



Northern Ontario Hockey Association

Proposed Amendments of the

104th Annual General Meeting

70th Annual Minor Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2023





**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE
104th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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1. – SUBMITTED BY CRAIG MAKI/NOHA EXECUTIVE TO BE WITHDRAWN

Definitions – L) “District”

Presently Reads:

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO – SUDBURY REGION: CAPREOL, CONISTON (Coniston, Estaire, Wahnapiatae, Wanup), NICKEL CENTRE, (Garson, Falconbridge, Skead), RAYSIDE BALFOUR (Chelmsford, Azilda), ONAPING FALLS (Cartier, Levack, Onaping, Dowling), WALDEN (Lively, Naughton, Whitefish, Whitefish Lake FN, Worthington), ESPANOLA (Birch Island, Espanola, McKerrow, Nairn Centre, Webbwood, Whitefish Falls, Whitefish River FN, Willisville).

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT – SUDBURY CITY: City of Sudbury, Copper Cliff

Change to Read:

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO – SUDBURY REGION: CAPREOL, CONISTON (Coniston, Estaire, Wahnapiatae, Wanup), NICKEL CENTRE, (Garson, Falconbridge, Skead), RAYSIDE BALFOUR (Chelmsford, Azilda), ONAPING FALLS (Cartier, Levack, Onaping, Dowling), ~~WALDEN (Lively, Naughton, Whitefish, Whitefish Lake FN, Worthington)~~, ESPANOLA (Birch Island, Espanola, McKerrow, Nairn Centre, Webbwood, Whitefish Falls, Whitefish River FN, Willisville).

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT – SUDBURY CITY: City of Sudbury, Copper Cliff, **WALDEN (Lively, Naughton, Whitefish, Whitefish Lake FN, Worthington)**

Rationale:

The NOHA formed a sub-committee to review the boundaries within Districts 2/8. Below is a summary of their discussions and findings.

- During the 2022 – 2023 season we have seen teams fold in District 8 due to low registration numbers.
- During the 2022 – 2023 there was an organizational philosophy that players in the Nickel City Hockey Association would not be granted releases.
- This precluded players from District 2 who would have been traditionally released from District 2 to try out in District 8 at higher divisions.
- These players were compelled to play at lower levels, when they could have had the opportunity to play at a higher level.
- Player Numbers will be more balanced in Districts 2 and District 8.



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- Based on arena proximity, parents and players in Walden will spend less time in their vehicles to get to hockey events if they are moved from District 2 to District 8.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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2. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

By-Law 5.6.a)

Presently Reads:

Change to Read:

All Members who are in good standing, shall be entitled to notice of, to attend, and to vote at all meetings of Members of the NOHA. Until changed by the Members, the following shall be authorized to vote:

All NOHA Senior, Intermediate and Junior Teams – 1 Delegate each per Team;

All NOHA Minor Teams (Representative Teams) – 1 Delegate per Division;

All NOHA Minor Teams (House League) – 1 Delegate per Division;

All Associations – 1 Delegate each per Association;

NOHA Board of Directors – 14 Delegates;

NOHA Director of Officials – 1 Delegate;

NOHA Past President – 1 Delegate; and

Life Member – 1 Delegate.

For the purposes hereof, Minor Team Delegates may vote only on matters which have an effect on Minor Hockey and the election of Council Directors and Officers. Persons eligible to vote on behalf of Teams will be the Team Officials registered in the Hockey Canada Registry with the named Team that is listed on the Delegate certificate or any Person from the Teams' Association Executive (as stated below).

Rationale:

The vast majority of the NOHA is made up of House League Teams and organizations. The proposed change provides for the same voting powers for Associations, regardless of whether they are a House League or Rep Association, or both.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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3. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

By-Law 6.1.a)

Presently Reads:

The AGM shall be held annually on the first weekend in May of each year. The AGM shall be rotated annually to one of the Major Centres, unless an application to host the AGM is received by another Major Centre and the applying Major Centre is not in the same district as the previous year’s host Major Centre. The order shall be as follows: Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, and Timmins. Once the rotation is complete it shall recommence at the start of the cycle. The exact time and place for the AGM shall be determined by the Board for the purpose of doing business as set out in the agenda of such AGM.

