

**SYLVANIA METRO AMATEUR  
HOCKEY LEAGUE  
(SMAHL)**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE A.I – NAME**

- A.1.01** This organization shall be known as the Sylvania Metro Amateur Hockey League, an Ohio Non-Profit Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as SMAHL).
- A.1.02** This organization shall consist of two (2) divisions hereinafter referred to as “House” and “Travel.” Both the House and Travel Divisions will be under the jurisdiction of the Sylvania Metro Amateur Hockey League (SMAHL), and as such shall conform to its Constitution and by-laws.

## **ARTICLE A.II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

- A.2.01** The Sylvania Metro Amateur Hockey League, an Ohio Non-Profit Corporation, (SMAHL) was founded to foster, promote and teach amateur hockey and to provide the maximum opportunity for all eligible individuals to participate. The objectives of the league are to promote community spirit, encourage sportsmanship and good fellowship among all participants and to improve the players’ physical, mental, and social well-being.
- A.2.02** The House Division is designed to develop, organize and control team competition to the maximum playing accommodation and financial resources. The Travel Division is designed to provide the maximum opportunity for all qualified individuals to participate in a level of hockey competition which is commensurate with their skills and interests.
- A.2.03** To sponsor and promote such athletic, social, and other activity as may contribute to the finances of the organization. To use any revenue solely for the promotion of these purposes and objectives. To carry on the business of SMAHL without pecuniary gain to or benefit of any of its members.

## **ARTICLE A.III – AFFILIATION**

- A.3.01** SMAHL shall function as an independent organization.
- A.3.02** The House and/or Travel Divisions may become affiliated with any other hockey league or leagues, or with any other organization, the purpose and objectives of which are similar.

## **ARTICLE A.IV – AREA OF OPERATION**

- A.4.01** The House and Travel Divisions shall be available to any interested youth deemed qualified to participate and chosen to do so in a manner consistent with the By-Laws and playing rules of the House and Travel Divisions.

#### **ARTICLE A.V – MEMBERSHIP**

- A.5.01** **Active Members** – Any parent or legal guardian whose child is registered with a SMAHL team, and any coach or manager, 18 years of age or older as of January 1st of the current playing season, who is listed on the USA Hockey Team Roster, and who shall have completed his/her financial obligations to SMAHL, shall be an active member, provided his membership has not been terminated pursuant to provisions of Article A.6. Registration shall be effectuated through the selection procedure set forth in the By-laws and Playing Rules of the House and Travel Divisions and the subsequent completion of the USA Hockey Registration Form.
- A.5.02** **Associate Members** – Any person 18 years or older as of January 1st of the current playing season who is participating in the SMAHL organization, with or without a playing relative, may become an Associate Member upon acceptance of application by the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) and the Executive Board and payment of the prescribed membership fee as set forth by SMAHL. An Associate Member shall have the same rights as an Active Member and shall abide by the Articles of the Constitution and By-laws of SMAHL.
- A.5.03** **Member in Good Standing** – Any Active or Associate Member who has completed their financial obligations to SMAHL at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and who is not at the time of the Annual Meeting serving any disciplinary suspensions, shall be considered a Member in Good Standing.

#### **ARTICLE A.VI – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A.6.01** Any member of SMAHL may resign by mailing a written notice of resignation to the Assistant Secretary of the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) accompanied by payment of all monies then owing to SMAHL.
- A.6.02** If the Directors of either Division (House/Travel) shall determine by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Directors of that Division (House/Travel) and a majority vote of the Executive Board that any member has discontinued the activities which qualified him/her for membership, the membership of that member thereupon shall be terminated.

- A.6.03** Members may be censured, suspended, or expelled for breach of the Constitution or By-Laws of or for any act, omission or conduct which is deemed to be prejudicial to the welfare of SMAHL.
- A.6.04** All matters respecting censure, suspension and expulsion of members and termination of membership shall be within the exclusive control and direction of the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) and the Executive Board of SMAHL.
- A.6.05** Termination of membership, whether by resignation, expulsion or otherwise, shall forthwith terminate all the rights of membership of the member concerned, but shall not be deemed to discharge any financial obligation of the member to SMAHL accrued prior to the date of such termination and not then fulfilled.

## **ARTICLE V.II – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

- A.7.01** **Executive Board of Directors** – The affairs of SMAHL shall be governed by an Executive Board of seven (7) officers, which consist of the President (who shall be Chairman), the Vice Presidents of both the House and Travel Divisions, the executive Secretary, Treasurer, the Registrar and one Ex-Officio member, of whom four (4) shall constitute a quorum. The Ex-Officio member shall be appointed by the Executive Board at its first meeting. Each member of the Executive Board shall hold office until the first annual general meeting after he/she shall have been appointed or until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. The entire Executive Board shall be retired at each annual general meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified. The Executive Board shall meet as needed and shall be chaired by the President or his designated alternate.
- A.7.02** **Division Directors** – The House and Travel Divisions of SMAHL shall each have a separate Managing Board of Directors to manage their respective affairs. The Vice Presidents of their respective Divisions (House/Travel) having been duly elected by their Division members shall preside over their respective Divisions.

The House Division board of SMAHL shall consist of the Vice President of House, an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer and six (6) Directors, which shall be the Finance Director, Public Relations Director, Scheduling Director, Equipment Director, Rules and Discipline Director, Coaching Director (all of whom shall be elected by eligible Active and Associate Members of the House Division), of whom six (6) shall constitute a quorum.

The Travel Division board of SMAHL shall consist of the Vice President of Travel, an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer and six (6) Directors, which shall be the Finance Director, Public Relations Director, Scheduling Director, Equipment Director,

Rules and Discipline Director, Coaching Director (all of whom shall be elected by eligible Active and Associate Members of the Travel Division), of whom six (6) shall constitute a quorum.

The President of SMAHL, as a voting member of both the House and Travel Divisions, shall be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

**A.7.03**     **Director Qualifications** – Any Active and/or Associate Member, who is not an officer or director of another community area hockey association shall be eligible for election as a Director of either the House or Travel Division. A Director may not qualify for more than one (1) position in the House or Travel Division.

**A.7.04**     **Removal of Officers and Directors** – Any person or persons holding elective office and any Director or Directors may at any time be removed from office by resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast by the Directors present at a meeting of the Directors of their respective Divisions (House/Travel).

**A.7.05**     **Vacation of Office** – Any elective office shall be automatically vacated if:

- (a) The Officer or Director shall resign his office by delivering a written resignation to the Assistant Secretary of the appropriate division; or
- (b) The Officer or Director ceases to be qualified as an Active or Associate Member as defined in Article A.5

If an elective office or the office of a Director becomes vacant, a successor shall be elected by the Directors of the appropriate Divisions (House or Travel) to hold office for the balance of the term. If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, a successor shall be elected by the majority of both Division boards (House/Travel).

## **ARTICLE A.VIII – MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

**A.8.01**     The Directors of both the House and Travel Divisions shall hold meetings on a monthly basis and/or upon the written request of any four (4) Directors. The written request must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the appropriate Division (House/Travel) for dissemination to the other Directors of the appropriate Division and the member requesting such meeting must provide sufficient copies so that the Assistant Secretary of the appropriate Division can provide each member with the same.

**A.8.02**     **Notice of Meetings** – Notice of any meeting of either Division (House/Travel) shall be given by the Assistant Secretary to each Director of the appropriate Division at least seven (7) days before the meeting is to take place, provided that any meeting may be held

without notice if all Directors of the appropriate Division have given their consent or waived notice, or if all Directors are present.

