**Tri County Minor League**

**Constitution**

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**TRI-COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Founded in 1957 to foster Juvenile Hockey, and now includes Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice Representative and Minor Development Teams.

**FORWARD PROVIDED BY FRED HAMMOND**

(President 1961 – 1963 and 1966 – 1968)

Various teams in the Tri-County are experiencing difficulties in forming Juvenile teams.

We are all aware of the adult interest that follows the younger players. The parents of the young players are more interested in following their small fry and who can deny the rewards from watching the younger players develop.

However, if one reads the heading of the Tri-County stationary our basic function remains evident.

Therefore as we are originally the “Tri-County Juvenile Hockey League”, Juvenile Hockey is our primary interest.

Our constitution in the past has required a Juvenile team for entry into the Tri-County and we, especially the Executive of long standing, urge all towns to make a concentrated effort towards further stimulation Juvenile Hockey activity.

Please do not cut off entries for Juveniles at a specific date. Try to re-instate your boys who are hockey dropouts, particularly those ex-midgets or second year juveniles who are not turning out. Dig them out of the poolrooms if necessary. We realize that with the advent of more Junior B and C teams, this is not an easy task. This is the age group that requires guidance.

Certainly Juvenile Hockey with its practices and games will help to instill a team spirit and a sense of belonging.

The work you do in this field will be much more rewarding than that of a volunteer probation officer.

**TRI-COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

**AS AMENDED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING June 16th, 2016**

**1.** **NAME:**

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

1. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**
	1. To foster the opportunity for the Youth of Member Centres to participate in amateur hockey.
	2. To develop inter community understanding and fellowship between all participants for the betterment of their physical, mental and social well being.
	3. To sponsor and promote such athletic, social and other activities as may contribute to the moral and financial welfare of the organization.
	4. 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.
2. **AFFILIATION:**

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

1. **MEMBERSHIP:**
	1. 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.

* 1. 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.
	2. 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 has been settled. The League Secretary shall inform the Centre concerned of this suspension in writing
1. **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.

1. **OFFICERS AND VOTING PRIVILEGES:**
	1. 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 AGM. Nominations from the floor at the AGM will only be considered for positions where no nominations were submitted in advance
	2. 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.
	3. 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.
	4. 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.
	5. The Officers shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting of the following year.
	6. 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.

* 1. 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.
	2. 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.
	3. 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.
1. **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:**
	1. Meetings will be held at a location deemed suitable and as determined by the Officers on an annual basis.
	2. The Secretary will maintain a list of the names of authorized representatives from each Centre.
	3. At regular TCMHL monthly meetings
	4. *In voting* on motions at TCMHL monthly meetings ,those motions must be sent to the Secretary in writing from authorized Centre representatives.
	5. 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)
	6. 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 AE” teams only, etc).
	7. 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.
	8. 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.
2. **DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:**
	1. 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 act as a signing Officer on all documents pertaining to the operation of the League.
	2. 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.
	3. 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.
	4. 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.
	5. 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.
	6. 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.
	7. Any Past President shall participate in the deliberations of the TCMHL with voting power acting in a general and advisory capacity.
	8. 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.

* 1. 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
	2. The person or persons nominated for Life Membership shall be presented to the AGM by notice of motion. The Officers may only present such notice of the motion for Life Membership
	3. The TCMHL shall appoint a person to act as League Ice Scheduler. The Ice Scheduler will be responsible for preparing the initial schedule and make 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.
1. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**
	1. 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.
	2. The election of Officers will take place at the AGM as per the guidelines referred to in sections 6 (a) and 6 (d).
	3. 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.
2. Officers and Member Centre Representatives shall have full voting power at the AGM. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
3. 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 renumeration, 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 (deceased)

 1961-1963 Fred Hammond Oakville( deceased)

 1963-1965 Bob Patterson Brampton (deceased)

 1965-1966 Arnold McDuffe Milton

 1966-1968 Fred Hammond Oakville (deceased)

 1968-1970 Don Jarvie Georgetown (deceased)

 1970-1972 Bill Rowney Milton

 1972-1974 Ken Russell Brampton (deceased)

 1974-1975 Al Smith Chinguacousy (deceased)

 1975-1977 Denver Davis Chinguocousy (deceased)

 1977-1979 Wayne Arnold Milton

 1979-1983 Joyce Bowen Oakville (deceased)

 1983-1990 Karen Harrison Georgetown

 1990-1992 Cliff Martin Burlingon

 1992-1994 Ed Brown Georgetown (deceased)

 1994-1998 Ray Hunt Orangeville (deceased)

 1998-2003 Kurt Walter Hespeler

 2003-2013 Kevin Cassidy Centre Wellington

 2013-2015 Steve Palermo Brampton

 2015- Glen Davis

**TCMHL Honour Award Winners**

1960 Mrs Edith Dancocks Miton (deceased)

 Bill Burrell Brampton

1961 Arnold McDuffe Milton

1962 Jim Brockie Oakville (deceased)

1963 Joe O’Krefka Hespeler

1964 Bill Jackman Brampton (deceased)

1965 Bob Patterson Brampton (deceased)

1966 Fred Hammond Oakville (deceased)

1967 Vern Gowing Preston

1968 Herb Robinson Georgetown (deceased)

1969 Jim Kinkley Etobicoke

1970 Ken Russell Brampton (deceased)

1971 Don Jarvie Georgetown (deceased)

1972 Bill Rowney Milton

1973 Wilber Wilkins Preston

1974 Peter Kemp Oakville

 Gerry Perkins Georgetown(deceased)

1975 Don Lawrence Hespeler (deceased)

1976 Dave Robertson Oakville

1977 Denver Davis Chinguacousy(deceased)

1978 Wendall Brown Brampton

1979 Bob Moulton Burlington (deceased)

1980 Jim Gray Streetsville

1981 Joyce Bowen Oakville (deceased)

 Doug Bowen Oakville (deceased)

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 (deceased)

 Gord Duckworth Flamborough (deceased)

1991 Ray Hunt Orangeville (deceased)

1992 Bill Hazel Ancaster

1994 Ed Brown Georgetown (deceased)

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(deceased)

2007 Helen Ford Oakville

2008 Geraldine Hardcastle Georgetown

 Martin Hardcastle Georgetown

2009 Bob Hill Ancaster

2010 Terry Conroy Centre Wellington (deceased)

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

Fred Hammond (deceased)

Herb Robinson (deceased)

Dave Smith

Ken Russell (deceased)