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#### **ARTICLE 1**

## **Name and Purpose**

- 1.01 The name of the Society is "The Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association."
- 1.02 The purposes of the Society are:
- i) nonprofit; and
- ii) the objects set out in the Memorandum of Association of the Society Mission Statement (1.03)
- 1.03 Mission Statement: To foster a passion for hockey in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment, promoting skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship among youth players. We aim to build a strong community of players, coaches, and families that share a love for the game.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Powers**

2.01 The powers of the Society are as set out in Section 10 of the Societies Act, Chapter 435, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, as amended from time to time.

2.02 In addition, the Society has power to fix and determine the basis and terms of membership in the Society including membership fees and any other basis of financial participation.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

### **Membership**

3.01 Subject to the right of the Society to extend its membership and fix the terms of such extension, the members of the Society shall be as follows: All parents and/or guardians of eligible players, and citizens who are managers, coaches or actively working with the Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association provided the Society shall be deemed to be originally constituted upon execution of the Memorandum of Association and the signatories thereto shall be deemed to be the first members of the Society. (1999)

3.02 The acts and votes of the Society shall be deemed to be legal and valid notwithstanding the existence of vacancies or any default in the appointment of members at the time of such acts or votes; and the act and vote of a majority of those present and voting at any regularly held meeting shall be deemed to be the act and vote of the board.

## **ARTICLE 4**

## **Classification of Players**

4.01 Players shall be classified into age categories as defined by Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council.

# **ARTICLE 5**

#### **Officers**

5.01 The officers of the Society shall be the immediate Past President, the President, the Vice President-Rep, the Vice President-House, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Registrar.



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5.02 The duties of the Officers of the Society will be:

PRESIDENT - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Directors. He/she shall generally perform the duties usual to the office of President and may, at his/her discretion, order the calling of special meetings of the spokespersons for the Society when required. He/she shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie and shall be a signing officer of the Society.

VICE PRESIDENT-HOUSE - The Vice President-House shall, oversee the house leagues of each division, in the absence of the President, and in conjunction with the VP Rep, shall preside at meetings and, in general, perform the duties of the President and be a signing officer of the Society. He/she shall, from time to time, accept additional responsibilities as directed by the President and Board of Directors or by a general meeting of the Society as expressed in a majority vote.

He/she shall also be responsible for:

- i) In cooperation with divisional coordinators, arrange membership in the appropriate house league for each house team, compile regular season schedules, and issue schedules to coaches and others concerned.
- ii) Co-ordinate with the Registrar the registration of house teams with the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council.
- iii) Co-ordinate early season practices and evaluations with the Ice Allocator and Vice President-Rep.
- iv) Communicate regulations made by the HC, HNSMC HNSFC or HNS to coaches and monitor compliance with such regulations.

VICE PRESIDENT-REP - The Vice President-Rep shall, oversee the representative teams of the CBCMHA, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings and, in general, perform the duties of the President and in absence of a president shall be a signing officer of the Society. He/she shall, from time to time, accept additional responsibilities as directed by the President and Board of Directors or by a general meeting of the Society as expressed in a majority vote.

He/she shall also be responsible for:

- i) Consult with the Ice Allocator concerning ice allocation for the representative teams.
- ii) Co-ordinate with the Registrar the registration of representative teams with the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council and Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council for provincial competition.
- iii) Co-ordinate early season practices and evaluations and tryouts with the Ice Allocator and Vice President-House.
- iv) Communicate regulations made by the HC, HNSMC HNSFC or HNS to coaches and monitor compliance with such regulations.
- v) Notify representative teams of the classification process.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – The immediate Past President is a non-voting officer and shall act in an advisory capacity, and can only be held by an individual who has completed their term as president naturally and not by removal or resignation.

SECRETARY – The secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Society, shall keep true and accurate account of all Society and Board of Directors meetings and such other records concerning the Minor Hockey Program as may be necessary from time to time.

