrory, Northern Ontario AAA Hockey League: What does that actually mean?**



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**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Ultimately, it's a requirement of the Corporations Act, and essentially it's saying that the acts of the Board, any of the motions approved by the Board, are ratified.

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### 7) MOTIONS

#### Housekeeping Motions

**Dick Farrow:** There are a number of motions presented by the NOHA in your package, a number of them are housekeeping. With your co-operation, we will do those in one bulk acceptance. If there are motions that you want pulled out of that bulk acceptance, please let me know so that we can address that, or if you want to add a question, please feel free to ask that question. The motions as you go through your book are motions: 1, 5, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 29, and 38. Are there any motions you would like pulled from the block?

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

“To approve motions #1, 5, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 29, 38 as a block.”

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** For Motions 14 and 15, what are going to be the consequences put in place if those conditions aren't met? Motion 14 is the Respect in Sport the Parent is supposed to do.

**Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive:** I don't think that is the right motion.

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** Oh, sorry, I'm on the page number, not the motion. I'll ask that question when we're dealing with it.

**CARRIED**



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### **1. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 55 – NOHA Regulation 1.1.a**

##### **Presently Reads:**

A Team, League or Association shall become a member of the NOHA by applying to the Executive Director of the NOHA. The application shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Association/ Team/ League and shall be accompanied by the annual entry form and entry fee as set out for the appropriate division and category in which the Team wishes to compete. The Board of Directors shall accept or reject the application and the Executive Director shall advise the Association/Team/League of its decision.

##### **Change to Read:**

A Team, League or Association shall become a member of the NOHA by applying to the Executive Director of the NOHA. The application shall be signed by the President and the Secretary (or other authorized signing officers) of the Association/Team/League and shall be accompanied by the annual entry form and entry fee as set out for the appropriate division and category in which the Team wishes to compete. The Board of Directors shall accept or reject the application and the Executive Director shall advise the Association/Team/League of its decision.

##### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. To ensure consistent wording. Added "or other authorized signing officers".

### **CARRIED (Block)**

### **2. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 55 – NOHA Regulation 1.1.e**

##### **Presently Reads:**

All Registrars must complete an HCR training seminar which will be valid for three (3) years from date of completion.

##### **Change to Read:**



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All Registrars must complete an HCR training seminar and when deemed necessary by the NOHA Board of Directors.

### **Rationale:**

To eliminate the need for re-training every 3 years regardless of updates/changes made to the HCR. Registrars will need to participate in a training session when the NOHA Board feels that are significant updates that require re-training.

**Moved by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Oscar Clouthier, NOHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

### **3. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 59 – NOHA Regulation 3.1.c**

#### **Presently Reads:**

Any Team using Players from another municipality other than its own, shall add that centre's population to its own, unless the released Players are properly cleared and accepted by the NOHA Board of Directors.

#### **Change to Read:**

Delete.

#### **Rationale:**

R.3.1.a) states that population is only one of the factors in determining classification, therefore it is the opinion of the NOHA Board that this regulation is redundant.

**Moved by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**



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**CARRIED**

### **4. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 60 – NOHA Regulation 3.5.a**

**Presently Reads:**

Any Association that cannot form a team in a division may take a one year leave of absence with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors. If the least of absence lasts more than one year, the Association would have to reapply as a new team entry. The application must be submitted to the NOHA Board of Directors for approval as per the dates in R.1.2.b) to be eligible for competition that season.

**Change to Read:**

Any Association that cannot form a team in a division may take a one year leave of absence with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors. If the least of absence lasts more than one year, the Association would have to reapply as a new team entry. The application must be submitted to the NOHA Board of Directors for approval by May 1 to be eligible for competition that season.

**Rationale:**

To provide an earlier date where an Association must determine whether they play on operating a program the following season, which will assist in determining release requirements.

**Moved by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

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### **5. –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, Major Junior, Junior “A”, Junior “B” or Junior “C”, Juvenile, Midget, Minor Midget, Bantam, Minor Bantam, Pee wee, Minor Pee wee, Atom, Minor Atom, Novice and Initiation."

##### **Change to Read:**

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##### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Removed Major Junior.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

### **6. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Pages 67-68 – NOHA Regulation 5.1.2.i**

##### **Presently Reads:**



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An Association, on behalf of their registered Player, may submit a request to their Local League to have a Player participate in a lower age division in House League games only. An Association that does not participate in a Local League but plays within their own Association may submit a request to their Board of Directors to have a Player participate in a lower age division in House League games only.

Requests to the Local League will not be permitted beyond January 1st.

Requests to the Local Association will not be permitted beyond January 1st.

The Player will be permitted to play in a lower age division under the following conditions:

- The majority of the League Board members must vote in favour of the Player participating in the lower age division.
- This is permitted for House League Players only. Representative Players would not be permitted to play down an age division.
- The Player is only permitted to move down one age division (e.g. Player is Peewee age, therefore, the Player can only move down to the Atom age division).
- The Player must not be considered a strong Player on the Team that he/she is going to be playing with.
- Players are not permitted to move down a division so that it provides enough Players to create a Team. Player movement is only permitted if it provides a benefit to the individual Player.
- The name(s) and Player number(s) of all overage Players must be distributed to all Associations that are participating in the League.

The League reserves the right to move any Player back up to their proper age category at any time during the season.

All Players must be registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) in the age appropriate division.

If the Association does not have a Team for this Player to register on then the Player must be released to the closest Association that has a Team for this Player to register with and play within that Association.

A copy of these approvals must be filed with the NOHA Council Director and the NOHA Office.

Tournaments:

These overage Players cannot automatically participate in tournament. If a Tournament wishes to allow this Player to play with the lower Division Team, then it is the responsibility of the



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tournament to approve their participation. The Team must provide a written request to the Tournament Host with a copy of the Association and/or League approvals. The Tournament Host will send a written response to their NOHA Council Director as to their decision. The Team must have in their possession a copy of the HCR roster where this overage Player is registered.

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### Tournaments:

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### **Rationale:**

To follow the process used by most organizations that allow overage players to register on teams. If approved, the NOHA Office will place the players on the roster that players are playing on. Players would be noted as Overage on the HCR rosters.

**Moved by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Fred Burrows, NOHA Executive**

### **CARRIED**

## **7. -SUBMITTED BY NORTH BAY AND DISTRICT TRAPPERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

### **Page 68 – Regulation 5.1.3.b**

### **Presently Reads:**

All Players in Bantam and Midget AAA must complete a designated off-ice skill testing program two (2) times per season. The testing is to be completed by September and January of each season.

### **Change to Read:**



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All players in Bantam and Midget AAA may complete a designated off-ice skill testing program two (2) times per season at the discretion of each association. If the association supports an off-ice testing program, it is to be completed by September and January of each season.

### **Rationale:**

North Bay & District Trappers Hockey Association recommends that both, the off-ice and on-ice skill testing programs for Bantam and Midget AAA be optional for each association due to its limited benefits and significant costs in terms of time and financial resources.

### **WITHDRAWN**

## **8. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

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#### **Change to Read:**

Delete.

#### **Rationale**

Lack of support from teams.

**Moved by Oscar Clouthier, NOHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**



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### **9. –SUBMITTED BY NORTH BAY AND DISTRICT TRAPPERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**Page 69 – NOHA Regulation 5.1.3.c**

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#### **Change to Read:**

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### **WITHDRAWN**

### **10. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 69 – NOHA Regulation 5.1.3.c**

#### **Presently Reads:**

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#### **Change to Read:**

Delete.

#### **Rationale:**

Lack of support from teams.



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**Moved by Oscar Clouthier, NOHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Fred Burrows, NOHA Executive**

**CARRIED**

### **11. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 69 – NOHA Regulation 5.1.3.d**

**Presently Reads:**

All players in AAA will be required to complete a concussion testing module (baseline testing).

