

**Georgian Bay Minor Hockey League
Constitution
2023-2024**

1. NAME

The name of the league shall be the Georgian Bay Minor Hockey League (GBMHL) hereinafter referred to as the League.

2. OBJECTIVES

To promote and administrate a minor hockey league for the Member Centres.

3. AIMS

To encourage and emphasize good sportsmanship, fair play, participation and responsibility among all Member participants. To cooperate with all groups interested in promotion of minor hockey.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall include all Centres, in good standing, regularly participating in the League. The League plays under the jurisdiction of Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA). Centres wishing to participate must have the consent of the OMHA and the League Governing Body.

5. LEAGUE GOVERNING BODY

The League Governing Body shall consist of the Centre Contacts and a League Executive.

5.1 CENTRE CONTACTS

- a) Each qualifying Member Association appoints a Centre Contact. The Member Association will have one vote in any voting issue where the appointed Centre Contact is entitled to vote, make motions and second them and who are at the time of the meeting members in good standing.
- b) It is the responsibility of the Centre Contact to make their Association aware of its commitments to the League and to the OMHA. Centre Contacts are responsible to forward all pertinent information and clarity to their Member Association as required where necessary.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Centre Contact to solely act as liaison between their Member Association and the League Governing Body. Unless otherwise directed where intervention is necessary, inquiries, conflicts and/or issues within a Member Association will only be dealt with through the appointed Center Contact.

5.2 LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

a) **President**

The President is an elected position from a member of the League Governing Body who has sat for at least one year. The President's term will be for 2 years. The President will only vote in the event of a tie. The President cannot move or second motions. The President is to lead the league to its objectives and aims and to preside over League meetings.

b) **Past President**

The immediate Past President can vote, make motions and second them. When the term is over the immediate Past President becomes a Past President and may attend meetings but will have no voting privileges.

c) **Vice-President**

The Vice-President is an elected position from a member of the League Governing Body who has sat for at least one year. The Vice-President's term will be for one year. The Vice-President can vote, make motions and second them. The Vice-President is to chair the playdown committee. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President.

d) **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is an elected position and will require a Police Record Check upon being elected. The Police Record Check will be valid for three (3) years and any cost incurred will be paid by the League. The Treasurer's term will be for one year. The Treasurer can vote, make motions and second them. The Treasurer is responsible for accurate reporting and handling of all League funds. The Treasurer will report the League financial position at each meeting, failure to report may result in removal. In the event

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of an absence, the Treasurer will make available to the League Executive the Financial Report electronically in advance of the Meeting with copies of current bank statements. The Treasurer will pay all accounts by cheque, signed by two of the three authorized League Executives. The Treasurer will ensure the presentation of a final statement at the Annual General Meeting.

e) **Secretary**

The Secretary is an elected position. The Secretary's term will be for one year. The Secretary can vote, make motions and second them. The Secretary will be responsible to record the minutes of each League Meeting and distribute them to the League Governing Body.

f) **OMHA REGIONAL DIRECTOR (RD)**

The OMHA Regional Director is elected or appointed by the OMHA. The OMHA RD can vote, make motions and second them. The OMHA RD will keep the League informed on matters that pertain to the OMHA. The OMHA RD will be responsible for updating Member Centres on the suspensions. The OMHA RD and his appointed Convenors will collectively have one vote in any voting issue.

g) **Chief Statistician**

The OMHA Region Director shall appoint the Chief Statistician which will be ratified by the GBMHL voting members, whose term will be for one year. The Chief Statistician can vote, make motions and second them. The Chief Statistician is responsible for coordinating all League statistics and reporting them at League meetings. In the event of a dispute the Chief Statistician's decision will be final. The Chief Statistician has the authority to appoint people to assist him/her.

NOTE: The League Governing Body will have the authority, by majority vote, to fill any vacancy, either those not filled at the Annual General Meeting or those that become vacant during the season.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held each year in conjunction with the April League meeting. Elections will take place for League Executive positions at the Annual General Meeting. Amendments to the Constitution will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at the Annual General meeting. All notice of motion forms must be received by the Secretary three weeks prior to the meeting. All proposed changes will be posted to the GBMHL website and emailed to all league members two weeks prior to the meeting. Constitution changes or amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of those members present and eligible to vote.

8. LEAGUE MEETINGS

League meetings will be held on or about the second Tuesday, as permitted by the designated location, of every month from August to April. All meetings are to be recorded. Centres are responsible for ensuring that a Contact from their organization attends all League meetings.

9. QUORUM

A quorum will consist of three League Executives and a majority of the Centre Contacts.

10. BONDS

Each Participating Centre will pay a performance bond in the amount of \$100.00. The bond will be returned to the Centre when they cease to participate in the League.

11. EXECUTIVE EXPENSES

- a. Mileage will be paid to any League Executive member who holds their Executive position independent of any Association (is not a Centre Contact). Mileage will be paid at the rate indicated in current OMHA Manual of Operations regulation 18.6.

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- b. The League will reimburse the Statistician all legitimate and substantiated expenses pertaining to the duties of the position.