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate account of all monies received and disbursed by the Society and shall, in accordance with the directions of the Board of Directors, make all



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disbursements of the Society. He/she will be a signing officer of the Society. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- 1. Develop, in consultation, a yearly budget that will be presented to the membership at the AGM.
- 2. Present financial statements to the membership at the AGM, and discuss relevant issues like the state of membership, fundraising needs and long term financial issues.
- 3. Perform bank reconciliations within ten days of month end.
- 4. Prepare and present to the Board of Directors at each regularly scheduled meeting: Bank Balances, Payroll and other relevant remittances, budget vs actual and lead discussion on variances
- 5. Prepare and present to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis: Ice rental and Accounts Receivable Status
- 6. Present previous year fundraising results to the Board of Directors in January to allow development of a fundraising budget

# REGISTRAR – The Registrar shall be responsible for:

- i) The registration of all players, in conjunction with the Executive Director, at the beginning of the season, including convening necessary meetings with divisional coordinators for allocation of players to various divisions.
- ii) All matters pertaining to registration of the CBCMHA, Board of Directors, teams, coaches and other volunteers with the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council and Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council.
- iii) Issue travel permits under the authority of the Zone Director pursuant to HNS regulations.
- 5.03 No remuneration shall be paid to any of the officers of the Society.
- 5.04 When any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, the following procedure shall apply: If the vacancy occurs in the Office of the President, the longer serving Vice-President shall automatically assume the Presidency.
- ii) For any other vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement until the next annual general meeting. The term to fill a vacancy shall not be considered in the term of office.
- iii) The membership shall have the power to remove from office forthwith by 2/3 vote, any member of the Board of Directors who is remiss or neglectful of duty or whose conduct tends to impair his/her usefulness as a member of the Board of Directors. (See Code of Conduct)

## 5.05 Nomination Process:

The membership may nominate individuals who are members in good standing for a director position by providing notice to the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the annual general meeting. "Members in good standing" have paid all their dues and fees to the Association and have not had their membership suspended or revoked. Such notice shall set out the name of the individual nominated and the position for which the individual is nominated. The nomination must be signed by not less than five (5) members in good standing and must be signed by the nominee indicating that he or she is willing to accept the position if elected. To be eligible as a candidate for President or Vice President, a nominee must be an existing director or have previously served as a director of the Society.



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A list of all duly nominated candidates and notice of election shall be communicated to the membership not less than seven (7) days prior to the annual general meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

# **Board of Directors and Standing Committees**

6.01

i) Board of Director Structure

The President, Vice-President - House, Vice-President - Rep, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and six members at large shall constitute the Board of Directors.

ii) Term of Office

All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a three (3) year term and shall serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of office.

iii) Responsibility

The Board of Directors shall have supervision, direction and control over the financial affairs of the Society and shall be responsible for its financial management. All expenditures of the fund of the Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and shall be made in accordance with its directions.

No motion adopted at any meeting of the Society which entails or necessitates financial risk or the commitment of expenditure of the funds of the Society shall be valid unless approved by the Board of Directors.

That a member to be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors, or in order to vote must be a paidup member and in good standing.

iv) Conflict of Interest – All Board Directors shall be permitted to hold the position of Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Treasurer or Trainer with any team in the CBCMHA or any other minor hockey association, in any division, but must declare a conflict of interest if a situation arises.

No member of the Board of Directors shall participate in the debate or vote on a motion at a Board or committee meeting if it is considered to be a conflict of interest. The Chair and/or President will determine a conflict of interest when necessary. His/her decision will be final. If the Chair and/or President is also in conflict of interest, then the Chair of the Risk Management and Discipline Committee will make the determination.

6.02 Standing Committees - The seven (7) standing committees within the Society are: Executive Committee
Hockey Operations Committee
Finance and Fundraising Committee
Risk Management and Discipline Committee
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Reconciliation and Accessibility Committee
Nominations Committee
Communications Committee

The President, by virtue of his/her office, is an ex-officio member of each committee.



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### 6.03 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Past President, VP Rep, VP House, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar

The duties of the Executive Committee will be:

- i) To oversee the strategic direction of the Society while ensuring alignment with its mission and goals
- ii) To make time-sensitive decisions when the full Board of Directors are unable to convene
- iii) To be the liaison between the Executive Director and the Board of Directors and coordinate annual reviews of performance and compensation
- iv) To coordinate board activities, ensuring effective governance practices

## 6.04 Hockey Operations Committee

The Hockey Operations Committee will consist of the VP Rep, VP House, Technical Director and Coordinators, and representatives as deemed necessary by the Board. This Committee shall be appointed by the Board, as per the recommendations of the Nominations Committee, and shall be responsible to the Board.