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

In August, 2017, Parachute Canada - the leading organization on concussion education - released a statement surrounding the merits of baseline testing for youth. In summary, they state that baseline testing is not required, nor recommended, in youth sports. The statement from Parachute Canada is available here:

<http://www.parachutecanada.org/downloads/injurytopics/BaselineTestingStatement-Parachute.pdf>

**Moved by Julio Navarro, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Dan Raycroft, NOHA Executive**

**CARRIED**

### **12. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**



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### Page 69 – NOHA Regulation 5.1.3.e (NEW)

#### Presently Reads:

None.

#### Change to Read:

All minor players must have one parent/guardian complete the Respect in Sport Parent Program. This program must be completed by November 1st of the current season.

#### Rationale:

Respect in Sport Parent have been a requirement of all NOHA players since 2016. This confirms that date that the program must be completed by.

**Moved by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** Back to the same question, if it's not completed by that date, what are going to be the ramifications to that team, to that player, to that Association?

**Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive:** This has been in place for two years already, we're just looking to put it in the book, but the ramifications are and have been for the last two years that if they haven't taken it, the child is not eligible to play until the parent takes the course, so if the parent hasn't taken that course by a set date, then the child is not eligible to play. It's been in existence for the last two years, we're just looking to put the date in the book, so everyone knows across the board.

**Peter Strange, Verner Minor Hockey Association:** So the consequences, are they going to be put in there as well? So that there is clarification there?

**Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive:** As far as I know they won't be put in black and white unless Jason changes it, but most Associations know and are following what has been in place for the last two years, just for an Association to know that, in black and white, if your child doesn't have





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the proper credentials or if you haven't taken the Respect in Sport program, your child will not be able to participate.

**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** So there was no date previously, or what was the previous date?

**Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive:** If I'm not mistaken, that is the date we've always gone by, we've never had it in black and white, and we're just looking to put it in the book.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** From our side, the first year, and last year, we've communicated November 1<sup>st</sup>, but we had hundreds, unfortunately, of players who would not have been able to play, so we adjusted that date, but from our experience, players are rostered, and we've helped and have always helped to ensure Associations know well in advance from a player's side that a parent hasn't done the Respect in Sport program, the same thing with coaches, we've done whatever we could to let people know and give people notice about the timelines coming up, so no one is ever not playing.

**Christian Roelink, Capreol Minor Hockey Association:** Not so much a question as a comment. In the past season we had a problem with a parent being uncooperative. We were able, through the cooperation of the NOHA to reset their Respect in Sport program and make them take it again, and use that as a tool. It was an effective tool in a troublesome situation, and it came down to actually giving them a timeline to complete it, and we used it as a tool to say, effective immediately, your kids will not be able to play, so it was an effective tool to get that parent to do it, and then it was done the next day.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Thank you, yes, and I think the Board will continue to work with, and the office, with people who don't make that deadline to get everybody into that frame. I guess if a problem does continue, then they will have to come up with some kind of penalty.

**Mike O'Connor, Verner Minor Hockey Association:** Section 5 in the regulations, here, is also around eligibility. The ramifications you're bringing up, if this is not met, the player is not eligible, so they have to meet all the requirements to be eligible. Is this correct?



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**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes, in the end that would be one of the requirements.

### **CARRIED**

#### **13. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 71 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.a.ii (NEW)**

#### **Presently Reads:**

None.

#### **Change to Read:**

All Team Officials must complete any required Online Certifications prior to October 31st of the current season or prior to their team's first game. Any Team Official registered after October 31st will have 14 days to complete their Online Certifications.

#### **Rationale:**

There is currently no set date for Bench Staff to complete their Online Certification requirements. These course are available 24/7.

**Moved by Dan Raycroft, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**James Patterson, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** I suggest making November 1<sup>st</sup> the deadline date for both of them, that would avoid any confusion on the dates. Seeing as it's not an established date already, it would be easy to amend the motion to November 1.

**Moved by James Patterson, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association**

**Seconded by Jamie Nelson, Englehart Minor Hockey Association**



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“To amend the deadline date to November 1.”

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** For Development 1, isn't there an online component to that? I just want to clarify that. I know there's a workbook, so as long as there's not development streams that have an online component, because that would fall into that.

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **14. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 72 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.i**

#### **Presently Reads:**

Initiation teams must have at least one (1) Coach with Intro to Coach Qualification for every eight (8) registered players. Initiation 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.

#### **Change to Read:**

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.

#### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. To comply with the Hockey Canada certification requirements for Novice. The regulation will also allow Novice teams to register on-ice volunteers.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**



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**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**CARRIED**

### **15. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 71 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.ii**

#### **Presently Reads:**

All Head Coaches who Coach Peewee, Bantam and Midget Teams at the Representative Level, from AA to D, must be Development 1 “Certified”. All Assistant Coaches at these divisions and categories must be either Development 1 “Trained”, High Performance 1 “Trained”, or High Performance 1 “Certified”.

#### **Change to Read:**

All Head Coaches at Peewee AAA, Peewee Representative (AA to D), Bantam Representative (AA to D), and Midget Representative (AA to D), must be either Development 1 “Certified”, High Performance 1 “Trained”, or High Performance 1 “Certified”. All Assistant Coaches at the aforementioned divisions and categories must be either Development 1 “Trained”, Development 1 “Certified”, High Performance 1 “Trained” or High Performance 1 “Certified”.

#### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Corrected an error. Added Peewee AAA, which was previously missing in the certification requirements.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**CARRIED**

### **16. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**



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### **Page 72 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.iv**

#### **Presently Reads:**

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who Coach Novice and Atom, Representative Teams, and Novice 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 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. To comply with the Hockey Canada certification requirements. Removed Novice from the certification requirements for Coach Level

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

### **17. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 72 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.vii**

#### **Presently Reads:**

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches from Pee wee to Midget House League and Representative Levels and at least one Coach per Team at Atom House League and Representative Level must obtain Instructional Stream – Checking Skills certification.

#### **Change to Read:**



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All Coaches and Assistant Coaches at the **Pewee, Bantam and Midget Representative Levels** must obtain Instructional Stream – Checking Skills certification.

### **Rationale:**

There have been concerns raised about 1) the number of certifications required, and 2) the costs of volunteering. While all other requirements are mandatory, the Checking certification is an NOHA requirement only. The NOHA Board of Directors supports the current Checking requirement but wish to let the membership decide whether it remains as a requirement for all Coaches.

Note: If the Checking requirements are changed as presented, the NOHA will need to deliver regional clinics as opposed to multiple clinics in most centres due to the significant decrease in demand that there will be for the clinic.

**Moved by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Adam Jollette, Rayside Balfour Minor Hockey Association:** What is the rationale behind this at the House League level? I don't know if it's necessary to have all coaches to have Checking, but I do believe in this situation here, it is important for at least one person on the staff to have it, to understand and teach at the House League level.

**Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** What we're simply trying to do here is just make it as simple as possible and as regulation-free as possible for coaches to participate, so we're deciding whether a coach is required to take a clinic he really doesn't need. We're trying to streamline things, to make sure that we're being fair, and relieving the strain on the costs of volunteer coaches. If we don't need a Checking component, you don't need to take it. If you wish to, at the Association level, if you wish to have them take it, then that's your decision, but what we're trying to do is make it simple, make it cost-effective, and if you don't need it don't take it, and the only qualifier is, as we reduce the number of participants, if you do need to take the clinic, it may be a little more challenging for you to get there.

**CARRIED**



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### 18. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

#### Page 72 – NOHA Regulation 5.2.1.b.viii (NEW)

#### Presently Reads:

None.

