



**Northern Ontario Hockey Association**

**Proposed Amendments of the**

**105<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**71<sup>st</sup> Annual Minor Meeting**

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**





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**1. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Definitions – A) “Act”**

**Presently Reads:**

"Act" the Corporations Act and any statute amending or enacted in substitution therefore, from time to time;

**Change to Read:**

"Act" the **Not-for Profit** Corporations Act, **2010**, and, **where the context requires, including the regulations made under it, and** any statute amending or enacted in substitution therefore, from time to time;

**Rationale:**

ONCA Compliance.

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

**DISCUSSION/NOTES:**



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**2. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Definitions – N) “Division”**

**Presently Reads:**

NEW.

**Change to Read:**

**"Division"** means the age groups governed by the NOHA, including:  
Senior – Open.

Junior – Under 21 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

U18 – Under 18 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

U15 – Under 15 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

U13 – Under 13 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

U11 – Under 11 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

U9 – Under 9 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

U7 – Under 7 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. There is reference to “Division” within the NOHA By-Laws. This definition was previously listed under Regulations.

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

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**3. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 5.6.b)**

**Presently Reads:**

The Associations’ Executive list used will be the one submitted to the NOHA Office with the Association membership. Notwithstanding the above, Association Presidents may appoint Executive members as needed by the Association and register them and their position with the NOHA by October 31<sup>st</sup>. These appointees shall be entitled to vote, as Association Members, at the NOHA AGM or any other Special General Meeting.

**Change to Read:**

The Associations’ Executive list used will be the one submitted to the NOHA Office with the Association membership. Notwithstanding the above, Association Presidents may appoint Executive members as needed by the Association and register them and their position with the NOHA by October 31<sup>st</sup>, **unless an Association has changed Executive prior to the NOHA Annual General Meeting, these individuals shall also be eligible to vote.** These appointees shall be entitled to vote, as Association Members, at the NOHA AGM or any other Special General Meeting.

**Rationale:**

Some Association Annual General Meetings may be held prior to the NOHA Annual General Meeting, which could include a change in the Executive prior to the NOHA AGM. This would allow Associations whose Executive have changed to be eligible to vote at the meeting.

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

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**4. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 7.3.**

**Presently Reads:**

The affairs of the NOHA shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of fourteen (14). Members duly elected to the position by the voting Members of the NOHA. One (1) Director shall be the Immediate Past President of the NOHA and shall hold such position on the Board of Directors *ex officio*. The remaining thirteen (13) Directors shall be elected and retired in rotation as follows:

- (a) the President, First Vice President/Secretary, Second Vice President/Treasurer and Third Vice President shall hold office for a three (3) year term upon being elected, starting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting;
- (b) elections for five (5) District Council Directors (Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) shall take place in odd numbered years and each shall hold office for a two (2) year term starting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting; and,
- (c) elections for four (4) District Council Directors (Districts 2, 4, 6, 8) shall take place in even numbered years and shall hold office for a two (2) year term starting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

**Change to Read:**

The affairs of the NOHA shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of **between six (6) to** fourteen (14). Members duly elected to the position by the voting Members of the NOHA. One (1) Director shall be the Immediate Past President of the NOHA and shall hold such position on the Board of Directors *ex officio*. The remaining ~~thirteen (13)~~ **six (6)** Directors shall be elected and retired in rotation as follows:

- (d) the President, First Vice President/Secretary, Second Vice President/Treasurer and Third Vice President shall hold office for a three (3) year term upon being elected, starting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting;
- (e) elections for five (5) District Council Directors (Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) shall take place in odd numbered years and each shall hold office for a two (2) year term starting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting; and,
- (f) elections for four (4) District Council Directors (Districts 2, 4, 6, 8) shall take place in even numbered years and shall hold office for a two (2) year term starting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.



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**Rationale:**

ONCA Compliance. To provide flexibility regarding the number of Directors on the Board.  
This will also assist with ensuring that there is a quorum for meetings.

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

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**5. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 7.4.**

**Presently Reads:**

The NOHA may by special resolution increase or decrease the number of its Directors. Any change in the number of Directors shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Corporations Act and the Letters Patent and By-Laws of the NOHA.

**Change to Read:**

The NOHA may by special resolution increase or decrease the number of its Directors. Any change in the number of Directors shall be in compliance with the provisions of the **Not-for-Profit** Corporations Act and the Letters Patent and By-Laws of the NOHA.

**Rationale:**

ONCA Compliance.

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

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**6. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 7.9**

**Presently Reads:**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, where there is insufficient reason or explanation, the absence of a Director from three (3) consecutive Board Meetings or the absence of a Director from three (3) out of five (5) consecutive Board Meetings without just cause shall be deemed to be a resignation of the said Director from the Board.

**Change to Read:**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, where there is insufficient reason or explanation, the absence of a Director from three (3) consecutive Board Meetings or the absence of a Director from three (3) out of five (5) consecutive Board Meetings without just cause shall be **brought to the Membership with a commendation from the Board for removal as per 7.8.** ~~deemed to be a resignation of the said Director from the Board.~~

**Rationale:**

ONCA Compliance.

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

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**7. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 7.11**

**Presently Reads:**

A Director shall be deemed to be removed or have resigned automatically upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the Director filing for bankruptcy;
- (b) the Director becoming of unsound mind, as so found by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (c) the Director being convicted of a serious indictable criminal offense;
- (d) the Director losing their “resident Canadian” status within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada);
- (e) in accordance with Section 7.9 above; or
- (f) upon the death of the Director.

**Change to Read:**

A Director shall be deemed to be removed or have resigned automatically upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the Director filing for bankruptcy;
- (b) the Director becoming of unsound mind, as so found by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (c) the Director being convicted of a serious indictable criminal offense;
- (d) the Director losing their “resident Canadian” status within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada);
- ~~(e) in accordance with Section 7.9 above; or~~
- (f) upon the death of the Director.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. This needs to be updated with By-Law 7.9.

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

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**8. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 8.8.**

**Presently Reads:**

At all Board Meetings, every question shall be decided by a simple majority. Every question shall be decided on by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by a Director present at the meeting. The Chairperson shall declare that the motion has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect shall be recorded in the Minutes. Each Director, present at the meeting, excluding the Chairperson, shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The Chairperson shall have the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote. A Director who is absent from a meeting may not appoint a proxy to represent them for any reason whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held by teleconference or such other form of communications system that allows the Directors to participate concurrently if the Directors of the Corporation consent to the means used for holding the meeting.

**Change to Read:**

At all Board Meetings, every question shall be decided by a simple majority. Every question shall be decided on by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by a Director present at the meeting. The Chairperson shall declare that the motion has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect shall be recorded in the Minutes. Each Director, present at the meeting, ~~excluding the Chairperson,~~ shall be entitled to one (1) vote. ~~The Chairperson shall have the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote.~~ A Director who is absent from a meeting may not appoint a proxy to represent them for any reason whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held by teleconference or such other form of communications system that allows the Directors to participate concurrently if the Directors of the Corporation consent to the means used for holding the meeting.

**Rationale:**

To provide for the Chair/President to be able to vote at Meetings.

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



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**9. SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 8.13.**

**Presently Reads:**

Without limitation on the powers of the Board to manage the affairs of the NOHA, the Board shall:

- (a) Assume the responsibility for organizing Representative and House League hockey operations and administration thereof for the NOHA, according to regulations and policies of the OHF, the NOHA and other affiliated regulatory bodies.
- (b) Supervise the Executive Committee and from time to time review its actions and decisions.
- (a) Control the affairs and conduct business of the NOHA and do all things necessary to ensure receipt of needed revenues and adequate control of projected expenditures.
- (b) Engage the Persons or entities whom it deems necessary to carry out the NOHA's business; determine their remuneration if applicable as well as their conditions of service with power to terminate such service.
- (c) Receive, consider, act upon, and refer to the Discipline Committee all matters of discipline including, but not limited to, material disagreements, grievances, protests, suspensions and unbecoming conduct of its Members wherever dictated by the Manual of Operations of the OHF or the NOHA or to matters pertaining to this By-law, guidelines or policies of the NOHA.
- (d) Be empowered to establish such Standing Committees and *ad hoc* Committees as deemed necessary from time to time; to appoint the Chairperson of such Committees; to alter the compositions of Committees appointed by it; and to terminate appointments of Committee Members or to dissolve such Committees.
- (e) Receive reports from and give direction to the Committees of the NOHA.
- (f) Uphold the By-laws, policies, rules, and regulations of the NOHA and establish, amend or alter such policies, rules and regulations as they evolve, to enable the NOHA to comply with the aims and objectives described in the By-laws.
- (g) Review at least once annually this By-law and the Manual of Operations of the NOHA (if in existence) and recommend any changes.
- (h) Determine registration procedures, fees, dues, assessments, charges, and other budgetary requirements, on an on-going basis and administer and control monies, funds, donations



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and investments of the NOHA.