**A.8.03**     **Voting** – At any meeting of the Divisions (House/Travel), voting shall be limited to the President, Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Directors as described in Articles 7.01 and 7.02. Except where a greater vote is required by these By-Laws, all questions arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of any equality of votes, the President, in addition to his original vote, shall have a second or casting vote. All votes at any such meeting shall be taken by ballot if so demanded by any Director present, but if no demand be made, the vote shall be taken in the usual way by assent or dissent.

**A.8.04**     In the absence of the President, at the executive Board meetings, his duties will be performed by the Secretary of the Executive Board. In the event the Secretary is also absent, the Presidential duties will be performed by the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

**A.8.05**     **Rules** – The following rules shall govern the conduct of all meetings of SMAHL:

- (a) If there is no quorum within fifteen (15) minutes of the time fixed for the meeting to begin, the Chairman or person acting in his/her stead shall declare that all votes will be postponed until such time as the quorum requirements are fulfilled. In the event that a quorum has not been attained within thirty (30) minutes of the commencement of the meeting, the meeting must be postponed.
- (b) Any Director who desires to speak must address the Chairman and be so recognized.
- (c) The Chairman shall have the right to require any motion be submitted in writing.
- (d) A Director shall have the unqualified right to speak only once on each motion. Should such member desire to be heard again, the must first obtain leave from the Chairman to do so.
- (e) The Chairman may at any time announce that the subject is open for conversational discussion.
- (f) The Chairman shall decide all questions or order.
- (g) An appeal to the meeting may be made on decision of the Chairman, but a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to override such divisions.

## **ARTICLE A.IX – DUITES OF OFFICERS**

- A.9.01**     **President** – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of SMAHL and shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Board. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. He/she shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board are carried into effect. He/she shall also have such other powers and duties as are elsewhere provided for in these Articles or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Executive Board. In the absence of the President, his duties shall be performed by the Secretary of the Executive Board. In the absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer shall perform his duties. The President shall have the general supervision and management of the business and affairs of SMAHL. In cases requiring an immediate decision, the President may take action with or without reference to the other Officers, but shall be responsible for reporting any decision to the Executive Board and Vice Presidents of the appropriate Divisions (House/Travel) within forty-eight (48) hours.
- A.9.02**     **Vice President** – The Vice Presidents shall preside over all meetings in their respective Divisions (House/Travel). In the absence of the Vice Presidents, the Assistant Secretaries shall preside over their respective meetings. He/she shall see that all orders and resolutions of their respective Divisions are carried into effect. The Vice Presidents shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the Executive Board and/or their respective Divisions. He/she shall be a member of all Standing Committees. The Vice President shall have the general supervision and management of the business and affairs of their respective Divisions. In cases requiring an immediate decision within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), the Vice President may take action with or without reference to the Directors of their Division, but shall be responsible for reporting any decision to their respective Divisions and the executive Board within forty-eight (48) hours.
- A.9.03**     **Secretary** – The Secretary of the Executive Board shall give, or cause to be given, all notices required to be given to members, directors, officers, auditors and members of committees. He/she shall attend all meetings of the Executive Board and shall enter, or cause to be entered in books kept for that purpose, minutes of all proceedings at such meetings. He/she shall be the custodian of all books, papers, records, documents, and other instruments of the executive board. He/she shall supervise the activities of the Assistant Secretaries of the House and Travel Divisions. He/she shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executive Board.
- A.9.04**     **Treasurer** – The Treasurer of the Executive Board shall keep full and accurate books of account in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the Executive Board and the House and Travel Divisions. The Treasurer, under the direction of the Executive Board, shall control the deposit of monies, the safekeeping of securities and the disbursement of the funds. He/she shall render to the executive Board at the meeting thereof, or whenever required of them, an account of all of their transactions as Treasurer, and of the financial position of SMAHL. He/she shall be responsible for supervising the deposit of all monies, safekeeping of securities and the disbursement of funds by the

Assistant Treasurers of the House and Travel Divisions. He/she shall be responsible to review the monthly and annual fiscal report prepared by the Assistant Treasurers. He/she shall present to the Executive Board, for approval, a budget before the beginning of the season. At the end of the season, he/she will present a fiscal report to the executive Board for approval. Additionally, a monthly statement shall be presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval. He/she shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executor Board.

**A.9.05**     **Registrar** – The Registrar of the Executive Board shall obtain satisfactory proof of age of all hockey players and register all players as may be required. He/she shall keep an up-to-date file system on all hockey players and hockey teams, including the address and phone numbers of each player. The Registrar shall be responsible to meet all USA Hockey requirements for team and player registration and to obtain Zero Club, Hat Trick, Playmaker patches. The Registrar shall be responsible for filing all appropriate forms (Team Membership Application and Individual Membership Registration) with USA Hockey no later than the 30th day of December. **The Registrar shall supply the Secretary of each Division with copies of stamped Team Rosters.**<sup>1</sup> The Registrar shall release to the Assistant Treasurers, for payment, all fees for team registrations to USA Hockey. All documentation shall be kept for no less than two (2) years. The Registrar shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the Executive Board.

**A.9.06**     **Assistant Secretary** – The House and Travel Divisions shall each have an Assistant Secretary who shall have been duly elected within their respective Divisions (House/Travel). It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Secretaries of the House/Travel Divisions to give or cause to be given, all notices required to be given to members, directors, officers and members of committees within their respective Divisions. They shall attend all meetings of their respective Divisions and shall enter, or cause to be entered in books kept for that purpose, minutes of all proceedings at such meetings. They shall be the custodian of all books, papers, records, documents, and other instruments with reference to their respective Divisions. They shall be responsible for reporting to the Secretary of the Executive Board and make available to the Secretary of the Executive Board all books, papers, records, documents, and other instruments with reference to their respective Divisions.

**A.9.08**     **Other Directors** – The duties of all other Officers/Directors of SMAHL shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Executive Board requires of them. any of the powers and duties of an Officer/Director, to whom an assistant has been appointed, may be exercised and performed by such assistant unless the Executive Board otherwise directs.

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed change is to add the above that is underlined and remove from the Duties of the Registrar the following: *The Registrar shall record weekly, a list of team standings and individual player statistics for each team. He/she will also keep individual player statistics for the season on penalties, goals, assists, and shutouts, etc.*

**A.9.09**     **Variation of Duties** – From time to time the Executive Board and/or the House/Travel Division board may vary, add to, or limit the powers and duties of any Officer or Director.

**A.9.10**     **Fidelity Bonds** - The Executive Board may require such Officers, Directors or agents of SMAHL as deemed advisable to furnish bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such form and with such surety as the Executive Board may from time to time prescribe.

The following Officers and Directors of SMAHL shall be bonded each year: President, Vice Presidents of House and Travel, Secretary of the Executive Board, Assistant Secretaries of both House and Travel, Treasurer of the Executive Board, Assistant Treasurers of both House and Travel and the Registrar.

#### **ARTICLE A.X – SMAHL GENERAL MEETINGS**

**A.10.01**     **Annual Meetings** – The annual general meeting of SMAHL shall be held in such place and on such date of each year as may be determined by the Executive Board, but shall be held within sixty (60) days following the end of the scheduled season.

**A.10.02**     **Special Meetings** – Special General Meetings of SMAHL may be called by the President or shall be called by him upon the written requests to the Secretary of the Executive Board of not less than ten (10) Active Members of SMAHL.

**A.10.03**     **Notice of Meetings** – Notice of any general meeting of SMAHL, whether annual or special, shall be given by the Secretary of the Executive Board, by posting a copy of the notice at the arena at least seven (7) days before the meeting is to take place. Notice of any special general meeting shall specify the purpose for which it is being called.