#### Change to Read:

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 Decision – 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.

#### Rationale:

Housekeeping. This is currently a requirement for Coaches. It has been added to the Coaching qualification section of our Regulations to ensure that all information is located in one place.

**Moved by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** In conjunction with who? It doesn't say who it's in conjunction with.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** In conjunction with the Coach.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** So in that last sentence, it should say, “In conjunction with the Coach.”

**CARRIED**



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### **19. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 77 – NOHA Regulation 7.1.a**

##### **Presently Reads:**

All Teams within the NOHA shall be allowed one 30 second time out, any time during the game.

##### **Change to Read:**

All Teams within the NOHA shall be allowed one 30 second time out, any time during the game. This applies to all games within the NOHA, including exhibition, league and tournament games.

##### **Rationale:**

To further clarify that teams are allowed a 30 second time out in all NOHA games.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Past President**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

### **20. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 78 – NOHA Regulation 7.1.g**

##### **Presently Reads:**

Game sheets are to be filed in numerical order.

##### **Change to Read:**

Players listed on game sheets are to be filled in numerical order.

##### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Clarification.





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**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Past President**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

#### **21. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 78 – NOHA Regulation 7.1.i (NEW)**

##### **Presently Reads:**

None.

##### **Change to Read:**

All Associations/Single Entry Teams must use NOHA game sheets.

##### **Rationale:**

Game sheets that the NOHA has produced has penalty codes listed on the back, which helps team officials and officials. Other game sheets that the NOHA has seen does not have this information.

### **WITHDRAWN**

#### **22. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 78 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.a**

##### **Presently Reads:**

All exhibition, League, playoff and tournament games shall be Refereed by NOHA approved Officials. The home Team shall be responsible for the payment of the Officials unless other arrangements have been made.



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### **Change to Read:**

All exhibition, league, play-off and tournament games shall be refereed by NOHA approved officials unless for whatever reason the Officials appointed are prevented from appearing, the Managers or Coaches of the two competing clubs may select a player from both teams to act as officials. The home Team shall be responsible for the payment of the officials unless other arrangements have been made.

### **Rationale:**

While the Hockey Canada rule book allows for each team to identify someone to officiate a game, it is the opinion of the NOHA Board of Directors and Director of Officials that this rule is outdated with many rules and policies in place that an Official must follow (i.e. non-sanctioned policy, throat protector requirement, etc.). The proposed change would allow players, who have protective equipment, to officiate the game in the rare scenario where there are no officials present.

### **WITHDRAWN**

## **23. –SUBMITTED BY SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

### **Page 79 – NOHA Regulation 7.3.c**

#### **Presently Reads:**

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

*Spreadsheet with fees for Referees/Linesmen*

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 Peewee 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.



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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:

*Spreadsheet with fees for Referees/Linesmen*

**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 additional sentence puts in formal writing what is frequent unwritten practice.

**Moved by Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association**

**Seconded by Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association**

**Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association:** I have a correction in what it currently reads. In this, it says the fees for officials for each game, but in this book, it says the maximum fees for officials.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Del, that's a typo—



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**Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association:** But I want to make sure it stays in there, because some of the Associations do not pay the maximum fees.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** In the end, two years ago at our AGM, it was said that these fees will be, not the maximum fees, and it was passed.

**Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association:** Can it be put back in there again? That's an error.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** In the Constitution, it's an error. It was approved at the 2016 AGM, the change from "the maximum fees will be," to "the fees will be." So every Association will be responsible to pay whatever that dollar amount is.

**Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association:** I would like to see the minutes for that meeting because I don't recall that at all. It is not fair to make the Associations pay the maximum fee for everything. I don't recall getting any notice that this was an error. There was an oversight there, I think, and we should be going by this. The printing error should be corrected during the year immediately.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So it was Motion #19 at the 2016 AGM, there was a lot of discussion, and it was carried.

**Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association:** And nobody saw this error that was printed out in the Constitution this year? Well I'm sorry, that is not acceptable.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** I seem to recall the discussion on that motion, was it not amended, that motion? I remember we had quite a bit of discussion about that, it was a referee motion, I seem to remember this gentleman getting up to the microphone back then.



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**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So, Richard, my apologies, it was the wrong motion, it was #21, so there were three different motions dealt with at that time, one was to deal with rates, then one was to deal with the wording, so it did say “the maximum will be,” and then it was changed to “will be,” it was moved by Ted Zajac, seconded by Dan Raycroft, and the only comments made were by our Director of Officials.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** None of those three motions was amended?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Not that I can see, but I can go through in more detail.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** If I recall correctly, the discussion was about mandating the three-referee system for House League Games.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** That was last year.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** Oh, it was last year? Okay, thank you.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Let’s go back to the motion, let’s get a mover and a seconder.

**Moved by Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association**

**Seconded by Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association**

**Del Weber, Sault Major Hockey Association:** It is what people usually do. If it’s two-man system, you don’t pay them any more than you would pay for three at the same game. I would appreciate if the membership would support that.



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**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** Just to clarify what Del was saying, sometimes what would happen, say the total rate was \$76, just throwing out a number, so they would divide it in half, and that would be it. \$38 per guy, and they just round it up to \$40, and the Referee's Association would say they actually paid \$54 on a two-man system per guy, so we actually would pay more for a two-man system than three, and that actually happens in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Mike Creasey, Copper Cliff Minor Hockey Association:** Is there not something in the book already saying in the two-man system they both get the referee rate, am I not right on that? As opposed to splitting the money, they both get the referee rate. So that's already there saying they can't charge you more.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** It doesn't say that, that's been practice, but it doesn't say that.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** I guess if you pass this motion, it will say that. Any other discussion on this? Seeing none.

### CARRIED

#### 24. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

##### **Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 8.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 preference.

##### **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. 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:**



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Housekeeping. To ensure consistent wording with R.8.c.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**CARRIED**

### **25. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 80 – NOHA Regulation 8.d**

**Presently Reads:**

All Teams or groups within the NOHA must play overtime when necessary. However, with the unanimous consent of the group members obtained at the group schedule meeting prior to the opening of the season, application may be made to the NOHA Board of Directors to make other overtime arrangements for the group's scheduled games and group play-offs.

**Change to Read:**

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.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Simpler wording.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**CARRIED**



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### **26. –SUBMITTED BY SUDBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

#### **Page 81 – NOHA Regulation 9.1.f (NEW)**

##### **Presently Reads:**

None.

##### **Change to Read:**

Whereas the NOHA has indicated that the "19 players at large" affiliation method will apply commencing in the 2018 - 2019 hockey season and whereas Associations are expecting further confirmation, detail and clarity on the use of this method from NOHA, be it resolved that the NOHA exercise its discretion in Regulation 9.1 b) and refrain from applying any geographic subdivisions in applying this method of affiliation.

##### **Rationale:**

Given declining registration and the difficulties Associations have experienced in icing teams at all levels and age groupings across NOHA and the challenges this has posed under the club system of affiliation, SMHA is asking NOHA to refrain from placing any geographic limitations on the switch to 19 player at large affiliation.

**Pierre Labrecque, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** I'm not sure this is actually still relevant based on the new rules with affiliation-at-large, can someone from the NOHA make a comment on that?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So we sent something out shortly after the deadline for the motions that clarified the geographic subdivision, so it was our thought that it isn't necessary. Our definition is the same as what's there.

**WITHDRAWN**





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### **27. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 82 – NOHA Regulation 9.2.d**

##### **Presently Reads:**

A Player may affiliate with a Team of the same or higher division/category to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the Player's registered Team completes its regular season and playoffs before the Player's affiliated Team or Teams, the Player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular League or Playoffs, are excluded from the maximum number of games.