- (i) When required or due to special circumstances (such as where a player or a player's family suffers hardship as a result of the interpretation of or enforcement of a rule or regulation of the NOHA), to make "one off exceptions" to such rules and regulations provided that in doing so, it shall not violate in the spirit or intent of the OHF or HC rules and regulations decisions and shall not result in any unfair advantage to a Team, Club or Association.
- (j) Subject to governing law, purchase and maintain such insurance as determined by the Board, HC, the OHF, and the NOHA.
- (k) The Board of Directors' official duties are to uphold and enforce the articles of the NOHA. The Board of Directors will play a supporting role to its Member Associations, respect the individual autonomy of Member Associations, and not interfere with internal Association business, unless there is a direct violation of NOHA Articles (Constitution/Regulations/By-Laws).

**Change to Read:**

Without limitation on the powers of the Board to manage the affairs of the NOHA, the Board shall:

- a) Pledge themselves to support the ideals, aims, and objectives of the NOHA.
- b) Assume the responsibility for organizing Representative and House League hockey operations and administration thereof for the NOHA, according to regulations and policies of the OHF, the NOHA and other affiliated regulatory bodies.
- ~~c) Supervise the Executive Committee and from time to time review its actions and decisions.~~
- d) Control the affairs and conduct business of the NOHA and do all things necessary to ensure receipt of needed revenues and adequate control of projected expenditures.
- e) Engage the Persons or entities whom it deems necessary to carry out the NOHA's business; determine their remuneration if applicable as well as their conditions of service with power to terminate such service.
- f) Receive, consider, act upon, and refer to the Discipline Committee all matters of discipline including, but not limited to, material disagreements, grievances, protests, suspensions and unbecoming conduct of its Members wherever dictated by the Manual of Operations of the OHF or the NOHA or to matters pertaining to this By-law, guidelines or policies of the NOHA.
- g) Be empowered to establish such ~~Standing Committees and~~ *ad hoc* Committees as deemed necessary from time to time; to appoint the Chairperson of such Committees; to alter the compositions of Committees appointed by it; and to terminate appointments of Committee Members or to dissolve such Committees.



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- h) Receive reports from and give direction to the **ad hoc** Committees of the NOHA.
- i) Uphold the By-laws, policies, rules, and regulations of the NOHA and establish, amend or alter such policies, rules and regulations as they evolve, to enable the NOHA to comply with the aims and objectives described in the By-laws.
- j) Review at least once annually this By-law and the Manual of Operations of the NOHA (if in existence) and recommend any changes.
- k) Determine registration procedures, fees, dues, assessments, charges, and other budgetary requirements, on an on-going basis and administer and control monies, funds, donations and investments of the NOHA.
- l) **Be responsible for a long-range strategic plan of the NOHA.**
- m) When required or due to special circumstances (such as where a player or a player's family suffers hardship as a result of the interpretation of or enforcement of a rule or regulation of the NOHA), to make "one off exceptions" to such rules and regulations provided that in doing so, it shall not violate in the spirit or intent of the OHF or HC rules and regulations decisions and shall not result in any unfair advantage to a Team, Club or Association.
- n) Subject to governing law, purchase and maintain such insurance as determined by the Board, HC, the OHF, and the NOHA.
- o) The Board of Directors' official duties are to uphold and enforce the articles of the NOHA. The Board of Directors will play a supporting role to its Member Associations, respect the individual autonomy of Member Associations, and not interfere with internal Association business, unless there is a direct violation of NOHA Articles (Constitution/Regulations/By-Laws).

**Rationale:**

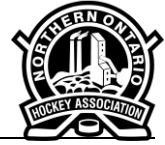
The NOHA Board of Directors and the Executive Committee are one and the same. This would combine the responsibilities outlined in By-Law 8.13 and 10.13.

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



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**10. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 9.1.b)**

**Presently Reads:**

The President shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one term of three (3) years as an Officer or if no candidates come forward for the position, has served at least one (1) term of two (2) years on the Executive Committee;
- (b) preside at all meetings of the Membership, Board, Executive Committee and will cast a vote only in the event of a tie;
- (c) sit on all subcommittees as an *ex officio* non-voting member (unless authorized by the Executive to sit on a particular committee with a vote) and shall, where no Chairperson is mandated by virtue of this By-Law, appoint Chairpersons of any Committees of the NOHA;
- (d) call meetings as deemed necessary;
- (e) exercise general supervision of the NOHA in accordance with the Policies determined by the Board of Directors from time to time;
- (f) assume direction or suspend any participant of the NOHA where deemed necessary by the Executive Committee;
- (g) if required, in any emergency situation, shall make immediate decisions with or without the input of the Executive Committee, however such decisions shall be subject to ratification by the Executive Committee at the next scheduled meeting;
- (h) represent the NOHA or appoint such other Delegate to represent the NOHA at all NOHA or related functions or organizations;
- (i) delegate in whole or in part the responsibilities on any vacant Board position to any other current Director;
- (j) exercise general supervision of the NOHA in accordance with Policies and By-laws as determined by the Board; and
- (k) be one of the signing officers of the NOHA.

**Change to Read:**

The President shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one term of three (3) years as an Officer or if no candidates come forward for the position, has served at least one (1) term of two (2) years on the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**;
- (b) preside at all meetings of the Membership, **and** Board, ~~Executive Committee and will cast a vote only in the event of a tie~~;
- (c) sit on all subcommittees as an *ex officio* non-voting member (unless authorized by the Executive to sit on a particular committee with a vote) and shall, where no



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- Chairperson is mandated by virtue of this By-Law, appoint Chairpersons of any Committees of the NOHA;
- (d) call meetings as deemed necessary;
  - (e) exercise general supervision of the NOHA in accordance with the Policies determined by the Board of Directors from time to time;
  - (f) assume direction or suspend any participant of the NOHA where deemed necessary by the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**;
  - (g) if required, in any emergency situation, shall make immediate decisions with or without the input of the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**, however such decisions shall be subject to ratification by the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors** at the next scheduled meeting;
  - (h) represent the NOHA or appoint such other Delegate to represent the NOHA at all NOHA or related functions or organizations;
  - (i) delegate in whole or in part the responsibilities on any vacant Board position to any other current Director;
  - (j) exercise general supervision of the NOHA in accordance with Policies and By-laws as determined by the Board; and
  - (k) be one of the signing officers of the NOHA.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motions #8 and #15 are supported. Removes references to the ability of the President to vote and to the Executive Committee.

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

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**11. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 9.3.**

**Presently Reads:**

The First Vice-President/Secretary shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one term of three (3) years as an Officer or if no candidates come forward for the position, has served at least one (1) term of two (2) years on the Executive Committee;
- (b) assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President;
- (c) sit on the Executive Committee;
- (d) monitor adherence by the Board to all existing policies and inform the Board with respect to any inconsistencies between existing policy and proposed policy;
- (e) be available to assist any Director requiring assistance in the fulfillment of their functions;
- (f) ensure that each Association/Team/Club/League receives a copy of the Referee's Rule Book and the NOHA/OHF/Hockey Canada Handbook; and the NOHA Manual of Operations;
- (g) be a voting Member;
- (h) attend and record or delegate the recording of the minutes of General Meetings of the Membership, Board Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings and ensure that the NOHA's records are regularly and properly kept and all business is conducted in accordance with any applicable statute or law, the Letters Patent, By-laws and the policies and procedures established by the Board or by the Membership;
- (i) ensure the proper custody of the NOHA's corporate seal, corporate minutes and resolutions and other corporate records, documents and shall ensure all requisite documents have been filed with any governmental agency, the NOHA or the OHF;
- (j) give notice of all Board meetings, draft an agenda and forward same to all Directors within the prescribed times;
- (k) keep an attendance record of all Board Meetings;
- (l) respond to correspondence pertaining to the operation of the NOHA;
- (m) maintain an up-to-date mailing and telephone list of all Directors and Members of the NOHA;
- (n) mail or email notice of Annual General Meeting to all current members of such Annual General Meeting and as otherwise may be required by law;
- (o) conduct registration of all voting Members at a General or Special Meeting of the Members and will ascertain that voting qualifications are validated prior to the commencement of any such meeting;
- (p) be responsible for maintaining current revisions to Manual of Operations;
- (q) ensure that all Directors have a current copy of the Manual of Operations;





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- (r) ensure that all necessary and appropriate insurance has been purchased; and
- (s) carry out duties as assigned by the Board, the Executive Committee or the President.