**A.10.04**     **Quorum** – Fifteen (15) Active and/or Associate Members in good standing on the books of SMAHL, or one-third (1/3) of the total Active and/or Associate Membership in good standing, whichever is the lesser, shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting of SMAHL.

**A.10.04**     **Voting** – Election of Officers of SMAHL shall occur at the annual meeting. Each Active and Associate Member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote each for the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Executive Board of SMAHL. Each Active and Associate Member in good standing shall have one (1) each for the Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and all other Directors of their appropriate Division (House/Travel). Unless otherwise provided by the Constitution and By-Laws, all elections and other questions arising at any meeting of SMAHL shall be decided upon by a majority of votes. Voting shall be by show of hands or by ballot if so requested by a

member entitled to vote. In the event that no candidate for election receives a majority of votes, a run-off vote shall be held among the top two (2) candidates.

**A.10.06** **Rules** – The following rules shall govern the conduct of all general meetings of SMAHL:

- (a) If there is no quorum within fifteen (15) minutes of the time fixed for the meeting to begin, the senior officer then present may declare the meeting postponed.
- (b) Any member who desires to speak must address the Chairman.
- (c) The Chairman shall have the right to require of any motion that it be submitted in writing.
- (d) A member shall have the right to speak once only to each motion. Should he desire to be again heard, he must obtain permission from the Chairman.
- (e) The Chairman may at any time announce that the subject is open for conversational discussion.
- (f) The Chairman shall decide all questions of order.
- (g) An appeal to holding a special meeting may be made on decision of the Chairman, but a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to override such decisions.

**A.10.07** **Order of Business** – The order of business at all meetings of SMAHL, where applicable, shall be as follows:

Credentials  
Reading of the minutes of previous meeting  
Business arising out of minutes  
Correspondence  
Treasurer's report  
President's address  
Reports of standing committees  
Reports of special committees  
Unfinished business  
Amendments to By-Laws  
Report of Nominating Committees and election of officers  
(President, Secretary, Treasurer)  
Election of Division officers and directors  
Appointment of auditors  
New business  
Notices of motions

This order of business may be varied at any meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present.

#### **ARTICLE A.XI – NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- A.11.01** Nominating Committees for the ensuing year shall consist of a Chairman (who shall be the Vice Presidents of each Division (House/Travel) and two Directors from each Division. The Nominating Committees shall recommend persons for election as officers and Directors at the next annual general meeting of SMAHL. The recommendations of the Nominating Committees, for positions of officers on the Executive Board and Directors in the House and Travel Divisions, shall be submitted to the members of SMAHL by the Assistant Secretaries of the House and Travel Divisions at least seven (7) days prior to the annual general meeting. When the annual general meeting is convened, the persons recommended by the Nominating Committees shall be deemed to have been duly nominated, but other nominations may be made from the floor by any Active or Associate Member. Persons being nominated for any position in SMAHL must be present to accept such nomination.

#### **ARTICLE A.XII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

- A.12.01** Any proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for consideration. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to the Executive Board and Directors of the House and Travel Divisions fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the meeting at which such are to be discussed.
- A.12.02** The Constitution and By-Laws of SMAHL may be replaced or amended by a majority of the officers at a special meeting of the Executive Board and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the Active/Associate Members at a special general meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said By-Laws, or an annual general meeting of SMAHL.
- A.12.03** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 1702.11(c), and notwithstanding the provisions of clause A.12.02, the Constitution and By-Laws of SMAHL may be temporarily amended by a majority of both Division boards (House/Travel) and by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive Board. Such amendment shall only have force until the next annual general meeting or until a special general meeting duly called for considering said amendment.

#### **ARTICLE A.XIII – BANKING ARRANGEMENTS, CONTRACTS, ETC.**

**A.13.01** **Banking Arrangements** – The banking business of SMAHL or any part thereof, shall be transacted with such bank or trust company as the Executive Board may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time by resolution. All such banking business, or any part thereof, shall be transacted on SMAHL’s behalf by the Treasurer or other persons as the Executive Board may designate, direct or authorize from time to time by resolution and to the extent therein provided, including, but without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the operating of SMAHL’s accounts; the making, signing, drawing, accepting, endorsing, negotiating, lodging, depositing, or transferring of any checks, promissory notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange and orders relating to any agreement relating to any such banking business and defining the rights and powers of the parties thereto, and the authorizing of any office of such bank to do any act or thing on SMAHL’s behalf to facilitate such banking business.

**A.13.02** **Execution of Documents** – Deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts, and engagements on behalf of SMAHL shall require two (2) signatures, one of which shall be the Assistant Treasurer of the appropriate Division (House/Travel) and one of the following: President, Vice President of the appropriate Division (House/Travel).

**A.13.03** Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the Articles of SMAHL, the Executive Board may at any time, by resolution, direct the manner in which, and the person or persons by whom any particular instrument, contract, or obligation of SMAHL may or shall be executed.

#### **ARTICLE A.XIV – AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, FISCAL YEAR**

**A.14.01** Until otherwise ordered by the Executive Board, the fiscal year of SMAHL shall end on the 30th day of April. One or more auditors may be appointed by the Executive Board at the first general meeting and at every annual general meeting thereafter. An officer or Director of SMAHL may act as an auditor of SMAHL.

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### **BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE B.I – SMAHL REPRESENTATIVES**

**B.1.01** The House and/or Travel Division board may, by resolution, appoint any person to act as a SMAHL representative at any specified arena. The duties of a SMAHL representative

shall be such as the terms of his/her agreement call for or the appropriate Division (House/Travel) require of him/her.

- B.1.02** SMAHL representatives, in their capacity as such, shall have such powers and authority as may be delegated to them from time to time by the House and Travel Divisions, and shall conduct themselves in a manner which is conducive to the promotion of the purpose and objectives of SMAHL.
- B.1.03** From time to time the House and/or Travel Division board may vary, add to the power or duties of any SMAHL representative or representatives.
- B.1.04** The appointment of a SMAHL representative may be revoked at any time by the House and/or Travel Division board, if in the opinion of the appropriate Division (House/Travel) the act, omission or conduct of a SMAHL representative is deemed to be prejudicial to SMAHL or any team within the jurisdiction of SMAHL.
- B.1.05** President, officers, and Directors of SMAHL shall not be required to perform duties for any rink.

## **ARTICLE B.II – DIRECTOR DUTIES**

### **B.2.01 Finance Directors**

- (a) The Finance Directors of the House/Travel Divisions shall recommend to their respective boards ways and means for raising, collecting, disbursing, and controlling of all funds of SMAHL.
- (b) The Finance Directors shall be responsible for obtaining the teams' sponsors and for distributing team pictures to those sponsors. He/she shall be responsible for keeping sponsors, donors, and contributors fully informed of the activities of SMAHL and shall promote and conduct the financial affairs of SMAHL in a manner which is conducive to good public relations and financial support of all members of the community.
- (c) The Finance Directors shall chair a Finance Committee, within their respective Divisions, if deemed necessary by the House/Travel Division Board, which shall consist of not less than two (2) other members each of whom shall be appointed by the Division boards.
- (d) The Finance Directors shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the House/Travel Divisions Boards.