NOTE: Teams using affiliated Players are not responsible for the information on the affiliated Players' HCR record if the Player has been approved electronically on the HCR. If for any reason a Player is found to be ineligible after being registered and approved by the NOHA, the Team the Player is registered with will be held responsible. If a Team used this Player as an affiliated Player, this Team cannot be held responsible and points cannot be taken away from them for using this Player while he was on an approved HCR roster.

NOTE: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered playoffs and therefore does count towards the ten (10) game total.

##### **Change to Read:**

For Teams that are eligible for OHF, Regional and National Championships, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team of higher Division or Category at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per season;

For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, affiliation shall be unlimited;

Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games that a player may affiliate.

Note: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered playoffs and therefore does count as affiliated games.

##### **Rationale:**

The NOHA must follow Hockey Canada Regulations with respect to affiliation. All regulations will automatically be updated in accordance with NOHA Regulation 16, however the NOHA



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Board is proposing unlimited affiliation where a team is not eligible for a Branch/Regional/National Championship.

**Moved by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Seconded by Fred Burrows, NOHA Executive**

**Jacques Vincent, Rayside Balfour Minor Hockey Association:** Would the Tournament of Champions include the House League Tournament of Champions?

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** As of December 1, a team that is looking to go to the Tournament of Champions would be putting in their Letter of Intent, so that team would not be allowed to use an affiliate player for more than ten games. The same would be for the Rep Tournament of Champions, we have teams that apply to play up, so if a B team were to have declared that they'd like to play in the A division, they would now be eligible for a provincial championship, they would not be eligible to use a player more than ten times. But once you've, as of December 1, in House League, said that you have no intent of going to a House League Tournament of Champions, or you intent to participate at B or C or D, which do not go to a provincial championship, then you would be able to use unlimited numbers, and I just realized in House League you don't play for championships, so ignore that whole part on House League. So what happens is, we have a lot of small Associations that, every year they come to us and they say, unless we can use this goalie from our Peewee team to play for our Bantam team all year long, we won't have a Bantam team, because we don't have a Bantam goalie. And every year we say all we're concerned about is making sure that Bantam team can stay on the ice all year long and don't have to worry about this affiliation rule, so that's what our proposal is here.

**Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** I think what we're trying to do here is make it as simple as possible to assist Associations in participation, and as Claudette said, often time the Board receives a request to offend existing rules because of circumstance. So, we're sharing the goalie, he's used up his ten games, often times it's House League. There is no branch or provincial championship that players will advance to. We're just trying to make it as easy as possible using the affiliation rules to support the Associations that need to use players on multiple occasions. There is a need, however, for those that have the opportunity to go to a Branch or provincial championships, to put a ten-game limit in there, the rest, we're just trying to make it as easy and open as possible.



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**Jamie Roach, Timmins Minor Hockey Association:** So, in effect, at House League now, you can play on two teams.

**Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** You can affiliate.

**Jamie Roach, Timmins Minor Hockey Association:** You can word it anyway you want, we're okay with free-for-all playing on two teams. At the end of the day, I know what your rationale is, I understand it, but this is what we relied on you for, so if there was an exception as we did need a goalie, there was a process, you had to justify it, and it made sense. Now, our rosters are fluid, for lack of a better word, right? Our House League rosters are, we have an HCR, but it's guidelines now.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Not yet, because we haven't passed the motion. But, although that's not the spirit of the motion, it would allow that.

**Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member:** I just have a question. Since this is a Hockey Canada Rule, doesn't this amendment weaken that affiliation rule? I understand what you're trying to do, but, from your explanation, it sounds like a nightmare for registration purposes. But is this not weakening that affiliation rule?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So the Hockey Canada rule applies only to teams going to regional and national championships, outside of that the member or the branch are allowed to internally run.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** I want to speak in favour of the motion because it's true, we've got some small Associations that will have eight players, sometimes nine players, and they need a couple more players to fill out their roster, like the affiliation policy has always been intended to do. It hasn't been intended for kids to play on two, three, or four teams, but I think it's important that we pass this motion because a lot of our House League teams need that kind of support. I think it's important, though, as well, that within your minor hockey association you have policies and procedures that basically speak to how



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coaches use affiliate players, how they ask the other coach for permission, how they ask the parents' permission and things like that, and to ensure it's done equally and fairly. Yeah, in essence we're saying a kid can play on three or four teams, but this is a responsibility to come back to us as minor hockey associations to make sure that doesn't get abused, so I support this motion.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** I haven't read the Hockey Canada regulation, but in the change to read, we've lost the ability for a young man to affiliate ad infinitum once his season has completed, to a team who is competing in an OHF, so the Hockey Canada Regulation states that, once a season is over, but in this writing that is not in there.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Correct, so in the end it is still in the Hockey Canada regulation, so we have to, essentially, re-organize—

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** But should we not include in there, in particular, when competing for an OHF or National championship? So, if a Minor Midget player, as an example, his season ends, the way this is written, a Major Midget team would not be able to affiliate him through the playoffs once the season's over into the OHFs or into a National championship? Should this motion not reflect the ability for that young man to affiliate ad infinitum?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** In the end, it's still going to be in there—

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** But we have two conflicting, it's not going to be written in this part, it's going to be in the Hockey Canada side?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So, in the end, we have to take the Hockey Canada regulation and move it into our book, so, essentially, ours is going to be the exact same as Hockey Canada with the exception of the unlimited, where there's no regional—

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** So this will not be what's in our book?



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**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** This is one of the regulations—

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Is there a second one dealing with it?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes, that is a separate regulation within the Hockey Canada book, so it would remain in there.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Will it be in our book?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Yes.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Where?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Regulation 16.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** I'm sorry, I forgot your name from Temiskaming Shores.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** Richard MacDonald

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** Thank you. I just wanted to make a correction that you said—a player can only affiliate to one team, so once you've decided you're going to affiliate with such-and-such a team, and you're on their affiliate 19-at-large, you cannot affiliate with any other team, it's the only team, and you mentioned the coach, of course, the team where that player is coming from has to approve every game he plays up with the other team, so as a coach of a team I would think that if your team just played this morning, you're not going to allow him to play with a higher level team in the afternoon, or even the next day, depending on what you're week's schedule looks like. I just wanted to make sure you knew one team.



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**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** I agree with Temiskaming Shores about the small communities, they need this 100%. The danger in this being loosely worded or not being progression-based, there's no onus on the Association to provide a rationalization just to work within the affiliation framework. In the Sault, we might not ever need to affiliate many players, but Temiskaming's been kicking our butt in the tournament, so we're going to make sure we load them teams up, so that's the danger of this, is that not everybody's got a handle, working at these Associations, trying to do as the spirit intended, and then the great thing happening for a small Association gets poisoned by large Associations that don't require it, but let's benefit by the loose wording. So that's my comment on that. We're going to try work within the spirit of that, I'm sure. I don't want to put the thought around that people will abuse that, but everyone here is a human being, and if twenty dollars is floating around, not everyone is going to not put it in their pocket.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Point well taken.

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** A question, I'm sure it's in a few of the League rules about affiliation that the team bringing up a player has to be short, is that an NOHA rule as well?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** No, it's not. In the Hockey Canada book it defines what the purpose of affiliation is, and the purpose is, and I'm paraphrasing, is to allow a team to field a full roster, that's the general purpose.