**Change to Read:**

The First Vice-President/Secretary shall:

- a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one term of three (3) years as an Officer or if no candidates come forward for the position, has served at least one (1) term of two (2) years on the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**;
- b) assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President;
- ~~e) sit on the Executive Committee;~~
- d) monitor adherence by the Board to all existing policies and inform the Board with respect to any inconsistencies between existing policy and proposed policy;
- e) be available to assist any Director requiring assistance in the fulfillment of their functions;
- f) ensure that each Association/Team/Club/League receives a copy of the Referee's Rule Book and the NOHA/OHF/Hockey Canada Handbook; and the NOHA Manual of Operations;
- g) be a voting Member;
- h) attend and record or delegate the recording of the minutes of General Meetings of the Membership, **and** Board Meetings ~~and Executive Committee Meetings~~ and ensure that the NOHA's records are regularly and properly kept and all business is conducted in accordance with any applicable statute or law, the Letters Patent, By-laws and the policies and procedures established by the Board or by the Membership;
- i) ensure the proper custody of the NOHA's corporate seal, corporate minutes and resolutions and other corporate records, documents and shall ensure all requisite documents have been filed with any governmental agency, the NOHA or the OHF;
- j) give notice of all Board meetings, draft an agenda and forward same to all Directors within the prescribed times;
- k) keep an attendance record of all Board Meetings;
- l) respond to correspondence pertaining to the operation of the NOHA;
- m) maintain an up-to-date mailing and telephone list of all Directors and Members of the NOHA;
- n) mail or email notice of Annual General Meeting to all current members of such Annual General Meeting and as otherwise may be required by law;
- o) conduct registration of all voting Members at a General or Special Meeting of the Members and will ascertain that voting qualifications are validated prior to the commencement of any such meeting;
- p) be responsible for maintaining current revisions to Manual of Operations;
- q) ensure that all Directors have a current copy of the Manual of Operations;
- r) ensure that all necessary and appropriate insurance has been purchased; and



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s) carry out duties as assigned by the Board, ~~the Executive Committee~~ or the President.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #15 is approved. Removes references to Executive Committee.

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

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**12. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 9.4.**

**Presently Reads:**

The Second Vice-President shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one term of three (3) years as an Officer, or if no candidates come forward for the position, has served at last one (1) term of two (2) years on the Executive Committee;
- (b) assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President and the First Vice-President;
- (c) sit on the Executive Committee;
- (d) be a voting member;
- (e) keep a record of all monies received and disbursed, deposit all monies in the Bank, make all disbursements by cheques as directed and approved by the Board;
- (f) chair the Finance Committee;
- (g) evaluate, review and recommend financial policy on an annual basis to the Executive Committee and the Board;
- (h) provide a financial statement to the Board on a monthly basis;
- (i) obtain the approval of the Board for refunds on any registration fees;
- (j) present at each Annual General Meeting the Auditor's report and financial statements and ensure that an annual audit is completed and available in a reasonable period of time from the end of the NOHA's year of operation;
- (k) if determined necessary or advisable by the Board of Directors, be bonded at the NOHA's expense;
- (l) immediately return to the NOHA all books, papers, money and other records or property in their possession or under their control upon retirement or removal from the Board;
- (m) carry out duties as assigned by the Board, the Executive Committee or the President.

**Change to Read:**

The Second Vice-President shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one term of three (3) years as an Officer, or if no candidates come forward for the position, has served at last one (1) term of two (2) years on the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**;
- (b) assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President and the First Vice-President;
- ~~(c) sit on the Executive Committee;~~
- (d) be a voting member;
- (e) keep a record of all monies received and disbursed, deposit all monies in the Bank,



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- make all disbursements by cheques as directed and approved by the Board;
- (f) chair the Finance Committee;
- (g) evaluate, review and recommend financial policy on an annual basis to the Executive Committee and the Board;
- (h) provide a financial statement to the Board on a monthly basis;
- (i) obtain the approval of the Board for refunds on any registration fees;
- (j) present at each Annual General Meeting the Auditor’s report and financial statements and ensure that an annual audit is completed and available in a reasonable period of time from the end of the NOHA’s year of operation;
- (k) if determined necessary or advisable by the Board of Directors, be bonded at the NOHA’s expense;
- (l) immediately return to the NOHA all books, papers, money and other records or property in their possession or under their control upon retirement or removal from the Board;
- (m) carry out duties as assigned by the Board, ~~the Executive Committee~~ or the President.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #15 is approved. Removes references to Executive Committee.

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

**DISCUSSION/NOTES:**



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**13. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 9.5.**

**Presently Reads:**

The Third Vice President shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one (1) term of two (2) years on the Executive Committee;
- (b) assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President, the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President;
- (c) sit on the Executive Committee;
- (d) be a voting Member.

**Change to Read:**

The Third Vice President shall:

- (a) have previously served the NOHA for at least one (1) term of two (2) years on the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**;
- (b) assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President, the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President;
- ~~(c) sit on the Executive Committee;~~
- (d) be a voting Member.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #15 is approved. Removes references to Executive Committee.

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

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**14. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 9.6.**

**Presently Reads:**

The District Council Directors shall:

- (a) chair such standing committee or committees as required by the Executive Committee from time to time;
- (b) be a member of *ad hoc* committees for the purpose of the betterment of hockey in the NOHA territory;
- (c) when required, submit a written report or reports to the Executive Committee for further distribution;
- (d) be a voting Member;
- (e) carry out duties as assigned by the Board, the Executive Committee or the President from time to time; and
- (f) Appoint a Referee-in-Chief for their District.

**Change to Read:**

The District Council Directors shall:

- (a) chair such ~~standing committee or~~ committees as required by the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors** from time to time;
- (b) be a member of *ad hoc* committees for the purpose of the betterment of hockey in the NOHA territory;
- (c) when required, submit a written report or reports to the Executive Committee for further distribution;
- (d) be a voting Member;
- (e) carry out duties as assigned by the Board, ~~the Executive Committee~~ or the President from time to time; and
- (f) Appoint a Referee-in-Chief for their District.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #15 is approved. Removes references to Executive Committee.

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

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**15. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 10**

**Presently Reads:**

The following committees are hereby authorized as Standing Committees of the Board:

- (a) Executive Committee
- (b) Finance Committee
- (c) Development Committee
- (d) Discipline Committee
- (e) Policy Committee
- (f) Officiating Committee
- (g) Playoff Committee
- (h) Recruitment and Retention Committee

The Board of Directors shall, in any year, determine whether some or all of the Standing Committees are necessary or advisable for that particular fiscal year. In the event that any Standing Committee is deemed unnecessary or unadvisable, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to deal with the duties of such Standing Committee.

(...)

**Change to Read:**

~~The following committees are hereby authorized as Standing Committees of the Board:~~

- ~~(a) Executive Committee~~
- ~~(b) Finance Committee~~
- ~~(c) Development Committee~~
- ~~(d) Discipline Committee~~
- ~~(e) Policy Committee~~
- ~~(f) Officiating Committee~~
- ~~(g) Playoff Committee~~
- ~~(h) Recruitment and Retention Committee~~

~~The Board of Directors shall, in any year, determine whether some or all of the Standing Committees are necessary or advisable for that particular fiscal year. In the event that any Standing Committee is deemed unnecessary or unadvisable, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to deal with the duties of such Standing Committee.~~



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The Board will be responsible to establish and form committees, work group and task teams to serve the needs of the NOHA and to review the committees, work groups and task teams on an annual basis to determine if they meet the required or immediate needs of the NOHA.

**Rationale:**

To remove Standing Committees from the NOHA By-Laws and to provide the NOHA Board of Directors the ability to determine the Committees that are required an on annual basis.

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

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**16. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Laws 10.3. to 10.9.**

**Presently Reads:**

10.3 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President and shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than fourteen (14) members comprising of the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President and the Immediate Past President and nine (9) District Council Directors shall be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the NOHA, including monitoring of all Committees to ensure all rules, regulations and policies of the NOHA are being complied with.

The Executive Committee shall:

- (a) pledge themselves to support the ideals, aims and objectives of the NOHA;
- (b) be called upon to render decisions as needed to be made in the ordinary course of business of the NOHA in a fair and impartial manner, without bias or prejudice. In keeping with this objective, all decisions made by the Executive Committee must pay deference to the philosophy of “what’s best for the child”;
- (c) attend regularly scheduled meetings on dates and times determined by the majority of the Executive Committee Members. The Executive Committee Meetings may be suspended for one or more months in the off season but for not more than four (4) months in a row by a majority vote of the Executive Committee Members. Notice of such Executive Committee Meetings shall be given as far in advance as possible but in no case less than seven (7) clear days before such meeting;
- (d) during the intervals between Board meetings, take action in relation to any matter of any nature within the power and the authority of the Board, which requires immediate attention before the date of the next Board meeting. Such action shall not involve any change of policy or the authorization of unbudgeted expenditures, and any action taken shall be submitted to the Board for ratification at the next Board meeting;
- (e) have the authority to dismiss Team Officials or Teams;
- (f) review recommendations and proposals prior to such recommendations or proposals being submitted to the Board for resolution;
- (g) present a report regarding the activities of the Executive Committee to the Board;
- (h) be responsible for a long-range strategic plan of the NOHA and for the preparation of a capital expenditures plan required to implement the long-range strategic plan;
- (i) may appoint its President and one or more Members of the NOHA to act as liaison officers with other hockey organizations as deemed advisable or necessary;
- (j) may cause the resignation of an Executive Committee Member if they are absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, or for three (3) out of five (5) meetings;
- (k) may appoint a replacement Executive Committee Member in the event of a vacancy;



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and

- (l) deal with any other matters assigned to it by the Board or by the President.

