



# **Nickel District Minor Hockey League**

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**2012 Annual Meeting- May 7, 2012**

## **Constitutional Amendments**

*Amendment #1 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

Presently reads:

**Withdrawn**

Article 2 – Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall be as follows: Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four directors who shall be elected from four different communities within the Nickel District League.

**Change to read:**  
**Delete & ADD**

Article 2 – Executive Board

1a) The Executive Board shall be as follows: Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four directors.

**1b) At least one half of the executive board must be members elected from NCHA.**

Rationale (as submitted by NCHA):

1. Housekeeping because the communities of Valley East, Rayside Balfour, Nickel Centre and Walden no longer have a REP program.
2. NCHA has half the teams in the league and if we compare within the boundaries of Region A (City of Greater Sudbury) NCHA has 25 teams vs 14 for Sudbury MHA & Copper Cliff MHA combined.

## Defeated

*Amendment #2 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

Presently reads:

Article 2 – Executive Board

2. The duties of the Executive Board are as follows:

Change to read:

ADD

Article 2 – Executive Board

2. The duties of the Executive Board are as follows:

**The Immediate Past-President is invited to sit for one year on the Elected Executive, in a non voting capacity.**

Rationale (as submitted by NCHA):

Although the position is listed under paragraph 1, the role is not defined under paragraph 2.

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*Amendment #3 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

## Defeated

Presently reads:

Article 3 – Convenors and committees

3. NDMHL executive will establish a Review Committee which will review all team applications for the upcoming season and review by this Committee will result in approval or non-approval of the proposed teams for the current season.

Change to read:

ADD

Article 3 – Convenors and committees

3. NDMHL executive will establish a Review Committee which will review all team applications for the upcoming season and review by this Committee will result in approval or non-approval of the proposed teams for the current season.

**All communications and discussions will take place between the NDMHL executive, its Review Committee and the Associations' executive.**

Rationale:

In the past, coaches have communicated positions that were opposed to their own Association's position on various issues.

*Amendment #4 (proposed by Nickel District hockey League Executive)*

**Passed**

Presently reads:

## Article 4 – Finances

1 Entry fees to the League will be \$130.00 per Team per year for Novice, Atom, and Pee wee and Bantam teams. Midget fees will be \$180.00. Entry fees are to be paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

2 All purchases shall be authorised by the Executive Board.

3 All accounts are to be paid by cheque and all cheques shall be signed by the President and Treasurer unless for geographic reasons another Member of the Executive may so be directed to sign.

4 The League will have an official receipt book. All moneys received by the League are to be recorded in said book and the original be given to in respect to the receipt of said moneys.

5 All financial records pertaining to the League are to be audited by an Audit Committee selected by the Executive.

Change to read:

- 1 Entry fees to the League will be determined on an annual basis by the Executive on a per team basis. Entry fees are to be paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2 All purchases shall be authorised by the Executive Board.
- 3 All accounts are to be paid by cheque and all cheques shall be signed by two signing officers of which the Treasurer must be one unless for geographic reasons another Member of the Executive may so be directed to sign.
- 4 The League will have an official receipt book. All moneys received by the League are to be recorded in said book and the original be given to in respect to the receipt of said moneys.
- 5 All financial records pertaining to the League are to be available for audit by an Audit Committee selected by the Executive.

Rationale:

The League's Financial requirements change year-to-year, therefore entry fees have to change as well. Example- mileage paid to Directors to attend meetings varies dependant on where Directors travel from and how many meetings are carried out.

The requirement to have an audit of the financial records is determined from time to time and isn't necessarily carried out on an ongoing basis.

*Amendment #5 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

**Defeated**

**Presently reads:**

Article 5 – Meetings

3. Voting Procedures:

- a. At NDMHL September meetings, Coaches or Managers carded with their Teams, each Association, NDMHL Executive Board members, and all NMDHL Divisional Convenors will be given one (1) vote.
- b. At the Annual Meeting for the election of Officers, each Association will be given one vote per association plus one vote for each division in which they are represented, to a maximum of eight (8) votes. One (1) vote will also be given to each NDMHL Executive Board member and each NDMHL Divisional Convenor.
- c. For changes to the constitution at the Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting, each Association will be given one vote per division in which they are represented, to a maximum of eight (8) votes.

**Change to read:**

Article 5 – Meetings

3. Voting Procedures:

- a. At NDMHL **AGM &** September meetings, Coaches or Managers carded with their Teams, each Association, NDMHL Executive Board members, and all NMDHL Divisional Convenors will be given one (1) vote.

**Delete b & c**

**Rationale:**

Two general meetings shall be held each year. One shall be the Annual General Meeting and the other shall be a scheduled meeting in September of each year. It shall be mandatory for one representative of each team to attend these meetings. The President may call any additional meetings as required. A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per team will be levied against an association that does not send one team representative for each team planning on competing in a division.

If they are there they should vote. In some divisions (PW) we have 7 teams... and one vote??

## 2012 Annual Meeting- May 7, 2012

### Amendments to Rules and Regulations

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These requested amendments are presented for information purposes only and may or may not be discussed and put forward with an informal vote from the floor at the AGM.

Only Constitutional changes are voted upon on record at the AGM.

The “New Executive” will review and discuss all changes to Rules and Regulations and advise the Associations accordingly.