## **B.2.02 Public Relation Directors**

- (a) It shall be the function of the Public Relation Directors of House/Travel Divisions to:
  - 1. Facilitate and ensure an inflow of representative opinions from SMAHL members and the general public in order that the policies and operations of SMAHL may be kept compatible with the diverse needs and views of the league and public.
  - 2. To counsel the House/Travel Division Boards on ways and means of shaping SMAHL policies and operations to gain maximum public acceptance for what SMAHL deems essential in the best interests of all concerned.
  - 3. To interpret widely and favorably SMAHL's policies and operations in this regard.
- (b) The Public Relation Directors shall be responsible for the administration of all fund raising activities and shall keep the House/Travel Division Boards fully informed of all activities.
- (c) The approval of the House/Travel Division Boards is required prior to the initiation of any public relations and/or any fund raising activity.
- (d) They shall recommend the House/Travel Division Boards ways and means of developing and promoting interest and hockey team participation.
- (e) The Directors shall arrange for news releases in regard to any activity of SMAHL as deemed appropriate by the House/Travel Divisions.
- (f) The Public Relations Directors shall arrange for the taking of team and individual pictures within their respective Divisions (House/Travel).
- (g) The Public Relations Director shall organize and arrange for the annual banquet.
- (h) The Public Relations Directors shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the House/Travel Division board.

## **B.2.03 Rules and Discipline Directors**

- (a) The Rules and Discipline Directors, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), shall chair a committee of not less than four (4) other members, each of whom shall be appointed by the House/Travel Division Boards.

- (b) The Directors or his/her designated representative, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), from the committee and any two (2) members of the committee shall have the power to hear and decide all protests, complaints, or other matters which pertain to the alleged violation of any of the rules or regulations of SMAHL or which pertain to the conduct or action of any player, manager, coach, referee, SMAHL representative, or member while acting in the capacity as such or which pertains to the act, omission or conduct of any of the above persons which is alleged to be prejudicial to SMAHL, any team or player within the jurisdiction of SMAHL.
- (c) The committee, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), may make rules for the regulation of its proceedings and the performance of its duties and functions under this Article B.3.03, subject to the approval by the House/Travel Division Boards.
- (d) All persons appearing before these committees, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), shall be given full opportunity to be heard.
- (e) The committees, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel) shall, as soon as possible after the conclusion of the proceedings, make a report in writing and without delay, transmit it to the President of SMAHL and the Vice Presidents of their respective Divisions (House/Travel), as well as to other person/persons involved in this matter.
- (f) The committees shall also conduct any investigation or hearing as directed by the House/Travel Division Boards and make a report in writing of such investigation or hearing without delay and transmit it to the Vice Presidents who shall present the report of any such investigations or hearing at the next monthly Division board meeting.
- (g) Any proposed rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted to the House/Travel Division Boards in writing by the Chairman of the Rules and Discipline Committees, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel) for consideration. Copies of the proposed rules or amendments shall be given to the members of the House/Travel Division Boards prior to the meeting, within the respective Divisions (house/Travel), at which such are to be discussed.
- (h) any proposed rules or amendments thereto approved by a majority of the House/Travel Division Board at a meeting of the Divisions shall, with approval of the executive Board, become effective immediately and shall be distributed to all Division Directors, league/team representatives, coaches, referees and managers and posted at the arena.

- (i) If any member of the Rules and Discipline Committees, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), is absent or unable to perform his/her duties for any reason whatsoever, the Directors, within that Division, may appoint a new member to fill such vacancy on a temporary basis, with concurrence from that respective Division Board (House/Travel).
- (j) The Rules and Discipline Directors shall also perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the House/Travel Division Boards.

**B.2.04     Coaching Directors**

- (a) The Coaching Directors, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), shall each chair a committee which will consist of himself and all league representatives, each of whom shall be appointed by the respective Division Board (House/Travel).
- (b) It shall be the function and responsibility of the Coaching Directors, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel), to arrange amateur hockey instructional and other programs for managers, coaches, referees, and other persons in their respective Divisions (House/Travel).
- (c) It shall be the function of the Coaching Directors, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel) to recommend all coaches for all levels to the House and or Travel Division Board for approval.
- (d) The Coaching Director in House shall be responsible to monitor all game sin the House Division in order to ensure compliance with equal ice time and all other House and USA Hockey rules.
- (e) The Coaching Director in House shall assist the House Division Board with balancing teams in accordance with player ratings.
- (f) The Coaching Director in House shall make recommendations as to team balance following completion of one round in each playing division. any playing division which has a team that seems to dominate the playing division or a team that is obviously weak within their playing division, is subject to being rebalanced.
- (g) It shall be the responsibility of the Coaching Directors of both House and Travel to obtain player ratings at the end of the season from all coaches.
- (h) The Coaching Directors, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel) shall also perform such duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to them by the House/Travel Division Boards.

- (i) It shall be the responsibility of the Coaching Directors to oversee the league/team representatives, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel).
  - 1. A league/team representative may be censured, suspended, or expelled from SMAHL by their respective Divisions (House/Travel), if in the opinion of the Division Board (House/Travel) the act, omission or conduct of such league/team representative is prejudicial to SMAHL, any team or hockey player within the jurisdiction of SMAHL.
  - 2. The league/team representative shall be responsible for monitoring all games (House only).
  - 3. A league/team representative (House only) is responsible to inform coaches of House all-star team conditions adopted by the House Division and to be sure any House all-star teams have prior House Division Board approval and abide by the Rules and By-Laws of SMAHL.
  - 4. A league/team representative is a member of the league committee. (Article B.3.04A).

**B.2.05 Scheduling Directors**

- (a) It shall be the function and responsibility of the Scheduling Directors to schedule all per-season, league, and play-off ice times for their appropriate Division (House/Travel) with the arena and in coordination with Travel team managers.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Scheduling Director of House to schedule some practice ice and all try-out ice for the House all-star teams.
- (c) The approval of the House Division Board shall be obtained prior to the issuance of any pre-season, league or play-off hockey game schedules.
- (d) The Scheduling Directors shall keep their respective Divisions (House/Travel) fully informed of the activities.
- (e) The Scheduling Directors shall have only such power and authority as may be delegated to them from time to time by their respective Divisions (House/Travel).
- (f) The Scheduling Directors shall be responsible for scheduling referees for all games with the Referee-in-Chief.

- (g) The Scheduling Directors shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by their respective Division Board (House/Travel).

**B.2.06**      **Equipment Directors**

- (a) It shall be the function and responsibility of the Equipment Directors, within their respective Divisions (House/Travel) to distribute and keep a detailed inventory of all hockey equipment; to arrange for the purchase and sale of equipment; to arrange for the purchase and sale of equipment, clothing, crests, and trophies; to obtain bids and make recommendations to their respective Division Boards (house/Travel) pertaining to said purchases and sales.
- (b) The Equipment Directors (House/Travel) shall arrange for a used equipment sale prior to the beginning of the season.
- (c) The approval of the Division Boards (House/Travel) are required for the purchase, distribution or sale of any hockey equipment, clothing, crests or trophies which is or will be the property of SMAHL.
- (d) The Equipment Directors (House/Travel) shall also perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to them by their respective Division Boards (House/Travel).

**B.2.07**      **Committees**

- (a) The House/Travel Division Boards may, by resolution, establish any other committees which, in its opinion, deem necessary or advisable within their respective Divisions (House/Travel).
- (b) The appointment of the chairman or any member of any standing committee, in the House/Travel Division, established pursuant to this Article B.III may be revoked at any time by the Division Boards (House/Travel) if, in the opinion of the Division Boards (House/Travel), the act, omission or conduct of any person is deemed to be prejudicial to SMAHL or any team within the jurisdiction of SMAHL.