Change to Read:

The AGM shall be held annually on a date as determined by the NOHA Board of Directors and confirmed with the Membership by September 1 of every season. ~~the first weekend in May of each year.~~ The AGM shall be rotated annually to one of the Major Centres, unless an application to host the AGM is received by another Major Centre and the applying Major Centre is not in the same district as the previous year’s host Major Centre. The order shall be as follows: Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, and Timmins. Once the rotation is complete it shall recommence at the start of the cycle. The exact time and place for the AGM shall be determined by the Board for the purpose of doing business as set out in the agenda of such AGM.

Rationale:

Currently, the timing of the NOHA Annual General Meeting provides a ten (10) month gap between the NOHA’s fiscal year end and following Annual General Meeting, which makes it extremely difficult to provide an accurate portrayal of the NOHA’s financial picture as of the meeting. By allowing this flexibility, it will provide the Board the ability to possibly adjust the timing of the meeting along with its fiscal year end.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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4. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

By-Law 6.1.a.

Presently Reads:

The AGM shall be held annually on the first weekend in May of each year. The AGM shall be rotated annually to one of the Major Centres, unless an application to host the AGM is received by another Major Centre and the applying Major Centre is not in the same district as the previous year's host Major Centre. The order shall be as follows: Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, and Timmins. Once the rotation is complete it shall recommence at the start of the cycle. The exact time and place for the AGM shall be determined by the Board for the purpose of doing business as set out in the agenda of such AGM.

Change to Read:

The AGM shall be held annually on the first weekend in May of each year **in North Bay**. ~~The AGM shall be rotated annually to one of the Major Centres, unless an application to host the AGM is received by another Major Centre and the applying Major Centre is not in the same district as the previous year's host Major Centre. The order shall be as follows: Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, and Timmins. Once the rotation is complete it shall recommence at the start of the cycle.~~ The exact time and place for the AGM shall be determined by the Board for the purpose of doing business as set out in the agenda of such AGM.

Rationale:

The NOHA Annual General Meeting is a significant expense to the organization. Hosting the meeting in North Bay would save between \$2000.00 and \$6000.00 compared to the other locations. For example, the hotel costs in Timmins this season are between \$50 and \$80 more per night, which not only increases costs to the NOHA but to the attendees as well.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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5. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

By-Law 7.6.b)

Presently Reads:

Anyone letting their name stand for Officer or Council Director may do so for a maximum of two (2) positions only. Individuals who are nominated are to be advised by the Executive Director so that they can advise which positions they are interested in prior to publication of the AGM meeting material. A District Council Director who is midterm can accept nomination for one (1) Officer position.

Change to Read:

Anyone letting their name stand for Officer ~~or Council Director~~ may do so for a maximum of two (2) positions only. **Council Directors, whose term is up, may let their name stand for Council Director, in addition to two (2) Officer positions.** Individuals who are nominated are to be advised by the Executive Director so that they can advise which positions they are interested in prior to publication of the AGM meeting material. ~~A District Council Director who is midterm can accept nomination for one (1) Officer position.~~

Rationale:

The current process provides an unfair advantage to a Council Director who wishes to run for an Officer position that has a term that is ending. Amending this to what is proposed creates equal opportunity, while allowing a Council Director whose term is ending to possibly maintain their spot if not successful at obtaining an Officer position. Due to the difficulty in keeping volunteers, we do not want to lose valuable people.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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6. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

By-Law 8.10

Presently Reads:

Directors shall serve without remuneration and no Director shall, either directly or indirectly, receive any remuneration, salary or profit from the position of Director or for any service rendered to the NOHA. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the Board of Directors may establish policies relating to the reimbursement of Directors for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Directors of the NOHA. Any reimbursement or honourarium to a Director of the NOHA for goods and services rendered shall require the approval from the Board of Directors prior to the expense being incurred or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NOHA President, until changed by resolution of the Members at an AGM shall be entitled to receive an honourarium of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per month.