The duties of the Executive Committee will be:

- i) To provide hockey operation oversight through development, implementation and monitoring of the season plan for all divisions of the Association
- ii) To ensure all compliance matters with Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia and Association regulations are reviewed and met
- iii) To determine and schedule the number of hours of ice time required to run the full minor hockey program
- iv) To act as the liaison between the Society and rink operators
- v) To arrange the allocation of available equipment to the various teams of the Society upon commencement each fall and to gather together all the equipment of the Society at the end of the season to ensure that none is lost
- vi) To recommend the purchase of additional equipment to replace worn equipment or to outfit new teams as required
- vii) To arrange for repairs to equipment throughout the year as required and to arrange for cleaning and repairs as necessary prior to storage for the summer
- viii) To set forth the tournament schedule and fees of the Association for the year
- ix) To select a Coaches Selection Committee of one (1) Board of Director of the Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association, the Technical Director of the Association and one (1) non-active coach within the boundaries of the Association
- x) To plan, develop and supervise the player and coach development program of the Association
- xi) To review the performance of the Technical Director and Coordinators on an annual basis

## 6.05 Finance and Fundraising Committee

The Finance and Fundraising Committee will consist of the Treasurer as Chair and representatives as deemed necessary by the Board. This Committee shall be appointed by the Board, as per the recommendations of the Nominations Committee, and shall be responsible to the Board.

- i) To develop a yearly budget of the Society
- ii) To review financial statements, including accounts receivable and ice rental on a quarterly basis



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- iii) To review the state of membership within one month of the registration date, fundraising needs and long term financial issues
- iv) To scrutinize and approve for payment in conjunction with the Treasurer all bills for ice time submitted by the rinks involved
- v) To assess the appropriate level and structure of fundraising with an ultimate objective of making minor hockey reasonably affordable for all those who wish to participate.
- vi) To organize, promote and oversee fundraising efforts to the benefit of the members of the Society without shifting too great a burden on the local business community

# 6.06 Risk Management and Discipline Committee

The Risk Management and Discipline Committee will consist of the Chair and representatives as deemed necessary by the Board. This Committee shall be appointed by the Board, as per recommendations of the Nominations Committee, and shall be responsible to the Board.

The duties of the Risk Management and Discipline Committee will be:

- i) To ensure that all Team Rules and Official Policies of the Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association are enforced.
- ii) To render fair, consistent decisions on all protests referred to it.
- iii) To provide guidance to all members (including coaches, managers, players, parents, etc.) in the handling of disputes to ensure consistency throughout the Association.
- iv) To render disciplinary action when necessary to all who fall under the Code of Conduct, Discipline Policy and Fair Play Policy.

This Committee is to have full authority for all protest decisions and disciplinary action involving all members of the Association.

Regular meetings of this Committee are to be held at the discretion of the Committee to review problems as they arise.

All complaints submitted must be in writing to the Chair of the Risk Management and Discipline Committee from either the Coach, Manager or Coordinator no later than five (5) calendar days of the alleged incident, while respecting the 24 hour rule.

A Committee member will not be permitted to rule on any argument involving a team in which he/she has any interest. In such a case, his/her position will be taken by the President for that decision only in the case of a deadlock of the committee.

# 6.07 Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Reconciliation and Accessibility Committee

The EDIRA Committee will consist of one member of the Board of Directors and representatives as deemed necessary by the Board. This Committee shall be appointed by the Board, as per the recommendations of the Nominations Committee, and shall be responsible to the Board.

The duties of the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Reconciliation and Accessibility Committee will be:

- i) To encourage equitable access to hockey for individuals of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities.
- ii) To provide input and recommendations on Association policies, practices, and programs to ensure alignment with EDIRA principles.
- iii) To assist in the development and promotion of training opportunities related to anti-discrimination, reconciliation, and inclusive practices for players, coaches, volunteers, and families.
- iv) To monitor and support initiatives that ensure a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment within the association.
- v) To build relationships with equity-seeking groups, Indigenous communities, and accessibility advocates to strengthen community ties and inform inclusive programming.



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vi) To provide regular updates and recommendations to the Board of Directors on EDIRA-related matters and progress.

#### 6.08 Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee will consist of the Secretary and representatives as deemed necessary by the Board. This Committee shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Board.