**ARTICLE B.III – LEAGUE COMPOSITION**

- B.3.01**      SMAHL (House and Travel) shall be composed of the following playing divisions designated by USA hockey age brackets:

| <u>Division</u>                 | <u>Age on January 1st of the<br/>playing season</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Initiation Program (House only) | Open to players of all ages                         |
| Mini Mites (House only)         | 6 years or younger                                  |
| Mites                           | 7 and 8 years                                       |
| Squirts                         | 9 and 10 years                                      |
| Pee Wees                        | 11 and 12 years                                     |
| Bantams                         | 13 and 14 years                                     |
| Midgets                         | 15, 17, and 17 years                                |

- B.3.02** All players must compete with the division appropriate to their age as defined in Article B.4.01.
- B.3.03** Requests for exceptions to Article B.4.02 for the current playing season must be made in writing to the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) for approval. No exceptions will be made without prior approval from the Division Board (House/Travel) and the Executive Board.
- B.3.04** Any player not having previous league hockey playing experience must enroll in the Initiation Program which was introduced to make players first contact with hockey a safe and positive experience. It is a structured, learn to play hockey program designed to introduce beginners to the game's basic skills.

#### **ARTICLE B.IV – PLAYER ENTRY REGULATIONS**

- B.4.01** Any amateur hockey player may file an application for registration in SMAHL. Such application shall be in the form prescribed and shall be filed with the Registrar within their respective Divisions (House/Travel).
- B.4.02** Any amateur hockey player must agree that SMAHL, its members, Directors or officers shall not be responsible for player injury or any other liability.
- B.4.03** Any amateur hockey player must comply mutates mutandis with the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of SMAHL.
- B.4.04** The fees for player registration shall be paid for each registered amateur hockey player registered on a team as shown on the final approved players list, as compiled by the Registrars, before the first game of the season.
- B.4.05** Player applications shall be filed no later than the first day of December.

- B.4.06** Player applications filed pursuant to the provisions of clause B.5.01 above shall be subject to the approval of the appropriate Registrars (House/Travel).
- B.4.07** An amateur hockey player whose name is shown on the final approved players' list, referred to in clause B5.04, or whose name is subsequently added to the final approved players' list, shall be deemed to be a registered hockey player in SMAHL.
- B.4.08** Player applications filed with the Registrars must be approved by their appropriate Divisions (House/Travel). The Division (House/Travel) may reject or cancel any player registration if it is considered by the Division (house/Travel) to be in the best interest of SMAHL.

#### **ARTICLE B.V – TEAM ENTRY REGULATIONS**

- B.5.01** An amateur hockey team who participates in any game under the jurisdiction of SMAHL shall comply mutates mutandis with the SMAHL Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules.
- B.5.02** The jersey worn by players during league competition shall be of a color and design which has been approved by the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) and the Executive Board.
- B.5.03** The color and design of jerseys of registered teams shall not be changed without the prior consent of the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) and the Executive Board.
- B.5.04** Teams participating in games under the jurisdiction of SMAHL shall play only hockey players who are eligible for the division and who are registered pursuant to the provisions of Articles B.V and B.VII.
- B.5.05** Teams participating in league games shall play only those players who are listed on the team roster provided.
- B.5.06** Teams which default any games under jurisdiction of SMAHL shall forfeit the game defaulted.
- B.5.07** The manager or coach of any team who contravenes any of the provisions of this Article may be suspended by the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel).
- B.5.08** An amateur hockey team, Mini Mites through Juniors, inclusive, shall have a minimum of fourteen (14) registered amateur hockey players on its team roster at all times during the hockey season including play-off games, unless the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel) has granted prior approval in writing for less than fourteen (14).

**B.5.09** A registered amateur hockey team, in the House Division, shall not play in any tournament or exhibition game outside of the jurisdiction of SMAHL without prior consent of the House Division Board.

#### **ARTICLE B.VI – PLAYER REGULATIONS**

**B.6.01** A hockey player shall play only for one (1) registered hockey team, with the exception of House players who are eligible to play on House all-star teams.

**B.6.02** A hockey player may apply to the registered hockey team, for which he/she qualifies, for a release. If a release is granted, then the registered player is eligible to play on another registered team, for which he/she qualifies. In no case may a hockey player play for two (2) registered teams other than a House player who is eligible to play on a House all-star team.

**B.6.03** A release granted pursuant to the provisions of Article B.7.02, shall remain in effect for the duration of that playing season.

**B.6.04** A hockey player who has been granted a release pursuant to the provisions of Article B.7.02 above, and who then plays for another registered team shall play only for the other team until he obtains a release from that team for the duration of the hockey season including play-off games.

**B.6.05** Registered hockey players, when participating in any hockey game or practice under the jurisdiction of SMAHL shall wear all properly secured equipment as required by USA Hockey and their respective boards (House/Travel). Any player who does not comply with this provision shall not be permitted to participate in a hockey game or practice.

**B.6.06** A registered hockey player may be censured, suspended or expelled from SMAHL if, in the opinion of the appropriate Division Board (House/Travel), the act, omission or conduct of such player is prejudicial to SMAHL or any team or hockey player within the jurisdiction of SMAHL.

**B.6.07** If at any time during a hockey game the eligibility of a player is challenged by the coach, assistant coach or the manager of an opposing team or league official, at the conclusion of the game the players shall be requested by the referee to sign the game sheet opposite his name. Refusal to sign shall be referred to the Rules and Discipline Committee for appropriate action.

**B.6.08** The above provisions shall also apply to all amateur hockey players participating in pre-season or exhibition games played under the jurisdiction of SMAHL.

## **ARTICLE B.VII – REFEREE REGULATIONS**

- B.7.01** Referees and linesmen shall be paid the rates set forth in the Schedule of Fees for Officials. The Schedule of Fees for the Official shall be prepared by the Referee-in-Chief and submitted to the Executive Board. It shall become effective only upon the date prescribed by the Executive Board in its written notice of approval to the Referee-in-Chief.
- B.7.02** Referees shall conduct all House Division hockey games in accordance with the House rules. Travel Division games will fall under the jurisdiction of the league in which they play.
- B.7.03** Referees shall comply with and enforce, mutates mutandis, the provisions of the SMAHL By-Laws and Rules of the House Division.
- B.7.04** Referees and linesmen shall officiate at hockey games as directed by the Referee-in-Chief.

## **ARTICLE B.VIII – TEAM COACHES AND MANAGER REGULATIONS**

- B.8.01** Team coaches and/or the managers of a hockey team registered to play hockey in SMAHL shall comply, mutates mutandis, with the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of SMAHL.
- B.8.02** All team coaches and/or managers shall foster and promote the purposes and objectives of SMAHL
- B.8.03** Any team coach and/or manager may be censured, suspended or expelled from SMAHL by their respective Division Board (House/Travel) if, in the opinion of the Division Board (House/Travel) the act, omission or conduct of such team coach and/or manager is prejudicial to SMAHL or any team or hockey player within the jurisdiction of SMAHL.
- B.8.04** In the event the coach and assistant coach, in the House Division, are absent, the league/team representative shall designate a representative who shall have the duties and responsibilities of the coach.

## **ARTICLE B.IX – PROTEST REGULATIONS**

### **House Division**

- B.9.01** A team who wishes to protest the act, omission or conduct of any House representative, referee, linesman, coach, manager, player, or other matter shall file the protest in writing with the Chairman of Rules and Discipline Committee not later than forty-eight (48) hours,

exclusive of calendar Saturdays, calendar Sundays, or statutory holidays, after the happening of the event.

