

York Simcoe Minor Hockey League

CONSTITUTION

INTERPRETATION - In this Constitution and all By-Laws of the YSMHL, there after passed, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender, shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be and vice-versa.

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ARTICLE #1: OBJECTIVES1.1:

The name of the organization shall be “YORK SIMCOE MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE” and referred to as YSMHL.

ARTICLE #2: OBJECTIVES2.1:

To promote, encourage and supervise hockey for all boys and girls up to and including Juvenile.

ARTICLE #3: AFFILIATION3.1:

AFFILIATION The YSMHL shall annually affiliate with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA)

ARTICLE #4: MEMBERSHIP4.1:

MEMBERSHIP Membership in the YSMHL shall be open to any team, which receives approval of the OMHA and YSMHL Executive, and have fulfilled all the YSMHL obligations.

**ARTICLE #5: EXECUTIVE5.1:
EXECUTIVE**

1. The Executive shall consist of the following officers: Immediate Past President; President; Two Vice- Presidents; Secretary; Treasurer; OMHA Executive appointee(s); and the OMHA Group Convenors.
2. Each member of the Executive (except the President, unless a deciding vote is necessary) and the Executive Committee shall have an individual vote.
3. Executive Officers shall be elected for one year excluding the OMHA REM(s) and the appointed OMHA Convenors.
4. In order to run for any position on the YSMHL executive the person must be a member in good standing within a recognized OMHA association within the YSMHL jurisdiction or its AAA affiliates (Zone/Centre) or have served on executive in previous year(s) or be nominated and seconded by a member of current executive.
5. Election of Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting, which shall take place before June 1st.
6. It shall be the privilege of the Executive Officers to appoint such standing committees, officials, or other voluntary or paid personnel as it shall consider necessary for the efficient operation of the YSMHL.
7. A proposed slate of Officers will be supplied, if possible, and further nominations may be made from the floor.

**ARTICLE #6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE6.1:
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of one (1) representative (or alternate) for the first 10 teams a member town enters in the YSMHL and two (2) representatives for 11 teams or more.
2. The Executive Committee and the Executive have the power to elect the Executive and amend the Constitution.

**ARTICLE #7: MEETINGS7.1:
MEETINGS**

1. The YSMHL meetings will be held monthly (or as called) during the playing season.
2. Upon written request of 25% of the Executive Committee, the Executive shall be empowered to call a SPECIAL MEETING to deal with a specific situation(s).
3. Seven members and three Executive Officers shall constitute a quorum for these meetings.
4. Any York Simcoe Executive member missing two (2) consecutive meetings will be relieved of his office. Exception to this rule may be made at the discretion of the Executive. Any executive member so relieved; that vacant position shall be filled by appointment, by the YSMHL Executive.
5. Any centre that is absent from a meeting pertaining to the YSMHL will be fined \$25.00 for the first missed meeting, \$50.00 for the second and \$100 each for any others missed. If the fee(s) are not paid, the money will be taken out of the centre's bond money. A centre will not be allowed to register or schedule playoffs without their bond being complete. A copy of the fine, which is sent to the delegate, will go to the absentee's local Association. Limited exceptions may apply at the discretion of the Executive.
6. At each monthly meeting the Treasurer will produce for each centre and Executive member a financial report detailing the YSMHL financial transactions of the month previous and the state of the YSMHL bank accounts and investments.
7. Any new business at a YSMHL meeting must come through a YSMHL delegate (or alternate) or Executive member in good standing. (Adopted January 2, 2001)

ARTICLE #8: FEES AND PERFORMANCE BOND

8.1: FEES AND PERFORMANCE BOND

1. The annual YSMHL team entry fee for teams from each centre will be determined by a bylaw.
2. Upon joining the league a centre shall present a cheque to YSMHL to the value of \$500.00 as a guarantee to the YSMHL. This bond money is refunded (less any outstanding fees or fines) upon written request by the association's Secretary on letterhead and signed by the President.
3. If a centre has not paid money due then funds are to be taken out of the bond money. Centres cannot play in the next season until their bond money is restored. (Adopted March 4, 2000)
4. Any Association or organization that is a member of the YSMHL, may apply for damages by another member's failure to fulfill their obligations. An application for such MUST be addressed to the YSMHL, through the Secretary and MUST be received within fourteen (14) days of the incident. The original letter to the Secretary must be copied and sent to the offending member and so noted. This will allow the offending member to send a rebuttal to the YSMHL Secretary, if they wish. In the case of a missed scheduled game request for funds will only include 1/2 the ice cost, cost of officials, cost of timekeeper(s) and the cost of a gate person. This process only takes place when the centres cannot co-operate and solve the missed game.
5. All payments of such damages will be made at the discretion of the YSMHL Executives.
6. Any Association or organization losing its Bond, or any part thereof, during the season must renew their bond for the balance of the season.