The duties of the Nominations Committee will be:

- i) To manage the nominations process of the Society to ensure fairness and transparency
- ii) To review upcoming vacancies and term limits to ensure a smooth succession process.
- iii) To identify and nominate qualified candidates to serve on the Board of Directors in alignment with the Association's needs and strategic priorities.
- iv) To recruit and recommend to the Board of Directors members to serve on standing committees, ensuring a balance of skills, experience, and representation.
- v) To support Board and committee succession planning by maintaining a pool of potential candidates for future vacancies

### 6.09 Communications Committee

The Communications Committee will consist of one member of the Board of Directors and representatives as deemed necessary by the Board. This Committee shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Board.

The duties of the Communications Committee will be:

- i) To facilitate clear and timely communication between the Board of Directors and standing committees, membership of the Society, participants of Minor Hockey, and the public as necessary.
- ii) To publicize matters of public interest through appropriate channels, which may include social media, website announcements, newsletters, and other communication platforms.
- iii) To maintain effective communication tools within the Society to ensure members have access to current and relevant information.
- iv) To oversee website maintenance and development to ensure content remains current, accurate, and engaging.
- v) To support sponsor recognition and promotion through appropriate communication channels.

# 6.10 CBCMHA Executive Director-Roles and Responsibilities:

The position of CBCMHA Executive Director is the only paid position within the Society. A formal employment contract is reviewed annually by the President and the Treasurer.

The Executive Director will answer directly to and be held accountable by the President and Treasurer of the Society only.

The Executive Director shall be hired through approved criteria subject to input by the Board of Directors and President of the Society. The Board of Directors shall have final hiring approval of all employees of the Society.



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The Executive Director shall be responsible for the implementation of all hockey activities as outlined through Hockey Nova Scotia (HNS) and Hockey Canada (HC) policy and perform and administer all day-to-day operations, attend scheduled and approved meetings, and assist with general duties as the need arises for the Society.

The Executive Director shall not vote at any meetings of Board of Directors or membership of the Society. However, as the Executive Director deals with the day to day operations of the Society, the Executive Director may express an opinion or may be asked for their opinion on policy or situations that affect the day to day operations.

The Executive Director may delegate volunteers to carry out assigned duties of the Society.

The Executive Director shall receive all monies of the Society and arrange deposit of the same in a chartered bank selected by the Treasurer. They shall oversee proper books of accounts and payment of bills. All expenditures shall be approved by the Treasurer.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for having the annual financial statements prepared and presented in conjunction with the Treasurer.

The Executive Director shall closely monitor all budgeted items of the Society; they shall immediately notify the Treasurer of actual or perceived problems.

The Executive Director shall be authorized with the concurrence of the Treasurer for the association in the name of the Society to draw, accept, make all and any bills of exchange promissory notes, cheques and money orders for the payments of monies by the Society.

The Executive Director shall be and is hereby authorized with the concurrence of the Treasurer to negotiate with, deposit with or transfer to the bank (but for credit of the promissory notes, cheques or money orders for the payment of money and other negotiable paper) and for the said purpose to endorse the same on behalf of the Society.

Also from time to time arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts and vouchers, unpaid, unacceptable bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments.

The Executive Director shall serve on committees of the Board as recommended by the Nominations Committee

### **ARTICLE 7**

#### **Meetings**

7.01 The annual meeting of the Society will be held within three months after the Society's year end, at which time election of officers will take place.



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#### **ARTICLE 8**

### Quorum

8.01 For annual, general, or special meetings, a quorum will be seven (7) members of the Society. Each team will be encouraged to have one (1) representative at the general meeting and other such meetings as may be required from time to time.

8.02 A "quorum" for Board of Director meetings shall be seven (7).

8.03 The Board of Directors will meet regularly during the hockey season, with a minimum of six (6) meetings held throughout the year. Board of Director meetings will be held on the first Sunday of every month, at the County Arena, unless otherwise determined.

### **ARTICLE 9**

# **Notices, Voting, and Order of Business**

9.01 The Secretary shall be responsible for giving notice of all meetings of the society and the various committees.

9.02 Notice of an emergency meeting of a committee will be deemed sufficient if the Secretary gives notice by telephone either in person to the member or by message left with some responsible person at the home of said member or by email the day previous to the date of the said emergency meeting.

9.03 Voting at any meeting of the Society or its committees shall be by voiced "Aye" or "Nay" or by show of hands or by standing vote, unless a secret vote by ballot is requested by motion, seconded and carried by a majority of the members present. A motion of request for a secret ballot may not be ruled out of order by reason of there being a prior motion on the floor.