#### 10.4 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and shall minimally consist of one (1) additional member of the Executive Committee.

The Finance Committee shall:

- (a) liaise with all Board Committees to receive estimates of revenues and expenditures for the next fiscal year of the NOHA for the purposes of preparing the budget of the NOHA;
- (b) review the Auditor's Report of the NOHA prior to its presentation to the Board and the Members;
- (c) review the financial control procedures of the NOHA and review any specific recommendations of the Auditor;
- (d) prepare and submit to the Executive Committee a detailed budget for the NOHA on an annual basis for the ensuing fiscal year; and
- (e) recommend policy to the Board regarding financial budgeting and planning.

#### 10.5 Development Committee

The Development Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President.

The Development Committee shall:

- (a) develop and review policies and procedures relating to the development programs of the NOHA;
- (b) develop and revise development initiatives within the NOHA;
- (c) recruit and train volunteers to perform the functions required for development programs for the NOHA;
- (d) annually submit to the Finance Committee an estimate of expenditures of the Development Committee for the next fiscal year of the NOHA; and
- (e) Arrange ongoing team personnel development clinics to meet the demands of the NOHA.

#### 10.6 Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President.

The Discipline Committee shall:



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- (a) investigate any complaint, protest, breaches of conduct, breaches of this By-Law, Rules of Operation or policy or procedure or playing rules of the NOHA by any Member of the NOHA, including, without limitation, Players, Team Officials, employees and Directors;
- (b) to determine reasonable and appropriate sanctions relating to such breaches or misconduct which shall be ratified by the Board at its next ensuing meeting;
- (c) ensure fairness and impartiality in all review, counseling or disciplinary matters brought before the Discipline Committee;
- (d) develop standards for the application of review, counseling and discipline and disseminate such standards to the Members of the NOHA;
- (e) maintain all records of review, counseling and disciplinary action taken during the course of appointment, whether such actions or decisions are taken by the Discipline Committee or the Board;
- (f) present a report regarding the Discipline Committee to the Board; and
- (g) recommend policy to the Board regarding the disciplinary process.

10.7 Officiating Committee

The Officiating Committee shall be chaired by a Member of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President and will additionally include the NOHA Director of Officials as a Member of the Committee.

The Officiating Committee shall:

- (a) recruit and train volunteers to perform the functions required for timekeeping and liaising with on-ice officials;
- (b) establish application forms and procedures for timekeepers and on-ice officials;
- (c) implement and review development plans for timekeepers and officials;
- (d) maintain a current list of all Officials including without limitation, such things as mailing address, email address, telephone number(s) etc.;
- (e) annually submit to the Finance Committee an estimate of expenditures of the Officiating Committee for the next fiscal year of the NOHA; and
- (f) Recommend policy to the Board regarding time keeping and officiating procedures generally.

10.8 The Playoff Committee shall be chaired by a Member of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President.

The Playoff Committee shall:

- (a) recommend to the NOHA Board of Directors the host sites for the NOHA Tournament of Champions;
- (b) recommend to the NOHA Board of Directors the host sites for the OHF



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- Championships;
- (c) recommend updates to the policies and procedures for Playoffs;
- (d) annually submit to the Finance Committee an estimate of expenditures of the Playoff Committee for the next fiscal year of the NOHA; and
- (e) be responsible for ordering awards on an as-needed basis.

10.9 Recruitment and Retention Committee

The Recruitment and Retention Committee shall be chaired by a Member of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee shall:

- (a) liaise with Associations on issues surrounding recruitment;
- (b) collect and maintain data;
- (c) recommend policies to enhance recruitment and retention strategies;
- (d) develop recruitment and retention plans;
- (e) communicate with participants on policies and strategies.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #15 is approved. Removes Committees from the By-Laws.

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

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**17. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 10.10**

**Presently Reads:**

Standing Committee Procedure

- (a) All Standing Committees shall comply with all By-laws, guidelines, policies, and procedures of the NOHA and shall comply with all requirements of the NOHA, the OHF, its Members, HC, and any other organizations under the IIHF.
- (b) Each Standing Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair if and when required.
- (c) Notice of all meetings of the Standing Committees shall be communicated to all members of the committee at least two (2) days prior to the meeting unless such notice has been waived by consent of all of the members of the Standing Committee.
- (d) A quorum for a Standing Committee shall be a majority of its members.
- (e) Each member of the Standing Committee present at the meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In the case of a tie, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- (f) Standing Committees shall keep minutes of their meetings and shall report to the Board at regular intervals or at any other time upon request of the Board.
- (g) Each Standing Committee shall present an Annual Report of the matters for which it is responsible to be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the NOHA.
- (h) Each Standing Committee may, from time to time, and with approval from the Executive Committee, seek help or advice from such Persons or resources outside of the NOHA.

**Change to Read:**

~~Standing~~ **Ad Hoc** Committee and **Subcommittees** Procedure

- (a) All ~~Standing~~ Committees shall comply with all By-laws, guidelines, policies, and procedures of the NOHA and shall comply with all requirements of the NOHA, the OHF, its Members, HC, and any other organizations under the IIHF.
- (b) Each ~~Standing~~ Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair if and when required.
- (c) Notice of all meetings of the ~~Standing~~ Committees shall be communicated to all members of the committee at least two (2) days prior to the meeting unless such notice has been waived by consent of all of the members of the Standing Committee.
- (d) A quorum for a ~~Standing~~ Committee shall be a majority of its members.
- (e) Each member of the Standing Committee present at the meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote. ~~In the case of a tie, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.~~
- (f) ~~Standing~~ Committees shall keep minutes of their meetings and shall report to the Board at regular intervals or at any other time upon request of the Board.
- (g) Each ~~Standing~~ Committee shall present an Annual Report of the matters for which it



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is responsible to be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the NOHA.

- (h) Each ~~Standing~~ Committee may, from time to time, and with approval from the Executive Committee, seek help or advice from such Persons or resources outside of the NOHA.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #15 is approved. Removes references to Standing Committees and combines By-Law 10.11.

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

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**18. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**By-Law 10.11.**

**Presently Reads:**

The Standing Committee procedure referred to above shall also govern the procedures of all subcommittees and all *ad hoc* committees of the NOHA.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping – if Motion #17 is approved.

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

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**19. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – By-Law 16**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property and assets shall be distributed or disposed of to a similar organization which carries on its work in the Districts referred to in this By-Law, or if no such organization is considered appropriate by the then Board, to a charitable organization which carries on its work in Ontario.

**Rationale:**

ONCA Compliance.

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

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**20. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Regulations – Definitions – “Division”**

**Presently Reads:**

**"Division"** means the age groups governed by the NOHA, including:

- Senior – Open.
- Junior – Under 21 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- U18 – Under 18 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- U15 – Under 15 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- U13 – Under 13 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- U11 – Under 11 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- U9 – Under 9 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- U7 – Under 7 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Motion #2 moves the definition of “Division” into the By-Laws.

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

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**21. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**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 (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.

**Change to Read:**

A **Single Entry** 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~~/**Single Entry** Team/League/**Association** 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. Clarification that Team is reference to Single Entry Team.

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

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**22. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Regulation 1.1.d)**

**Presently Reads:**

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

**Change to Read:**

Each Association/Team/League must submit a hard copy or PDF of their current Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations and current list of Board of Directors before membership will be granted. Where there are no changes to the Constitution from the previous season, the Association shall provide a letter on Association letterhead confirming that there are no changes to their Constitution.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. To clarify process where an Association has not made any changes to its Constitution.

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

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**23. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**Regulation 1.1.e) and 1.1.f)**

**Presently Reads:**

- e) Associations/Single Entry Teams who have sent in their registration form complete with Team name and contact information along with Team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on June 1st.
- f) Junior Teams who have sent in their registration form complete with Team name and contact information along with Team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on June 1st.

**Change to Read:**

- e) Associations/Single Entry Teams **and Junior Teams** who have sent in their registration form complete with Team name and contact information along with Team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on June 1st.
- ~~f) Junior Teams who have sent in their registration form complete with Team name and contact information along with Team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on June 1st.~~

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Both regulations reference the same date.