- B.9.02** The protest shall be signed by the manager or coach of the team protesting and shall be accompanied by a non-returnable fee in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). If the protest is for violation of the equal ice time rule or substitution rule, then the Ten Dollars (\$10.00) fee is waived.
- B.9.03** A team protesting pursuant to the provisions of Article B.10.01 shall at the time send copy of the protest to the person(s) or team protested against.
- B.9.04** The person(s) or team protested against shall file any written reply with the Chairman of the Rules and Discipline Committee not later than forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of calendar Saturdays, calendar Sundays, or statutory holidays, after the receipt of a copy of the protest.
- B.9.05** If the protest involves an alleged misinterpretation of the rules by a referee, a copy of the written protest shall also be sent to the referee, who shall file a written statement with the Chairman of the Rules and Discipline Committee within forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of calendar Saturdays, calendar Sundays, or statutory holidays after receipt of the copy of the protest.

### **Travel Division**

- B.9.06** Protests in the Travel Division will be in accordance with the By-Laws and playing Rules in the league of which they participate.

## **ARTICLE B.X – COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

- B.10.01** Hockey games under the jurisdiction of the House Division shall be played in accordance with the provisions established by USA Hockey and the House Division as amended from time to time.
- B.10.02** In the case of tournaments or other special events, an admission fee for all games played under the jurisdiction of the House may be changed as approved by the House Division Board.
- B.10.03** Overtime rules for pre-season, league, and play-off games shall be at the discretion of the House Division Board, which overtime rules, if any, may be varied at any time from time to time by resolution of the House Division Board.
- B.10.04** The following rules apply to all hockey games as deemed by the House Division Board.

- (a) There shall be a rotation of all hockey players in a good faith attempt to ensure equal ice time.
- (b) A goaltender may be removed from the ice and replaced by another hockey player.
- (c) A full complement of six (6) hockey players less any hockey players in the penalty box must be played at all times, unless opposing team coaches agree otherwise.
- (d) No substitution or change of hockey players is allowed during a line except in the case of injury, illness, or substitution for a goaltender. In the case of injury, illness, the substitution shall be permitted only with the approval of the referee who shall decide if in fact there has been injury or illness to a hockey player. If the referee decides that there has in fact been injury or illness, a substitution is to be permitted.
- (e) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section will result in the loss of the game by the offending team by a score of six (6) to zero (0).

**B.10.05** If a fight occurs during any game in any series, the aggressor shall immediately be ordered to the dressing room for the balance of the game. If the referee cannot determine which player is the aggressor, then both participants shall be removed from the game. Any player ordered from the ice shall be suspended for their next scheduled game. Anyone leaving the players' bench, penalty box or any player who is third man in a fight who subsequently participates before play begins shall be given a two (2) game suspension. This rule is to include all pre-season and play-off games as well. In the event that a goaltender gets into a fight, the referee shall enforce the rule as set out in the USA Hockey Rule Book and the case shall be referred to the Rules and Discipline Committees.

**B.10.06** All coaches, managers and team representatives are responsible for ensuring that players, coaches, and managers honor all suspensions in regard to game misconducts, match penalties, gross misconducts or other disciplinary actions as prescribed by USA Hockey or handed down by their respective Boards (House/Travel). Failure to comply will result in further disciplinary action and forfeiture of the game in which a suspended individual has participated.

**B.10.07** Teams entered in the House Division may be grouped as a major and minor playing division for league play and, if necessary, subdivided or combined into groups of practical size and ability.

**B.10.08** Team standings in each division, or group thereof, shall be determined on the point system—two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie. A tie in total points for a regular season for teams finishing tied for first place shall be decided according to USA Hockey

Rules. All other play-off positions will be decided by the toss of a coin or some other manner prescribed by the House Division Board.

**B.10.09** League play-offs are to be at the discretion of the House Division Board. The manner in which play-offs will be conducted shall be determined by the House Division Board and announced prior to the beginning of any play-off.

**B.10.10** Teams failing to appear or failing to ice a complete team within ten (10) minutes of the time scheduled, shall forfeit the game, requiring the winning team to line up and score a goal without competition, which shall be recorded. A complete team shall consist of at least eight (8) registered hockey players.

### Travel Division

**B.10.11** Competition regulations in the Travel Division will be in accordance with the By-laws and Rules in the league or which they participate.

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## **HOUSE DIVISION SEASON RULES**

### **ARTICLE C.I – INTRODUCTION**

**C.1.01** The Sylvania Metro Amateur Hockey League (SMAHL) was founded to foster, promote, and teach amateur hockey and to provide the maximum opportunity for all eligible individuals to participate. The objectives of the League are to promote community spirit, encourage sportsmanship and good fellowship among all participants and to improve the players' physical, mental, and social well being.

**C.1.02** The House Division reserves the right to make changes in coaches and players to provide team balance or for any other reason deemed necessary by the Division to achieve League purposes.

**C.1.03** The following rules apply to all amateur hockey players and team officials participating in practices, pre-season or exhibition games played under the jurisdiction of the House Division.

**C.1.04** Any proposed rules or amendments thereto approved by a majority of the House Division Board at a meeting of the Division shall, with approval of the Executive Board, become effective immediately and shall be distributed to all Division directors, league/team representatives, coaches, referees, and managers and posted at the arena.

**ARTICLE C.II – ADDITIONAL PRACTICES  
AND SCRIMMAGES**

- C.2.01** In an effort to benefit all players in our League, the House Division will allow up to five (5) additional scrimmages and/or practices with USA Hockey registered teams during the season provided the coach submits in writing a request to the league representative and receives prior approval from the representative. Our insurance only covers regular scheduled practices and games. Any additional scrimmages and/or practices which have Division approval must be sanctioned by the House Division Board at its next meeting in order for the insurance to be in effect.
- C.2.02** No additional scrimmages, practices, or games may be scheduled to conflict with the House Division’s scheduled practices or games causing vacant ice or rescheduling.

**ARTICLE C.III – EQUAL ICE TIME**

- C.3.01** The only reason that a player may not receive the minimum number of liens is because of an injury or sickness during a game (see Rule C.5.01) or discipline (see Rule C.14.03). In no case, including substitution for an injured or sick player, may the maximum number of times on the ice exceed the maximum number of line per player as shown below unless the team has less than eleven (11) players. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a forfeit (see Rule C.14.04) after review by the House Division Board.

**All Divisions Except Bantams**

| <b><u>Total Number<br/>of Players</u></b> | <b><u>Minimum Number of<br/>Lines Per Player</u></b> | <b><u>Maximum Number<br/>of Lines Per Player</u></b> |
|---|--|--|
| 16  | 5  | 5  |
| 15  | 5  | 5  |
| 14  | 5  | 6  |
| 13  | 6  | 7  |
| 12  | 6  | 7  |
| 11  | 7  | 8  |

**Bantam Division**

| <b><u>Total Number<br/>of Players</u></b> | <b><u>Minimum Number of<br/>Lines Per Player</u></b> | <b><u>Maximum Number<br/>of Lines Per Player</u></b> |
|---|--|--|
| 16  | 5  | 5  |
| 15  | 5  | 8  |
| 14  | 5  | 8  |
| 13  | 5  | 8  |
| 12  | 5  | 8  |
| 11  | 7  | 8  |

(Under 11 players—no rule of equal ice applies.)

**ARTICLE C.IV – GAME SUBSTITUTION, INJURIES  
AND SICKNESS**

- C.4.01** Changing on the fly between full line changes is not allowed from Mini Mites through Squirts unless a player is injured or sick. Pee Wee level and above must get prior approval from the House Division Board to vary from this rule. the minimum number of lines required for all players (see clause C.3.01) applies to all but the injured and/or the sick player.

