

# Port Stanley & District Minor Hockey Association Constitution 2009/10

## **The name of this organization shall be, The Port Stanley & District Minor Hockey Association**

1. The Objectives of this association shall be:
  - a) to provide an opportunity for every player in Port Stanley and the surrounding areas to play hockey to the best of their ability at the Port Stanley Arena.
  - b) to organize and supervise teams in age groups to compete in a house league with sufficient number of teams in each age group of Tyke, Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile as the number of players registered will require.
  - c) to organize and supervise a team in each age group of Tyke, Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile to compete with teams from other centers in a local league, and to compete in the OMHA play downs each year.
  - d) to promote and encourage the players to obey the rules of the game, respect the officials and to play the game fairly. It is most important that the players have fun playing hockey.
  - e) there must be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Executive present at a meeting in order to vote for coaches of the travel hockey teams.
  - f) applicants for any coaching position may be contacted for an interview with a panel of interviewers depending on number of applicants and their qualifications. This panel of interviewers must consist of no less than 5 individuals in order to break any indecision. These interviewers will be selected by the executive. In addition, there will also be a list of positions available. This list will be posted on the PSMHA website. No applicants will be considered after the deadline.
  - g) proxy votes gathered by an applicant interested in an executive position on the Port Stanley & District Minor Hockey board will be allowed at the discretion of the said Executive. Prior knowledge by the Executive of proxy intentions is necessary and will be allowed for circumstances deemed acceptable, such as attendance at a minor hockey function
  - h) all coaches at Tyke and Novice level will be required to take C.H.I.P. (Canadian Hockey Initiation Program) training as dictated by the OMHA.
  - i) the position of Registrar is an ex-officio position appointed by the Executive. The duties will include but not be limited to organizing registration days, coordinating registrations and forwarding all registrations and accompanying information to the OMHA in cooperation with the OMHA representative
2. Executive membership in this Association shall be all persons interested in the promotion and betterment of Minor Hockey in Port Stanley. These members must be at least 18 years of age and reside in the townships of Southwold or Central Elgin or have a child enrolled in the PSMHA system.
3. The Executive of the Association will consist of the following 11 positions, elected each year, except the Past President position:
  - President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Vice President – Travel (2 year term)
  - Vice President – Local League (2 year term)
  - Director of Fundraising
  - Director at Large (2 positions)
  - Director of Sponsorship (2 year term)
  - Director of OMHA/Shamrock (2 year term)
  - Director of Equipment

These persons are to be elected at the annual meeting before the completion of the hockey season. Each Executive Member has one vote. In case of a tie vote, the motion will be defeated. The President must be a member of the previous executive. The Executive shall appoint a Registrar, who shall have voting privileges on executive matters. Ex-officio members appointed by the Executive - Ice Convenor and Director of Officiating, do not have a vote on motions.

A member cannot hold more than one (1) position per year. In the event an executive position is not filled/elected at the Annual General Meeting, the new executive may appoint a member to the vacant position at a later date.

4. It shall be the duty of the Executive to oversee the operations of the House League in accordance with the rules of this Association and to make decisions on matters arising that are not at the time covered by the rules of this Association.
5. It shall be the duty of the Executive to appoint a contact person, preferably one of its members, for the OMHA to deal with matters concerning this Association. It shall also be the duty of the Executive to oversee the operation of the Traveling Teams and see that they abide by the rules of the membership and play of the OMHA. The sole guide for this competition will be the rules and regulations as amended each year by the OMHA and the CAHA.
6. Residents living within the restricted boundaries of any centre will not qualify for a release to play representative (or select) hockey in another centre as per OMHA rules and regulations. Those players in a designated shared area may make a "Right of Choice Declaration" if not previously rostered to a representative team or a select team as a rostered player or an affiliated player.  
Once a "Right of Choice Declaration" has been made with Port Stanley Minor Hockey, that player will become a restricted player of Port Stanley Minor Hockey, and will ONLY be granted a release if they can demonstrate circumstances that warrant a release. In such a case, a written request must be submitted in person at a regular Port Stanley Minor Hockey Executive meeting for explanation and discussion. The executive will then evaluate the request and notify the applicant of their decision.
7. Any member may, on giving to the Secretary 7 days notice in writing, notifying the board that he/she intends to introduce at the next annual general meeting of the membership a motion to introduce, eliminate, modify or change any rule of the Association and such notice shall include the exact working of the proposed rule.
8. The Executive of the Association shall try to hold monthly meetings during the hockey season.
9. The Vice President Travel and Vice President House League will hold two meetings annually with the coaches of all teams. One meeting to be held prior to the hockey season and the second to be held prior to the halfway point of the season.

Job descriptions will be produced for all positions on the Minor Hockey Executive