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

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**24. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 1.1.i.**

**Presently Reads:**

If two existing Associations/Single Entry Teams amalgamate, one of the existing Associations/Single Entry Teams must be disbanded. Further, no new Association may be formed after December 15th of the current season.

**Change to Read:**

If two existing Associations/Single Entry Teams amalgamate, one of the existing Associations/Single Entry Teams must be disbanded. ~~Further, no new Association may be formed after December 15th of the current season.~~

**Rationale:**

Regulation 1.a) and b) set out the process to apply as an Association with the NOHA, as well as the timeline. It is our position that this date can be deleted.

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

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**25. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 1.1.j.**

**Presently Reads:**

If an Association intends to form a Team of a higher Division the following season, it must apply to the NOHA Board of Directors and notify all its registered Players by May 1st in order to protect its rights to overage Players.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

This Regulation is redundant. Regulation 3.1.c) addresses this timeline.

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

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**26. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 1.1.k.**

**Presently Reads:**

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

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Redundant. All Associations will be Not-for-profit corporations, which has processes for elections of Directors.

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

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**27. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 3.1.c.**

**Presently Reads:**

All Representative Teams (AAA-C) engaged in the preceding year shall declare themselves operative by May 1st. Such declaration shall be made by submission of the Team application form to the NOHA. All applicable fees are payable by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Change to Read:**

All Representative Teams (AAA-C) engaged in the preceding year shall declare themselves operative by May 1st. Such declaration shall be made by submission of the Team application form to the NOHA. All applicable fees are payable by **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. ~~September 1<sup>st</sup>~~.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. This is an update that was missed at the 2023 NOHA Annual General Meeting.

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

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**28. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 3.1.h.**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

At AAA, and U15 and below, where an Association can only field one Team at an age division, the Association shall field the Major Team (i.e. U11, U13, U15, U18).

**Rationale:**

The NOHA has specific requirements as it relates to Regional Championships, and OHF Championships, which only operate at the Major Divisions. Not having a Major Team, in particular at the AAA Level where there is limited competition, creates many logistical challenges where Leagues no longer meet the definition of a League (3 Teams), creates issues with respect to affiliation and issues in terms of being eligible for Regional Championships. The NOHA did submit a request for a one-time exemption two seasons ago, but we were advised that it would be a one-time exemption. At the Minor divisions, there is more latitude as there is no Regional Championship.

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

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**29. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 3.2.a)**

**Presently Reads:**

The NOHA shall allow House League Select Teams once policies and procedures for these Teams have been implemented.

**Change to Read:**

The NOHA shall allow House League Select Teams **in accordance with the policies and procedures as approved by the NOHA Board of Directors.** ~~once policies and procedures for these Teams have been implemented.~~

**Rationale:**

Based on the directive from the Membership at the 2023 NOHA Annual General Meeting, a Committee was formed to look at Select programming within the NOHA. The Committee was made up of representatives from Associations as well as from the NOHA Board of Directors. The Committee reviewed current policies across the Province in drafting its own policies.

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

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**30. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 3.5.a. to 3.5.c.**

**Presently Reads:**

- a) 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 leave 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<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for competition that season.
- b) Any Single Entry Team may apply for a one-year leave of absence with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors. Before approval is granted by the NOHA, the local Association will have the option of assuming responsibility of the Single Entry Team. At the end of the one year leave of absence, if the Directors of the Single Entry Team do not reapply, the local Association will again be given the option of assuming responsibility of the Single Entry Team.
- c) Any Senior, Junior or “AAA” member Association/Single Entry Team may suspend its playing activities and apply for a leave of absence with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors and appropriate League.

A leave of absence shall only be granted for one playing season and must be applied for by May 1st for the following season.

Any Association/Team which is granted a leave of absence and does not reapply by May 1st the following season shall lose its franchise.

Any Junior or “AAA” Association/Team affected by the above regulations and wishing to reapply for entry after more than the one year leave of absence will be treated as a new entry and would have to follow the Regulations, By-laws and Policies as covered in the NOHA Constitution and League Constitution.

**Change to Read:**

- a) **Notwithstanding the exceptions below, ~~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 leave 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<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for competition that season.**
- b) Any Single Entry Team may apply for a one-year leave of absence with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors. Before approval is granted by the NOHA, the local Association will



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have the option of assuming responsibility of the Single Entry Team. At the end of the one year leave of absence, if the Directors of the Single Entry Team do not reapply, the local Association will again be given the option of assuming responsibility of the Single Entry Team.

- c) Any Senior, Junior or “AAA” member Association/Single Entry Team may suspend its playing activities and apply for a leave of absence with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors and appropriate League.

A leave of absence shall only be granted for one playing season and must be applied for by May 1st for the following season. **The NOHA reserves the right to reinstate the Team and request additional information prior to approving the reinstatement.**

Any Association/Team which is granted a leave of absence and does not reapply by May 1st the following season shall lose its franchise.

Any Junior or “AAA” Association/Team affected by the above regulations and wishing to reapply for entry after more than the one year leave of absence will be treated as a new entry and would have to follow the Regulations, By-laws and Policies as covered in the NOHA Constitution and League Constitution.

**Rationale:**

In approving Teams, the NOHA takes into consideration the sustainability of a Program within an Association as Teams not operating can significantly impact Leagues within the NOHA. With some Leagues having 3 or 4 Teams, losing one Team may result in not having a place to play for other organizations. This will allow the NOHA to ensure that Associations have a sustainability plan prior to approving a return for Teams, and address the issue(s) that led to a Team not operating.

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

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**31. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 4.1.**

**Presently Reads:**

Teams shall be permitted to register a minimum and maximum number of Players in accordance with the chart below;

Age Division	Category	Min. # of Players	Max. # of Players	Goaltender(s)
U7 <sup>1</sup>	-	6	N/A	N/A
U9 <sup>1</sup>	Tier 1	6	N/A	N/A
U9 <sup>1</sup>	Tier 2	6	N/A	N/A
U11	AA – C	11	19	N/A
U11	House League	9	19	N/A
U13	AAA	12	19	2 <sup>2</sup>
U13	AA – C	11	19	1 <sup>2</sup> (if 19 players registered, 2 must be goaltenders)
U13	House League	9	19	N/A
U15	AAA	12	19	2 <sup>2</sup>
U15	AA – C	11	19	1 (if 19 players registered, 2 must be goaltenders)
U15	House League	9	19	N/A
U16	AAA	12	19	2 <sup>2</sup>
U18 <sup>3</sup>	AAA	12	20	2 <sup>2</sup>
U18 <sup>3</sup>	AA – C	11	19	1 <sup>2</sup> (if 19 players registered, 2 must be goaltenders)
U18 <sup>3</sup>	House League	9	19	N/A

Notes:

1) U7 and U9 Players can be placed on one (1) roster, if desired, to allow tiering throughout the season.



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- 2) In the Divisions and Categories identified above, a Goaltender must be identified and registered as such on their Registration and will not be permitted to play any other position.
- 3) U18 Teams may use up to 25 Player Registrations during the season, so long as they do not have more than the maximum number of Players Registrations described above at one time.

**Change to Read:**

Teams shall be permitted to register a minimum and maximum number of Players in accordance with the chart below;

Age Division	Category	Min. # of Players	Max. # of Players	Goaltender(s)
U7 <sup>1</sup>	-	6	N/A	N/A
U9 <sup>1</sup>	<del>Tier 1</del>	6	<del>N/A</del> 20	N/A
<del>U9<sup>+</sup></del>	<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>
U11	AA – C	11	<del>19</del> 20	N/A
U11	House League	9	<del>19</del> 20	N/A
U13	AAA	12	<del>19</del> 20	2 <sup>2</sup>
U13	AA – C	11	<del>19</del> 20	1 <sup>2</sup> (if <del>19</del> 20 players registered, 2 must be goaltenders)
U13	House League	9	<del>19</del> 20	N/A
U15	AAA	12	<del>19</del> 20	2 <sup>2</sup>
U15	AA – C	11	<del>19</del> 20	1 (if <del>19</del> 20 players registered, 2 must be goaltenders)
U15	House League	9	<del>19</del> 20	N/A
U16	AAA	12	19 20	2 <sup>2</sup>
U18 <sup>3</sup>	AAA	12	20 20	2 <sup>2</sup>
U18 <sup>3</sup>	AA – C	11	19 20	1 <sup>2</sup> (if <del>19</del> 20 players registered, 2 must be goaltenders)
U18 <sup>3</sup>	House League	9	19 20	N/A



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Notes:

- 1) U7 ~~and U9~~ Players can be placed on one (1) roster, if desired, to allow tiering throughout the season.
- 2) In the Divisions and Categories identified above, a Goaltender must be identified and registered as such on their Registration and will not be permitted to play any other position.
- 3) U18 Teams may use up to 25 Player Registrations during the season, so long as they do not have more than the maximum number of Players Registrations described above at one time.