**ARTICLE C.V – RUNNING TIME**

- C.5.01** The House Division will play all games either stop time or running time as determined by the House Board. The timekeeper will not stop the clock unless told to do so by the referee. The referee is the only person that can stop the clock. All House games will start with the “B” line and follow the “B-C-A” rotation.

**ARTICLE C.VI – GOALIES**

- C.6.01** A substitute goalie can only be dressed from within your own team. No substitute goalies are allowed from any other team. No team may loan its goalie to another team.
- C.6.02** In the Mini Mites through the Squirt level, the maximum number of games in which a player can play goalie is six (6), unless no other player on the team wishes to play that position. All players must be offered the opportunity to play.

## **ARTICLE C.VII – HOUSE TEAM SUBSTITUTIONS**

- C.7.01** House teams have to skate as a house team in game situations with no substitution of players from other teams. Teams participating in league games shall play only those players listed on the game sheet provided.

## **ARTICLE C.VIII – ICE TIME**

- C.8.01** Ice time is fifty (50) minutes for games and practices. If for any reason your game is running late, adjust the last period, so the game is completed in the allotted time.

## **ARTICLE C.IX – PARTICIPATING TEAM**

- C.9.01** The first team listed on the schedule is the home team. The home team furnishes the game puck. The participating teams shall furnish the timekeeper and score keeper for the game.
- C.9.02** Each team is responsible to prepare the score sheet provided by the league with team rosters. The score keeper is responsible to check over the score sheet after the game to be sure it is accurate, have it signed by the referees, and give a copy to a team coach and return the original to the league locker.

## **ARTICLE C.X – EQUIPMENT**

- C.10.01** **Jerseys** – The players are not allowed to take their game jerseys home. The coach or his/her representative is to collect jerseys at the end of each game.
- C.10.02** All players are required to wear properly secured protective equipment as required by USA Hockey. In addition, all players are required to wear:
- (a) Approved neck protectors; and
  - (b) Attached, non-white mouthpiece in Pee Wee Division and above.

## **ARTICLE C.XI – PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- C.11.01** Only the team players, team officials, or other person(s) registered on a USA Hockey roster with SMAHL will be permitted on the ice.

## **ARTICLE C.XII – PENALTIES**

- C.12.01** A penalized player will serve his penalty in a designated area. The penalized player will serve the penalty on his own line. If a penalized player's line will not be back on the ice prior to the end of the game, *i.e.* at the end of the third period, the remainder of the penalty time not served by the penalized player will be served on the last line.

### **ARTICLE C.XIII – DISCIPLINE OF PLAYERS AND COACHES**

- C.13.01** A coach may skate a player less than the minimum required lines because of unexcused absence from practice, continual missing of practice or a major discipline problem provided the coach has the prior approval of the House Director of Coaches.
- C.13.02** Failure to comply with the equal ice time rule, substitution rule, swearing and gestures by players and/or coaches will not be tolerated. Incidents involving violations of the House rules heard or seen by any coach, division member, or Director may be presented to the House Division Board. If the House Division Board determines that either the equal ice time or substitution rules were violated, then the team involved will forfeit the game.
- C.13.03** Any player receiving a match penalty or receiving his/her second game misconduct of the season, shall appear before the House Division Board. The player must be accompanied by the parent or legal guardian to determine if the player should remain in the league.

### **ARTICLE C.XIV – GAME PROTEST**

- C.14.01** Any protest of a league game except for violation of the equal ice time rule or substitution rule must be accompanied by a non-returnable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

### **ARTICLE C.XV – COACHES ABSENCE**

- C.15.01** In the event that the coach and assistant coach are absent, the House Director of Coaches shall designate a USA Hockey registered representative who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the coach.

### **ARTICLE C.XVI – GUIDELINES FOR SCORING AND TIMEKEEPERS**

- C.16.01** No one other than team officials and designated alternates will be behind the bench or in the scorekeeper and timekeeper's box.
- C.16.02** The referee is in charge of the game and as such is to be consulted on any questions. He is also the only one who decides when to start and stop the clock.
- C.16.03** Fill out score sheets completely and write legibly.

- C.16.04** If you make a mistake, please explain it. Do not leave it for others to figure out.
- C.16.05** Be sure that you put the specific penalty on the score sheet as stated by the referee.
- C.16.06** When a game misconduct, misconduct or match penalty is given, be sure that you indicate the reason for the penalty on the score sheet.
- C.16.07** At the end of the game, coaches or managers may wish to know the penalties assessed and the reason. Please let them know as they may apply to suspension.
- C.16.08** Referees must sign the final score sheet.
- C.16.09** Attempt to know and understand the House Rules.

#### **ARTICLE C.XVII – HOUSE ALL-STAR TEAM RULES**

- C.17.01** Teams can be formed after October 15th.
- C.17.02** All division players are eligible for tryouts and there is to be a minimum of three (3) tryout dates, not to commence prior to the first House game or practice of the season.
- C.17.03** The formation of a House all-star team requires prior approval from the House Division Board. When requesting such approval the following information is to be submitted to the House Division Board through the league representative.
  - (a) List of head coaches and not more than two (2) assistant coaches and/or managers and phone numbers.
  - (b) Preliminary budget including cost per player, amount from sponsor/sponsors and anticipated expenses. This budget must be submitted to the House Division Board prior to the first tryout.
  - (c) Proposed number of practices, games and total ice hours.
- C.17.04** Team selection will be made using the following criteria:
  - (a) All House Division teams must have players on the House all-star team, unless approved by the House Board.

- (b) There will be a Player Selection Committee which will consist of the President, Vice President of House, Coaching Director and coaches from House teams within their own age bracket.
- (c) Notices for tryouts shall be posted at the home ice arena.
- (d) Players must attend tryouts to be considered for a team.
- (e) Selection will be based on ratings. In the event of equal ratings, preference will be given to the second year player.
- (f) Rating will be done by coaches from divisions that are not trying out. Committee members will help monitor the process.

**C.17.05** House jerseys shall not be used for House all-star teams.

**C.17.06** House all-star practices or games must be scheduled to not conflict with House practices or games.

**C.17.07** A final report is to be submitted to the House Division Board for each House all-start team by the team manager and/or coach stating all expenses and income, the record of the team, and the number of games and practices.

**C.17.08** The Assistant Treasurer of House will serve as Treasurer of all all-star teams.

**C.17.09** One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) deposit for goalie equipment will be required for surplus league equipment. Damages to league equipment will be deducted from the deposit.

#### **ARTICLE C.XVIII – HOUSE POST-SEASON PLAY-OFF RULES**

**C.18.01** These rules will apply to all post-season play-off games.

**C.18.02** Playing Division Winner:

- (a) The team in each playing division with the best play-off record (highest number of points) will be the division play-off champion.

**C.18.03** Playing Division Ties:

- (a) In case of a tie, first place shall be decided according to USA Hockey Rules.

**C.18.04** Season Rules:

- (a) All other House season rules will apply, including the equal ice time rule as specified under Season Rule C.3.01. All games will be monitored.

## **TRAVEL DIVISION SEASON RULES**

### **ARTICLE D.I – INTRODUCTION**

- D.1.01** SMAHL recommends that the education of the game of hockey be the underpinning to every aspect of participation in Travel hockey. The objective being that this proper emphasis will promote better understanding of the game between Board members, coaches, parents, players, and the community. We encourage sportsmanship and good fellowship among all participating in the Travel program.
- D.1.02** The Travel Division Board reserves the right to make changes in coaches and players for any reason deemed necessary by the Travel Division Board.
- D.1.03** The following rules apply to all amateur hockey players and team officials participating in practice, pre-season, season, or exhibition games played under the jurisdiction of Travel.
- D.1.04** Any proposed rules or amendments thereto approved by a majority of the Travel Division Board at a meeting of the Division, shall, with approval of the Executive Board, become effective immediately and shall be distributed to all Division Directors, league/team representatives, coaches, referees, and managers and posted at the arena.