Change to Read:

Directors shall serve without remuneration and no Director shall, either directly or indirectly, receive any remuneration, salary or profit from the position of Director or for any service rendered to the NOHA. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the Board of Directors may establish policies relating to the reimbursement of Directors for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Directors of the NOHA. Any reimbursement or honourarium to a Director of the NOHA for goods and services rendered shall require the approval from the Board of Directors prior to the expense being incurred or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NOHA President, until changed by resolution of the Members at an AGM shall be entitled to receive an honourarium of ~~Six~~ **Seven** Hundred Dollars (\$~~6~~**700**.00) per month.

Rationale:

To increase the honorarium received by the President to \$700.00. The honorarium last changed in 2012, while the workload on the President has increased significantly.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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7. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 1.1.o)

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

By the beginning of the 2024/2025 season, all NOHA Associations and Single Entry Teams shall be Incorporated and shall be required to provide to the NOHA annually, a copy of its audited or reviewed financial statements upon registration.

Rationale:

Being Incorporated provides additional safety to the volunteers within the NOHA, while limiting personal risk should there be a major incident that arises.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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8. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 2.1.m.

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

A Player living in a District not represented by a AAA Team in a Division for which the player is eligible, shall be released to any Association within the NOHA that has a AAA Team available in the Division that the Player is eligible to play for.

Rationale:

To clarify the process currently followed for players who reside in a district without AAA hockey who wish to tryout for a AAA team.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*



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9. SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 2.1.n.

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

To obtain a AAA Waiver from the NOHA Office, a Player living in a District without a AAA team in their Division shall require an NOHA release form from the nearest Association to their residence with a AAA team in their Division.

Rationale:

Per OHF Regulations a AAA Waiver from the NOHA Office is required for players who wish to play for a AAA team outside of the NOHA. Players from districts with AAA teams may be released by the AAA Association to the North Central Predators AAA Zone. This acted as the players AAA Waiver. The process for players who reside in districts without AAA was unclear. This would require players in districts without AAA to receive a release from the closest AAA team to their residence in order to move on to the North Central Zone.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

10. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE



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NOHA Regulation 2.2.a

Presently Reads:

An Association that participates in an internal season schedule must submit the schedule to their District Council Director for review and approval.

Change to Read:

An Association that participates in an internal season schedule must submit the schedule to ~~their District Council Director~~ **the NOHA Executive Director** for review and approval **before the start of any playing season.**

Rationale:

To provide consistent wording with Regulation 2.2.c.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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11. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 2.2.b.

Presently Reads:

All Leagues of three (3) or more Associations and/or Single Entry Teams that participate in a season schedule must provide to the NOHA their list of Board of Directors, contact information, League schedule and rules and regulations/constitution.

Change to Read:

All Leagues of three (3) or more Associations and/or Single Entry Teams that participate in a season schedule must provide to the NOHA **Executive Director** their list of Board of Directors, contact information, League schedule and rules and regulations/constitution **before the start of any playing season.**

Rationale:

To provide consistent wording with Regulation 2.2.c.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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12. –SUBMITTED BY TIMMINS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOHA Regulation 3.1.d.

Presently Reads:

The NOHA, through its Board of Directors, reserves to itself the right of placing Teams in whichever Divisions, Sub-Divisions, Categories or Leagues it may deem to be in its best interest.

Change to Read:

The NOHA, through its Board of Directors, ~~reserves to itself the right~~ shall determine the **appropriateness** of placing Teams in whichever Divisions, Sub-Divisions, Categories or Leagues it may deem to be in its best interest.

Rationale:

The clause should be subject to an appeal should Associations not agree with the classification by the NOHA. This gives no flexibility to Associations to determine what is best for their membership and the NOHA Board should not solely have the last say in where teams can classify or what leagues they play in. It should be subject to an appeal by the NOHA appeals committee or through the OHF.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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13. –SUBMITTED BY NORTH BAY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOHA Regulation 3.2.a

Presently Reads:

There will be no House League Select Teams.

Change to Read:

Delete.

Rationale:

Removing the bylaw will allow for further development opportunities for our current House League players. In addition to playing and practicing on their current House League teams, players could be affiliated to a House Select team allowing them to play additional tournaments / exhibition games against other like teams. This allows for the opportunity of the top House League players to occasionally play and practice together with a like skill level, all the while not disrupting the current system

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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14. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 3.2.c.