**Rationale:**

To amend to allow rosters of 20 Players is housekeeping in nature as Hockey Canada Regulations have been updated. The removal of the nomenclature for U9 is also housekeeping as Tier 1 and Tier 2 will not be recognized names in the HCR. The final amendment to this regulation will require all U9 Teams to be rostered in the same manner as all other Teams, which will simplify all aspects of administration.

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

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**32. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 4.2.c.**

**Presently Reads:**

On December 1st, all Junior Teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25), the total of the following:

- i) The number of Players on their Roster; and
- ii) The number of allotted but unused Player registrations.

On January 10th, Junior Teams must reduce to not more than twenty-three (23) the total of the following:

- i) The number of Players on their Roster; and
- ii) The number of allotted but unused Player registrations.

**Change to Read:**

~~On December 1st, all Junior Teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25), the total of the following:~~

- ~~i) The number of Players on their Roster; and~~
- ~~ii) The number of allotted but unused Player registrations.~~

On January 10th, Junior Teams must reduce to not more than twenty-five (25) ~~three (23)~~ the total of the following:

- i) The number of Players on their Roster; and
- ii) The number of allotted but unused Player registrations.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Updated to reflect Hockey Canada Regulations.

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

**DISCUSSION/NOTES:**





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**33. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 4.2.e.**

**Presently Reads:**

Teams’ HCR Rosters must meet the limited described in R.4.3.c) by no later than 7:00 p.m. EST, December 1st and/or January 10th (whichever date applies). Any Team failing to meet this deadline shall be declared ineligible for further competition until the preceding outlined provisions are met. Non-compliance shall result in Players being declared Released from the Team, under the authority and guidelines of the Member.

**Change to Read:**

Teams’ HCR Rosters must meet the limits ~~ed~~ described in R.4.3.c) by no later than 7:00 p.m. EST, ~~December 1st and/~~ or January 10th (whichever date applies). Any Team failing to meet this deadline shall be declared ineligible for further competition until the preceding outlined provisions are met. Non-compliance shall result in Players being declared Released from the Team, under the authority and guidelines of the Member.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping only.

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

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**34. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 5.1.1.c**

**Presently Reads:**

No Player shall be registered in the HCR after February 10th in any season. Except for Junior A, Players must be added to a roster in the HCR by midnight, February 10th.

Players registered by February 10th must have been released by the midnight, January 10th deadline or be a free agent (not having been previously registered by a Team) during the current season.

**Change to Read:**

No Player shall be registered in the HCR after February 10th in any season. Except for Junior A (**Hockey Canada Regulation D**), Players must be added to a roster in the HCR by midnight, February 10th.

Players registered by February 10th must have been released by the midnight, January 10th deadline or be a free agent **during the current season** (not having been previously registered by a Team) during the current season.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping only.

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

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**35. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 5.1.3.a.**

**Presently Reads:**

A replacement for a goaltender who may be seriously ill or be injured so as to prevent their playing with their Team may be permitted, upon the production of medical evidence satisfactory to the President of the NOHA or their designate.

Such findings shall be from a qualified medical person such as a doctor or a nurse practitioner. Application for such replacement shall be made to the President of the NOHA until the Team enters Hockey Canada Inter-Member Playoffs, after which time it shall be made to Hockey Canada.

**Change to Read:**

A replacement for a goaltender who may be seriously ill or be injured so as to prevent their playing with their Team may be permitted, upon the production of medical evidence **or other information** satisfactory to the President of the NOHA or their designate.

Such findings shall be from a qualified medical person such as a doctor or a nurse practitioner. Application for such replacement shall be made to the President of the NOHA until the Team enters Hockey Canada Inter-Member Playoffs, after which time it shall be made to Hockey Canada.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Given that Regulation 5.1.3.f. provides flexibility to allow replacement goaltenders, this proposed amendment clarifies that there may be other information provided that is not medical in nature.

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

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**36. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 5.3.1.**

**Presently Reads:**

The Official Game Report of each game containing any penalty under the OHF Minimum Suspension List or describing any severe injury shall be sent to the NOHA Executive Director within twenty-four (24) hours by the Referee. Any Referee not adhering to this regulation may be suspended by the Discipline Committee.

**Change to Read:**

The Official Game Report of each game containing any penalty under the OHF Minimum Suspension List or describing any severe injury shall be sent to the NOHA Executive Director within twenty-four (24) hours by the Referee. Any Referee not adhering to this regulation may be suspended by the **NOHA Board of Directors or by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Board** ~~Discipline Committee.~~

**Rationale:**

If Motion #15 is supported, this will be housekeeping as the Discipline Committee will no longer be a standing committee of the Board.

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

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**37. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

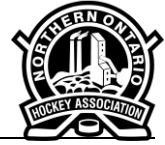
**NOHA Regulation 6.2.1.a to l**

**Presently Reads:**

- a) The final date for releasing all Players shall be January 10th in any playing season. All releases must be entered in the HCR by Midnight on January 10th. Players who have been released as of this date are able to register with another Team until February 10th, per R.5.1.1.f.
  - b) A Player wishing to register to play for a Team in another Association within the NOHA may do so with a Release from their home Association.
  - c) A Player may play for a Team other than R.6.2.1.b) if the Player receives a signed NOHA Release, in which case the Player may play for the Team named on the form. The Release must be attached in the HCR to the Player's record. A Player who is released is only released to the Team named on the form.
  - d) If the Team is a Minor-aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to 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.
  - e) The NOHA Release will only be an automatic Release when the Player receives the signature of any of the authorized Signing Officers for the Association/Single Entry Team for which the Player is a member. Forms must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR.
  - f) A Player shall cease to be a member of an Association/Single Entry Team under the following circumstances:
    - i. When a Player is released by the Association/Single Entry Team, such Release being in writing by the authorized Signing Officer(s) of the Association/Single Entry Team;
    - ii. When the Player is not over 18 years of age and resides with their parents or legal guardian, and the parents or legal guardian change their place of residence and the Player then continues to reside with their parents or legal guardian;
    - iii. When a Player is a member of any branch of the permanent military forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
    - iv. When the Player is a full-time employee since May 1st of the current year or has entered employment at the end of the scholastic year and is moved by their employer and continues in their employ.
- Players referred to in the above Regulation shall not be required to comply with the residence date of November 1st but must establish residence before being allowed to register and shall maintain such residence to remain eligible.
- g) A Player who has obtained a Release to another Association due to a Team not being available in their home Association is automatically released from the Team for which the Player played the previous season when a new entry is received closer to the Player's residence.
  - h) Any Players whose name appears on the HCR shall be deemed to be a member of the Team and shall be ineligible to register on any other Team during the current season, unless properly released.



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- i) A Player who has been released to play in a higher Division outside of their home Association/Single Entry Team, must return to their home Association/Single Entry Team upon reaching the required age. The Player may request a release from their home Association/Single Entry Team.
- j) No Association shall charge an administration fee for releases. Any Association that does so will be suspended by the NOHA Board.
- k) A Player living in a Centre not represented by a Representative Team in a Division for which the Player is eligible, shall be released to the nearest Association within the District for which there is a Representative Team available that the Player is eligible to play for.
- l) A Player living in a Centre not represented by a House League Team in a Division for which the Player is eligible, shall be released to any Association within the NOHA that has a Team available in the Division that the Player is eligible to play for.