### **ARTICLE D.II – COACHING AND TEAM REPRESENTATION SELECTION**

- D.2.01** The Coaching Director shall be the Chairman of the Coaches Selection Committee. This committee will be comprised of the Chairman, President of SMAHL, Vice President of Travel, Rules and Discipline Director, and one (1) member at large as appointed by the Travel Division Board.
- D.2.02** It shall be the responsibility of the Coaching Director to solicit letters of intent for coaching positions in the following manner:
- (a) Posting of notices for coaching positions at home ice arena.
  - (b) Advertisements in appropriate media (*i.e.* newspapers, Hockey Weekly).

(c) Letters to current and previous coaches.

**D.2.03** The Coaching Selection Committee shall be responsible for the selection of coaches taking into consideration the following criteria:

(a) Level of certification in hockey (minimum of associate level certificate).

1. Years of hockey coaching experience.

2. Level at which coached.

(b) Association(s) in which affiliated.

(c) Evaluations, references, ratings (if available).

(d) Personal interview if deemed necessary.

(e) Statement of philosophy.

**D.2.04** If a member of the Coaching Selection Committee is applying for a coaching position in a certain age bracket, he will be excused in the selection process for that age bracket.

**D.2.05** The Selection Committee shall submit to the Travel Division Board a complete list of coaching applicants along with the slate of proposed coaches recommended by the committee.

**D.2.06** All applicants will be notified in writing by the Assistant Secretary of the Travel Division of the final selection of coaches in a timely manner.

**D.2.07** In the event of a coaching vacancy after selections, a special meeting will be called to fill the vacancy. Any previously qualified applicant will get first consideration.

**D.2.08** Every selected coach will be required to participate in player selection for two (2) age brackets.

**D.2.09** Coaches within each playing division will be required to submit a listing of their proposed coaching and management staff, a proposed budget and tryout drill plan two (2) weeks prior to tryouts.

**D.2.10** The Coaching Selection Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and evaluating the assistant coaches and/or team representatives or managers that the coach has selected to work with him/her, taking into consideration the following criteria:

- (a) Assistant coaches: level of certification, years of hockey coaching experience, evaluations, references and/or ratings, if available.
- (b) Team representatives: years of administrative experience, evaluations, references and/or ratings, if available.

The Coaching Selection Committee can deny any assistant coach or team representative if after evaluations it determines that he/she has conducted himself/herself in a manner which is deemed prejudicial to the welfare of SMAHL or for breach of the Constitution or By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE D.III – PLAYER SELECTION**

- D.3.01** It is the objective of the Travel Division to try and accommodate every qualified child that desires to play Travel hockey and that thoughtful consideration is used before a player is cut out of the program.
- D.3.02** It is the goal of the Travel Division is to have thoughtfully developed and standardized tryouts. This standardization will assist in placing the players in the proper levels.
- D.3.03** Players must play within the bracket for their age as designated in clause B.4.01. Requests for exception to clause D.3.03 for the current playing season must be made in writing to the Travel Division Board. No exceptions will be made without prior approval from the Division Board and the Executive Board.
- D.3.04** There will be a Player Selection Committee which will consist of the President of SMAHL, Vice Presidents of House and Travel, Coaching Director, head coaches from the different age brackets, two (2) members at large as appointed by the Travel Division. The Player Selection Committee shall oversee and facilitate the selection process.
- D.3.05** All tryouts for teams shall be conducted by the coaching staff(s) of the team(s) being tried out for. Tryouts will be conducted according to the following criteria:
  - (a) Notice of tryout dates shall be posted at home arena at least thirty (30) days prior to such tryout and by mailings to previously players in the league.
  - (b) All players must attend tryouts to be considered for a team. Players unable to attend must submit a request in writing to the Travel Board for additional tryout arrangements.

- (c) Any player trying out for a team outside of their age group must submit a request to the Travel Board and be evaluated by members of the Player Selection Committee prior to being selected for a team.
- (d) Players must show proof of age and pay appropriate fees as set forth by the Travel Division Board at each tryout attended.
- (e) After the coaches elect teams, a roster will be submitted to the Player Selection Committee for final approval.
- (f) Coaches are required to post at the home arena the names of all players elected, and approved by the Travel Board no later than three (3) days following the final scheduled tryout.

#### **ARTICLE D.IV – TEAM COMPOSITION**

- D.4.01** All teams within the Travel Division shall carry a minimum of thirteen (13) skaters and one (1) goaltender unless approved otherwise by the Player Selection Committee. In the best interests of player development it is strongly recommended that travel teams carry two (2) goaltenders.
- D.4.02** Primary consideration in determining team composition shall be player ratings. However, should players rate equally, preference should be given to the second year player for “AA” teams.
- D.4.03** In the event of a player vacancy on a team, the coach will address the issue with the Player Selection Committee as prescribed in 3.04.

#### **ARTICLE D.V – COMMITMENT FEES**

- D.5.01** All players elected for a travel team shall pay a commitment fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This fee is nonrefundable and will be applied to the final payment for the season.
- D.5.02** These fees must be paid within three (3) days of the posting of team selections.

#### **ARTICLE D.VI – EQUIPMENT**

- D.6.01** **Protective Equipment** – Protective equipment for each player shall be as mandated by USA Hockey and/or as required by the league in which the team participates.

**D.6.02** Uniforms – Teams are required to wear uniforms consistent (except for first-cut travel teams) with the SMAHL approved design and colors. Approved uniform designs are: Toronto Maple Leafs’ colors (home and away) as worn during the 1994-95 season. Colors: Home—royal blue on white. Away—white on royal blue. Crest—Sylvania Maple Leafs’ logo or Team Toledo logo, as appropriate.

- (a) Each team will be given two (2) sets of jerseys. One (1) home game and one (1) away set.
- (b) These jerseys are the property of SMAHL and will be turned in to SMAHL at the end of the playing season.
- (c) Teams will be responsible for keeping their jerseys in good condition.
- (d) Any team wanting to purchase their own jerseys may do so, but any such jerseys must be consistent with SMAHL-approved logo and colors.

**D.6.03** All players are required to have the following equipment, in addition to what is required by USA Hockey, prior to the first scheduled league game and all practices for that player’s team:

- (a) White helmet.
- (b) Royal blue hockey pants.
- (c) Throat protectors.
- (d) Attached non-white mouthpiece in Pee Wee Division and above.

**D.6.04** Any team failing to adhere to the uniform requirements as outlined above shall forfeit their SMAHL assigned ice times, beginning thirty (30) days after notification by the Travel Board of the noncompliance, and until such time as they become compliant with the required uniform guidelines.

**D.6.05** Any player failing to adhere to the uniform requirements as outlined above shall not be allowed to participate in games or practices, beginning fourteen (14) days after notification by the Travel Board of such noncompliance, and until such time as he/she becomes compliant with the required uniform.

## **ARTICLE D.VII – PRACTICE SESSIONS**

**D.7.01** Only the team players, team officials, or any other person registered on a USA Hockey roster with SMAHL will be permitted on the ice.

**D.7.02** No one is permitted on the ice until the Zamboni has left the ice and the doors are closed.

### **ARTICLE VIII – PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS**

**D.8.01** Any problems or questions should be directed to the Coaching Director of the Travel Division.