Presently Reads:

House League Teams must register with the NOHA by October 1st.

Change to Read:

House League Teams must register with the NOHA by October 1st, *or prior to their first game, whichever comes first.*

Rationale:

To ensure that Teams are approved prior to the start of game play.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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15. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 6.1

Presently Reads:

- a) In U7 and all divisions and categories above Minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.
- b) A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team for which they are qualified to play.
- c) Players must be a bonafide resident of the city, town, municipality, village, First Nation territory, rural area, unorganized township, zone or such other area in the District in which the Player resides, by November 1st in any playing season.
- d) U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a District may request an NOHA Release from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry Team holding his/her playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the District. The NOHA Release carries an automatic Release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA Association/Team. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA Association/Team outside his/her District.

- e) The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association or Single Entry Team shall submit supporting documentation to the NOHA Office. In the case of disputed residency, the ruling of the President shall be final.
- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Any Players whose home centre is not specifically listed in NOHA By-Law 1.1.R) shall have their Home Association determined by the NOHA Board.

Change to Read:

- a) In all divisions ~~and categories above Minor hockey~~, the residence rule shall be open.



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- ~~b) A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team for which they are qualified to play.~~
- c) ~~Players must be a~~ **No Minor Player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a Team in any NOHA match who has not been a** bonafide resident of the city, town, municipality, village, First Nation territory, rural area, unorganized township, zone or such other area ~~in the District in which the Player resides, by~~ **as established by the Branch to which their Team belongs since** November 1st in any playing season.
- ~~d) U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.~~

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

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- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Any Players whose home centre is not specifically listed in NOHA By-Law 1.1.R) shall have their Home Association determined by the NOHA Board.

Rationale:

The proposed amendment provides for freedom of movement at all levels of Minor Hockey.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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16. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 6.1

Presently Reads:

- a) In U7 and all divisions and categories above Minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.
- b) A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team for which they are qualified to play.
- c) Players must be a bonafide resident of the city, town, municipality, village, First Nation territory, rural area, unorganized township, zone or such other area in the District in which the Player resides, by November 1st in any playing season.
- d) U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a District may request an NOHA Release from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry Team holding his/her playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the District. The NOHA Release carries an automatic Release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA Association/Team. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA Association/Team outside his/her District.

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- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Any Players whose home centre is not specifically listed in NOHA By-Law 1.1.R) shall have their Home Association determined by the NOHA Board.

Change to Read:

- a) In ~~U7~~, all **House League** divisions and **all** categories above Minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.



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- b) **With the exception of R.6.1.a),** A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team for which they are qualified to play.
- c) ~~Players must be a~~ **No Minor Player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a Team in any NOHA match who has not been a** bonafide resident of the city, town, municipality, village, First Nation territory, rural area, unorganized township, zone or such other area ~~in the District in which the Player resides, by~~ **as established by the Branch to which their Team belongs since** November 1st in any playing season.
- d) U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a District may request an NOHA Release from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry Team holding his/her playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the District. The NOHA Release carries an automatic Release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA Association/Team. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA Association/Team outside his/her District.

- e) The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association or Single Entry Team shall submit supporting documentation to the NOHA Office. In the case of disputed residency, the ruling of the President shall be final.
- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Any Players whose home centre is not specifically listed in NOHA By-Law 1.1.R) shall have their Home Association determined by the NOHA Board.

Rationale:

The proposed amendment provides for freedom of movement for House League only.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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17. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 6.1

Presently Reads:

- a) In U7, and all divisions and categories above Minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.
- b) A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team for which they are qualified to play.
- c) Players must be a bonafide resident of the city, town, municipality, village, First Nation territory, rural area, unorganized township, zone or such other area in the District in which the Player resides, by November 1st in any playing season.
- d) U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a District may request an NOHA Release from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry Team holding his/her playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the District. The NOHA Release carries an automatic Release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA Association/Team. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA Association/Team outside his/her District.

- e) The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association or Single Entry Team shall submit supporting documentation to the NOHA Office. In the case of disputed residency, the ruling of the President shall be final.
- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Any Players whose home centre is not specifically listed in NOHA By-Law 1.1.R) shall have their Home Association determined by the NOHA Board.