**Andrew MacDonald, Nickel Centre Minor Hockey Association:** As the gentleman back here mentioned in regard to why we have rules and regulations, we have them in relationship to carry on the integrity of the game. So one of the things that you have, if you're allowed to dress 19 players, two of which must be goaltenders. With the affiliation, you can now maximize your roster. Because 19-at-Large is done up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, as another gentleman mentioned, you can have your roster according to what you want. And, like I said, we're talking the Branch, Regional, or National championship, it's a small group of teams involved in that part. The majority of our teams are based in the House League program, or in the Rep programs that are B, C, D, or those who choose not to apply to participate in a Tournament of Champions. There is a lot of loopholes here to manipulate. I like the idea of what the intention is, but the problem is that



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people in the hockey world take our rule book and find ways to circumvent it, and that is where we have to sit down and make sure whatever we're putting in, is in for the right reasons and is used for the right reasons. And the intent is to allow kids to participate, but the thing is it will be utilized by some to manipulate. Ultimately we as the Associations are responsible for the people we hire, our coaches, managers, trainers, so it falls back to us to make sure we follow the intention. In five years' time, it will be different people running the Associations, so we need to be very careful what we decide to accept.

**Dan Ranger, Capreol Minor Hockey Association:** To make it fair, we should have a minimum player cap, so if two players drop out because of injury or illness, you can pull up, but you can't have a team that has 15 bringing another player up. We had the same thing where a team had 14 players, and we only had 10, and they had two players up, and it wasn't fair. If people are taking advantage of it, they're going to be stacking their teams with this unlimited games. If it's going to be unlimited, there must be a minimum player amount.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Okay, and that's not in the motion, so guide yourself accordingly when you're ready to vote.

**Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive:** I'll be honest with you, I'm 60/40 on it, people will play the game to their advantage, and we hate to say it, but I think everybody's there for the right reasons, and hopefully we are. What I'm just suggesting, and I'm not saying for or against, but that's a big jump from a 10-game affiliation to a 60-game affiliation, because, realistically, people could stack. There could be amendments, 20 games. I feel for the small Associations because they will benefit, especially with only 9 kids, but on the other coin, I see the situation where a Pee wee team has 13 kids and there's 4 really good Atom kids, and the Coach says I need those Atom kids for 40 games. I see both sides of the coin.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** We're going to do one of two things: we're either going to vote, or we're going to put it off until after lunch.

—Break for Lunch—



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**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** I just want to say before we continue the discussion with this, that if you decide to defeat this motion, what will happen is we'll go back to the way it has been, and in special circumstances, where it has been determined that a team needs that help, or the rest of the team is not going to be able to exist, the NOHA will deal with those on an issue-by-issue situation, that will still continue.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** So Dick, in essence, are you making an amendment to the motion? Or are you withdrawing the motion?

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** No, I'm just giving you my personal opinion.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** Because it sounds like you're speaking to the motion.

**Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive:** No, what he's saying is if this motion doesn't go through, then it will revert back to the way it was. In past years, what we've done, is every Association has asked for an exemption to the rule, and the Board has dealt with these, so all he's saying is if the motion is defeated, it's not going to stop people from applying for special dispensation.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Yes, and like Claudette said very well at the start, if there's a young team and they don't have a goalie, the only way that young team can continue to play is if the goalie who's up from the lower team is maybe past 10 games, but they're going to give him permission because otherwise the rest of the team is out of hockey for the year. That's a decision that will be made in the best interests of hockey, so if you defeat the motion, that process will still continue. I guess what the motion really says is it would be automatic if they put it in, but if you decide to defeat it, it will revert back to the Board's decision.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** If I'm hearing you correctly, you seem to be speaking against the motion, and you would urge us to defeat the motion, is that what I'm hearing?





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**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** No, I'm not telling you to defeat the motion, I just want everybody to be sure that they know that if it is defeated, there will still be an avenue to take care of those special cases, but if you wish to put it in, to have it an automatic thing, that's fine, too.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** It sounds to me like we might just defeat the motion. We had discussions at lunch time that would enable small Association to ice a team when they're short, and the big Association that are worried about people meddling with the freedom to play on two different teams wouldn't happen. I'm worried about that, because you'd have 10 game max, still 19-at-Large as far as I understand, so I guess I might be considering defeating the motion and I might change my mind. And only fools ever change their minds.

**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** I think if we can amend this motion that there would be some sort of permission-based activation for this, not just I need this to happen, I simply have to call Jason or somebody and say this is this year's circumstance, I'm just letting you know the rationale, we'd like to exercise the right to be able to affiliate unlimited. The fact that it's automatic is just too loose. I like the spirit of it, I would just like a simple, permission-based thing where you just simply, I like the way it is, just more having to give a rationalization on why this community, this particular year, needs this particular assistance. If it could be amended, I don't know how it could be amended, but that would be my thought.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** And I'm not sure how to structure an amendment for that.

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** Respectfully, to Temiskaming Shores, it sounds like you want to defeat the motion, but I don't think that's what they're saying, they're saying that there will be a protocol in place and a procedure can be enacted, so what the Sault is saying, you're going back to essentially what we're doing now, which is, you've got to call and get special permission. I don't know whether or not you want to amend the motion, I think the intent of this was pretty clear, just to eliminate, and alleviate the problems that the NOHA has in making decisions, is that correct? So, it's essentially, do you want to let them continue to make decisions, or do you want to put a blanket out there and they don't have to make a decision? Is that a fair statement?

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Yes.



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**James Patterson, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** The way I've interpreted this is simply you are downloading the responsibility to us. I can't speak to what other Associations do, but what our Association does is we have a policy that you can only replace rostered players that are either injured or ill, and therefore unable to play, so therefore stopping teams from filling empty roster spots.

**Jamie Nelson, Englehart Minor Hockey Association:** Would it be possible to propose an amendment for all other categories and divisions of hockey, affiliations for players shall be 10 games, for goaltenders shall be unlimited? Because there is a pool of players that you can pull up multiple players, you could have one kid play for 10 games, then you have how many other players available to come up to play again to keep the team rostered, but if goaltender is the issue, then why not allow the goaltenders unlimited, but all other players or skaters would be limited to 10 games.

**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** I would personally be willing to let it slide for a year, if there's all kinds of problems next year, we can amend it, I see potential problems with players of caliber. I think we could try this for a year.

### **Amendment to the Motion**

**Moved by Jamie Nelson, Englehart Minor Hockey Association**

**Seconded by Dan Ranger, Capreol Minor Hockey Association**

“That skaters can play up to ten games, and goalies are unlimited.”

**Albert Corradini, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** So a question, that leaves the NOHA with all the skaters, so we're not really relieving the NOHA of these requests, are we? We're essentially allowing a goaltender now to affiliate an unlimited number of games, but now any other player wanting to affiliate beyond 10 games falls back into the NOHA's lap, right?



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**Andrew MacDonald, Nickel Centre Minor Hockey Association:** Based on the regulations, goaltenders aren't identified at rep until Peewee, and on the House League side, they aren't identified at all, so how are we going to allow that child to move up when they are not outlined in the HCR?

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Okay, we've had enough discussion, everyone knows the amendment is out there. We're going to vote on the amendment to the motion, and the amendment allows—

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** Doesn't somebody from the Board have to accept that amendment? It hasn't been accepted by the mover of the motion.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** We can accept an amendment on the floor.

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** The person who put it in, don't they have to accept it?

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** No.

**Andrew MacDonald, Nickel Centre Minor Hockey Association:** Point of order. Did we get a seconder?

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** We did.

**Amendment**

**DEFEATED**

**Motion**



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### **CARRIED**

#### **28. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

##### **Page 84 – NOHA Regulation 10.1.a**

##### **Presently Reads:**

Any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations of the NOHA or decisions of the Board of Directors, by any member of the NOHA shall render such member liable to suspension by the Board of Directors.

##### **Change to Read:**

Any NOHA Member in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, or Decisions of the NOHA Board of Directors shall be liable to suspension.

##### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Simpler wording.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

#### **29. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

##### **Page 84 – NOHA Regulation 10.1.c**

##### **Presently Reads:**

Prior to the commencement of each hockey season, the Chairman of the Referee's Committee, under the authority of the Board of Directors of the NOHA, shall issue to all members, the Ontario Hockey Federation Minimum Suspension List for all infractions and misconduct penalties which result in suspensions for Players and Team Officials.



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### **Change to Read:**

Prior to the commencement of each hockey season, the NOHA shall issue to all members, the Ontario Hockey Federation Minimum Suspension List for all infractions and misconduct penalties which result in suspensions for Players and Team Officials.

### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping. To clarify the process that presently exists.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

### **CARRIED**

### **30. – SUBMITTED BY WAWA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**Page 90 – NOHA Regulation 11.1.f (NEW)**

### **Presently Reads:**

None.

### **Change to Read:**

The NOHA shall continue to provide a Tournament of Champions at the Novice division and not a Jamboree.

### **Rationale:**

Novice level players should be able to play in a competitive tournament at the end of the year.

### **WITHDRAWN**

### **30-B–SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 90 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.a**



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### **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.

### **Change to Read:**

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### **Rationale:**

The NOHA Board has previously received requests to host a Championship on a different weekend than what the Regulation states. In these situations, we have confirmed that the different weekend would still work for eligible teams.

**Moved by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** The motion that is not numbered on page 35 is going to be called 30-B.

**Steve Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association:** Does the weekend still have to be within March, or are we considering any weekend?

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** Within the three weekends in March.

**CARRIED**



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### **31. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 91 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.b**

##### **Presently Reads:**

Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until June 15th. The total number of entries eligible to attend will be confirmed by December 31st of the current season.

##### **Change to Read:**

Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until September 1. The total number of entries eligible to attend will be confirmed by December 31st of the current season.

##### **Rationale:**

To allow for additional time for hosts to come forward. The selection of host sites takes place at the first NOHA Board of Directors Meeting in September.

**Moved by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Fred Burrows ,NOHA Executive**

### **CARRIED**

### **32. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 91 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.c**

##### **Presently Reads:**

Associations/Teams that have not participated in the previous season's playoffs may not be eligible to apply to host unless no other requests are received. Associations may apply for a higher category to which they are registered if they participated in that category the previous two seasons.

##### **Change to Read:**

All Associations/Single Entry Teams shall be eligible to host a Tournament of Champions.



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Associations may apply for a higher category to which they are registered.

### **Rationale:**

To remove barriers of hosting a Tournament of Champions and open up the opportunities to potential host Associations.

**Moved by Gayle Payette, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Dan Raycroft, NOHA Executive**

### **CARRIED**

### **33. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 91 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.e**

#### **Presently Reads:**

Where there are only two Teams registered for a Tournament of Championships this championship will not be held.

#### **Change to Read:**

Where there are only two Teams registered for a Tournament of Championships this championship will not be held unless the Championship requires the declaration of a winner to send to an OHF Championship, in which case the winner shall be declared in the method as determined by the NOHA Board of Directors.

#### **Rationale:**

The NOHA has a responsibility to send teams to OHF Championships, therefore we require a method to determine how that will be done in cases where only two teams have registered for a Tournament of Champions.

**Moved by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**





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Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive

### **CARRIED**

#### **34. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

Page 91 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.1.g

##### **Presently Reads:**

No NOHA Team may apply to host an Ontario Hockey Federation Championship unless said Team has attended the NOHA playoffs each of the three (3) previous years in the category they are applying to host.

##### **Change to Read:**

No NOHA Team may apply to host an Ontario Hockey Federation Championship unless said Team has attended the NOHA playoffs in one (1) of the three (3) previous years.

##### **Rationale:**

To remove barriers of hosting an OHF Championship.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive

### **CARRIED**

#### **35. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

Page 92 – NOHA Regulation 11.3.2.b

##### **Presently Reads:**



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Where Associations have more than one (1) team per division, they must determine which team attends the Tournament of Champions (one per Division). In any category if the Tournament of Champions requires more teams, Associations may send more than one (1) team per Division, as determined by the NOHA Playoff Committee. This must be done by December 1st.

### **Change to Read:**

Where Associations have more than one (1) team per division, they may apply to attend the Tournament of Champions. The NOHA Playoff Committee will determine, based on the number of registrations for the division, whether they can accept multiple teams from the same Association. Where additional entries cannot be accepted, the Association will be notified by December 31 and they will be responsible to identify which team will attend.

### **Rationale:**

The NOHA does not want to prevent teams from participating and in recent years have begun to receive more requests from Associations with multiple teams in an age division to participate in the Tournament of Champions, so the proposed change allows them to apply by the deadline and it will be up to the NOHA Playoff Committee to determine whether they can be accepted.

**Moved by Fred Burrows, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

### **CARRIED**

### **36. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 93 – NOHA Regulation 11.4.1.a**

### **Presently Reads:**

The House League Tournament of Champions will be held the third weekend of March. Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until June 15th. Associations or single entry teams must be in good standing with the NOHA.

### **Change to Read:**



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### **Rationale:**

To allow for additional time for hosts to come forward. The selection of host sites takes place at the first NOHA Board of Directors Meeting in September.

**Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Julio Navarro, NOHA Executive**

### **CARRIED**

### **37. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

#### **Page 93 – NOHA Regulation 11.4.2.a**

#### **Presently Reads:**

All NOHA Peewee, Bantam and Midget House League category playoffs will be in a Tournament of Champions 10 Team format. The Teams will be comprised by randomly selecting from each District a Team that has previously shown intent of participation as well as a host Team. Where Districts that do not have House League Teams or have no Team interest, additional Teams will be randomly selected from all Teams that have shown interest. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of four games in the tournament format.

#### **Change to Read:**

All NOHA Peewee, Bantam and Midget House League Tournament of Champions will have a maximum of ten (10) teams. The Teams will be comprised by randomly selecting from each District a Team that has previously shown intent of participation as well as a host Team. Where Districts that do not have House League Teams or have no Team interest, additional Teams will be randomly selected from all Teams that have shown interest. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of three games in the tournament format.

#### **Rationale:**



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To clarify the current process where not all HL TOCs have had 10 teams register to attend. To adjust the number of guaranteed games. Based on number of teams, the number of games may be limited to three.

**Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive**

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** In the “Change to read” part, the guaranteed number of games at the end of that paragraph is 3, it’s not highlighted, but that is a change from the guarantee of 4 from the previous years.

**Richard MacDonald, Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association:** I’m just wondering if there’s some way of recognizing the House League Champions with respect to Leagues, somehow? Because it seems the Tournament of Champions now for House League is just those who apply for it, yet we have teams that say, win their League, are they representing their League at the Tournament of Champions for House League? It seems to me that there ought to be a benefit for winning your League, that should be like your reward to get into the Tournament of Champions somehow. Something that’s always concerned me is that sometimes we have two teams apply to the Tournament of Champions, and they’re like, in last place in their League.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** So, unfortunately, Richard, we can’t do League champions because not all House League Teams within the NOHA play in a League, they just play exhibition games here and there, so they would never have the opportunity to attend the Tournament of Champions, and basically, this is just to put out there so that any team that wants to participate in a year-end tournament and be an NOHA champion could do so if they want to.

**CARRIED**

**38. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Page 95 – NOHA Regulation 11.6.e**



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### **Presently Reads:**

The trophies shall be returned to forwarded to the Council Director for the District for transportation to the NOHA Office by December 1st of each year. If a team fails to enter the next season by the final entry date for its division, the trophy won is to revert immediately to the NOHA.

### **Change to Read:**

Delete.

### **Rationale:**

R.11.6.c addresses the returning of trophies to the NOHA Office.