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*R&R Amendment #1 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

Presently reads:

#### Section 2 – Games

##### **4. Length of games for each Division (all stop time):**

NOVICE: 11 minute periods  
ATOM: 14 minute periods  
PEEWEE: 14 minute periods  
BANTAM: 14 minute periods  
MIDGET: 17 minute periods

Change to read:

Rules and Regulations

#### **Section 2 – Games**

##### **4. Length of games for each Division (all stop time):**

NOVICE: 11 minute periods  
ATOM: 14 minute periods  
PEEWEE: 14 minute periods  
BANTAM: 14 minute periods  
**MIDGET: 15 minute periods**

Rationale:

Games are too long.

Would allow to reduce the costs by cutting game time from 2hrs to 1.5 hrs.

This would also make it easier to reschedule because all other divisions have 1.5 hrs blocks.

**Presently reads:**

## Section 2 – Games

8.

**b. “Tiering” of Divisions**

The League Executive will make a decision on the possibility of tiering a Division after a minimum of one (1) home and one (1) away game have been played between each team in the Division. A completion date for this home-and-home series for each Division will be provided by the Executive.

11. “AAA” Peewee (major) and “AAA” Bantam (minor) will be allowed to participate in the NDMHL schedule and playoffs. These teams will compete one (1) level up.

**Change to read:**

8.

**b. “Tiering” of Divisions**

The League will operate 2 divisions per age group of Novice, Atom, Peewee and Bantam as determined by the Executive. Movement between Divisions will be in accordance with team movement guidelines as published from time to time. Associations may apply for movement of teams after the start of competition and the competition committee will have final say on any team movement.

11. “AAA” Peewee minor and “AAA” Bantam (minor) will be allowed to participate in the NDMHL schedule and playoffs. These teams will compete one (1) level up.

**Rationale:**

Housekeeping - to clean-up the new divisional structure which has been carried out for the last two seasons and to clean up AAA participation.

## Section 3 – Playoffs

### Presently reads:

1 a. The Novice, Atom, Peewee Division playoffs will be a “tournament format”.

1 b. The Bantam and Midget Divisions will be “elimination type playoffs”. Teams will start on the first available ice time. If the higher placed team can arrange an alternate time that is not conflicting to the opposition home ice, home ice advantage may be retained.

There will be no home ice advantage for teams residing in the Greater City of Sudbury area who are competing against each other.

### Change to read:

1 a. The Novice, Atom, Peewee **and Bantam Division 2 Division** playoffs will be a “tournament format”. The Executive may add additional Divisions as it sees fit.

1 b. The Bantam Division 1 and Midget Divisions will be “elimination type playoffs”. Teams will start on the first available ice time. If the higher placed team can arrange an alternate time that is not conflicting to the opposition home ice, home ice advantage may be retained. There will be no home ice advantage for teams residing in the Greater City of Sudbury area who are competing against each other.

### Rationale:

### Housekeeping

*R&R Amendment #4 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

**Presently reads:**

**Section 3 – Playoffs**

1 a. The Novice, Atom, Peewee Division playoffs will be a “tournament format”.

1 b. The Bantam and Midget Divisions will be “elimination type playoffs”. Teams will start on the first available ice time. If the higher placed team can arrange an alternate time that is not conflicting to the opposition home ice, home ice advantage may be retained. There will be no home ice advantage for teams residing in the Greater City of Sudbury area who are competing against each other.

**Change to read:**

Rules and Regulations

**Section 3 – Playoffs**

1 a. The Novice, Atom, Peewee, **Bantam & Midget** Division playoffs will be a “tournament format”.

**Delete 1.b**

**Rationale:**

Easier time to schedule.

Standardize the playoff format across the board.

Prevents heated rivalries within playoff series.

PS Clean up Section 2 – Games, paragraph 8a.

PSS Midget playoff tournament must be a different weekend than NOHA TOC.



## Section 4 – General

**Presently reads:**

**Change to read:**

1. Team members and the Associations shall be responsible for the conduct of their Teams.

Founding Teams in the League carry their seniority with regards to ice time and team colours. If the scheduling of games is adversely affected, then the League may direct the team concerned to alter its choice. The order of entry into the league is as follows:

- COPPER CLIFF
- ESPANOLA
- MANITOULIN
- SUDBURY MINOR
- BLIND RIVER
- WEST FERRIS
- NICKEL CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
- ELLIOT LAKE

## *R&R Amendment #6 (proposed by Nickel City Hockey Association)*

### **Presently reads:**

#### **Section 4 – General**

1. Team members and the Associations shall be responsible for the conduct of their Teams. Founding Teams in the League carry their seniority with regards to ice time and team colours. If the scheduling of games is adversely affected, then the League may direct the team concerned to alter its choice. The order of entry into the league is as follows:

- COPPER CLIFF
- NICKEL CENTRE
- VALLEY EAST
- RAYSIDE BALFOUR
- WALDEN
- ESPANOLA
- MANITOULIN
- SUDBURY MINOR
- BLIND RIVER
- WEST FERRIS

White jerseys shall be worn at home games and dark jerseys shall be worn for away games.

### **Change to read:**

#### **Rules and regulations**

##### **Section 4 – General**

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- NICKEL CENTRE
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- ESPANOLA
- MANITOULIN
- SUDBURY MINOR
- BLIND RIVER
- WEST FERRIS

White jerseys shall be worn at home games and dark jerseys shall be worn for away games.

### **Rationale:**

#### **Housekeeping**

NCHA replaces the previous four associations.