Change to Read:

- a) In U7, **Representative programming, and** all divisions and categories above Minor hockey, the residence rule shall be open.



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- b) *With the exception of R.6.1.a),* A Player must compete with the Association/Single Entry Team nearest to their place of residence that has entered a Team for which they are qualified to play.
- c) ~~Players must be a~~ *No Minor Player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a Team in any NOHA match who has not been a* bonafide resident of the city, town, municipality, village, First Nation territory, rural area, unorganized township, zone or such other area ~~in the District in which the Player resides, by~~ *as established by the Branch to which their Team belongs since* November 1st in any playing season.
- d) ~~U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.~~

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

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- f) Any Player moving residency within their own Association must submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill, etc.).
- g) Any Players whose home centre is not specifically listed in NOHA By-Law 1.1.R) shall have their Home Association determined by the NOHA Board.

Rationale:

To provide for freedom of movement at the Rep level.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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18. – SUBMITTED BY TIMMINS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOHA Regulation 6.1.a.

Presently Reads:

- a) In U7, and all divisions and categories above Minor Hockey, the residence rule shall be open.

Change to Read:

Delete.

Rationale:

Does not permit for an Association to adequately prepare programming. An Association’s ability for long term planning is deeply affected by its forecast of members in the its region and very important at the grassroots and beyond.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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19. – SUBMITTED BY TIMMINS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOHA Regulation 6.1.d.i.

Presently Reads:

U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a District may request an NOHA Release from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry Team holding their playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the District. The NOHA Release carries an automatic Release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA Association/Team. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA Association/Team outside of their District.

Change to Read:

U21, U18, U15, and U13 AAA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outlined in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

U18, U15, U13, and U11 AA, Minor and Major, will adopt the Zone concept. Zone Divisions will be the Districts as outline in the definitions contained in the NOHA Constitution.

A Player from within a District may request an NOHA Release from the signing officers of the Association or Single Entry Team holding their playing rights to try out for the AAA Club within the District. The NOHA Release carries an automatic Release for the Player upon being signed by the AAA Association/Team. The same provision will apply for a Player wanting to try out for a AAA Association/Team outside of their District.

Rationale:

AA is like AAA, a distinctly higher level and needs to be recognized as such and permit appropriate levels of competition for players of that calibre to play.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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20. -SUBMITTED BY TIMMINS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Regulation 6.2.1.d.

Presently Reads:

If the Team is a Minor-aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to their home Association after the season is completed. If the Team is a Major-aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to their Association after they have completed their Major season. To return to their home Association after their Minor year a Player requires a release from the current Team.

Change to Read:

~~If the Team is a Minor aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to their home Association after the season is completed. If the Team is a Major aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to their Association after they have completed their Major season. To return to their home Association after their Minor year a Player requires a release from the current Team.~~

Regardless of Minor or Major aged Team, all Players return to their home Association upon completion of the season prior to the next season evaluations.

Rationale:

Alleviates confusion if all Players return home.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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21. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 6.2.1.m.

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

Where a Player is released from a AA Team, they shall be granted a release to tryout for any other AA Team within the NOHA.

Rationale:

Given that all AA Teams now play in the same League and are of the same classification, it makes sense that they are treated like AAA Teams.

Note that this amendment will only be discussed if the freedom of movement amendments do not pass.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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22. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 7.1.f.

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

Unless otherwise approved by the League Commissioner, any cancelled game should be played or rescheduled within two weeks of the original game date. All games cancelled before December 25 must be played on or before January 20th. If Teams are unable to agree on a specified date to play rescheduled games, the League Commissioner will schedule the game. If this does not occur, neither team will be awarded points. All games must be played prior to the end of the regular season unless approved by the League Commissioner or delegate. No team is to forfeit a game. *Any Team that refuses to reschedule and/or play any game may be assessed costs associated with said game, and the defaulting organization may have all of its Teams suspended from further play until the game in question is completed.*

Rationale:

To provide a consistent process where games may be cancelled/postponed.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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23. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA 10.2.a.

