



TRI-COUNTY
minor hockey league

Constitution

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TRI-COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Founded in 1957 to foster U21 Hockey, and now includes U8 to U18 Representative and Minor Development Teams.

TRI-COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

AS AMENDED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING June 15th, 2023

1. NAME:

This Organization shall be known hereafter as the Tri-County Minor Hockey League and referred to hereafter as the TCMHL.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- A) To foster the opportunity for the Youth of Member Centres to participate in amateur hockey.
- B) To develop inter community understanding and fellowship between all participants for the betterment of their physical, mental, and social wellbeing.
- C) To sponsor and promote such athletic, social, and other activities as may contribute to the moral and financial welfare of the organization.
- D) To operate without the purpose of pecuniary gain to any of the members and any surplus or assets of the TCMHL shall be used solely for the purposes of the TCMHL and for the promotion of its aims and objectives.

3. AFFILIATION:

This League agrees to enforce all Hockey Canada (HC), Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) rulings.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

- A) Membership in the TCMHL shall be open to any Minor Hockey Organization that is in good standing with the OMHA and agrees to abide by the Constitution and Rules of Operations of this League. Organizations may submit entries in any one or multiple divisions of the TCMHL.
- B) This League further acknowledges that the OMHA may enter a team, or teams, into the TCMHL for OMHA playdowns upon proper notification to the TCMHL.
- C) If team entry fees or league meeting fines are in arrears for a period of three (3) months, the Centre shall be suspended from participation in monthly meetings and shall be designated as a "Member not in good standing" until the arrears have been settled. The League Secretary shall inform the Centre concerned of this suspension in writing.

5. MANAGEMENT:

The management and administration of the TCMHL shall be vested in the Officers and Member Centre Representatives who have full power to take such action as would be beneficial to the performance of the league and its Member Centres.

6. OFFICERS AND VOTING PRIVILEGES:

- A) The Officers of the TCMHL shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. These Officers serve 2-year terms. Nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary at least fifteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominations from the floor at the AGM will only be considered for positions where no nominations were submitted in advance.
- B) Every Officer (excluding the President), plus one individual representing each Member Centre, plus each Life Member, plus each Past President shall have an individual vote. The President shall only vote in the case of a tie.
- C) In order to be eligible for the position of the President, a member must have been an Officer for a minimum of 1 (one) year, or have attended TCMHL meetings as a representative of a Member Centre for a minimum of 2 (two) years.
- D) In order to be eligible for the positions of Vice-President, a member must have attended TCMHL meetings as a representative of a Member Centre for a minimum of (one) year.
- E) The Officers shall hold office until the AGM of the following year.
- F) Meetings of the Officers and TCMHL Member Centres shall be held as required but not less than monthly during the playing season. Member Centre representatives or their alternates may miss 1 (one) monthly meeting, however their Centre will be assessed a fine of \$50.00 for one missed monthly meeting, \$100.00 for two missed meetings in a row, \$200.00 for three missed meetings in a row- therefore doubling each missed monthly meeting in a season. The Secretary will contact that Centre President to ensure they send a representative to the next meeting. Any Centre failing to pay a fine by the end of the AGM shall have such fine doubled and added to the following year's team registration. The Secretary shall monitor attendance.
- G) Two thirds of the Member Centre Representatives plus 2 (two) Officers shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum except to take measures to obtain a quorum, to establish the time to adjourn, or to take a recess.
- H) It shall be the privilege of the Officers to appoint such standing committees, officials or other voluntary or paid personnel, as it shall consider necessary for the efficient operation of the TCMHL and where necessary to appoint Officers until the next Annual General Meeting.
- I) Special Meetings: On request of 2/3 (two thirds) or more of the Member Centres, the TCMHL President shall be empowered to call a special meeting to deal with a specific situation.

7. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:

- A) Meetings will be held at a location deemed suitable and as determined by the Officers on an annual basis.
- B) The Secretary will maintain a list of the names of authorized representatives from each Centre. At regular TCMHL monthly meetings a roll call of the Centres will be taken.
- C) Voting will be limited to Centres based upon their involvement in the motion at hand. Centres will only vote on issues which directly affect their Association and will abstain from voting on motions which do not affect their Association's teams (ie: a "AA" Centre would not vote on issues affecting "B" Centres unless it also was a "B" Centre)
- D) Prior to a motion being voted upon, the Chair will identify which Member Centres would be affected by that motion (ie: Centres with "A, B and MD" teams only, etc).
- E) Motions will be passed based on a majority of Centres included in the vote, and in the event of a tie, the President will cast a vote in order to break the tie.
- F) Voting shall be by show of hands and/or voting cards unless a specific count or secret ballot is required by the Chair or requested by any Member entitled to vote. A declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or lost by a particular majority will be recorded in the meeting minutes as conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

8. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

- A) The President shall preside at all meetings of the TCMHL and when necessary cast a vote in the event of a tie in voting by the members. The President shall be a signing Officer on all documents pertaining to the operation of the League.
- B) The First Vice President shall perform such duties as are assigned by the President and act as his/her substitute as required. Note, in the absence of both the President and 1st V.P., the members entitled to vote shall choose another Officer as chair. He/she will enforce tournament guidelines as set out by the League, and will Chair any TCMHL Special Event Committee.
- C) The 2nd Vice President shall assume the duties of the 1st Vice President when necessary, as well as such duties as are assigned by the President.
- D) The Third Vice President shall assume such duties as prescribed for the 2nd Vice President when the latter is absent or such duties as the President sees fit.
- E) The Treasurer shall collect and properly record all finances involving the TCMHL, shall submit a monthly financial report at the monthly meetings and a yearly financial statement at the last meeting of the season. The Treasurer shall have signing authority along with the President and one other Officer (as determined annually) on all cheques issued on behalf of TCMHL. Upon written or verbal request by any member of the TCMHL to any of the Officers, 2 (two) members of TCMHL shall be appointed to audit the records of the League.

- F) The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the TCMHL and maintain an up to date register or mailing list of all Member Centre Representatives including Past Presidents and Life Members, Officers and Ice Schedulers together with address, phone/fax numbers and email address. He/she shall assist the President as necessary in notifications to Member Centres of any committee selections or appointments, will issue all notices of meetings, and will distribute meeting minutes within 10 (ten) days following each meeting (excluding the AGM); and will manage correspondence received for TCMHL.
- G) Any Past President shall participate in the deliberations of the TCMHL with voting power acting in a general and advisory capacity.
- H) Member Centre Representatives, as arranged by the President, shall accept individual assignments, serve on sub-committees and attend all meetings involving activities of the TCMHL.
- I) Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by this league, and is awarded only for very distinctive services to the league. Life Memberships are to be limited to 5 (five) living members. Their duties are as in (G) regarding Past Presidents
- J) The person or persons nominated for Life Membership shall be presented to the AGM by notice of motion. Only the Officers may present such notice of the motion for Life Membership
- K) The TCMHL shall appoint a person to act as League Ice Scheduler. The Ice Scheduler will be responsible for preparing the initial schedule and making such changes as required by the membership for the rest of the year. The ice scheduler position is a three-year term. Renumeration will be \$14,000 per season to be paid out in 2 installments on December 1 and April 1. Renumeration will be reviewed every 3 years in correspondence with the ice scheduler's term. TCMHL executive will appoint the ice scheduler based on qualifications. Candidates must submit their resumes to the TCMHL executive prior to May 1st of the beginning of a new 3 Year term. Candidates cannot concurrently hold the position of association ice scheduler for any TCMHL Centre.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- A) The AGM of the TCMHL shall be held prior to the end (30th) of June each year. The AGM shall be chaired by the immediate Past President, or in his/her absence by a Life Member as appointed by the President, or in his/her absence a designate as appointed by the President.
- B) The election of Officers will take place at the AGM as per the guidelines referred to in sections 6 (A), 6(C) and 6 (d).
- C) Changes to the Constitution may be made only at the AGM, and then only by two-thirds majority vote of the eligible members present and voting. Notice of Motion, correspondence, constitutional amendments or other matters for consideration at the AGM shall be in writing to the Secretary no later than 4 (four) weeks prior to the AGM. The President and the TCMHL Representative of the Minor Hockey Association submitting such correspondence shall sign all such correspondence relating to the proceedings.
- D) Officers and Member Centre Representatives shall have full voting power at the AGM. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- E) The out-going President shall be responsible for calling the first meeting of the new Officers following the AGM.

10. HONOUR AWARD:

For activities in the TCMHL there will be an annual award called the "Honour Award".

