

# Beaver Lakes Hockey League Constitution (revised 2016)

## Article 1:

### **.01 Name:**

The organization shall be known as the "Beaver lakes hockey league"

### **.02 Objectives**

To control, improve and promote senior hockey within the framework and rules of the Saskatchewan Hockey Association

### **.03 Membership**

- a. Full members are considered franchises that have completed their one year probationary year, and have been approved by a majority vote from the other full members.
- b. Full members that breach any rules or regulations of the league constitution will be governed by the other full members of the league.
- c. Full members will be allowed a one year leave of absence if requested. If more than one year the franchise will be considered a new team and would need to fulfill a one year probationary period.
- d. New applications for league franchises will be reviewed at the annual league meeting and voted in by a majority vote from the full members.
- e. Full membership franchises will govern the league by majority vote.

### **.04 Performance Bonds**

- a. The league performance bond will be 1000.00. this must be in the league hands before any games are played.
- b. Bonds are non-refundable, and are in place to protect other teams and the league.

### **.05 Duties of President**

- a. President will help govern the league with its "membership" franchises.
- b. The president will only get to vote in the instance of a tie.
- c. The president shall not vote on the following:
  - Admitting probationary members
  - Admitting probationary member to full member status
  - On any appeals made to the league "membership", except in the instance of a tie.
- d. Ensure that all suspensions are served as per SHA rulebook.

- e. to chair all meetings regarding any league business.
- f. to appoint a secretary treasurer and statistician.
- g. to deal with any minor business league related.
- h. to determine if weather or ice conditions are not playable.

**.06 Duties of Secretary Treasurer**

- a. Deal with all money related league business.
- b. Paying annual honorariums.
- c. Paying any league expenses. (website fees)
- d. Have documented bank statements on request.
- e. All league cheques must be signed by president and treasurer.

**.07 Duties of Statistician**

- a. Complete all stats in a timely manner
- b. Maintain all league website related tasks

**Article 2:**

**.01 Annual League Meeting**

- a. Annual league meeting will be set in the fall by the league president.
- b. Every team must have one representative attending. \$500 fine to team if no one attends.
- c. Constitution amendment by majority vote from league members
- d. Conduct all business related to the beaver lakes hockey league

**Article 3:**

**.01 Protests**

- a. Protests and all supporting evidence must be submitted by the protesting club to the president within 48 hours of the game in question along with a deposit of \$500.00. the deposit will be refunded if successful. The league will keep deposit if unsuccessful.
- b. The team being protested against will have 24 hours to file a defense.
- c. All protest will be decided by the league members not involved in the protest, in the event of a tie vote, the president shall be the determining factor.

## **Article 4:**

### **.01 Priority of Games**

- a. Scheduled league games will take priority over any other games.

### **.02 Forfeits**

- a. Any team failing to play in a scheduled league game except for weather or ice conditions will be subject to the following fines. Regular season game offending team pays \$500.00 to the non-offending team plus costs of referees. Any team failing to play in a scheduled playoff game will be subject to a \$1000.00 fine payable to the non-offending team, plus costs of all referee fees.
- b. Fines will be paid from the team's performance bond. This bond must be reimbursed to the league before any games are played from the offending team.
- c. Players that are not properly registered with SHA that compete in league game will be suspended for 30 days and manager will also be suspended for 30 days. All games that players participated in will be automatically forfeited and a fine of 500 per infraction per game the players were involved in.

### **.03 Postponed games**

- a. Postponement of scheduled games must be made within 48 hours of game time, except in adverse weather or ice conditions. In this case the president must be notified by noon of the scheduled game day.
- b. All postponed games must be rescheduled within 48 hours of original game day.
- c. Home team must supply a suitable date for rescheduling. In the event this can't be reached the president shall decide date of rescheduled game.

## **Article 5:**

### **.01 Rules and Regulations**

- a. Any match penalty will receive an indefinite suspension until dealt with by the league president. SHA handbook will be adhered to when a Minimum suspension is given. The president or SHA has the right to go beyond the minimum suspension if the situation warrants it.
- b. If a player under suspension participates in any league scheduled game the team will forfeit the game and be fined in accordance with article 4.02. \$500.00 regular season/\$1000.00 playoff game.
- c. All suspensions and rules will follow SHA handbook. It is the teams' responsibility to know if their player is suspended.

- d. Regular season schedule and playoff format will be set at the annual league meeting and listed on website.
- e. Tie games during the regular season will be decided by a 5-minute overtime period. If still tied a 3-man shoot-out will decide the winner. If still tied a sudden death 1-man shooter will decide the winner. The same player may not shoot twice until all available players have shot.
- f. Tie games during playoff season will be decided by a 10 min overtime period. If still tied the ice will be cleaned and a full 20-minute sudden death period will be played and so on until a winner is decided.
- g. Losing team of an overtime regular season game will receive one point in the standings.
- h. In the event of a tie in the standings the following will be used to decide playoff positions:
  - \*Season series between teams involved, if still tied, or if more than two teams involved
  - \*Goals for – goals against, during the entire season, if still tied
  - \*Fewest penalty minutes as a team
- i. Home team will wear dark jerseys, away team's white jerseys.
- j. Home teams will supply visiting teams with pucks for warmup.
- i. A total of Twenty-five players are allowed per team and must be registered to a team and with SHA by Jan 10 at midnight

## **Article 6:**

### **.01 League Awards**

- a. Top goaltender – shall be based on a minimum of one third of the regular season games, and lowest goals against average will determine the top goalie
- b. MVP – shall be voted on by the league teams, every team will submit their mvp to the league president, the list will then be dispersed to the teams for a vote. A vote for your own team will be omitted.
- c. Top defenseman- every team will submit their top defenseman to the league president, the list will then be dispersed to the teams for a vote. A vote for your own team will be omitted.

- d. Most Gentlemanly Player- every team will submit their most gentlemanly player to the league president, the list will then be dispersed to the teams for a vote. A vote for your own team will be omitted
- e. Rookie of the year- every team will submit their rookie of the year to the league president, the list will then be dispersed to the teams for a vote. A vote for your own team will be omitted. A rookie shall be any player that has not played in the Beaver Lakes Hockey League before.
- f. Top scorer- goes to the highest points player during the regular season.
- g. Awards will be announced on website immediately following the championship series.
- h. League trophies can be taken by the winner until the next seasons annual meeting.

#### **Article 7:**

##### **.01 Import Rule**

- a. All teams are allowed 3 imports and one goalie exception.
- b. Classification of an import is per SHA handbooks provincial regulations and qualifications.
- c. All import players must be clearly marked with and "I" on game sheets.
- d. Any teams caught with more imports will forfeit any games that the infraction occurred with, and fines will be \$500.00 for a regular scheduled season game and \$1000.00 for a playoff game.
- e. All Imports must play in at least 3 regular season games.

#### **Article 8:**

##### **.01 league fees**

- a. President 300/team
- b. Statistician 150/team
- c. Ref Coordinator 300/team
- d. Treasurer 100/team
- e. All league fees will be collected before any league games are played.