Presently Reads:

Any player who receives any of the penalties outlined on the OHF Minimum Suspension List, will be required to sit out the minimum number of games outlined for the infraction. However, the President reserves the right to separately investigate any incident and deal with such on its separate merit.

Change to Read:

Any player who receives any of the penalties outlined on the OHF Minimum Suspension List, will be required to sit out the minimum number of games outlined for the infraction. However, the President reserves the right to ~~separately investigate~~ **review** any incident and ~~deal with such on its separate merit~~ **determine if any further sanction(s) should be administered.**

Rationale:

Housekeeping.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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24. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 10.5.c.

Presently Reads:

If a Team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play any game, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or an unforeseen contingency, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing Team and the same penalty may apply against the Team or Team Officials or Players responsible for this action as in R.10.5.a).

Change to Read:

If a Team fails to present itself at the time and place appointed to play any game, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or an unforeseen **circumstance** contingency, the game and/or series shall be awarded to the opposing Team and the same penalty may apply against the Team or Team Officials or Players responsible for this action as in R.10.5.a).

Rationale:

Housekeeping.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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25. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 11.2.1.

Presently Reads:

The Tournament of Champions will be held in the month of March and the dates will be determined by the NOHA Board of Directors.

Change to Read:

The Tournament of Champions will be held in the month of March **and April** and the dates will be determined by the NOHA Board of Directors.

Rationale:

To align the Regulation with the Hockey Canada Player Pathways.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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26. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 11.2.2.a.

Presently Reads:

Participation in the Tournament of Champions is optional. Teams who want to participate must send their application and applicable fees to the NOHA Office by December 1st. If application fees are not received at the NOHA Office by December 1st, then the NOHA will invoice the Association for the Tournament of Champions registration fee plus \$50.00. After December 1st, the NOHA will not accept any entries.

Change to Read:

Notwithstanding Teams who participate in the same League in accordance with R.11.4.d), Participation in the Tournament of Champions is optional. Teams who want to participate must send their application and applicable fees to the NOHA Office by December 1st. If application fees are not received at the NOHA Office by December 1st, then the NOHA will invoice the Association for the Tournament of Champions registration fee plus \$50.00. After December 1st, the NOHA ~~will not accept any entries~~ *only accept additional entries upon consultation with the Host Association and with the NOHA Board of Directors.*

Rationale:

To clarify that Teams of the same classification that play in the same League, that the TOCs are not optional. In addition, to follow current process regarding accepting additional Teams.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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27. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – NOHA Regulation 11.2.2.d.

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

No Tournament of Champions will have more than ten (10) Teams.

Rationale:

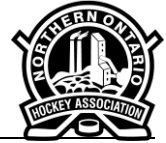
With all Teams being guaranteed 4 games in round robin play, having more than 10 teams creates a number of logistical challenges.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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28. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 11.3.2.

Presently Reads:

All NOHA U13, U15 and U18 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 four (4) games in the tournament format.

Change to Read:

All NOHA U13, U15, and U18 House League Tournament of Champions will have a maximum of ten (10) Teams. **The first ten (10) Teams to pay will be accepted into the Tournament of Champions.** ~~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 (4) games in the tournament format.

Rationale:

To better reflect current practice.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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29. – SUBMITTED BY RAYSIDE BALFOUR MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOHA Regulation 12.1.g.

Presently Reads:

When Teams or Players are required to play three (3) Tournament games in one day at U10 and above, there shall be a minimum of three (3) hours between the finish of one game and the start of the next game.

Change to Read:

When Teams or Players are required to play three (3) **or more full ice** Tournament games in one day **at U8 and above**, there shall be a minimum of three (3) hours between the finish of one game and the start of the next game. **When Teams or Players are required to play two (2) full ice Tournament games in one day at U8 and above, there shall be a minimum of two (2) hours between the finish of one game and the start of the next game.**

When Teams or Players are required to play three (3) or more half ice Tournament games in one day at U8 and above, there shall be a minimum of two (2) hours between the finish of one game and the start of the next game. When Teams or Players are required to play two (2) half ice Tournament games in one day at U8 and above, there shall be a minimum of one (1) hour between the finish of one game and the start of the next game.