**Moved by Bryce Kulik, NOHA Life Member**

**Seconded by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**CARRIED**

### **39. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Pages 95-96 – NOHA Regulation 12.1.b**

### **Presently Reads:**

A list of Teams who are entering the tournament must be forwarded to the NOHA Office and the NOHA Council Director ten (10) days prior to the start of the tournament. The completed schedule can then be e-mailed when the final draft is ready to be sent to all Teams. All tournaments (House League and Representative) are required to submit a tournament reconciliation to the NOHA Office sixty (60) days after the completion of the tournament. Tournament hosts must also submit all game sheets, tournament permits, final game schedule and HCR approved rosters to the NOHA Office with their reconciliation. All tournaments are required to check the HCR approved rosters of each Team participating to verify their eligibility.

Once everything has been submitted, the NOHA office will inform the Association of any missing documents that did not come with the Tournament Reconciliation and they will then help the Association secure them.



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### **Rationale:**

It is the responsibility of an association hosting a tournament to ensure that all paperwork is received and provided back to the NOHA. It is the responsibility of teams attending tournaments to ensure that they have the appropriate information. If a host association is missing documentation at the start of a tournament (i.e. missing roster or permit), they should contact the NOHA Office to address the issues immediately.

**Moved by Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive**

**Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Executive**

**Jim McLoughlin, Valley East Minor Hockey Association:** If you reconcile your tournament and you hand in all your documentation, how are you going to know if you're missing anything? You took that line out where the NOHA will call you.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So, ultimately, when you're hosting a tournament, it's your responsibility to ensure that the teams going have permits, you have the schedule, you've done everything, so that is essentially what we're saying, it's not the NOHA's responsibility to say you don't have this team's permit and we're going to print it off for you just so you have it, it's your responsibility, essentially, as a group hosting a tournament. In the end, if you know you're missing something, don't wait until too late. We have groups that send their stuff in well beyond 60 days, or don't send it in at all, so that's where the issue lies. If you know you don't have a permit for a certain team, contact us to ensure they have it.



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**Jim McLoughlin, Valley East Minor Hockey Association:** I understand, but what if you send in all your paperwork, or the tournament chairperson says they have it all and submit it, what if there is a piece missing?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So, ultimately, if we know that team that you don't have the paperwork for, if we know they have applied and gotten approval for their permit, that's going to be the end of it from our end, the issue becomes, it's going to be an issue regardless, if you, hosting a tournament, allow a team that wasn't approved.

**Jim McLoughlin, Valley East Minor Hockey Association:** I know years ago there used to be a penalty, so are you penalizing them?

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So, again, it is a requirement to ensure the teams have their permits and approved rosters, so kind of two-fold, again, if they've provided their information, and for whatever reason the paperwork goes missing, but they're fine, then that's it, but the issue, regardless of, it applies to everything if you don't follow the rule, and it's up to the Board of Directors to deal with whatever that situation is, so whether it's allowing ineligible players, or a coach who is ineligible, then that is still...

**Jim McLoughlin, Valley East Minor Hockey Association:** I totally get all that, but it doesn't mention anything about consequences.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So again, that's the Board's responsibility, and there's nothing anywhere in our book that says this is the consequences.

**Jim McLoughlin, Valley East Minor Hockey Association:** I think we've taken for granted there was someone at the office going through everything, and if they're missing one, someone would call you.

**Lindsay Leggett, NOHA Office:** If you send in a tournament reconciliation and something is missing, I will call you and let you know, and ask for it, that's fine, the point of this is just to



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make sure that you have it before the tournament, and not sixty days after, “oh I didn’t get a permit”.

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** I understand that you guys would no longer be responsible for tracking down whatever we’re missing, and especially the case where it’s just an inadvertent, you know, I put together a reconciliation package and forget to put a piece of paper in there, so instead of dropping that whole sentence, once everything is submitted, why couldn’t you just cut it off after the word “reconciliation”? The responsibility would belong to the NOHA to help us secure them, but at least the NOHA is still responsible to at least acknowledge you got it and everything is completed, or who got everything but you forgot to put in your finalized schedule, or you forgot to do this, or whatever. There’s no onus on you to help us do that, but there is an onus that you are going to notify us on that, still in the constitution.

**Lindsay Leggett, NOHA Office:** I would say it’s covered in the reconciliation in the procedure itself that we use, like no matter what that says, I’m going to reconcile the tournaments and make sure everything is there, this is more so just not printing off permits after the fact for teams that didn’t submit them.

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** So you’re still going to do it, you just don’t want it in the book.

**Lindsay Leggett, NOHA Office:** It’s in the procedure of the reconciliation process.

**Mike Creedon, Sault Major Hockey Association:** If they would just accept a friendly amendment that you cut it off after the word “reconciliation” instead of the whole sentence, and I think that would fill the rationale of the motion, but would still fill the worries that the tournament committee has, that they might have forgotten something and they won’t get notified about it.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** The Board wishes to withdraw the motion at this time.





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**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I'd like to make a comment. At the Sudbury Minor Big Nickel Tournament this year, Lindsay sent us back paperwork, and I don't know how we can figure this out, but we had three rosters come from Southern Ontario and one from Northern Ontario that were incomplete from the HCR. Remember that, Lindsay?

**Lindsay Leggett, NOHA Office:** What do you mean the rosters were incomplete, they didn't have people on them?

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** When we handed in the roster, you came back to us and said the rosters were incomplete, so as a tournament group of volunteers, how are we supposed to know if Schumacher comes with a roster, and that's not the completed roster? How do we know that?

**Lindsay Leggett, NOHA Office:** I don't understand what you mean by incomplete, they should all have "Approved" at the top. If one was missing, that might have been the situation. I'll have to check and make sure, because I can't see anybody submitting an incomplete roster because they wouldn't be able to print it out, so it might have just been missing. For an affiliated player the process is, and this is in the constitution, too, is you need to make sure you have the roster of that player, so if a team comes from Toronto and they have an affiliated player, they need to bring their roster and the player's roster.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I may be wrong, I'm not sure, but I remember the rosters were sent back and we had to go to the teams to try to get their final roster.

**Lindsay Leggett, NOHA Office:** I can look and advise later on that.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** So what we do with the TOCs is we have our Board members or whoever they appoint, to verify the roster and ensure they are correct, so whether there are affiliates, and verify with the team and ask if this is their final roster.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** We definitely thought they were final rosters, but they weren't, so we're not sure.



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**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Thanks, Barry. See, I knew we would be finished at the end of 38. So that is the end of the Motions.

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### 8) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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### 9) ELECTIONS

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** For the 2018-2019 season, John Jamieson will remain as the Past President. John, unfortunately, isn't here this weekend, he's with the Junior team in Dryden.

**President:** for the second year of a three-year term, again, will be Claudette Myre.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** again the second year of a three-year term, will be Hugh Riddle.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Oscar Clouthier, second year of three.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** will be Sue Shepherdson, the second year of three.

**District One:** Ted Zajac will finish his second year.

**District Two:** Brian Beaupre is acclaimed.

**District Three:** Dan Raycroft, second year.

**District Four:** There are no nominations.

**District Five:** Jim Hall from North Bay, has been acclaimed.

**District Six:** Marc Klis, appointed by the NOHA Board of Directors.

**District Seven:** Gayle Payette is finishing her second year.

**District Eight:** Julio Navarro has been acclaimed.

**District Nine:** Sam Gaulin is in her second year.



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**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** At this time, I would just like to thank District 6, Tracy Hautanen, for her years on the Board, as well as I'd like to thank Fred Burrows for his many years on the Board. Thank you to both of you.

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### 10) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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### 11) NEW BUSINESS

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** Next year is a special year for us in the NOHA, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We're very happy to say in year one we started it off in Cobalt, in year 50 it was back in Cobalt, and for year 100, we'll be back in Cobalt again.