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the Officers or Executive Committee and should be in the form of a letter stating the qualifications of the nominee to the Secretary by the March TCMHL meeting. The TCMHL Officers will review the submissions and choose a winner or winners. The President or his/her assigned designate will present the award at the Annual General Meeting.

11. DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP:

TCMHL may, at its discretion, and with approval make donations or provide sponsorship to individuals or groups as determined worthy.

12. APPEAL FROM DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

Any group, team or person, subject to disciplinary action by this league shall have the right to appeal the decision to the OMHA Executive and the final decision of the OMHA shall be binding on all concerned. Appeals must be made in writing to the OMHA Executive Director, with a copy to the OMHA representative who is a member of the League Executive.

13. RENUMERATION:

Officers and Member Centre Representatives shall serve without remuneration; however, policies may be established relating to the reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by individuals in the performance of their duties on behalf of the TCMHL.

TCMHL Past Presidents

1957-1961- Art Snarr Milton
1961-1963 Fred Hammond Oakville
1963-1965 Bob Patterson Brampton
1965-1966 Arnold McDuffe Milton
1966-1968 Fred Hammond Oakville
1968-1970 Don Jarvie Georgetown
1970-1972 Bill Rowney Milton
1972-1974 Ken Russell Brampton
1974-1975 Al Smith Chinguacousy
1975-1977 Denver Davis Chinguacousy
1977-1979 Wayne Arnold Milton
1979-1983 Joyce Bowen Oakville
1983-1990 Karen Harrison Georgetown

1990-1992 Cliff Martin Burlington
1992-1994 Ed Brown Georgetown
1994-1998 Ray Hunt Orangeville
1998-2003 Kurt Walter Hespeler
2003-2013 Kevin Cassidy Centre Wellington
2013-2015 Steve Palermo Brampton
2015- Glen Davis

TCMHL Honour Award Recipients

1960	Mrs. Edith Dancocks	Milton
	Bill Burrell	Brampton
1961	Arnold McDuffe	Milton
1962	Jim Brockie	Oakville
1963	Joe O’Krefka	Hespeler
1964	Bill Jackman	Brampton
1965	Bob Patterson	Brampton
1966	Fred Hammond	Oakville
1967	Vern Gowing	Preston
1968	Herb Robinson	Georgetown
1969	Jim Kinkley	Etobicoke
1970	Ken Russell	Brampton
1971	Don Jarvie	Georgetown
1972	Bill Rowney	Milton
1973	Wilber Wilkins	Preston
1974	Peter Kemp	Oakville
	Gerry Perkins	Georgetown
1975	Don Lawrence	Hespeler
1976	Dave Robertson	Oakville
1977	Denver Davis	Chinguacousy
1978	Wendall Brown	Brampton
1979	Bob Moulton	Burlington
1980	Jim Gray	Streetsville
1981	Joyce Bowen	Oakville
	Doug Bowen	Oakville
1982	Dave Smith	Milton
1983	Leah Russell	Brampton
1984	Cliff Martin	Burlington
1985	Karen Harrison	Georgetown
1986	Bill Mann	Streetsville
1987	Wayne Pries	Georgetown

1988	Jim Donohoe	Chinguacousy
1989	Joe McCann	Milton
1990	Gloria Duckworth	Flamborough
	Gord Duckworth	Flamborough
1991	Ray Hunt	Orangeville
1992	Bill Hazel	Ancaster
1994	Ed Brown	Georgetown
1995	Cal Taylor	Ancaster
1996	Pat Blackadar	Milton
1997	John Fitzpatrick	Orangeville
1998	Jim Manson	Guelph
2000	Norm Staples	Arthur
2001	Hal Pells	Georgetown
2002	Bonny McDougall	Arthur
2003	John Tait	Burlington
2005	Vivian Warren	Guelph
2006	John Jones	Flamborough
2007	Helen Ford	Oakville
2008	Geraldine Hardcastle	Georgetown
	Martin Hardcastle	Georgetown
2009	Bob Hill	Ancaster
2010	Terry Conroy	Centre Wellington
2011	Karen Mundell	Flamborough
2016	Christine Cook	Centre Wellington
2017	Glen Davis	
2018	Corinne Schutte	Burlington
2019	Tracey Williams	Woolwich

TCMHL Life Members

Bill Burrell (deceased)
 Fred Hammond (deceased)
 Herb Robinson (deceased)
 Dave Smith
 Ken Russell (deceased)