### Change to Read:

- ~~a) The final date for releasing all Players shall be January 10th in any playing season. All releases must be entered in the HCR by Midnight on January 10th. Players who have been released as of this date are able to register with another Team until February 10th, per R.5.1.1.f.~~
- ~~b) A Player wishing to register to play for a Team in another Association within the NOHA may do so with a Release from their home Association.~~
- ~~e) A Player may play for a Team other than R.6.2.1.b) if the Player receives a signed NOHA Release, in which case the Player may play for the Team named on the form. The Release must be attached in the HCR to the Player's record. A Player who is released is only released to the Team named on the form.~~
- ~~d) If the Team is a Minor aged Team and the Player is of Minor age, then the Player returns to 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.~~
- ~~e) The NOHA Release will only be an automatic Release when the Player receives the signature of any of the authorized Signing Officers for the Association/Single Entry Team for which the Player is a member. Forms must be attached to the Player's record in the HCR.~~
- ~~f) A Player shall cease to be a member of an Association/Single Entry Team under the following circumstances:
  - ~~i. When a Player is released by the Association/Single Entry Team, such Release being in writing by the authorized Signing Officer(s) of the Association/Single Entry Team;~~
  - ~~ii. When the Player is not over 18 years of age and resides with their parents or legal guardian, and the parents or legal guardian change their place of residence and the Player then continues to reside with their parents or legal guardian;~~
  - ~~iii. When a Player is a member of any branch of the permanent military forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;~~
  - ~~iv. When the Player is a full-time employee since May 1st of the current year or has entered employment at the end of the scholastic year and is moved by their employer and continues in their employ.~~~~



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- ~~Players referred to in the above Regulation shall not be required to comply with the residence date of November 1st but must establish residence before being allowed to register and shall maintain such residence to remain eligible.~~
- ~~g) A Player who has obtained a Release to another Association due to a Team not being available in their home Association is automatically released from the Team for which the Player played the previous season when a new entry is received closer to the Player's residence.~~
  - h) Any Players ~~whose name appears on the HCR~~ who signs a Letter of Commitment with a Representative Team, or who signs with an Association at House League shall be deemed to be a member of the Team/Association and shall be ineligible to register on any other Team during the current season, unless properly released.
  - ~~i) A Player who has been released to play in a higher Division outside of their home Association/Single Entry Team, must return to their home Association/Single Entry Team upon reaching the required age. The Player may request a release from their home Association/Single Entry Team.~~
  - ~~j) No Association shall charge an administration fee for releases. Any Association that does so will be suspended by the NOHA Board.~~
  - ~~k) A Player living in a Centre not represented by a Representative Team in a Division for which the Player is eligible, shall be released to the nearest Association within the District for which there is a Representative Team available that the Player is eligible to play for.~~
  - ~~l) A Player living in a Centre not represented by a House League Team in a Division for which the Player is eligible, shall be released to any Association within the NOHA that has a Team available in the Division that the Player is eligible to play for.~~

**Rationale:**

Based on freedom of movement being supported by the NOHA Membership, most of the Regulations under 6.2.1. are no longer applicable. Regulation 6.2.1.h is housekeeping in nature based on the current process to confirm commitment of a Player to an Association or Team.

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

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**38. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 7.1.e.**

**Presently Reads:**

When penalties are served in straight time, a minor penalty shall be three (3) minutes straight time, a major penalty shall be seven (7) minutes straight time and a misconduct shall be twelve (12) minutes straight time. If a penalty commences during the straight-time period, the full penalty shall be served straight time. However, in the event of an undue delay, the Referee shall have the authority to have the clock stopped.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Delete. Not required as a Regulation. There are currently no Leagues in the NOHA that play games that are straight time, notwithstanding U9 half ice games.

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

**DISCUSSION/NOTES:**





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**39. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 7.2.a.**

**Presently Reads:**

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

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Delete. To allow the Board to draft a policy around exhibition game approval.

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

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**40. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 7.3.**

**Presently Reads:**

- a) All NOHA-sanctioned 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.
- b) Games in each Division shall use, whenever possible, the following officiating systems:

<b>Representative Games</b>	<b>House League Games</b>
U9 Half Ice – One Official per Game U9 Full Ice – Two Officials	
U11 – Two Officials	
U13 – Three Officials	U13 – Two Officials
U15 AAA – Four Officials U15 (below AAA) – Three Officials	U15 – Three Officials
U18 AAA – Four Officials U18 (below AAA) – Three Officials	U18 – Three Officials

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

- c) DELETE
- d) DELETE

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Delete. Include as part of Officials Policies and Procedures. Also provides additional flexibility to adjust the number of Officials who officiate each game.

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

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**41. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 8a to c.**

**Presently Reads:**

- a) The standings in the group shall be decided on the point system, two points for a win and one point to each Team for a tie game or overtime/shootout loss. In the event of a tie for any position at the conclusion of the schedule, the Team with the greater number of wins will be given the higher position.
- b) If wins and losses are the same, preference should then be determined by deciding the highest goal average. If still tied, then the Team which scored the first goal in the game between the two Teams takes the higher position.  
If still tied, then the Team which received the least minutes in penalties through the series will take the higher position.  
However, with unanimous consent of all Teams in a League, other means may be established for breaking the tie for any position in the group standing. Such other means must be established at the start of the season and filed with the Executive Director.
- c) All Teams or groups within the NOHA must play overtime when necessary. However, with the unanimous consent of the group members, other overtime arrangements can be requested of the NOHA Board of Directors.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

These are not required in the NOHA Constitution. Leagues have policies and procedures in place for tiebreakers, overtime rules, etc.

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

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**42. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 8.d.**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

All Inter-Association Representative Leagues shall play Tournament-style Playoffs.

**Rationale:**

Playing tournament-style Playoffs allows all Teams to have a longer season, particularly with the regular season phase not starting until early-October. This structure also mimics the NOHA Tournament of Champions, and OHF Championships.

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

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**43. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 8.e.**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

All full-time participating Teams must participate in League Playoffs, where one is hosted.

**Rationale:**

In recent years, some Teams across the NOHA have backed out of League Playoffs – for various reasons. As the NOHA has worked to ensure that there are sustainable Leagues across its Territory, it is important that all Teams participate in League Playoffs. Otherwise, due to small numbers of Teams in some Leagues, it can result in the cancellation, which impacts many Players.

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

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**44. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 9.1.f.**

**Presently Reads:**

An Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until their Hockey Canada registration has been endorsed by the NOHA Executive Director as being an Affiliated Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by the NOHA Executive Director before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the NOHA.

**Change to Read:**

An Affiliated Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until their Hockey Canada registration has been **approved on the HCR** ~~endorsed by the NOHA Executive Director~~ as being an Affiliated Player. Such endorsement may not be granted **until the signed Affiliation Form is approved on the HCR.** ~~by the NOHA Executive Director before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the NOHA.~~

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. Clarification on process only.

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

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**45. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 9.1.1**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

A Team/Association may not charge an administrative fee to an Affiliate Player.

**Rationale:**

The purpose of affiliation is to allow Teams to dress the maximum number of Players in accordance with the rules. These Players should not be charged a fee to assist a higher level Team to dress the maximum number of Players.

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

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**46. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 9.1.m.**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

Players being affiliated to House League Teams may be added to rosters until February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Rationale:**

Within the HC Rules, there is additional flexibility for Teams that are not eligible for Regional and National Championships. Every season, the NOHA receives requests to add Affiliate Players after January 15<sup>th</sup>; this will provide the flexibility to add Players within the Regulations.

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

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**47. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 10.1.g.**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

Where an individual has been suspended by an Association/Single Entry Team, or is the recipient of a decision that they may feel aggrieved by, they must be provided with the appeal process of the Association/Single Entry Team, if one exists, or that of the NOHA.

**Rationale:**

Associations have a responsibility to ensure that their membership is aware of the appeal process when they are the recipient of a decision that may not be in their favour. This is similar to the process the NOHA follows, where both parties involved in an appeal are informed of the OHF Appeal process.

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

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**48. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 10.2.h.**

**Presently Reads:**

Players who have a Suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in tryouts and exhibition games during the tryouts the next season. The remaining portion of the Suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the team with whom the suspended player registers. If this player receives a Suspension in the exhibition game(s), the player will cease to be eligible to participate in exhibition games and will serve all games in regular league play.

For the purposes of this Regulation, the tryout period is considered to end at the start of regular League Play.

**Change to Read:**

Players who have a Suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate **during the development phase at the start of the next season.** ~~tryouts and exhibition games during the tryouts the next season.~~ The remaining portion of the Suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the team with whom the suspended player registers. If this player receives a Suspension **during the development phase** ~~in the exhibition game(s),~~ the player will cease to be eligible to participate ~~in exhibition games~~ and will serve all games in regular league play.

~~For the purposes of this Regulation, the tryout period is considered to end at the start of regular League Play.~~

**Rationale:**

Based on a change to the structure of evaluations, this provides clarity with respect to eligibility of Players to participate in games that take place during the development phase at the start of the season.

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

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**49. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 10.5.**

**Presently Reads:**

- a) If a Team withdraws from the ice or fails to go on the ice and start play or fails to start play within two (2) minutes when ordered to do so by the Referee, the game shall be forfeited to the opposing Team. The Team Official acting as Coach as reported by the Referee but not necessarily the Team Official who verifies the game sheet may automatically be suspended for one (1) year from the infraction. The Team Official acting as the Coach will be suspended immediately pending a disciplinary hearing.
- b) If a Team is withdrawn or fails to go on the ice, or, being on the ice, fails to start play a second time within the same game, when ordered to do so by the Referee, the two (2) minute allowance shall not be granted. The Referee shall immediately declare the game forfeited to the non-offending Team with the game points awarded to it. The same penalty may apply to the Players or officials responsible for this as in R.10.5.a).
- c) 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, 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:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. This process is in the Hockey Canada Rule Book.

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

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**50. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NEW – NOHA Regulation 11.1.c**

**Presently Reads:**

None.