ARTICLE #9: ANNUAL MEETING9.1:

ANNUAL MEETING

1. No Article of the Constitution shall be altered, rescinded, or new one made, except at the Annual Meeting and then only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the eligible members present and voting.
2. By-laws may be altered; rescinded or new ones made at any monthly meeting as long as a quorum is present and passed by a simple majority.
3. Notices of Motion, Constitution amendments for consideration at the Annual Meeting, shall be in writing to the YSMHL Secretary, NOT later than four (4) weeks preceding the meeting. In turn, these items will be mailed out, Faxed or e-mailed to the centres for study.
4. Annual Meeting to be held before June 1st.

ARTICLE #10: VOTING PRIVILEGE10.1:

VOTING PRIVILEGE

All executive and executive committee members in good standing can vote.

Good standing is defined for committee members as having a complete bond and no financial obligations to YSMHL or its affiliates.

ARTICLE #11: FINANCES11.1: FINANCES

The fiscal year end of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League shall be April 30th.

1. An accountant licensed to perform financial statement review will be appointed by the executive committee .These financial statements together with the accountant comments shall be presented to the membership within 120 days of the end of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League fiscal year.

ARTICLE #12: REMOVAL/DISMISSAL12.1: REMOVAL/DISMISSAL

1. Absent without cause or notice: A member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without notice to the Secretary and/or without appropriate reason(s) may be removed as a member.
2. Non-performance: A member assigned a task or accepting responsibility or positions within YSMHL may be removed for non-performance of in carrying out the duty or responsibility and on notice from the President may be removed from the particular position and a replacement appointed.
3. Removal of member: The voting executive members of YSMHL by resolution passed by two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting remove any member before the expiration of his or her term in office. By a majority vote elect a person in his or her stead for the remaining of the term.

**ARTICLE #13: TROPHIES13.1:
TROPHIES**

YSMHL Championship Trophies have been donated by member centres and sponsors and listed below:

Tyke Select	Unionville Minor Hockey Association
Tyke 7s	Markham Minor Hockey Association House League
Novice AE	Belleville Minor Hockey Association
Novice A	Innisfil Minor Hockey Association
Novice AA	
Minor Atom AE	Peterborough
Minor Atom A	Orillia Terriers
Minor Atom AA	
Atom AE	New Tecumseth Minor Hockey Association
Atom A	Schomberg Minor Hockey Association <i>(Larry Gould Honour Award for Dedication & Volunteer Service)</i>
Atom AA	Georgina Blaze <i>(In Memory of the Late Josh Sedore)</i>
Minor Peewee AE	Ajax Knights
Minor Peewee A	Barrie Minor Hockey Association
Minor Peewee AA	
Peewee AE	Richmond Hill Hockey Association <i>(Allan Smith Honour Award for Dedication & Volunteer Service)</i>
Peewee A	Beeton Athletic Association
Peewee AA	Oshawa Minor Hockey Association
Minor Bantam AE	Pickering Minor Hockey Association
Minor Bantam A	Markham Waxers
Minor Bantam AA	New Tecumseh Minor Hockey Association
Bantam AE	Richmond Hill Hockey Association <i>(The Robert Geddes Memorial Trophy)</i>
Bantam A	Bradford Minor Hockey Association <i>(The Bob Fallis Memorial Trophy)</i>
Bantam AA	Aurora Minor Hockey Association <i>(P.Hubble Honour Award for Dedication and Volunteer Service)</i>
Minor Midget AE	Newmarket Redmen
Minor Midget A	Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association <i>(The Andy Cartwright Trophy)</i>
Minor Midget AA	Newmarket Redmen
Midget AE	East Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association
Midget A	Nobleking Knights
Midget AA	Barrie Minor Hockey Association
Juvenile	Marketex