9.04 Each member shall be entitled to one vote and not more on any motion. Votes by proxy will not be accepted.

9.05 At the Annual General Meeting of the Society, the order of business shall be as follows:

- i) Roll Call
- ii) Approval of Minutes preceding Annual General Meeting
- iii) Adoption of Annual Report and report of Treasurer
- iv) Receiving reports of Committees
- v) Election of Directors for ensuing year
- vi) New Business
- vii) Appointment of Accountants, as needed

9.06 Voting on the election of the Board of Directors shall be by ballot. Each retiring officer shall have one vote and each member one vote. Where there are more candidates than positions available, positions will be filled by the candidates with the most votes. In the event of a tie, candidates receiving the most votes and having been determined to have filled vacant positions will be dropped from the ballot, and a new vote will occur.



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### **ARTICLE 10**

## Registration

10.01 REGISTRATION AND DATE – the dates of the annual registration shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

REGISTRATION FEES – Registration fees shall be determined yearly by the Board of Directors as financial requirements dictated. Balances owing for the previous year must be paid before or at registration or the player does not register.

### **ARTICLE 11**

### **Finance and Administration**

- 11.01 The borrowing powers of the Society shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act.
- 11.02 The books and accounts shall be reviewed each year by either a public accountant or two members of the Society, as appointed at an Annual General Meeting. (1999)
- 11.03 The fiscal year of the Society shall be from the 1st day of May to the 30th day of April of the following year.

## 11.04 BANKING AND SIGNING OFFICERS:

- i) The Treasurer shall, with approval of the Board of Directors, open an account with any Financial Institution.
- ii) The signing officers for all notes, drafts and cheques shall be two of the following: Treasurer, President; Vice President-Rep, Vice President-House.
- 11.05 ANNUAL BUDGET An annual budget shall be presented by the Board of Directors to the annual general meeting and shall be reviewed throughout the year as may be necessary to ensure continued operation without a deficit.

## **ARTICLE 12**

## **Nominating Committee and Election of Officers**

- 12.01 The Nominating committee shall be determined as outlined in 6.08 to recommend slate officers for the coming year to the annual meeting.
- 12.02 Voting on the election of President, Vice President-Rep, Vice President-House, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar shall be by vote of the Board of Directors and shall be by ballot. Each Director shall have one vote.



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#### **ARTICLE 13**

#### Referee-in-Chief

13.01 The Referee-in-Chief shall be appointed on a yearly basis by the Executive Director and it shall be his/her responsibility to:

- i) In conjunction with League Coordinators, to appoint referees and/or linesmen as required for each scheduled game and playoffs.
- ii) To conduct or arrange to have referees' clinics throughout the year at various intervals.
- iii) To maintain a competent and adequate standard of refereeing in all Leagues of the Society.
- iv) To appoint an Assistant Referee-in-Chief to assist him/her in his/her duties.
- v) To ensure that game officials submit a game report for statistical purposes at the end of each game.
- vi) To appoint an official timer and official scorer for each game as required.

## **ARTICLE 14**

# **League Coordinators (Directors) and Coaches**

14.01 A coordinator of each league and/or division forming the Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association shall be appointed to a Hockey Operations sub committee on a yearly basis by the Board of Directors. The duties of the Coordinator shall be:

- i) To supervise the full operation of that division of the Society to which he/she is appointed.
- ii) To ensure a competitive balance is maintained throughout the year and to take necessary steps as quickly as possible to correct any improper balances.
- iii) To ensure that House League Rules are followed by all participating teams and to carry out rulings as laid down by the Risk Management and Discipline Committee within his/her division.
- iv) To act as the spokesperson for all matters pertaining to his/her division.
- vi) such other duties as may be outlined in the Official Policy or as directed by the Board of Directors.
- 14.02 Managers and coaches of all teams must be approved by the Board of Directors and must also follow the policies laid down by the Society and as directed by the Executive from time to time.
- 14.03 Coaches Selection Committee, with a mandate to maintain a high standard of coaching within each division, shall review the applications for coaching positions and recommend a head coach for each team to the Hockey Operations Committee for approval. Persons interested shall apply in writing. All coaches so applying will be subject to a background check.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

#### **Amendments**

15.01 Amendments and/or alterations to these by-laws and policies made pursuant to these by-laws shall be adopted in accordance with section 13 of the Societies Act and can only be made at the annual meeting of the Society and/or at a Special Meeting by Special Resolution, that is a resolution passed by not less that ¾ of such members entitled to vote. Non-attendance of any such meeting will be considered an abstention for voting purposes. As such motions will be passed by ¾ of members in attendance. Such amendments and/or alterations shall only be considered after specific notice, in writing, signed by at least ten members, has been handed to the Secretary fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or the Special Meeting outlining all proposed changes.