**Change to Read:**

The NOHA Board of Directors shall approve the NOHA Tournament of Champions Policies and Procedures on an annual basis.

**Rationale:**

It is proposed that Regulations 11.2. to 11.4. be removed as Regulations and put into the Tournament of Champions Policies and Procedures. This motion provides that direction.

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

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**51. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulations 11.2. to 11.4.**

**Presently Reads:**

**11.2 Representative Tournament of Champions**

**11.2.1 Host Selection**

- a) 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.
- b) Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until October 1st. The total number of entries eligible to attend will be confirmed by December 31st of the current season.
- c) All Associations/Single Entry Teams shall be eligible to host a Tournament of Champions. Associations may apply for a higher category to which they are registered.
- d) All NOHA U11 to U18 AA-C category playoffs will be in a Tournament of Champions format where sufficient entries permit. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of four games in the tournament format.  
Where there are not enough Teams available for a Championship, Minor Teams may request to the NOHA Board the ability to play in the Major Division of a Tournament of Champions.
- e) 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.
- f) If an Association has been awarded to host an NOHA Tournament of Champions, they must declare, in writing, by October 31st if they are unable to register a Team.
- g) 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.
- h) DELETE

**11.2.2 Team Selection**

- a) 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 only accept additional entries upon consultation with the Host Association and with the NOHA Board of Directors.
- b) 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 31st and they will be responsible to identify which Team will attend.
- c) Teams who apply for a change of category for the Tournament of Champions may be moved to a Category other than the one requested at the discretion of the NOHA Board.
- d) No Tournament of Champions will have more than ten (10) Teams.



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**11.2.3 Fees**

- a) The NOHA Playoff Committee shall recommend to the NOHA Board of Directors the registration fee for the Tournament of Champions.

**11.2.4 Withdrawal from Tournament of Champions**

- a) Any team withdrawing from the Tournament of Champions after the deadline shall forfeit their monies to the NOHA.
- b) Any team, in the opinion of the NOHA Board of Directors, which fails to fulfill its obligation in any league playoffs or NOHA Tournament of Champions during any season shall be refused entry in the NOHA for the following season and all players registered with said team shall be declared free agents.

**11.2.5 Schedule and Games**

- a) Scheduling of NOHA Playoffs may not be done until the participant Teams are properly seeded by the host committee and approved by the NOHA Playoff Committee. Through scheduling, every effort must be made to allow each team the chance to compete against Teams from other Leagues while attending the TOC. Teams travelling the farthest distance shall be scheduled as late as possible in accordance with the schedule template.

**11.3 House League Tournament of Champions**

**11.3.1 Host Selection**

- a) The dates for the House League Tournament of Champions will be determined by the NOHA Board of Directors. Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until October 1st. Associations must be in good standing with the NOHA.
- b) DELETE

**11.3.2 Team Selection**

- a) 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. All Teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) games in the tournament format.
- b) Participation in the House League Tournament of Champions is open to Teams indicating their interest by December 1st. Intent is indicated by submitting the entry form and payment to the NOHA office by December 1st.
- c) Selected Teams must submit to the NOHA Office their roster no later than January 31st. If a Team withdraws from the Tournament of Champions after notification of acceptance the Team will forfeit its registration fees.

**11.4 League Playoffs**

- a) In U18 “AAA” hockey, a playoff schedule will be set by the Great North U18 League with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors, prior to the start of the season, to determine the NOHA Champion.
- b) In U15 “AAA” hockey, a playoff schedule will be set by the Northern Ontario AAA Hockey League with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors, prior to the start of the season, to determine the NOHA Champion.
- c) In U13 “AAA” hockey, a playoff schedule will be set by the Northern Ontario AAA Hockey League with the approval of the NOHA Board of Directors, prior to the start of the season, to determine the NOHA Champion.
- d) Where all Teams in an age division are competing within the same League, the NOHA



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- Tournament of Champions shall be the League Championship.
- e) In order to qualify for the NOHA playoffs, all AAA Teams in all AAA Divisions must play in a AAA NOHA League (where a properly sanctioned AAA league exists) or three or more Teams in the same Division.  
 “AAA” Teams may play in a League of a higher Division.  
 In all Leagues in U21, U18, U15, U13 and U11, in the same category, there must be a league playoff to declare a league winner in order to compete in the NOHA playoffs unless the league, with the approval of all teams, files its method of selecting a winner with the NOHA Executive Director.
- f) Any Teams requesting outside Officials after the commencement of any series shall be responsible for payment of all travel, meals and expenses of such visiting Officials and the home Team is responsible for the regular game fees.  
 Note: An outside Official is one who does not reside in either of the two Districts playing.
- g) In Junior hockey, the playoff format shall be set by the NOJHL and approved by the NOHA Board of Directors prior to the start of the playing season.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

To put into Policies and Procedures document as opposed to Regulation.

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

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**52. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 12.1. and 12.2.**

**Presently Reads:**

**12.1 Tournament Hosting**

- a) A Tournament sanction permit will be issued only to the Minor Hockey Association. The sanction fees, a copy of the Tournament rules, and a copy of the invitation must accompany the application into the NOHA Office 60 days prior to the Tournament.
- b) A list of Teams that are entering the Tournament must be forwarded to the NOHA Office and the District Council Director fourteen (14) 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 and assistance will be provided to the Association to secure the required documents, where possible.
- c) If a sanctioned Tournament changes anything on the application that has already been approved, they must send the revised invitation and rules and regulations to all Teams that have applied to notify them of the changes and allow them to withdraw with no penalty imposed.
- d) No entry shall be accepted from any Team of any OHF Member, another HC Member, IIHF, or USA Hockey without an approved Tournament permit from their governing organization. The written permission must be presented upon registration at the tournament for inspection by the NOHA Board Member or Tournament Committee member and mailed to the NOHA Office with the Tournament reconciliation.
- e) A Tournament sanction may be withdrawn from any Association that accepts entries from a Team, or Players, that are under suspension or are not approved by the NOHA or any other OHF, HC, or IIHF Member.
- f) A copy of the Tournament rules and regulations and schedule shall be given in writing by the host to all Teams before commencing play.
- g) 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.
- h) No cash prizes or cash awards are to be given to any Team or individual Player in any sanctioned NOHA Minor Hockey Tournament.
- i) Any permit sanctioning a tournament by the NOHA may be withdrawn if it is found that Hockey Canada, OHF or NOHA regulations pertaining to such Tournaments are not followed.





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Subsequent permits may not be issued to any Association who has been found to have conducted a sanctioned Tournament which has not followed Hockey Canada, OHF or NOHA Regulations.

- j) All sanctioned Tournaments will be played only under official Hockey Canada playing rules. Should there be any variance from such rules, they shall be submitted at the time of application for a sanction permit.

**12.2 Tournament Attendance**

- a) All Tournament permits are not to interfere with the NOHA Playoffs and League Playoffs. This will be strictly enforced by the Council Directors.
- b) Teams shall not enter to participate in concurrent tournaments.
- c) Teams (House League and Representative) wishing to participate in Tournaments, must apply for a permit through the Tournament Portal.  
Requests through the Tournament Portal must be received by the NOHA Office two (2) weeks prior to the tournament. Any requests received after this may be subject to a late fee to be determined by the NOHA Board.  
Approved tournament permits will be available to the Association Tournament Portal contact.
- d) Every Player and Team Official participating in any sanctioned Tournament must be registered with that Team on an approved HCR roster for inspection at all Tournaments.
- e) No Representative Team will be allowed to play in a House League tournament.
- f) When the Hockey Canada U9 Pathways transitions to full ice after January 15th, Teams will be allowed to participate in two (2) full ice tournaments.

**Change to Read:**

Delete.

**Rationale:**

To remove from the Regulations and to put into a Policies and Procedures document.

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

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**53. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 13.3.e.**

**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 Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee of the Member Association and who feels aggrieved thereby may appeal the decision to the Appeals Committee.

**Change to Read:**

- e) Matters that may be appealed
  - A Player Release;
  - A Suspension of more than **ten (10)** ~~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 Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee of the Member Association and who feels aggrieved thereby may appeal the decision to the Appeals Committee.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. To fall in line with an update to OHF Regulations.

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

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**54. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

**NOHA Regulation 13.3.f.**

**Presently Reads:**

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.

If a supplemental Suspension is assessed in addition to the minimum Suspension and the total of the Suspension is beyond seven (7) games, then the supplemental Suspension is appealable.

**Change to Read:**

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 **ten (10)** ~~seven (7)~~ games.

If a supplemental Suspension is assessed in addition to the minimum Suspension and the total of the Suspension is beyond **ten (10)** ~~seven (7)~~ games, then the supplemental Suspension is appealable.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping. To fall in line with an update to OHF Regulations.

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

**DISCUSSION/NOTES:**