The actual meeting will be held at the Cobalt Classic Theatre, and then we'll have the other activities up at the New Liskeard Arena. We have secured motel prices for everybody that will come out now, and then the planning will get underway, but we do want to make it a very special year, and what we would like from all the Associations is for you to come up with some kind of a display for your region or city or town, that we can allot you a space at the arena in New Liskeard, that you can display the information about your Association.

We'd like to have the banquet in a marché-style where we won't sit down for an actual banquet, but instead there will be seats and everyone will have an opportunity to visit food booths and get what they want at one booth, sit down, and then go to others, but we really want to encourage everyone to get out and see the displays and to visit with the people there, and hopefully we'll have some people who have gone onto higher aspirations in hockey from the NOHA, be they players, coaches, referees, we hope to have some of them available that you may want to say hello to or have your picture taken with them. That's generally what we're looking at, and we're



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really hoping we'll get the co-operation of all the Associations to put together some really dynamic displays of hockey in your area.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** I guess Dick wanted to leave the best part of the whole event to me, so we've been fortunate to secure some entertainment for the weekend, I know I'm very excited, I think everyone is very excited, so we have Stoppin' Tom Connors's son Taw Connors coming up. I had an opportunity to see him in North Bay in September and he does a show in recognition of his dad, and has 10-15 songs about Northern Ontario, from Manitoulin to Kapuskasing, so we thought it was a great event to do that. We're looking forward to that.

As Dick said as well, if you do have any memorabilia you are willing to let us borrow for that event, we'll follow up and we greatly appreciate that.

The other big event we have planned and hopefully have some information out in the next week or two, is we're planning a golf tournament the summer of 2019 in Sudbury, so we have two golf courses booked, and the idea is that funds raised go back into Grassroots programming, whether that be recruitment/ retention or development programs, so we'll have more information out in the next week or two, and your support is appreciated. It'll be July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. In the end, any funds that are gained from that event would go back into your programming.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I'd just like to bring up a point about the HP1 clinic. How do we get that to Northern Ontario?

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** We've been advised by the OHF that if we can secure a minimum of 60%—

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** We have a list of 54 people.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** And of those people it has to be a minimum of 40, and of that 40, 60% of them have to actually be carded to a AAA team that requires HP1 certification.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** Why? At our AAA meeting last night, why are we being forced, as an Association, why do they have to be part of a AAA team?



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**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** I believe that the OHF is insisting on that minimum number because they don't want to just be doing the course because.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** That's not a good enough answer. We've got lots of people, men and women around the floor today, we need to push you people, you represent us, we have a list of 54 people, and I'm sure there are more people, just because I'm not going to coach AAA at Bantam next year, you're going to deny me a course? Somebody complained that they'd coached Midget hockey for years and had to go back to take Body Checking because, at that level, that happened. We need to push this.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** So these coaches need to be evaluated in order to have their HP1 certification, so if they aren't coaching at a AAA level, then they can't be evaluated, so maybe you put these people on a AAA roster, let them go to a practice and game and be evaluated, and that's how we get around to the majority of these people carded on a AAA team.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I can think of 3 or 4 people who did this course a year ago, and just got evaluated this year, so over a year, because we only have one evaluator in the city of Sudbury. I'm the only person speaking here, but I know I have some support on this, we need to push them to bring that course, I don't care what needs to happen. But Tammy has a list of 54 people, we had to send people from Nickel City and Sudbury down to Barrie this year so they could be certified so they could actually coach this year.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** You had to send our AAA coaches down south to get evaluated?

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** They had to go down for the course. Tammy sent out a mass email. We were told we had to have 50. We have 54 now.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** They have to be registered on a AAA team. Get them on a AAA roster.



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**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I have a hard time with that, and everyone on the floor has a hard time with that. I don't understand why the OHF would turn down \$54,000. Are we not a big enough Association for that?

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** I'm not sure exactly what the problem is. I know that I was at a meeting and I was given these numbers at our Minor Council meeting, and so that's what I'm telling you I was told. That these people have to be coaching a AAA team, so I'm telling you a work-around, register them on a AAA team, and we'll see where we can go from there. You understand, I'm not arguing with you, I feel the frustration. We're just as frustrated as an NOHA Board that we can't get an HP1 clinic in the North. I understand it. We all feel the same way. We've gone to the OHF, it's been on Minor Council's agenda, it's been on Junior Council's agenda, and that's the response we're getting from the OHF, these people have to be registered with a AAA team so they're doing the work that needs to be done in order to be HP1 certified.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** It doesn't matter if you're on a AAA roster anyway, because we had people in Sudbury Minor that took over two years to get certified. That doesn't make a lot of sense.

**Tammy Simpson, Sudbury Minor Hockey Association:** If we get them on a AAA roster, and get them to be on the list to have a clinic here, can they assure us that they're going to certify these people within the year while they're still on a AAA team? Because what happens the year later when they're not on a AAA team?

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** I'm going to say probably not.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I'm going to use a gentleman's name who's not here now, Andre Brunette, he went from Peterborough to a hockey tournament, the OHF got someone to go to Peterborough to certify him, the gentleman that certified him said "this is crazy. This doesn't make any sense at all." I'm venting to you.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** I understand, and I feel your pain, I'm not discounting anything you're saying.



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**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** I know, but we need to push this, because this is a big thing. We're losing coaches.

**Scott Huycke, North Bay & District Trappers:** We can't even get coaches because no one wants to commit to the 4-day weekend to go to town, take time off work.

**Barry McCrory, NOHL:** The last one was held in North Bay 5 years ago at the college, and people were coming from Southern Ontario because it was one weekend.

**Scott Huycke, North Bay & District Trappers:** Just another point to bring to your attention, I took my course in Barrie three years ago. I got evaluated more than 18 months later. Then, when you take that HP1 course, 56 fun-filled hours over 4 days, and don't get me wrong, I got a lot out of it, too, but you're not told that now you're on a 5-year 30-point system. I was told that this winter. When I heard about it, I called Jason. My question is, how do you expect us to get 30 points over 5 years? Some of these things are 1 point, 2 points. We coach 30 weeks in the season, you're busy 23-24 of those. Where do you fit in the extra clinics to get the points? This is also an issue.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** So I believe you get 5 points for every year you're coaching.

**Jason Marchand, NOHA:** Quite honestly, don't worry about the points, I don't want to scare anyone, but I'm not sure Hockey Canada or the CAC have finalized where they're going, so don't worry about that at this point, obviously continuing education is great, but don't worry.

**Karen McShane Roach, Timmins Minor Hockey Association:** Are you not able to possibly take the clinic not on a roster, then once you're on a AAA roster get evaluated? If it takes so long to get evaluated?



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**Jamie Roach, Timmins Minor Hockey Association:** If you're not getting evaluated for at least 18 months, how does that even factor in? It doesn't make any sense.

**Karen McShane Roach, Timmins Minor Hockey Association:** You pay your money, and then once you're on a AAA roster, you get evaluated.

**Claudette Myre, NOHA President:** I understand. We'll bring it back to the OHF again and fight, that's all we can do.

**Dick Farrow, Moderator:** What Claudette is saying is that she's the messenger bringing back from the OHF, and I think what the floor is saying, "well we want the messenger to take a message back to the OHF, that we are not happy with this." So I guess, let's have a show of hands of who supports having a clinic in the North? Well, then now the Board at least has that to take back saying, the floor at the NOHA Annual Meeting unanimously requests that you do this, so now the messenger can take back that very strong message. Whether it gets anywhere or not is another thing, but they can take it back. Are there any other issues? Seeing nothing.

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### 12) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Hugh Riddle, NOHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Seconded by Oscar Clouthier, NOHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**CARRIED**