Rationale:

As you are aware, Hockey Canada and the OHF's U9 Player Pathway preaches progression into hockey with a focus on fun and skill development, allowing the players to experience fitness, fair play and cooperation. Part of this pathway makes it mandatory for these players to play at half ice, with a timed buzzer or whistle for line changes, until January 15th each year, which is roughly half of their season. During this time, players have very little exposure to full-ice games or drills and therefore do not have the opportunity to better develop their cardiovascular endurance for games that are on an ice surface that is double the size of what they've been exposed to, once the January 15th deadline passes. There is also no "standard shift length" regulated by a buzzer, as they had become accustomed to.

As a certified Level 2 Trainer for a team at the U9 level, I've observed that without a regulated break between games in tournaments, the teams can get scheduled for games with as little as one hour off in between, or, God forbid, back-to-back games. This does not allow for the children to recover and regain energy through proper nutrition and hydration before getting ready for the next game. This results in tired players that have a lack of energy and lack of



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focus on the ice, which greatly increases the risk of injury to the player. There is also a greater risk that diabetic children won't have time to properly test and regulate their blood sugar between games.

In the best interest of player health, player safety, and keeping hockey fun for these young children, I would love to see the abovementioned regulation get altered to allow for a minimum three-hour break between the finish of one game and start of the next game in the U9 division as well. It is my understanding that historically there has been an attitude of "these kids have lots of energy, they'll be fine", however the lifestyle of these children has significantly changed over the last three decades. At one point you would see hockey nets on nearly every street of a Northern Ontario community, with kids playing street hockey until their parents shouted for them to come in. I was one of those kids. However, society has changed and the influx of technology into households have promoted a more sedentary lifestyle for these children. The cardio exercise once obtained by running around outside has been replaced with a thumb workout on various video game consoles. There also appears to be an increase in inattentive-ADHD in today's youth. A mandatory break between games would allow these children to be able to re-focus on the game they've grown to love.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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30. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NOHA Regulation 13.3.e and f.

Presently Reads:

- e) Matters that may be appealed
 - A Player Release;
 - A Suspension of more than seven (7) games (for one infraction) imposed by the NOHA;
 - Any Association, Team, Official or Player who has been the recipient of a decision by the President or a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board of the NOHA and who feels aggrieved thereby may appeal the decision to the full NOHA Executive Board;
 - Any Association, Team, Official or Player who has been the recipient of a decision by the President or a Sub-Committee of the Member Association and who feels aggrieved thereby may appeal the decision to the Appeals Committee.

- f) Matters that may not be appealed to the NOHA.
 - A decision by the NOHA Appeals Committee or an appeal heard by the NOHA Board of Directors;
 - Any decision as to the outcome of any game or games;
 - Any decision relating to the classification of Teams;
 - Any decision relating to a Tournament or exhibition game sanctioning;
 - Any Suspension pursuant to the OHF Minimum Suspension list;
 - Any other Suspension of fewer than seven (7) games.

Change to Read:

- e) Matters that may be appealed
 - A Player Release;
 - A Suspension of more than seven (7) games (for one infraction) imposed by the NOHA, **with the exception of any suspension under Hockey Canada Rule 11.4 (maltreatment);**
 - Any Association, Team, Official or Player who has been the recipient of a decision by the President or a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board of the NOHA and who feels aggrieved thereby may appeal the decision to the full NOHA Executive Board;
 - Any Association, Team, Official or Player who has been the recipient of a decision by the President or a Sub-Committee of the Member Association and who feels aggrieved thereby may appeal the decision to the Appeals Committee.

- f) Matters that may not be appealed to the NOHA.
 - A decision by the NOHA Appeals Committee or an appeal heard by the NOHA Board of Directors;
 - Any decision as to the outcome of any game or games;



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- Any decision relating to the classification of Teams;
- Any decision relating to a Tournament or exhibition game sanctioning;
- Any Suspension pursuant to the OHF Minimum Suspension list;
- Any other Suspension of fewer than seven (7) games;
- Any suspension that falls under Hockey Canada Rule 11.4. (maltreatment).

Rationale:

With the increased focus on Maltreatment within Hockey Canada, it is a matter that needs to be taken seriously by all Members. As such, it is proposed that this penalty not be appealable.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

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