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A Special Meeting may be called by the Board of Directors, or at the request of 2/3 of the membership, upon not less than 15 days notice to the membership. Such notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.

15.02 The Secretary will then communicate such notice of amendment to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting by either placing an advertisement in the local newspaper, or by any other means that could be reasonably expected to notify all members, and shall contain particulars of the proposed amendment or the time and place where such particulars are to be made available.

15.03 No motion to alter the duties, powers, authority or composition of the Board of Directors shall be valid or in order unless it has received the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

# **Offical Policy**

- 1. All playing rules shall be those laid down by Hockey Canada and as spelled out in their current year's Rule Book.
- 2. Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association shall follow the rules and regulations as outlined by Hockey Canada and Hockey Nova Scotia.
- 3. The Board of Directors, Players, Coaches, Parents and Officials shall follow the code of conduct of the Cape Breton Minor Hockey Association, as amended from time to time. The code of conduct shall be posted to the Association's website.
- 4. To be eligible for play-offs, each player must have participated in 75% of his/her team's games. Absenteeism through special circumstances, such as prolonged illness, will be taken into consideration.
- 5. Players are asked to participate in all league games and practices. A player who is absent for three games and/or practices in succession must be reported to the Hockey Operations Committee who is to make contact with the player concerned and his/her parents for a reasonable explanation before having him/her dropped from the team.
- 6. Players leaving or cut from Representative teams shall be placed on House League teams where deemed necessary by the Division Coordinator.
- 7. House League coaches shall be assigned to teams as convenient to work commitments, residence, etc.
- 8. Representative teams eliminated from provincial play-offs shall be given the opportunity to play exhibition games, etc., until the closing date of the Minor Hockey Program if ice time is available.
- 9. The official Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association sweaters shall be medium blue with white and red trim, and white with medium blue and red trim in the style of the original New York Rangers ("County Colours"). With the exception of the Novice I and II Division, all team sweaters purchased or donated after September 1, 2000 shall be in the County Colours, carry the CBCMHA 10 inch logo on the front center without any variation, have 10 inch block numbers on the back and be purchased by the Hockey Operations Committee. All team jerseys become the property of the Association.
- 10. All players must be registered with the Association prior to participating in any practices or games.
- 15. The Association adopts the Initiation Program curriculum.
- 16. The Association will ice 2 representative teams in any division where 44 or more players have requested to play representative hockey.

The Association will ice 3 representative teams in any division where 100 or more players are registered and where 61 or more players have requested to play representative hockey, provided a league exists to accommodate the skill level of all teams.



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### **Team Rules**

- 1. These Rules are to apply to all teams in all divisions of the Association unless otherwise indicated.
- 2. Players are required to wear a CSA approved helmet, CSA approved face shield, BNQ approved neck guard, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey pants, shin pads, skates, athletic supporter with cup or Jill strap, hockey gloves, hockey socks, and hockey sweater, in order to be eligible to participate in the Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association.
- 3. House league teams shall consist of a minimum of fourteen (14) players unless, in the opinion of the Hockey Operations Committee and the League Executive, a lesser number would prove more beneficial to the League's operation. In playoffs only, any team icing fewer than eleven (11) players, including a goaltender, shall forfeit the game. Each Representative Team will carry a minimum of sixteen (16) players 14 skaters and two goaltenders and a maximum of 19 players 17 skaters and 2 goal tenders.

# **Policy on Trips and Tournaments**

- 1. In addition to obtaining a travel permit from the Registrar, the Hockey Operations Committee must be advised of all trips to be taken by any team.
- 3. Fees for teams entering tournaments shall be paid by the teams.
- 4. Players entered in tournaments shall not be paid to referee any games in that tournament.
- 5. Out of Province trips shall be approved by the Regional Director and the Hockey Operations Committee.